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July 2013



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

General Meeting -Tuesday, July 30th, 2013

The Mid-Florida Chapter

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

Directions: The Hotel is located in the airport. If parking self park, follow signs to Terminal Top Parking.

Do not use your SUNPASS and take a ticket. Take the "B" elevator to Level 4 to enter the Hotel.

Parking Fee: Self Park \$4.00 Valet \$7.00.

Do not use your SunPass or the above rates will not apply.

Speaker and Program

**Kathy Ennis, Principal and Erin Koski, Audit Manager
Averett Warmus Durkee**

Topic: "The framework needed for a successful benefit plan audit"

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

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

Menu:

Starter

*Eggplant tort, Arugula Aioli,
Caper-Parsley Oil, Pickled Vegetables*

Entrée

*Petite Filet and Seared Breast of Chicken,
Balsamic Glaze, Fondant Potato, Asparagus*

Dessert

Apricot Whipped Crème

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

Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm Thursday July 25th.

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.

Welcome New Members

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

Debi Frye, Property Accountant
Liberty Investment Properties
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Jeff Fernandez, IT Manager
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Sponsor: Jack Griffith

Hazel Mendez, Asst. CFO
Orange County Convention Center
Sponsor: Kris Shoemaker, CHAE, CHTP

Elia Sam, Property Accountant
Liberty Investment Properties
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President's Corner**By: Terri Nobles, CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

It's that special time of year, no...not audit... the annual Mid-Florida HFTP election of officers and directors! The slate of officers and directors up for election has been prepared with some dedicated contributors to our association and chapter. Now, it is up to you, the members, to vote and ensure your preferred candidate is elected. Please watch for your ballot to arrive in the U.S Mail in the next few weeks. Mark your selections (no hanging "Chad's" please) and return the ballot by the deadline indicated. The ballots will remain sealed until the August 27, 2013 general meeting, where they will be counted and the results announced. Thank you for doing your part for democracy and the continued leadership and success of our chapter!

The annual HITEC conference was just held last month in Minnesota; and many of our Chapter members attended. By all accounts, the speakers and exhibits were engaging and informative. If you were unable to attend, you may see a recap on the HFTP Global website at www.hftp.org.

Please mark your calendars for another important event hosted by the Florida Gold Coast & Treasure Coast Chapter's; the Florida Regional HFTP Annual Conference being held at The Breakers, July 28 – 30, 2013. This event is being held in your own back yard, and will feature education, networking, industry resources and a fun event theme, "Christmas in July", in three jam packed days. This is a great opportunity for low-cost CPE credits for CHAE and CHTP members, and a great opportunity to take a certification review or exam. Take time to invest in yourself and your future, one of the safest bets that pays the highest dividends!

Speaking of "bets", your board is beginning to plan the winter social, and word on the street is that odds are good for an encore presentation of casino night! Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming months!

Our next meeting will be held July 30th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Orlando International Airport. 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.

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

Respectfully,

Terri

Terri Nobles, CHAE
HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

The 2013 Membership Contest, IT'S HUGE!!!

You only needed to sponsor one new member to win. Back by popular demand, the Membership Drive Contest. For each new member sponsored you had a chance to win a great prize at the July Chapter's general membership meeting. Contest ends on **June 30, 2013**.

Drawing will be held at our July, 2013 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

Secretary, Nasir Naseer

Chairman of the Board, Terri Nobles, CHAE

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Director, Yvonne Enslin, CHAE
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Director, Gordon LeBlanc
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Director, Christine Cipar
Florida Hotel & Conference Center

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE!
HFTP Florida Regional Conference
The Breakers Hotel Palm Beach
Sunday July 28 - 30, 2013
Conference Cost: \$189 pp
Event Registration: www.hftp-florida.org/regional
Room Reservation: www.hftp-florida.org/rooms
Sponsor Opportunities: www.hftp-florida.org/sponsor
More Information Headed Your Way Shortly
CHRISTMAS
in July

Holiday Greetings from the Treasure Coast Chapter of Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals!

2013 Mid Florida Scholarship Award

At the June 18, 2013 meeting, Jodecia “Jodie” Parkins was presented our 2013 Scholarship award. Jodie is an intensional student from Jamaica and currently a junior at Saint Leo University where she is pursuing a double major – International Hospitality as well as Accounting.

She is looking forward to using her education as a spring board in obtaining her ultimate goal: To aid in the advancement of the Caribbean region in terms of hospitality and tourism.

She plans on becoming involved in the development of this field by establishing stronger and more practical hospitality college level programs in this region, along with political influence.

Jodie balances a multitude of responsibilities at Saint Leo College – she is the President of the Intercultural Student Association where she plans and organizes events to spread cultural diversity, she also works in the “First Year Experince” office where she assists new students in getting accustomed to college life. She accomplishes this on a daily basis while maintaining a 4.0 GPA in the Honors program.



Congratulations Jodie!

The Scholarship committee consisted of Michael Dryden-CHAE, Terri Nobles-CHAE, and Nasir Naseer.

Michael Dryden, CHAE

Oh craps we are 40!

The Mid-Florida Chapter held its 40th anniversary party on May 21st, at the Nickelodeon Suites Resort.

The casino party, sponsored by Bright House, was a huge hit. Members enjoyed the black jack, roulette and craps tables, as well as the company of their fellow members. The dealers encouraged audience participation for extra cash at the tables. It’s amazing what some people will do for money!

Our honorary CHAE and CHPT member, Sponge Bob, stopped in to take pictures with all of his fans. And thankfully no one got slimed.

Excellent food and adult beverages added to the experience for everyone.

If we look this good at 40 wait until 50! Happy Anniversary Mid-Florida Chapter!



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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Bacchus Bash
 *Larry McCloskey 407-239-3962
 Michael Dryden 407-597-4068
 Judy Holcomb 352-588-8005

JDRF Walks & Finance Committee
 * Michael Dryden 407-597-4068
 * 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 407-996-6143

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 * Lori Schefstad 407-238-8445
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Chapter Historian
 Michael Dryden 407-597-4068



**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Member Spotlight
Shawn Salyers**

Director of Sales, 11th Hour Business Solutions.

Shawn Salyers is currently Director of Sales for 11th Hour Business Solution, an event branding and marketing company.

Shawn has over 20 years of sales and marketing experience in products and services ranging from printing to software technology solutions. Shawn's background includes international sales and marketing. Much of Shawn's career has been spent focused on providing solutions to the hospitality industry. Earlier in his career,

Shawn has been a member of HFTP and has participated annually in HITEC. Shawn has been married 21 years and has two sons ages 11 and 14. In his spare time he coaches and umpires youth baseball.

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



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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

- July 30th**, General Meeting, 6 pm, Hyatt Regency OIA
- 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

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!

