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

General Joint Meeting -Tuesday, February 25th, 2014

The Mid-Florida Chapters:

Institute of Management Accountants and Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Embassy Suites Orlando, Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida

Directions: Traveling I-4 Westbound (From Daytona Beach, Downtown Orlando, Colonial Drive)
Take exit #68 and turn left onto S.R. 535 (S. Apopka/Vineland Road).

Travel approx. 5 miles then turn right onto Kyngs Heath Road. The hotel is on the right and visible from S.R. 535.

Speaker and Program

**Dr. Steve G. Sutton, KPMG Professor and Accounting Ph.D. Program Coordinator for the
Dixon School of Accounting UCF**

Topic: "Technology in Accounting: Embrace IT but Fear IT"

Dr. Steve Sutton is the KPMG Professor in the Kenneth G. Dixon School of Accounting at UCF. He is internationally recognized as a leading researcher on issues surrounding the use of technology in accounting and auditing. He has published four books, four monographs, and over 125 research papers with the vast majority of this work focused on the effects of IT on accounting. Dr. Sutton is the only four time recipient of the American Accounting Association's annual Notable Contribution to the Accounting Information Systems Literature award.

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

Chef's Selection of hors d'oeuvres

Reception will be on the Key West Terrace located on Level One over the Porte Cochere.

Dinner will be in the Convention Center - Magnolia A

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

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Starter

Maine Lobster Terrine

*Served with a Macedoine of Heirloom Tomatoes, Micro Wasabi Greens,
A Trio of Roasted Chipollini Onion, Smoked Pimento & Chive Mayonnaises*

Entrée

Grilled Colorado Lamb Chop with Roasted Chairman's Reserved Beef Tenderloins

Served with Fontina Arancini, Porcini, Morels and Shitaki Ragout

And Merchand Du Vin Sauce

Dessert

Mango Tarte Tatin, Passion Fruit Crème 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 February 20th.

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

Dinner : Members with RSVP \$45.00, Non-Members and Guests or no RSVP \$55.00,
Student Chapter Members \$25.00.

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

Please Route to:

GM

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President's Corner

By: Judy Holcomb, Ph.D, CHAE

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I would like to extend a big thank you to Rosen Hotels and Resorts for their continued support of our chapter. Our dinner was delicious and we all enjoyed the wine with the meal. I was excited to see several guests and potential new members. For those of you who joined us who are new or thinking about joining, thank you for coming and I hope you found the meeting informative and beneficial. I challenge each member to share the benefits of HFTP with your peers and encourage them to join. We would love to claim and hold on to the title of "Largest Chapter in the Universe".

If you weren't at the meeting, Mike Dryden announced a change with our nonprofit support efforts. For over 10 years we have participated in counting cash for the JDRF each year for three central Florida walks. JDRF has now changed their policies and have decided not to have cash count rooms at each walk and they will now have an armored car service pick up the money and a third party count the cash for the deposit. We are disappointed that we will not be able to provide these services to JDRF in the future. In our continued commitment to give back to our community, the board of directors will discuss either supporting JDRF in a different capacity or choosing another charity to support.

As a chapter we have been dedicated to Boggy Creek, JDRF, Cattle Barron's Ball and the CFHLA's Bacchus Bash for many years. If you've never participated in any of these events, I highly encourage you to join us; we have lots of fun while volunteering in our community for great causes. You will be seeing notices soon for sign ups, please consider helping out.

In a few days I will be attending a Florida Leadership Meeting. All of the Florida chapter officers will come together with the new Chapter Relations Coordinator Sarie Tocket to discuss this year's Florida Regional, update on HFTP Global assistance to chapters (websites, communication, etc.) ,information sharing and networking for the chapters. This is the first time we have held such a meeting and Lori and I, your Vice- President are excited to be a part of it. Florida has historically been a very active and large member state. We are often looked upon for advice and our regional conference has been a model for many other regional conferences held all over the US. In next month's newsletter, I will provide you with details on the outcome of this meeting.

Look forward to seeing you on February 25th at the Embassy Suites LBV South!

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

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP

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 September Chapter's general membership meeting. Contest ends on August 31, 2014. Drawing will be held at our September, 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!

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

Dinner for two in Andiamos (excluding alcoholic beverages), in the Hilton At Walt Disney World
Donated by: Stephan Ludwig, Director of Finance

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

\$100.00 Big Fin Restaurant (located in Doctor Phillips) gift certificate.
Donated by Colin Findley, VP Business Development, ProfitSword

Dinner for two in the new HYATT REGENCY Orlando
Donated by Jon Finch, Director of Finance

A Kindle Fire HD Donated by Tamara Flores, Director of Information Technology, Millennium Technology Group

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

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

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

Brunch for 2 at the Kessler Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando
Donated by: Tom Hull, Controller

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

\$100 cash prize
Donated by Don Hay, President, Digital Alchemy, LLC

Dinner for 2 (\$175 value)) at Blue Zoo in the Swan Hotel WDW
Donated by Amnon Reshef, Controller - Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

Chapter Announces 2014 Scholarship Program

By: Michael Dryden, CHAE

The Mid-Florida Chapter announced the launch of its 2014 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 2014 Scholarship applications is March 31, 2014. 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, and click on "Scholarships".



**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Member Spotlight
Tamara Flores**

Tamara Flores

*Director of Information Technology,
Millennium Technology Group*

With two decades of experience, Tamara knows what it takes to stand apart from her competition – providing extraordinary service. And, that's just what she and her team strive to provide to their clients every day. With experience in both systems and networking, Tamara has managed many large-scale projects, including a 2,800-room voice-over-IP installation on behalf of Rosen Hotels & Resorts in 2013.

Tamara is passionate about being a positive mentor and leader to her team, and truly believes her role is to facilitate their success any way that she can.

Throughout her career, Tamara has managed an array of technology services in large facilities such as the Orange County Convention Center, Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium, where she worked closely with state and local entities to increase the functionality and visibility of technology within the hospitality industry.

She is an active member of the Hospitality Financial & Technology Professionals organization.

Board Member Yvonne Enslin presents Tamara with the coveted HFTP-Mid Florida padfolio.



Are you certifiable?

By: Lori Schefstad, CHTP, MCSA

Your Board of Directors has approved a fabulous incentive for those of you who wish to obtain your certification.

We are sponsoring the \$295 administrative fee for one (1) CHAE (Certified Hotel Accountant Executive) candidate and one (1) CHTP (Certified Hotel Technology Professional) candidate.

If you meet the qualifications and are interested in taking advantage of this generous offer, please follow the rules below.

Eligibility: HFTP Mid-Florida paid chapter member as of February 1, 2014 who are taking the CHAE/CHTP exams for the first time.

Interested members should provide the following:

Resume

2 Letters of Recommendation (1 must be from a HFTP Mid Florida Member)

A short description of why you desire to become certified.

All applications must be received by March 31st, 2014. Please mail all information to:

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
P.O. Box 692004
Orlando, FL, 32869-2004

We are planning to have exam reviews at our next Mini-Educational meeting, currently scheduled for June 17, 2014. These sessions are also an excellent source of CPE points for those maintaining their certifications.

For all the information regarding certification, please consult the HFTP global website.

CHAE - <http://www.hftp.org/Pages/Certification/CHAE.aspx>

CHTP - <http://www.hftp.org/Pages/Certification/CHTP.aspx>

Obtaining a prestigious industry related certification can open numerous doors, so take advantage of this offer.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2014

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

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It's all for the kids!

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Sharpen your pencils, pack your note books and get ready for some

FREE STUFF!



Learn, Connect, Succeed

**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2014
Summer Mini-Ed**

Date: June 17th, 2014, Nickelodeon Suites Resort

Afternoon Presentation:

Registration 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Four great afternoon Seminars and the Cost is

.....\$ FREE for 4 CPE credits

Reception Cash Bar:

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Dinner:

6:45 pm – 8:00 pm, standard price

8:00pm - 9:00pm, Seminar 1 CPE

9:00 pm – 9:15pm Chapter Business

There will be excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects. We will kick off the event at 1:00 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company.

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2014 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2014 are \$45 Regular member, \$25 Student, \$55 all guests, Non-Members and failed to RSVP.

Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with PayPal

Feb 25th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Embassy Suites Orlando LBV, Joint w/ IMA

March 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD

March 25th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Bohemian Hotel Celebration

April 4th, 2014 Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets

April 12th American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek

April 3rd Thursday, Board Meeting, 6 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort

April 29th, General Meeting, 6 pm, All new Castle Hotel

May 6th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD

May 16th, FRIDAY, SOCIAL Orlando Improv Comedy Club & Dinner Theater-Point Orlando

June 3rd, Board Meeting, TBD

June 17th, Mini-Ed, 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!



THREE COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES “Your Chance to Give Back”



10 Check-Out Volunteers Needed For The American Cancer Society's Cattle Baron's Ball!



**Saturday, April 12th 2014, 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
60 Volunteers needed**

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

**Bacchus Bash Friday, April 4, 2014
Orlando Premium Outlets
5pm - 10pm**

HFTP Volunteer Information

Shifts run: 3:30pm – 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 12th Annual Chapter Golf Event to benefit
Camp Boggy Creek
Friday September 19th Rosen Shingle Creek.**



It's all for the kids!

