



## President's Corner

**By: Patty Geer, CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

It's election time! No, I'm not referring to the Barack – Mitt battle unfolding on the airwaves; I'm talking about the annual Mid-Florida HFTP election of officers and directors! The slate of officers and directors up for election has been assembled with some great contributors to our association and our chapter; and it's up to you to ensure your preferred candidate is selected. Please watch for your ballot in the coming weeks, mark your selections and return the ballot by the deadline indicated. The ballots will remain sealed until the August 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting, where they will be counted and the results announced. Thank you for doing your part for democracy!

If you weren't able to attend the June meeting at the Wyndham LBV, you missed a fantastic dinner and an informative educational session by Martha Haynie, Orange County Comptroller. Ms. Haynie explained how the Orange County TDT maintains the massive Orange County Convention Center in addition to contributing to the City of Orlando's venues project. Many thanks to the folks at Wyndham for their hospitality and to Martha Haynie for taking time out of her busy schedule to speak to our Chapter.

Our next meeting will be held July 24<sup>th</sup> (NOT the last Tuesday of the month) at the Rosen Shingle Creek. Details about the meeting can be found in this newsletter and on our website (<http://www.midfloridahftp.org/>). You should visit the website to RSVP and pay for the meetings, and to find a link to "Like" us on Facebook. Our Facebook traffic is building and we would like all of our Chapter members to be part of the process.

The annual HITEC conference was just held last month in Baltimore; and many of our Chapter members attended. By all accounts, the exhibits and speakers were top notch and world class. If you were unable to attend, please mark your calendars for another important event put on by your association, the 60<sup>th</sup> HFTP Annual Convention being held at Rosen Shingle Creek October 17 – 20, 2012. This event is being held in your own back yard, and will feature a fun social event hosted by the Mid-Florida Chapter on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, but not leastly ☺, our annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Camp Boggy Creek will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for registration and sponsorship opportunities and get involved in this fun-tastic event for a very worthwhile cause.

Thank you all for your continued involvement in the Greatest Chapter in the HFTP Universe!

Respectfully,

*Patty*

Patricia Geer, CHAE  
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

## **Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!**

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

YOUR Chapter currently has 160 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, JDRF 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**

Christopher Hartman, Consultant

Gale Lunsford, Payroll Specialist, American Support, Sponsor: Josh Bergen

## **The 2012 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. Plan on attending the July 24th meeting at Rosen Shingle Creek to pick up your prize.**



### *Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight Doreen Dartez*

Doreen Dartez, Major Market Account Manager at Paycor has 18 years experience in the Employers Services and Software industry. Five of these years were spent in Virginia, however, most of her career has been in Central FL. She has worked for other industry leaders including ADP and Paychex, and has previously specialized in small business payroll, and enterprise level Time & Attendance Solutions for large companies. Currently, Doreen serves mid-size and national companies, consulting organizations on how to streamline processes with solutions including Applicant Tracking, HRIS, Payroll, Time & Attendance, and interfaces to in-house applications.

Doreen earned her Bachelors degree from the University of Central FL. She is active in the Human Resources community with Orlando and Brevard County chapters of SHRM, and has been a member of HFTP for two years. For fun Doreen enjoys time with her family. She has three girls spanning from age 11 to 6 months.



Board Member Kelly Montgomery presents the coveted HFTP Mid-Florida shirt to Doreen at the last chapter General Meeting.

**A Call For Nominations \* Officers & Board of Directors\*  
Mid-Florida Chapter, HFTP, 2012-2013 Nominating Committee**

The Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP announces the formation of the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting to the Board of Directors and the general membership a slate of officers and directors for the 2012-2013 year.

The committee is chaired by the most recent Past President. Our current Board Chairperson is Diana Youngblood. Chapter members appointed by the Chairperson to serve on the Nominating Committee are Kristopher Shoemaker, Chad Curtis, E. Lawrence McCloskey, William Parrish and Michael Dryden.

At the June Board of Directors meeting the slate of officers and the nominees for the vacant director positions were presented to the board.

**OFFICERS:**

President, Terri Nobles, CHAE

Vice President, Dr. Judy Holcomb, PH.D., CHAE

Treasurer, Lori Schefstad, CHTP

Secretary, Kelly Montgomery

**DIRECTORS: Vote for four (4)**

Director, Kevin Drinan, Millennium Technology Group

Director, Jack Griffith, Centerplate

Director, Ken Wear, Doubletree by Hilton at Sea World

Director, Chuck Starr, CHAE, CPA, Westin Imagine Orlando

Director, Amnon Reshef, Swan & Dolphin

Director, Desmond Lee Hue, CHAE, Caribe Royale Resort Suites

Director, Jennifer Keshwar, CPA, McGladrey LLP, CPAs

Director, Christina Finch, Smart Professional Resources

**There are three two year director positions open. And one year position.**

**That is, we vote for four (4) directors.**

Nominations from the floor for any office or director position were taken at the **June** membership meeting and there were none. The Secretary will send out ballots to the membership before 25 days of the August membership meeting. They must be returned no later than 10 days of the August membership meeting where the Election Committee will announce the results.

Please vote and return your ballot upon receipt, Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP.

**HFTP's Mid-Florida Chapter's Philanthropic Season**

Central Florida has been a hub of activity over the past few months, keeping our members very busy.

1. Over \$600,000 passed through the hands of our volunteer members who helped count the funds generated by the Orange, Brevard and Volusia county walks to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

3. Our tireless volunteer members are looking forward to our Tenth Annual Charity Golf Outing to benefit Camp Boggy Creek, "Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses can just be kids!"



2. More than \$115,000 Bacchus Bucks were sold by volunteers to patrons of "Orlando's Biggest Street Party", Bacchus Bash, Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's annual charitable event benefitting Central Florida hospitality education.

4. Through the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets we support our most important objectives, Education and Community Support. At our April member's meeting we presented our \$1,000 scholarship award to Corey Ryan a student of Saint Leo University.



**Mid - Florida Happenings**

**CFHLA 2012 HEAT Tradeshow**, August 22 at the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center. Lodging Personnel registration is complimentary. See [cfhla.org](http://cfhla.org).

**HFTP Mid-Florida** will hold the 10th Annual Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek.

The event will be held September 28th at the Rosen Shingle Creek and is a great office team building experience.

**HFTP** will hold it's Annual Convention and Trade Show on October 17-20th at The Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, celebrating the organization's 60th Anniversary!

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012**

We need you !!! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson \*

**Education – Mini Ed Conf.**

\*Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827  
Susan Ferguson 407-876-8031  
Nora Cameron 407-996-9840

**Job Bank/Legislative/By-Laws**

\*Patty Geer 407-825-1308

**Membership Relations/Recruitment**

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Christina Finch 407-924-9980  
Kelly Montgomery 407-503-9215  
Mark Kressin 407-333-1450

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**Admin/Program/Speakers**

\*Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827

**Scholarship Awards**

\* Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

**Nominations**

\*Diana Youngblood 407-239-1979  
Chad Curtis 407-996-9840  
Michael Dryden 407-238-8049  
Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827  
Bill Parrish 407-876-8038  
Larry McCloskey 407-239-3962

**Chapter of the Year and Regional Conference**

\* The Board

**Hospitality Committee**

\* Kelly Montgomery 407-503-9215  
Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

**Community Services**

[CFH&LA Ex-Officio Board Member](#)  
Patty Geer 407-825-1308  
[Bacchus Bash](#)  
\*Larry McCloskey 407-239-3962  
Michael Dryden 407-238-8049  
Judy Holcomb 352-588-8005  
[JDRF Walks & Finance Committee](#)  
\* Michael Dryden 407-238-8049  
\* Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827

[Charity Golf Event](#)

**It's all for the kids!**

\* Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827  
Diana Youngblood 407-239-1979

[Cattle Baron's Ball](#)

\* Chad Curtis 407-996-9840 x3501

**Publications /Publicity**

\* Lori Schefstad 407-238-8445  
Patty Geer 407-825-1308

**Chapter Calendar**

Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

**Fun Committee**

Dr. Judy Holcomb 352-588-8005

**Chapter Historian**

Michael Dryden 407-238-8049

## HFTP MID-FLORIDA SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

**Monthly General meetings:** Normally the last Tuesday of the month.

Location: Various hotel, club, resort and other hospitality venues.

Format: A dinner meeting setting with one 50 minute session.

**Mini-Educational Conference:** March and November.

Format: The event has two to four 50 minute speaking sessions in the afternoon, ending at 6:00 pm then dinner and a final 50 minute session.

**Audience:** Attendees are technology and financial professionals from all disciplines of the hospitality industry. The average meeting attendance is 70+ members.

### Topics

All submitted information must be non-proprietary and educational in nature, not sales or product specific. Submitting information does not guarantee you an opportunity to present.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals to the Education/ Programs Committee Chairperson Kris Shoemaker at 407-685-9827 or any Board member.

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### 2012 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2012 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**

**July 5th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC  
**July 24th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, Rosen Shingle Creek  
**August 7th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBA  
**August 28th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Regency Orlando Int'l Airport  
**September 4th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Loews Hotels  
**September 25th**, Installation of Board and Officers, 6 pm, OPEN  
**September 28th**, 10th Annual Chapter Golf Event, Rosen Shingle Creek  
**October 4th**, Thursday Board Meeting, 6 pm, Loews Hotels  
**October 17-20th**, HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show, Rosen Shingle Creek  
**November 6th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC  
**November 27th**, Micro-Ed & General Meeting, 4 pm Registration Holiday Inn UCF.

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

[www.midfloridahftp.org](http://www.midfloridahftp.org)

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HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show  
Oct. 17P Annual -20 2012  
ORLANDO, FL



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**JDRF IMAGINE GALA October 20, 2012  
PROCUREMENT FORM**

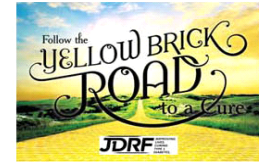
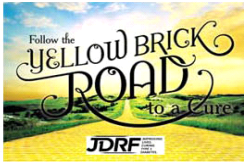
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**JDRF – Central Florida**  
370 Center Pointe Circle, Ste. 1154 \* Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 \* (407) 774-2166 \* F: (407) 774-2168  
**Please Return Form by – September 20, 2012**

Donor Name/Company			Item Donated
Donor Name As You Would Like it Listed in Catalog			Donor Stated Retail Value
Address			Contact Name & Phone for Arrangements or Follow Up
Phone	Fax	Email Address	Name of Individual for Thank you letter if Different than Donor
Describe Donation In Detail. <i>Please be complete.</i> (i.e. color, quantity, size, number of people, etc.)			
Restrictions: <i>Please state any limitations or special restrictions.</i> Expiration Date, If applicable: _____			
<b>For Tangible Items:</b> Donor/company will deliver/mail to JDRF office on (date) _____ Donor requests JDRF pick up donation the week of _____		<b>For Intangible Items:</b> <i>(Donor: Please include any appropriate Display Materials)</i> Certificate accompanies donor form: YES _____ NO _____ Donor will mail/deliver a certificate by (date) _____ JDRF to make a certificate: YES (see below) _____ NO _____	
<b>This is a Cash Donation</b> Check Enclosed		If JDRF will make certificate, provide exact language to use on certificate:	
<b>Gala Invitation Requested</b> YES: _____ NO: _____ JDRF Initials: _____			

Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

White Sheet - JDRF Copy / Yellow Sheet - Donor Copy/ Pink Sheet – Gala Committee



Note from JDRF, Scot Aurelius (edited by bill)

Greetings JDRF Finance Committee,

As the JDRF fiscal year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to thank you and HFTP Mid-Florida for your continued service in helping JDRF meet its mission. As a type-one diabetic for over 20 years, I am very aware that it is going to take many people contributing in small and large ways to find better therapies and ultimately a cure for this disease. I think it is important to know that your service is instrumental in moving us closer to a cure. (For the record, I annually back up my diagnosis date, so I was diagnosed when I was negative 2 years old.)

Now for the requests...

I ask for you to consider the JDRF Gala on October 20th:

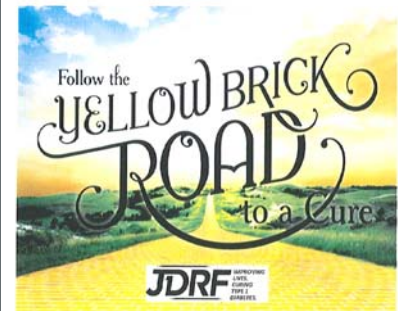
One of the things that makes our Gala great is the depth and quality of the live and silent auctions. If you have any contacts and/or know a resort that could donate a weekend stay, spa package, golf foursomes or anything else, please let me or Martin know. Oftentimes we can use the resort stays and combine with other items to develop a dynamite auction item. Alternatively, if there is someone you think we should reach out to or any "free" newsletter that we should get the word out to, again, please let me or Martin know.

Again, thanks for all you do to support the JDRF mission.

Regards,

Scot

So please use the form above or contact Martin Bernstine, Exec. Director JDRF Central Florida at 407-774-2166 or [mbernstine@jdrf.org](mailto:mbernstine@jdrf.org) with your donation.



**October 20, 2012**

6th Annual JDRF Imagine Gala

Loews Portofino Bay Hotel  
Orlando