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

HFTP-MID FLORIDA CHAPTER Mini-Educational Conference Tuesday, March 27th, 2012

The Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

1 Grand Cypress Boulevard.
Orlando, Florida

Directions: Take I-4 West/Tampa to Exit 68 (Lake Buena Vista), turn right off exit and proceed to 2nd traffic light, turn left at light to hotel entrance.

Schedule of Events (All Afternoon Sessions are FREE to HFTP Members)

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Registration

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm, Bill Blend, Moore Stephen's Lovelace, PA CPA's

Topic: "Financial Statement Fraud"

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, IT Panel

Topic: "Current IT Topics of Interest"

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm, Reception

6:45 pm - 8:00 pm, Dinner

8:00 pm Lex Veech, Guest and Community Relations Manager, Orange County Convention Center.

Topic: "Convention District Update"

9:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Chapter Business

These educational sessions fall under specialized knowledge and applications geared to basic knowledge on the topic and there are no prerequisites for attending. One CPE credit hour may be earned for participation in each 50 minute session for a maximum of 3.0 CPE Credits

Please RSVP on our web-site: www.midfloridahftp.org

Or, you can RSVP and pay on the Chapter's e-invitation, check your in-box.

Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm March 22nd, please indicate if you will: 1) attend the afternoon sessions only, 2) the dinner only or 3) you will attend both!

Afternoon Sessions: Chapter Member's \$FREE.00, Non Members \$50.00 (includes dinner)
Dinner and evening program: Members \$40.00, Non-Members & no RSVP \$50.00, Student Chapter Members \$25.00. No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

We will kick off the event at 3:30 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company. The event offers you three (3) CPE credits and a dinner for \$40.00 and it is the best CPE deal in the UNIVERSE.

To use the express registration line at the meeting, PayPal is available on the web-site.

MEMBERSHIP

RECRUIT NOW

RENEW NOW

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

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

We have entered our very busy spring season of giving back to our community with several philanthropic opportunities. A big thank you to all who assisted at the JDRF walk on March 3rd at UCF. The cash count this year seemed especially efficient, and that is thanks in big part to the expert planning and execution by some of your fellow HFTP members. There are still opportunities to assist with the two additional JDRF walks in Central Florida (March 24th and April 14th), so please see Michael Dryden if you are interested. The Bacchus Bash is coming up quickly and will be held on Friday, April 13th at the Orlando Premium Outlets. We need at least 60 volunteers to successfully operate the sale of Bacchus Bucks and cash collection and counting. For those of you who have volunteered in the past, you already know how much fun the Bacchus Bash event is. Please contact Larry McCloskey if you are interested in volunteering; and consider having your staff volunteer as well. It can be a great office outing! Finally, the Cattle Baron's Ball will be held on April 21. Please contact Chad Curtis if you can help out. Please refer to this newsletter and our Chapter website (<http://www.midfloridahftp.org/>) for more information about these events.

Our annual joint meeting with the Mid-Florida Chapter of IMA was held last month at the Castle Hotel. I think we can all agree that our speaker, John Finnigan was very informative and interesting as he enlightened us on several facets of employment law. Thank you to the Castle Hotel for providing a wonderful meal and great service. This month is our semi-annual Mini-Educational conference at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress on Tuesday, March 27th. This event offers multiple CPE opportunities at no cost to our members. Please take advantage of this fantastic educational opportunity provided to you, details can be found on our website.

Finally, if you haven't "Liked" our Facebook page yet, please take a few moments to do so now. Click on the link on our website (<http://www.midfloridahftp.org/>) so you are tuned into all of the HFTP news, events and fun. While you are on the website, click around and check out all the chapter information, historical newsletters, photos and fun facts. You can rsvp for our meetings and pay in advance to earn your "fast pass" at the meeting check in table on our website as well.

I hope to see you all at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress on March 27th!

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 Meeting!

Welcome New Members

Christopher Mattie, Dir. of Web & App Development, Visit Orlando
Sponsor: Laurence Barron

The 2012 Membership Contest has started!
New Member 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
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 Everglades in the Rosen Centre
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

Orange County National Golfers Grab Bag including shirt, hat, Etc.
Donated by Terri Nobles, Controller
Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge

Bay Hill Club Golfers Grab Bag including shirt, hat, Etc.
Donated by: William Parris, 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

In case you missed it!
2012 JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, UCF Orlando, Florida



The 2012 HFTP JDRF
UCF Walk Count Room Team

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Diedra Potter
Bill Parrish
Scot Aurelius



Dr. Judy demonstrating
how to keep the books
in balance at the JDRF
cash count on March
3rd at UCF.



HFTP Mid-Florida Rosen College
Student Chapter installs the officers
at the HFTP dinner meeting.
President, Devon Root, Treasurer
Monica Carpenter, Vice President
Kate Robertson and Secretary Albert
Cummings.



A meeting of the presidents. David
Branson from the Mid-Florida IMA
and Patty Geer from Mid-Florida
HFTP jointly led our last general
meeting



Walkin' off to Daytona March 24th and
Cocoa Beach April 14th.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012
We need you !!! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson *

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It's all for the kids!

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Benefiting the CFHLA Educational Trust
Fund -for hospitality student scholarships and

Bacchus Bash
Friday, April 13, 2012,
Orlando Premium Outlets

HFTP Volunteer Information

Shifts run: 4:00pm – 7:00pm or 7:00pm – 10:00pm

First Shift Check-in time: 3:30pm

Attire: Remember to wear comfortable shoes and arrive early as parking is always a challenge!!

Parking: Using the International Drive entrance, please park at the former Dixie Stampede or at Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine.

Check In: H.F.T.P. volunteers must check in at the Orlando Premium Outlets Mgmt. Office. From the parking lot, use the entrance between “Mikasa” and “Bass”. Turn left in front of the Food Court. The Mgmt. Office is located on the left, next to “Samsonite”.

At check in, you will be given your assignment.

Please contact Larry McCloskey by Thursday, March 29th with your volunteers and with shift selection information
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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

March 6th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC

March 27th, 2:30pm Mini-Ed, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

April 5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC

April 24th, General Meeting, 6 pm, DoubleTree Resort Orlando I-Drive

Community Services:

JDRF Walks: March 3rd UCF, **March 24th** Daytona, Embry Riddle, **April 14th** Cocoa Beach, Lori Wilson Park. Count rooms for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

April 13th, Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets, sell bucks / have fun.

April 21st, American Cancer Society Cattle Barron's Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek, assist with the auction.

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



FOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES “Your Chance to Give Back”**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
Count Room Volunteers Needed**

Contact Michael Dryden at 407-238-8049 or mdryden@cariberoyale.com

March 3rd at UCF in Orlando—DONE Great job to all!!!!

March 24th at Embry Riddle Campus, Daytona BeachTo Do

April 14th at Cocoa Beach....To Do

The **JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes** approaches. You can obtain your pledge form and register a walk team on the web at www.centralflorida@jdrf.org. Please contact as many people as possible to obtain pledges and note HFTP Mid-Florida as the sponsor.

The Chapter supports JDRF, and will be handling the cash consolidation on Saturday the 3rd of March in Orlando and also helping Saturday April 14th in Cocoa Beach and Saturday March 24th in Daytona Beach. Your assistance is requested. Your association is calling you to duty! We need 15 people to work in the count rooms, doing whatever is needed, at each location on the day of each walk. Call any board member for count room details, Walk details or for a pledge card. You can also sign up for duty at the Chapter's general meetings.

This is a wonderful family oriented event! It is a 5k walk, which equates to 3.2 miles. The Orlando walk is at the University of Central Florida main campus at 8:00 am. The Cocoa Beach walk is at the Lori Wilson Park (Beach Walk) at 8:00 am. And the Daytona Beach Walk is at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. You can walk, run, bring the kids and have some fun.

**10 Check-Out Volunteers Needed For The
American Cancer Society's
Cattle Baron's Ball!**

Saturday, April 21st 2012, 6:00 pm to 12:00 am

**Rosen Shingle Creek Resort
9939 Universal Blvd**

Various Shifts Also Needed For Friday & Saturday

If interested, please contact Chad Curtis at 407-996-9840x3501 or ccurtis@rosenhoteles.com

The CFHLA's Bacchus Bash

Benefiting the CFHLA Educational Trust Fund -for hospitality student scholarships and hospitality school grants.

Bacchus Bash Friday, April 13, 2012

Orlando Premium Outlets 5pm - 10pm

HFTP Volunteer Information - 60 Volunteers are needed

Shifts run: 4:00pm – 7:00pm or 7:00pm – 10:00pm, First Shift Check-in time: 3:30pm

**Please contact Larry McCloskey at 407-239-3962 or larry.mccloskey@hyatt.com
or sign up at the general meeting.**

**And finally, the 10th Annual Chapter Golf Event to benefit
Camp Boggy Creek
will be held this September: More to follow on this great event.**