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Christina Finch, Desmond Lee Hue, Kevin Drinan, Patty Geer, Chairperson, Terri Nobles, President, Greg Wilhelm, Judy Holcomb, VP, Ken Wear, Lori Schefstad, Treasurer, Kelly Montgomery, Secretary and Nasir Naseer. wish you and your family, happy holidays, a Merry Christmas and the very best in the new year.

And we hope to see you all at the next General Meeting!



HFTP is an association of diverse individuals focused on the financial and technological aspects of the hospitality industry. It can only succeed through your contribution of time, talent and effort. The rewards of this type of volunteerism will be evident through your own personal and professional growth.

We need and appreciate your SUPPORT.

President's Corner

By: Terri Nobles, CHAE

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

As another year comes to a close, it is a great time to reflect on all we have accomplished as an organization in 2012. First and foremost, the Mid-Florida Chapter has been directly responsible for providing 12 hours of educational opportunities for its members right here in Central Florida. In addition, with the HFTP Annual Convention held in October at the Rosen Shingle Creek, there was plenty of opportunity for CPE credits in our own backyard. This was also an opportunity for members to participate in CHAE and CHTP review sessions as well as take a CHAE or CHTP exam to earn their certification. Along with the educational opportunities, our monthly member meetings are an excellent forum for networking and socializing. In February, we held our annual joint meeting with the IMA; and in November we hosted our semi-annual micro-educational conference where the afternoon session provided the opportunity for free CPE's for our members. Besides offering many educational opportunities throughout the year, our chapter reached out to the community by volunteering our time and 10- key skill to three JDRF walks throughout Central Florida, assisted with the Cattle Baron's Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society, partnered with CFHLA on another successful Bacchus Bash and hosted the 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Camp Boggy Creek raising \$8,100 for the kids. Other important accomplishments for your Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP include awarding our annual scholarship to Corey Ryan, a local hospitality student, at our April meeting. We held successful Officer and Board elections in August, and installed the chapter officers and directors in September. Throughout the year, we welcomed many new members to the Mid-Florida Chapter as well. In October, we received glowing reviews from the Florida style evening social that our chapter hosted at the annual convention. As we spin into December, many of you enjoyed a whirl of a time at the Whirly Dome to celebrate another successful year with our Mid-Florida HFTP chapter. As you can see, it was an eventful year for your Mid-Florida Chapter! Stay tuned for our exciting plans for 2013. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you make time to create many magical memories with family, friends and all those you hold dear in your heart. May you find much joy in the season of giving and realize the blessings of everyday in the New Year.

Thank you again for all your support,

Respectfully,

Terri

Terri Nobles, CHAE
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

The 2013 Membership Contest, IT'S HUGE!!!

You only need to sponsor one new member to win. Back by popular demand, the Membership Drive Contest. For each new member sponsored you will have a chance to win a great prize at the July Chapter's general membership meeting.



**HFTP, Mid-Florida Chapter * CHAE & CHTP Designations
Isn't it time you did something for your career?**

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- ★ Joshua Woods , CHTP
- ★ Diana Youngblood , CHAE

These are THE 55 HFTP certified professionals in the Mid-Florida Chapter.

Isn't it time for you to be a star?



HFTP: An Investment in Your Future... Gain the Professional Edge

Why should you join or renew your membership in the Hospitality Financial & Technology Professionals?

There's no better way to move ahead than to become involved in HFTP. There's no better place to tap into the opportunities that will enhance your career as a hospitality financial or technology professional.

No matter what your goals; increased job skills, networking, or professional development - HFTP is working on your behalf.

Continuing education is the foundation upon which HFTP's meetings—the annual convention, professional development seminars, and Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition and Conference (HITEC) are built. HFTP offers numerous sessions on hospitality accounting and technology at HITEC, the Annual Convention and Tradeshow and the Club & Hotel Controller's Conferences, as well as professional development seminars for clubs, gaming, and other areas of special interest. In Florida, there also are the Florida Regional and Mid-Florida's mini educational conferences.

HFTP Global is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE sponsors.

HFTP is your best resource for the specialized information you need to do your job. HFTP produces HITEC, the premier hands-on technology event in the hospitality industry. Members qualify for a discounted registration to HITEC. The Bottomline, HFTP's award-winning professional journal, is packed with technical and professional information on hospitality financial and IT management, with special issues on gaming, clubs, and technology. The e-newsletter the Infoline delivers the latest in hospitality industry news and trends.

The Certified Hospitality Accountant Executive (CHAE) designation is recognized worldwide as a symbol of achievement and competence. The Certified Hospitality Technology Professional (CHTP) designation symbolizes a high level of competency and professionalism in hospitality technology. Individuals who earn these professional designations are respected by employers and colleagues alike for their high level of commitment and dedication. Is it time for you to rise to the top of your profession?

Online information resources: provide you with the data you need, when you need it. You have access to data 24 hours a day on HFTP's websites, at www.hftp.org. For more in-depth inquiries, contact an HFTP Research Institute specialist, who can conduct a customized search for you.

The website www.HFTP.org is your link and gateway to the latest information about HFTP events and industry news, don't forget to visit the Mid-Florida Chapter site www.midfloridahftp.org.

ProLinks, HFTP's online group of communities allows members to share ideas, discuss hospitality issues and attend live, real-time Web conferences with other HFTP members worldwide.

Sharing information with your peers is one of the most valuable benefits of your membership. HFTP has more than 4,800 members worldwide, providing you with direct access to the valuable insights of your colleagues. Club, gaming, hotel, and international relations committees help put you in touch with colleagues who share your interests and ensure HFTP meets your needs. You have opportunities to earn recognition and build your leadership and networking skills by serving on HFTP committees or as an officer in your local chapter. Your input and expertise are highly valued.

Involvement in HFTP means increased visibility in your career. Making new contacts, learning new skills, and developing your leadership abilities will help you accomplish your professional goals. If you prefer to make your mark in print, contribute an article to The Bottomline. Get involved and show you've got what it takes to move ahead.

To assist you in your staffing requirements, HFTP offers job opportunities and resume listings at the web site's Career Center.

HFTP enhances the image of its members and increases their level of recognition within the hospitality industry. HFTP is represented at meetings sponsored by the Club Managers Association of America, National Restaurant Association, American Hotel & Lodging Association, and Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education. HFTP members are involved in writing accounting texts for the club, gaming, and hotel industries.

It's easy to renew on-line at www.hftp.org.

To join an application is available at www.hftp.org or www.midfloridahftp.org and you can contact any Board member if you need help. If you have questions contact the HFTP membership department at: 800-646-4387 or membership@hftp.org.

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Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

YOUR Chapter currently has 172 members active in a wide range of activities such as; member education at the general meetings and mini-educational seminars. We provide HFTP CHAE and CHTP certification reviews and testing. We also give back to the community through participation in the Bacchus Bash, JDRE Walks and The Annual Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek.

Your chapter is looking for new and exciting properties to host our General Meetings. We are blessed to be in an area of so many excellent hotels, resorts and clubs. We want to thank the properties that have hosted meetings already this year. Without their support and generosity our meetings would not be the great success they have been.

If you are interested in hosting a General Membership Meeting please contact any Board member. We would like to offer the Membership a chance to visit a number of new sites this year. See you at the Meeting!

Welcome New Members

Channing Frazier, Senior Operations Analyst, Wyndham Vacation Ownership, Sponsor Lyndsay Grimes

Robin Cascio, Graduate Member UCF

Lyndsay Nicholson, Graduate Student, UCF

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2013 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2013 are \$40 Regular member, \$25 Student, \$50 all guests, Non-Members and failed to RSVP.

Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with PayPal

December 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC

December 13th, Chapter Holiday Social, Whirly Dome, 6464 I-Drive

December 21st, End of the World, in a galaxy near you ... - - - - -

Or just in case it was a bad Mayan joke.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 3rd, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort

January 29th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Hard Rock Hotel

March 9th, JDRE Walk, UCF Orlando

March 23rd, JDRE Walk, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona

April 5th, Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets

April 6th, JDRE Walk, Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach

For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:

www.midfloridahftp.org

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November 12, 2012

Re: Chapter 2013 Calendar Year Prepaid Meal Plan

Dear HFTP Mid-Florida Member;

Your Mid-Florida Chapter Officers and Board of Directors have put together a wonderful opportunity for you. For \$400.00, you will receive 10 monthly chapter meetings. In addition, you will receive free entry to the December 2013 Social.

Please consider this your invoice for the prepaid HFTP Mid-Florida educational meeting fees. The prepaid fee is member specific and is not refundable for missed meetings. If the original named member leaves the company or transfers out of the area, the company may select another, employed, HFTP Mid-Florida member to use the balance of the year's prepayments. Contact the Chapter Treasurer for details.

Please complete and return this form with payment by January 14, 2013 to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, P.O. Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Member Name: _____

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Should you have any questions, please call me at 407-238-8445 or e-mail to:
Treasurer@midfloridahftp.org

Sincerely,
Lori Schefstad

Lori Schefstad, CHTP
Treasurer, HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter

HFTP Mid-Florida: Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Meetings Locations & Topics & C.P.E. Points

**** CPE Forms must be filled out the night of the meeting. You cannot mail in copies and you must retain your own copies as the Chapter will not send you verification or a second copy. Also, your signature at the meeting registration desk verifies your attendance.

For your information this is a listing of all the educational opportunities at the Chapter level and a reminder for HITEC and the Annual Convention CPE credits you may have earned. You should receive a maintenance reporting form from HFTP when your two year maintenance cycle end approaches. If you have any questions contact Bryan Wood at HFTP 1-800-646-4387 or bryan.wood@hftp.org.

23 Points for 2011 from Monthly Chapter Meetings

01/25/11	Doubletree Resort Orlando – Sonya Dixon, An Accounting & Audit Update	CPE Pts. 1
02/22/11	Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek – Rick Mancinelli, Cloud Computing	CPE Pts. 1
03/29/11	Orange County Convention Center – Leslie Mizerak, Generational Differences in the Workplace	CPE Pts. 1
04/26/11	The Peabody Orlando – Ron Dulay, Wireless Connectivity	CPE Pts. 1
05/24/11	Hilton Orlando LBV, Richard Turner, Florida 2011 Legislative Session & Hospitality	CPE Pts. 1
06/20 -06/23	2011HITEC Austin, HFTP Trade Show	CPE Var per HFTP
06/28/11	Wyndham LBV Resort – Amy Gregory, Revenue Management	CPE Pts 1
07/22 -7/24	The Florida Regional Orlando, Various Speakers & Topics	CPE Var Max 12
08/30/11	Wesitn Imagine Orlando, Caryn Reiker, MLS Technologies, Business Control Evaluations	CPE Pts. 1
09/27/11	Hyatt OIA, Installation of Officers & Directors, Annual Meeting	CPE Pts. 0
10/19-10/22	2011 HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show & Leadership Summit	CPE Var per HFTP
10/25/11	Renaissance Orlando Airport, Christina Finch, Keeping Your Best Talent & Attracting New	CPE Pts. 1
11/29/11	Villas of Grand Cypress Mini Educational Program:	CPE Pts. 3
	Richard Cunningham, CEO, General Financial & Tax Consulting, Hospitality Tax Issues	
	Daryl Cronk, Director of Research, Visit Orlando, Tourism Update	
	Michael Distler, IT Supervisor, OCCC, Mobile Websites	
December 2011	Winter Social – Bohemian Hotel Celebration	CPE Pts. 1/5

12 Points for 2012 from Monthly Chapter Meetings

01/24/12	Hilton Orlando Resort LBV, – Shailendra Poddar, Improve Operations by Leveraging Analysis	CPE Pts. 1
02/28/12	Kessler Castle Orlando – John Finnigan, Unpaid Overtime Lawsuits	CPE Pts. 1
03/27/12	Hyatt Grand Cypress Mini Educational Program:	CPE Pts. 3
	Bill Blend, Moore Stephen Lovelace, Financial Statement Fraud	
	IT Panel, Update on IT Issues and Trends	
	Lex Veech, OCCC Community Relations Mgr., Convention District Update	
04/24/12	Double Tree by Hilton @ Seaworld – Christina Finch, I'm Unaffiliated, now what?	CPE Pts. 1
05/22/12	Bohemian Hotel Celebration, Larry Robbins, Insurance tune up before hurricane season	CPE Pts. 1
06/25 -28	2012 HITEC Baltimore HFTP Trade Show	CPE Var per HFTP
06/26/12	Wyndham LBV Resort – Martha Haynie, Tourist Development Tax	CPE Pts. 1
07/24/12	Rosen Shingle Creek, Stephen Robinson, Food & Beverage Operations	CPE Pts. 1
08/28/12	Hyatt Regency OIA, Kris Shoemaker, The 2.4 Ghz Connectivity Issue	CPE Pts. 1
09/25/12	The Villas Of Grand Cypress, Installation of Officers & Directors, Annual Meeting	CPE Pts. 0
10/17-20	2012 HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show & Leadership Summit	CPE Var per HFTP
11/27/12	Holiday Inn UCF Mini Educational Program:	CPE Pts. 2
	Mario Plasencia, Alliance Capital Management, Getting Operations on Your Side	
	David Durda, Verizon, Responsible Data Usage	

December 13th 2012, Winter Social Whirly Dome 6464 I-Drive. Merry Christmas and a great New Year CPE pts. 2/5

Your Board of Directors wishes to thank the Mid-Florida hotels, resorts, clubs and other hospitality venues for their on going support of chapter events. We also thank the speakers that have devoted their time and talent to these educational sessions. We can't forget our event sponsors and chapter members of our Administrative, Program and Speaker Committee; the Hospitality Committee and Mini-Educational Committee, the entire Board of Directors and Past Presidents for their ongoing contributions.

Without the support of all the above, the educational program of your chapter would not be such a resounding success.