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

General Meeting - Tuesday, October 29th, 2013
The Mid-Florida Chapter
Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Renaissance Orlando - Airport
5445 Forbes Place

Directions: The Hotel is located One mile north of the airport. From the airport take Semoran Blvd to Frontage Road, turn left onto Frontage turn right on Forbes.

Speaker and Program

Prasad Chittaluru, Ph.D and
Tom Babington VP Technology Solutions, Epic Enengineering and Consulting, LLC

Topic: "Empowering End Users with Information"

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

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

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Starter

Mixed Greens with Raspberries, Mandarin Oranges, Gorgonzola Cheese, Glazed Walnuts and Champagne Vinaigrette

Entrée

Grilled Breast of Chicken served with a Port Wine and Cherry Reduction Sauce.

Dessert

Warm Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

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 October 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.](#)

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President's Corner

By: Judy Holcomb, Ph.D, CHAE

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

Welcome to another wonderful year of HFTP. I'm very excited to be your new President and continue our tradition of excellence. We have some exciting months coming up with our National Convention in Dallas, our own Mini-Ed in November and our Christmas Social (place and time TBA).

I know each President writes about this but I'm going to address it one more time and hope that I can reach at least one member out there (yea that's you), who doesn't take full advantage of all our chapter and HFTP has to offer. Being a member should consist of more than just paying your dues. Don't waste your (or your company's) money, get involved! Attend meetings, join a committee, attend a mini-ed and/or attend an HFTP Global sponsored event. DO SOMETHING, to make your membership worth it. There are lots of small roles for members who might only have a little time to donate, just let us know how much you want to participate and we'll find a role for you. Also, come to meetings!

Do you know that only about 25-30% of the members in our chapter attend meetings? You're probably saying to yourself, well, I don't know anyone, so I'll feel awkward. Our board of directors and officers are some of the nicest and welcoming people you'll ever meet. Just come up to one of us and we'll make sure you meet people. So, this is my personal challenge to you; if you've never come to a meeting, come to the meeting this month and introduce yourself to me or one of the other officers or board members (we have special nametags). I would love to meet you and get you to see how beneficial our meetings are. See you soon!!

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

Respectfully,

Judy

Judy Holcomb, Ph.D, 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!

The HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter has a new President

The Mid-Florida Chapter Annual Meeting was a time for passing the gavel as 2012-2013 Chapter President Terri Nobles, CHAE does her swan song. Looking on is Michael Dryden, CHAE the Master of Ceremonies for the Induction of the 2013-2014 Chapter Officers and Directors.



Michael Dryden prepares to arm 2013-2014 Mid-Florida Chapter President Dr. Judy Holcomb, Ph.D, CHAE with the official leadership hammer of the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter.

For a picture of the entire new group of Mid-Florida Chapter Leaders see page 4 of this newsletter.



Mini-Educational Conference ... Tuesday, November 19th, 2013
The Mid-Florida Chapter
Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals
Nickelodean Suites Resort

14500 Continental Gateway, Orlando, Florida 32821

Directions: From Orlando, take I-4 westbound towards Tampa and get off at Exit 67 toward Epcot/ Downtown Disney. Bear left at the fork, follow signs for Florida 536 Toll E/Florida 417 Toll N. Bear right and follow signs for FL 536 E and merge onto FL 536 E/ World Center Drive
Turn right onto Continental Gateway Drive. The resort is on your right.

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

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Registration**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **“Unified Communications and the need for Architectural Design Sessions”,
Bill Myers, Strategic Account Manager, Ronco Communications**

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **“How to Turn Your Marketing into a Profit Center”, Keith Caven, CEO of Snap.com**

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Light Snacks & Beverages**

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm **“Ethics”, Samir Gupte, Senior Vice President of Culture at Darden**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **“From Introvert to Influencer: How To Connect, Communicate and Captivate!”,
Mary Gardner, Speaker, Trainer, Author and Coach at MG INSPIRED!**

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm **Cash Bar Reception**

6:45 pm – 8:00 pm **Dinner**

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm **“Enhance your Career through Public Speaking”,
Mary Gardner – Speaker, Trainer, Author and Coach at MG INSPIRED!**

9:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Chapter Business**

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

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Reservations and cancellations before 12:01 pm November 14th, 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 1 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company. The event offers you five (5) CPE credits and a dinner for \$40.00. At \$8.00 per CPE credit it is the best CPE deal in the UNIVERSE.

**[Use the express registration line at the meeting,](#)
[PAYPAL is available on the web-site.](#)**



**While we are a bit early advertising for this event.
The date has been moved up due to Thanksgiving.**

So mark your calendar and plan on getting some free or nearly free education!



Your 2013 - 2014
HFTP Mid-Florida Board of Directors

From the Left: Nasir Naseer, Arthur Kasper, Ken Wear, Chair person Terri Nobles, Treasurer Kelly Montgomery, President Dr. Judy Holcomb, Vice President Lori Schefstad, Christina Finch, Christine Cipar, Gordon Leblanc and Yvonne Enslin.

The Board invites you all to participate in the activities of the chapter and take the opportunity get involved.
See you all at the next General Meeting!

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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

- Oct 3rd, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Liberty Investment Properties
- 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, Caribe Royale Orlando
- Nov 19th, Mini- Educational, 1 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort
- Dec TBA, Chapter Holiday Event
- Mar. 8, 2014 JDRF Walk Count room, Volunteers @ Cocoa Beach
- Apr. 5, 2014, JDRF Walk Count room Volunteers @ Orlando FL UCF
- April 4th, 2014 Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets
- April 12th American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek

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A CALL FOR CERTIFICATION
Be the best that you can be!

