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September 2013



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

Annual Meeting - Tuesday, September 24th, 2013

The Mid-Florida Chapter

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Villas of Grand Cypress

1 North Jacaranda Blvd, Orlando, FL

Directions: I-4 to 535 North Lake Buena Vista. Take 535 North to 2nd light and turn left following 535 North (Winter Garden Vineland Rd) for approximately 1.6 miles.
Turn right onto N Jacaranda Blvd. to the Executive Meeting Center on your left.

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors

Master of Ceremonies:

Michael Dryden, CHAE

Embassy Suites Orlando - LBV South

Join your Association in a celebration of 40 years of accomplishments and a view of the robust future for the Mid-Florida Chapter and HFTP.

All previous HFTP Chapter Presidents are invited to this gala event as honored guests of the Chapter.

Reception at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Menu:

Salad

Tossed Chop Chop Salad; Crisp Iceberg, Tomato, Bacon, Egg, Onion, Carrots, Pepper Rings Tossed in a Creamy Ranch Dressing.

Entree

Grilled Sirloin with Grain Mustard Demi-Glace Teamed with Sauteed Shrimp with Key Lime Beurre Blanc.

Dessert

Chocolate Souffle with Chocolate Anglaise

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 September 19th.

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.

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

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

First and foremost, congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Directors who will be honored on September 24th at the Villas of Grand Cypress. Our chapter is in good hands under the leadership and direction of the new Officers and Directors, and I am excited for the talent, experience and new ideas they bring to the Board.

As I pass the gavel and my term comes to a close, I would like to thank you, the members, who entrusted me to serve as your President. When I took office almost a year ago, I urged our membership to have fun through participation and urged everyone to get involved in our Chapter activities and events. Over the past year, many of you have taken part in our numerous networking and educational events, including two micro-educational conferences and an amazing social event at our 60th Annual Convention hosted by our Chapter. You have also helped us continue our service to the community through our many charitable opportunities including two golf tournament's benefiting Camp Boggy Creek, JDRF Finance Committee and Walks, Cattle Baron's Ball, and of course Bacchus Bash. Additionally, I would like to thank the current Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Members and Past Presidents of the Mid-Florida Chapter, without which this past year wouldn't have been possible. I am honored to have served alongside each of you as we continued our commitment to the community and our membership.

This year also brings the end of an era as Board Member Greg Wilhelm retires from the Board of Directors. Greg has been an invaluable asset to our chapter through his leadership and commitment to our membership. Greg has been on the Board of Director's as long as I can remember, 15 years I think, taking on one of the most challenging and important tasks- membership. Greg's dedication as Chairman of the Membership Committee elevated our chapter to be the largest in the universe, a feat which Greg and his teams over the years deserve much credit. Greg, I am proud to have served with you, and offer my gratitude for all you have given to our Chapter over the years, you will be missed.

Speaking of missed, although I was unable to attend the meeting last month, on behalf of the members I extend my gratitude to the team at The Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort for providing a wonderful meal and venue for our August general meeting. Thank you also to Jim Marcelak and David Disque from CSI for an informative presentation. Our next meeting is the annual Installation of Officers and Directors dinner, and will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at the Villas of Grand Cypress. All past presidents of our organization are invited to attend as guests of the chapter. Please respond to the email invitation, or visit our website to rsvp.

Also, take note to mark your calendars for the upcoming 61st HFTP Annual Convention October 16 – 19, 2013, at the Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve, and for a terri-ific year!

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!

The results of the 2013 membership contest. We added 40 new members. Special recognition goes to Joshua Bergen for sponsoring 14 new members and Yvonne Enslin for sponsoring 4 new members.

And the Winners are!

Dr. Judy Holcomb, CHAE, Ph.D. won-

Dinner for 2 in Hemingway's at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress. Donated by: E. Lawrence McCloskey, Jr., CHAE - Hotel Manager

Anthony Casella won-

Dinner for two in Andiamos (excluding alcoholic beverages), in the Hilton At Walt Disney World

Donated by: Stephan Ludwig, Director of Finance

Stephan Ludwig won-

Dinner for 2 at A Land Remembered or Calla Bella in Rosen Shingle Creek valued at \$100

Donated by Frank Santos, CHAE, CHA, Chief Financial Officer, Rosen Hotels & Resorts

Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP won-

\$100.00 Big Fin Restaurant (located in Doctor Philips) gift certificate.

Donated by Colin Findley, VP Business Development, ProfitSword

Joshua Bergen, CHAE, CHTP won-

Dinner for two in the new Peabody Orlando Napa restaurant

Donated by Todd Rhoads, CHAE, CHTP, Controller

Lisa M Funk, CHAE won-

A Kindle Fire HD. Donated by James E Bina, CHTP, CHAE, President - Millennium Technology Group

Mark Roland, CHAE, MBA won-

Dinner for 2 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport. Donated by: Patricia Geer, CHAE, Controller

Lyndsay Grimes won-

Dinner for 2 (\$150 value) at Trevi's or David's Club or Zen Restaurant in the Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate

Donated by: Darla J. Bole, Area Director of Finance

Chad Curtis, CHAE, MBA won-

Dinner for 2 at the Caribe Royale Resorts Suite's Venetian Room restaurant, Donated by Lori Schefstad, CHTP, MCSE, Director of Information Systems

James Bina, CHAE, CHTP won-

Dinner for 2 at the Lowes Portofino Bay Hotel Mama Della's Ristorante Donated by: Kelly Montgomery, Controller - Lowes Hotels at Universal Orlando

Kristopher Shoemaker, CMA, CGFO, CHAE, CHTP won-

Brunch for 2 at the Kessler Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando

Donated by: Tom Hull, Controller

Jack Griffin, won-

Dinner for two excluding alcohol in Spencer' steakhouse at the Hilton Orlando on Destination Parkway. Donated by: Francis Kahle

Director of Finance

Yvonne Enslin, CHAE won-

Dinner for 2 (\$175 value) at Blue Zoo in the Swan Hotel WDW

Donated by Amnon Reshef, Director of Finance - Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

Election Committee Report

By Chad Curtis, CHAE
Chairperson of the Committee

The 2013/2014 Election Committee consisted of Chad Curtis, Michael Dryden, Bill Parrish and Corey Ryan.

One hundred eighty one ballots were mailed out on August 1st, 2013 with a due date of August 17th, 2013. Of the 181 mailed out, 70 valid ballots were returned - a 37% participation.

On August 27th, 2013 and just prior to the General Business Meeting, the ballots were opened and counted. During the General Business Meeting the election results were announced to the members. The election results were confirmed by the Board of Directors on September 3rd, 2013.

The election results are as follows:

Officers – to serve a one year term:

President: Dr. Judy Holcomb, Ph.D, CHAE

(Saint Leo University)

Vice President: Lori Schefstad, CHTP

(Caribe Royale Orlando)

Treasurer: Kelly Montgomery

(Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando)

Secretary: Nasir Nasser

(Nickelodeon Suites Resort)

Directors – to serve a two year term:

Ken Wear

(DoubleTree by Hilton @ Sea World)

Yvonne Ensen, CHAE

(Liberty Investment Properties)

Christine Cipar

(Florida Hotel & Conference Center)

Director – to serve a one year term:

Gordon LeBlanc

(BrightHouse)

Arthur Kasper

(Wyndham Vacation Ownership)

Directors continuing with the second year of their term are:

Christina Finch

(Smart Professional Resources)

Congratulations to the new officers and directors. We want to thank Jack Griffith, Kevin Drinan and Greg Wilhelm for their service on the board and hope they will continue to serve as valued chapter leaders.

Please join us at the installation ceremonies to be held on September 24th, 2013 at the Villas of Grand Cypress.



Sharpen your pencils, pack your notebooks and get ready for some **FREE STUFF!**

Learn, Connect, Succeed

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2013 Fall Mini-Ed

Location: Nickelodeon Suites Resort

Date: November 19, 2013

Afternoon Presentations:

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, 4 CPEs, Chapter Member Cost is\$ FREE

Reception:

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Dinner:

6:45 pm – 9:30 pm, standard price

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Dinner Speaker 1 CPE

There will be excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects. 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.

Interested in sponsoring a break,

please contact: Christina Finch 407-478-1956

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.

Mini-Educational Conference: March and November.

Format: A half day event with two/four 50 minute speaking sessions starting at 1:00/3:00 pm and 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.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals to the Education/Programs Committee Chairperson Christina Finch at 407-478-1956 or any Board member.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2013

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

Education – Mini Ed Conf.

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YOU are needed to help!

Job Bank/Legislative/By-Laws

*Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

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Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

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*Patty Geer 407-825-1308

Diana Youngblood 407-239-1979

Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827

Bill Parrish 407-876-8038

Larry McCloskey 407-239-3962

Chapter of the Year and Regional Conference

*The Board

Hospitality Committee

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Christina Finch 407-478-1956

Nasir Naseer 407-387-0242

Kevin Drinan 407-996-1270

Community Services

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Terri Nobles 407-319-1031

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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Chapter Calendar

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Fun Committee

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Chapter Historian

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**

October 15-16 • Dallas

HFTP 2013 Leadership Summit

Bright Stars in the Lone Star State -Leadership Rising and Shining

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**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, 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, OCCC**Nov 19th**, Mini- Educational, 1 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort**Dec TBA**, Chapter Holiday Event**Mar. 8, 2014** JDRF Walk Count room, Volunteers @ Coco Beach**Apr. 5, 2014**, JDRF Walk Count room Volunteers @ Orlando FL UCF**April 4th, 2014** Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets

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!**