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

**General Meeting -Tuesday- January 29th, 2013**

**The Mid-Florida Chapter**

**Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals**

*The Hard Rock Hotel*

*At Universal Orlando Resort*

**Directions:** The hotel is located on Universal Boulevard near the entrance of Universal Orlando Resort. From Orlando take I-4 West. Take exit 75B, merge onto Kirkman Road. Turn left onto Vineland Road. Turn Left onto Universal Boulevard and the Hotel is on your right.  
**Parking Fee:** Self Park \$5.00 Valet \$10.00.

*Speaker and Program*

**Mary Greenwood**

**Author, Arbitrator, Mediator and Consultant**

**Topic: "How to Negotiate Anything, Anytime, Anywhere"**

This educational session falls 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 session.

**Reception at 6:00 pm ~ Dinner at 6:45 pm**

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

*Menu:*

*Soup*

*Seafood Florentine Bisque, Garlic Crostini*

*Salad*

*Field Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Carrots, Spicy Pecans, Blue Cheese, Roasted Shallot and Honey Vinaigrette.*

*Entrée*

*Bistro Steak, Russet & Sweet Potato gratin, Confit Tomato Cabernet Demi Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon., Asparagus Citrus Reduction*

*Dessert*

*Molton Chocolate Cake, Pistachio Ice Cream, Cherry Compote.*

**Please RSVP on our web-site: [www.midfloridahftp.org](http://www.midfloridahftp.org)**

**Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm Thursday January 24th. 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.

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

**"Mr. Excel comes to town".** Mid Fla. Chapter of IMA Presents, Power Excel an Education opportunity.  
When: Friday February 15, 2013 Where: Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport  
Members: Full Day \$190 ( Includes lunch), Morning \$110, 8:30 am to Noon; Afternoon \$ 100 1:30-430 pm  
Register and Details: [www.midflima.com](http://www.midflima.com).

**President's Corner****By: Terri Nobles, CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! As we close the book on 2012, it's a great time to look ahead at what's in store for your chapter in 2013. Our first meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando Resort. The topic will be about negotiating contracts which is very timely for all areas of Finance, IT and your personal lives as well. This is definitely a "must attend" meeting. Turning the corner into February, the meeting on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> will focus on implementing Obamacare, a topic sure to impact everyone professionally, personally or both. This is just the beginning of the invaluable educational opportunities in store for members in 2013. Also, plan early to attend, our semi-annual Mini-educational conference on May 21<sup>st</sup>; with more details to follow in the upcoming newsletters. This can't-miss event offers multiple CPE opportunities at no cost to our members. Also in March and April, we kick into our busy community support season with three JDRF walks (3/9, 3/23 and 4/6), the Bacchus Bash on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and the Cattle Baron's Ball, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan to join your fellow members at these events and make a difference in your community and in the lives of those that depend on our services. Speaking of giving back to the community, this year, our annual charity golf tournament will be held in the late spring so you have plenty of time to work on your swing and get your four-some together. Also, even if you aren't on the committee, we need everyone's support seeking sponsors for this event. Please contact a member of the board for more details on the ways you can contribute to this rewarding event. Check the Mid-Florida calendar in this newsletter, the chapter website, or Facebook for all of the upcoming meeting and event dates and locations. Speaking of Facebook, 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. The New Year brings more exciting benefits as your Website Committee will have an updated website soon. While you are on the website, click around and check out all the chapter information, historical newsletters, photos and fun facts. Lastly, you'll be receiving a Survey Monkey requesting your feedback on what you would like from your chapter. All too often we become complacent and status quo, this is an opportunity for you to share your opinions to let us know how we may better serve you. Your Board of Directors welcomes suggestions, comments and constructive criticism; so feel free to contact any one of us, and let your voice be heard...this is YOUR chapter!

I leave you with this thought and resolution for the New Year... It's keen to be seen at your Chapter Events in 2013!

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.

**Chapter Announces 2013 Scholarship Program**

By: Michael Dryden, CHAE, Scholarship Committee, Chair

The Mid-Florida Chapter announced the launch of its 2013 Scholarship Award program in January through communications sent to several area Colleges and Universities.

The program will award a \$1,000 scholarship to students enrolled in an Associates or Bachelor degree program with a major or concentration in accounting, MIS or hospitality management at an accredited institution of higher education with at least one semester or quarter remaining after the scholarship is awarded. Applicants must demonstrate interest in a career in hospitality accounting, hospitality MIS or hospitality management through an essay of 250 words or less, provide references and have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale.

The deadline for completed 2013 Scholarship applications is March 15, 2013. The Scholarship Committee will make its recommendation for the recipient at the April Board meeting, after which the Scholarships will be presented at the Chapter's April dinner meeting.

Detailed information and application forms are available at the Chapter's web site, [www.midfloridahftp.org](http://www.midfloridahftp.org), and click on "Scholarships".

**HFTP Implements New Association Management Software Password Update is Required**

HFTP has implemented new Association Management Software. Beginning on Monday, January 7, 2013 all HFTP members and stakeholders will need to reset their passwords.

Please note: your login ID may have changed. All login IDs are email addresses. If you change your primary email address with HFTP, your login ID will also change accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact HFTP at +1-512-249-5333.

Thank you for your continued support of HFTP.

Kind regards,

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So, if you did not see the e-mail HFTP sent above call HFTP.

1. You may have opted out of receiving HFTP e-mails.
2. Your e-mail address in the HFTP data base may be wrong.

In either case if you want to receive e-mailed HFTP news you have to go to the HFTP website and change your PROFILE.

## HFTP Mid-Florida and You

### Leadership

Your chapter provides you a vehicle to grow in your personal and professional life through serving on chapter committees and the Board of Directors. Learn how to run a small business and lead the greatest HFTP chapter in the Universe. You will learn public speaking skills and gain confidence in your expertise.

You can get the opportunity to develop and execute chapter programs developing valuable leadership skills.

### Scholarship

Your chapter provides the HFTP CHAE and CHTP reviews and the testing for those two HFTP certifications in accounting and technology. We need you to help yourself and get certified. This should be a normal progression in your professional career. Your Chapter also provides Continuing Professional Education seminars at the General Meetings and Mini-Education events.

### Participation

Your chapter provides a chance for you to give back to your community by assisting at the CFH&LA's Bacchus Bash, three Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Walks for a Cure and the chapter golf event to benefit the kids at Camp Boggy Creek. Don't shy away, the chapter needs your time and talent. It also gives you the unique opportunity for chapter leadership at these events being part of the solution.

### Service

Your chapter provides the avenue for you to give of yourself in serving your fellow members and your community. We encourage you to get involved in your Mid-Florida HFTP Chapter. We need places to hold the monthly general membership meetings. We need our members to support the chapter events by supplying prizes and helping make these events successful. We need speakers for the General Meetings and the Mini-Educational.

Your chapter needs you to join the fun in serving others and gaining the satisfaction of personal growth through leadership, scholarship, participation and service.

**Embrace the vision, join the fun!**

### HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Responsibilities

1. **S**erve on the Board of Directors or as an officer, if asked.
2. **U**tilize HFTP, participate in regional and international activities as often as possible.
3. **P**articipate by attending Chapter meetings regularly.
4. **P**rovide ideas on speakers, prizes for events and projects and host meetings.
5. **O**ffer to serve on a committee or otherwise volunteer your time and talents.
6. **R**eceive the honor of certification.
7. **T**o always maintain a professional decorum, be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

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 your SUPPORT.

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

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

YOUR Chapter currently has 173 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**

**Marisol Rivera, Financial Analyst II**  
Starwood Vacation Ownership  
Sponsor: Mark Roland

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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**

- January 3rd, THURS**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort
- January 29th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, Hard Rock Hotel
- February 5th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- February 26th**, Joint General Meeting with IMA, 6 pm, DoubleTree by Hilton @ Sea World
- March 5th**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- March 9th, JDRF Walk**, UCF Orlando
- March 23rd, JDRF Walk**, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona
- March 26th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, WDW Swan & Dolphin Resort
- April 4th, THURS**, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- April 5th, Bacchus Bash**, Orlando Premium Outlets
- April 6th, JDRF Walk**, Lori Wilson Park, Cocoa Beach
- April 13th, American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball**, Rosen Shingle Creek
- April 30th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, Omni Championsgate

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

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



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*FOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES*  
*“Your Chance to Give Back”*

## **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International**

### **Count Room Volunteers**

**March 9th at UCF in Orlando**

**March 23rd at Embry Riddle Campus, Daytona Beach**

**April 6th at Cocoa Beach.**

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](http://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 9th of March in Orlando and also helping Saturday April 6th in Cocoa Beach and Saturday March 23rd 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 13th 2013, 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 any board member, see page 3.**

### **The CFHLA's Bacchus Bash**

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

**Bacchus Bash Friday, April 5, 2013**

**Orlando Premium Outlets**

**5pm - 10pm**

**HFTP Volunteer Information**

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

**Please contact any board member for more information and sign up at the general meetings.**

**And finally, the 11th Annual Chapter Golf Event to benefit  
Camp Boggy Creek  
will be held this June: More to follow on this great event.**