

President's Corner**By: Patty Geer, CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

Thank you to those of you that attended the May 22nd meeting at the Bohemian Hotel Celebration. What a nice property, and Diana Hull and her team put on a fabulous dinner for our members. It was great to receive personal thank you's at the meeting from CFHLA and JDRF for our Chapter's assistance with the Bacchus Bash and the JDRF walks this spring. Thank you also to our speaker, Larry Robbins with Brown and Brown Insurance, who gave us some great tips to prepare for hurricane season. As announced last month, our Nominating Committee is working on producing a slate of nominees for Chapter Officer and Director positions for the upcoming term. The slate will be announced to the membership this month with elections taking place in July. I know many of you are planning to attend the annual HITEC conference being held June 25th through June 28th in Baltimore. If you have attended HITEC in the past, you already know what a top-notch show this is, with world-class exhibits and educational opportunities. Even those of us "not so techies" in the group can benefit from all that HITEC has to offer. Please also mark your calendars for the HFTP Annual Convention being held at Rosen Shingle Creek October 17 – 20, 2012. What a great place for HFTP to spend their 60th anniversary, right in our own back yard!!!

Your Board of Directors is working diligently on planning two important events for this fall; our Chapter's 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Camp Boggy Creek (date and location to be announced soon) and the HFTP Annual Convention. Both events involve a tremendous amount of planning and coordination; and we welcome assistance from any member wanting to get involved. Please contact any officer or director to express your interest in assisting.

Don't miss our next meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 26th at the Wyndham LBV. Details about the meeting can be found on our website and in this newsletter. You can RSVP and pay for the meeting (and all meetings) directly on our website at (<http://www.midfloridahftp.org/>), where you can earn your "fast pass" at the meeting check in table. You can also find a link to the Chapter's Facebook page on the website. I encourage you to check it out so you are tuned into all of the Mid-Florida HFTP news, events and fun.

I hope to see you all at the Wyndham LBV on June 26th!

Thank you again for all your support,

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

Welcome New Members

	Noelia Rivera, Staff Accountant, Reunion Resort
Kent Bjorklund, VP Business Development, All Star Vacation Homes	Jose Perez, G/L Manager, Melia Orlando Hotel. Sponsor: Lisa Charles
Jennifer Keshwar, CPA, Director Audit Services, McGladrey & Pullen CPAs LLC	Brian Seays, Regional IT Director, Peabody Hotels, Sponsor: Todd Rhoads
Tammy Bateman	Jeff Driscoll, VP Technology Operations, Starwood Vacation Ownership.
Kenneth Lund, Director IT, Island One Resorts	Lisa Charles, Controller. Melia Orlando Hotel

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, such as:

Dinner for 2 in Hemingway's at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
Donated by: E. Lawrence McCloskey, Jr., CHAE, Hotel Manager
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Dinner for two in Andiamos (excluding alcoholic beverages), at the Hilton Hotel located in the WDW Resort.
Donated by: Praduman Chauhan (Singh) Regional Vice President - Operations Finance
Hilton Hotels Corporation

Dinner for 2 at A Land Remembered, Rosen Shingle Creek
Donated by Frank Santos, CHAE, CHA
Chief Financial Officer, Rosen Hotels & Resorts

\$100.00 Big Fin Restaurant (located in Doctor Philips) gift certificate.
Donated by Colin Findley
VP Business Development, ProfitSword

Dinner for two in the new Peabody Orlando Napa restaurant
Donated by Todd Rhoads, CHAE, CHTP
Controller, Peabody Orlando

A Kindle Fire
Donated by James E Bina, CHTP, CHAE
President, Millennium Technology Group

\$100 cash prize
Donated by Don Hay President, Digital Alchemy, LLC

Bay Hill Club Golfers Grab Bag including shirt, hat , Etc.
Donated by: William Parrish, CPA, CHAE
Controller, Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

Dinner for two at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
Donated by: Patty Geer, CHAE Controller

Dinner for 2 (\$150) at Trevi's or David's Club or Zen Rest., Omni Orlando Resort
Donated by: Darla Boyle, Manager

Dinner for 2 at the Caribe Royale Resorts Suites's Venetian Room restaurant
Donated by Michael Dryden, CHAE, Assistant Controller, Caribe Royale Orlando

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.

They are as follows:

OFFICERS:

President, Terri Nobles, CHAE

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

Treasurer, Lori Schefstad, CHTP

Secretary, Kelly Montgomery

DIRECTORS:

Director, Kevin Dirnan
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 & Pullen, 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 will be taken at the **June** membership meeting. 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.

Now is a great time to take your first step in becoming a leader in the
Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP.



Mid - Florida Happenings

CFHLA 2012 HEAT Tradeshow, August 22 at the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center. Lodging Personnel registration is complimentary. See cfhla.org.

HFTP Mid-Florida will hold the 10th Annual Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek. The event will be held in September this year 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.

*John Cook 407-345-4481
*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

* Gregory Wilhelm 407-923-5962
Christina Finch 407-924-9980
Kelly Montgomery 407-503-9215
Mark Kressin 407-333-1450

Communications

* Lori Schefstad 407-238-8445 
Webmaster: www.midfloridahftp.org
* Kevin Drinan 407-996-1270
Social Media
*Bill Parrish 407-876-8038 
Newsletter Ed.

Admin/Program/Speakers

*John Cook 407-345-4481
*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: A half day event with four 50 minute speaking sessions starting at 1:00 or 3:00 pm and 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

June 5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
June 26th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Wyndham- LBV
June 25th to 28th, HITEC Baltimore, Md.
July 5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
July 24th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Rosen Shingle Creek
August 7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
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
October 4th, Thursday Board Meeting, 6 pm, Loews Hotels
October 17-20th, HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show, Rosen Shingle Creek

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

www.midfloridahftp.org

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

