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HFTP Mid-Florida, 40 Years of Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

General Meeting - Tuesday, August 27th, 2013 The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort

1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, LBV FL

Directions: Taking I-4 West to Exit 68 (SR 535). Right on SR 535 to first light (Hotel Plaza Blvd). Left on Hotel Plaza Blvd. The resort is the last hotel on your right before the Downtown Disney complex.
Note: Management says if the gate happens to be closed when they arrive, have them see valet and they will provide a key to get into the self-parking lot.

Speaker and Program

Heather Stone, SVP National Sales, CSI Corporate Card

Topic: "Electronic Payments for Hospitality; Types, Trends and Best Practices"

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 1.0 CPE Credits

Reception Cash Bar at 6:00 pm, Horizons Salons

Domestic and International Cheese Display with Toasted Flat Bread Chips, French Bread and Crackers

You may come early if you wish to spend more time networking.

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Starter

Baby Red and Green Romaine with Crumbled Gorgonzola Cheese Tossed with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Entrée

*French Cut Chicken Breast Topped with Jumbo Shrimp Sewed with Lemon Oregano Butter
Roasted Creamer Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables*

Dessert

Apple Strudel

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

OR on your personal e-vite from the Chapter Secretary.

Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm Thursday August 22nd.

Please, no walk ins. No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

Dinner : Members with RSVP \$40.00, Non-Members and Guests or no RSVP \$50.00,
Student Chapter Members \$25.00.

Please Route to:

GM
HR

Use the express registration line at the meeting, PAYPAL is available on the web-site.

President's Corner

By: Terri Nobles, CHAE

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

By now, you have received your ballot for the HFTP Mid-Florida election; and hopefully you have taken the time to complete it and mail it back. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please take a few moments to cast your vote. The ballots will be opened and counted at the next general meeting on August 27th, where the results will be announced. Thank you to all of the dedicated members who have expressed an interest in serving the Chapter on our Board of Directors by adding your name to this year's slate of officers and directors.

Thank you to the team at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport for providing a wonderful meal and venue for our July general meeting. Thank you also to Erin Koski and Kathy Ennis from Averett Warmus Durkee for an interesting and timely presentation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, and the topic, Electronic Payments for Hospitality - Types, Trends and Best Practices will be very informative for Finance and Technology members alike. As already mentioned, the 2013 – 2014 officers and directors will be announced at this meeting as well, so don't miss it!

As my Presidential Reign comes to a close, I want to take a moment to share my deepest gratitude to the Board of Directors, and Past Presidents who have made my term and this 40th year of our chapter a success. Without their tireless efforts, contribution of time in our already over loaded lives, and just plain team work I wouldn't have made it through the year. So, to each of you, I say "Thank you" and I will do my best to pay it forward to those that come after me in this role.

As a reminder, please take a few minutes to visit our website for details about our meetings and events at <http://www.midfloridahftp.org/>. Don't forget that you can rsvp and pay for the meetings on our website so you can zip through registration right into enjoying the social hour. You can also find a link to "Like" us on Facebook. Our Facebook traffic is building and we would like all of our Chapter members to be a part of the process.

Please mark your calendars for an important upcoming event held by your association; the HFTP Annual Convention in October 16 –19, 2013, in Dallas, TX. It's sure to be big, as they say everything's bigger in Texas!

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

Respectfully,

Terri

Terri Nobles, CHAE
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

The 2014 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 have a chance to win a great prize at the July Chapter's general membership meeting. Contest ends on **June 30, 2014**.

Drawing will be held at our July, 2014 General Membership meeting. You need not be present to win.

Thank you sponsors, for your generosity and support of the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter. The greatest HFTP chapter in the universe!

**2013-2014 ELECTION In PROGRESS
Officers & Board of Directors
Mid-Florida Chapter, HFTP**

The Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP announces the election process.

At the June Board of Directors Meeting the slate of officers and the nominees for the vacant director positions were presented to the board and later updated for the call for nominees at the June General Meeting

The ballot includes:

OFFICERS:

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

Vice President, Lori Schefstad, CHTP

Treasurer, Kelly Montgomery

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Chairman of the Board, Terri Nobles, CHAE

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Director, Christine Cipar
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Director, Arthur Kasper
Wyndham Vacation Ownership

There are three two year director positions open. And two one year positions. That is, we vote for five (5) directors.

The Secretary has sent 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. Vote today!!



**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Member Spotlight
Oscar Herasme**

Oscar Herasme was born and raised in the Dominican Republic; he moved to Orlando Florida on November 2005 and he has worked for different hotel chains since then. His entire family lives in Santo Domingo; he is very blessed and very proud for having such noble parents and beloved sisters in his life. He is married to a beautiful woman named Ali, and they have two lovely children named Janiel and Janielis (four and one year old respectively).

Currently he works as a Staff Accountant for the Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Orlando Florida. His primary duties as a staff accountant consist of developing and implementing policies and procedures designed to control and coordinate auditing, budgets, and POS records pertaining to financial matters for the food and beverage departments.

Oscar misses his hometown church a lot which is called International Baptist Church; he has been a member since 1990. Every time he has the chance to travel to his country, he visits his church and the friends he grew up with.

Oscar loves sports, especially baseball. He grew up playing baseball and basketball, but unfortunately never made it to big leagues! His favorite players are the former baseball pitcher Ramon Martinez, and current basketball player Kevin Durant. He is trying very hard to have more time to practice the sports he likes and get back in good shape, but in raising two babies, he is finding it somewhat difficult to accomplish that.

Oscar is a member of the Dominican left-wing party called "Alianza Pais" (Country United), where he has served as an active member since 2009. His party has two stated priorities for the Dominican Republic: helping to increase Dominican economic productivity, and helping to strengthen democracy and transparency in the local government.

He always gives thanks to God for the opportunity He gave him to become part of this wonderful country: America the Beautiful. He really loves Orlando and wants to keep raising his kids in this lovely city. His favorite quote is: "second place is always the first loser". He tries to apply that quote in every aspect of his life.

Chapter Secretary Kelly Montgomery welcomes Oscar to the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter and presents him as the chapter's Member Spotlight.



**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. Provides CPE credits for the HFTP CHAE and CHTP certifications

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.

Suggested Topics:

Disaster Preparation and Recovery, Controller's Year-End Survival Guide, Tax Updates – all types, Audit Insights, Accounting/Audit Updates, Network Security, Operational Reviews, Revenue Management, Internal Controls & Audits, Guestroom Technology, Property Management Tools, Business Intelligence, Leadership Skills, Ethics, Emerging Technology and Trends, Club Related Topics and Trends, Health & Property Insurance.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals (Controllers, CFOs, IT Directors) to the Admin./ Programs/Speaker Committee Chairperson Christina Finch 407-739-3148 or any Board member, see page one for Board contacts.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2013
We need you !!! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact any Board Member.

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YOU are needed to help!

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* The Board

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Charity Golf Event
It's all for the kids!
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Cattle Baron's Ball
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Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

**HFTP Annual
Convention
& Tradeshow**
October 16 - 19 • Dallas, Texas

ARE YOU CERTIFIABLE?

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
CHAE Review

The Certified Hospitality Accountant Executive (CHAE) is a hospitality industry designation showing competency in accounting. This session will provide you with what you need to know to pass the exam. Individuals interested in sitting for the exam must pre-register with HFTP's Certification Department at certification@hftp.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM **CHTP Review**

The Certified Hospitality Technology Professional (CHTP) is a hospitality-specific technology designation. This session will provide you with what you need to know to pass the exam. Individuals interested in sitting for the exam must pre-register with HFTP's Certification Department at certification@hftp.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **CHAE and CHTP Exams**
(Additional Fee)

The CHAE and CHTP designations are internationally recognized by hospitality industry professionals as the premiere symbol of career dedication and educational achievement. For more information, contact HFTP's Certification Department at certification@hftp.org. Applications are available at www.hftp.org.

**Leadership
Summit**

HFTP 2013 Leadership Summit
*Bright Stars in the Lone Star State -Leadership Rising
and Shining*

October 15-16 • Dallas

HFTP's 2013 Leadership Summit is a special event held each year to provide HFTP's volunteer chapter leaders and members the tools they need to succeed. The HFTP Leadership Summit gives attendees a window into the larger organization that they are a part of. Mark your calendar to attend the 2013 HFTP Leadership Summit at the Hilton Anatole Dallas, TX 75207 USA Oct. 15-16. See www.hftp.org to register.

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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

- Aug 6th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBA
- Aug 27th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista
- Sept 3rd, Board meeting, 6 pm, a Loews Hotel
- Sept 24th, Installation of Officers & Chapter Annual Meeting, The Villas of Grand Cypress, 6 pm.
- Oct 3rd, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- Oct. 16-19 HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show, Hilton Anatole, Dallas Tx.
- Oct 29th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel
- Nov 5th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- Nov 19th, Mini- Educational, 1 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort
- Dec TBA, Chapter Holiday Event

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

www.midfloridahftp.org

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A CALL FOR CERTIFICATION

Be the best that you can be!

