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

General Meeting -Tuesday, January 28th, 2014 The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Rosen Centre Hotel 9840 International Drive Orlando, Florida

Directions: The Hotel is located near the 1st Convention Center.

Going West on I-4 take Exit 72 (Beeline Expwy-SR528).

Take the first exit (International Dr. and SeaWorld).

At the bottom of the exit, turn right on International Drive.

The Rosen Centre Hotel is about 1/4 mile on the left, just before the Convention Center.

Speaker and Program

Samir Gupte, Senior VP Culture, Darden Restaurants

Topic: "Ethics"

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

Wild Field Green Salad.

Tender baby filed greens tossed with

Toaste Pinenuts, Raspberries & Gorgonzola, Blood Orange Vinaigrette

Entrée

Petite Filet Mignon, Marchand du vin and

Fillet of Sea Bass, Saffron Beurre Blanc, Herbed Risotto

Roasted Asparagus & Patty Pan Squash

Dessert

Miniature Flan, Fruit Tart, & Cappuccino Mousse

**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 January 24th.

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,

Happy New Year!

As we start 2014 your board of directors is excited about the New Year and the improvements to your chapter that we are planning. We have some great education sessions planned at some great venues. Our board is very enthusiastic and each of them care about providing the best experience for you. We will start off the year at the Rosen Centre Hotel at the end of this month. They have always been a remarkable supporter of HFTP and they have planned a great menu for us with WINE! To continue our tradition of our 40th anniversary party social even that was held in May of last year, your board has decided that each year we will have a meeting that is solely dedicated to the social/networking aspect of HFTP. Hence, at this meeting there will be no education, just FUN! This year's social event will be in May and we are working to bring you a great event. If you have any ideas for a social activity or want to volunteer your hotel, please contact me.

We have also dedicated ourselves to getting more of our Mid-Florida members certified as a CHAE or a CHTP. I have been certified for over 15 years and when I served in accounting in hospitality. I can honestly say that it provided me that extra leg up that I needed at times. Are you stuck in a job and can't seem to get that promotion? What happens if you get laid off, like many of our fellow HFTP members, how will you stand out in the job market? A CHAE or a CHTP can provide that competitive advantage in the job market as well as show your current employer that you're a professional dedicated to your field. I highly encourage everyone show is not certified to consider taking the CHAE or CHTP and now is the time! Our chapter is offering a free test registration fee worth \$295, one for the CHAE and one for the CHTP. If you are interested be on the lookout for more information on how you can apply.

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." — Walt Disney

We are making plans for our annual golf tournament and will have a location and date for you soon. As in the past, the proceeds from our tournament will go to Camp Boggy Creek; a year round camp for seriously ill children offering week long summer sessions. There is no charge to the children or families. This year's tournament will be in September so please plan on playing, being a sponsor or donating a gift, we need everyone's participation to make this a success and remember "It's for the Kids"

We are very excited about this year and we hope you are too. With a new year brings new hope and new changes to make the Mid-Florida Chapter even better than ever!

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." — Helen Keller

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 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: E. Lawrence McCloskey, Jr., 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 Philips) gift certificate.
Donated by Colin Findley, VP Business Development, ProfitSword

Dinner for two in the new HYATT REGENCY Orlando
Donated by John 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

HFTP, Mid-Florida Chapter CHAE & CHTP Designations Isn't it time you did something for your career?

- ★ Jose Aybar , MBA, CHAE
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- ★ Jim Duffy , CHAE
- ★ Michael Dwulit , CHAE
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- ★ Jean Wilson , CHTP
- ★ Joshua Woods , CHTP
- ★ Diana Youngblood , CHAE

These are THE 53
HFTP certified professionals in the
Mid-Florida Chapter.

Isn't it time for you to be a star?

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 will be 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 see a Board member at the next meeting.

We are planning to have exam reviews at our next Mini-Educational meeting, currently scheduled for June 24, 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.



Arthur Kasper's tip of the Month

YOUR EXCEL TIP OF THE MONTH

Instead of:



You can just hit:



Lock your Windows XP computer.

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

YOUR Chapter currently has 165 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. And the Cattle Baron's Ball.

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!**

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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

Happy New Year

- Jan 7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- Jan 28th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Rosen Centre Hotel- ETHICS SEMINAR
- Feb 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
- Feb 25th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Embassy Suites Orlando LBV, Joint w/ IMA
- March 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
- Mar. 8, 2014 JDRF Walk Count room, Volunteers @ Cocoa Beach
- March 25th, General Meeting, 6 pm, Bohemian Hotel Celebration

- 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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www.midfloridahftp.org

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A CALL FOR CERTIFICATION

Be the best that you can be!

