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

The Club at Bella Collina

15920 County Road 455, Montverde, FL. 34756

Directions: From the attractions area & I-Drive

Take I-4 East

Take Florida's Turnpike North and take exit 272 from Turnpike

After the toll booth make a left at the light onto HWY 50 going West

Take HWY 50 about 1.5 miles and make a right on County Road 455 (Publix Shopping center will be on your right)

Take county road 455 until you reach the stop sign then make a left (still county road 455)

Continue about 1.5 miles and the entrance to Bella Collina will be on your right but you will see the clubhouse on your left, turn Left.

Prepare to show your Drivers License to the guard gate and allow 10-15 minutes additional for entry and parking

Destination address: 15920 County Road 455 Montverde, FL 34756

Speaker and Program

Klent Luschen, Software and Guest Relations Manager
Monscierge

Topic: "Mobile Hospitality Technology Trends"

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

Caprese Salad: Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Petite Greens, Balsamic Glace

Entrée

Seared Chicken & Truffle Whipped Potatoes
served with Asparagus and Petite Carrots and a Demi-Glace

Dessert

Crème Brulee

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 23rd.

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.



Mark your calendar. HFTP Mid-Florida Mini-ed at the Nickelodeon Suites Resort
November 18th at 12:30pm registration. Five CPE credits available!

President's Corner
By: Lori Schefstad, CHTP

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

First, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as your President. As we look forward to the next exciting year, I would like to thank the Chapter Officers, Board Members and Past Presidents for all of their support.

I would like to personally thank Jack Griffith, for the outstanding job he did in planning and organizing the Twelfth Annual Mid-Florida HFTP golf tournament to benefit Camp Boggy Creek. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers, who helped to raise a little over \$14,000 for the kids at Camp Boggy Creek. Those of you who were able to attend, I'm sure were touched by Jackie Boykin's story of the blind child who was able to run free in their helipad field. Our contributions help these chronically ill children "just be kids". Even though each camper stays only for the week, lasting memories are made for the whole family.

I would like to invite any member in good standing to join one of our committees, and give back to the Chapter. We are always in search of great ideas, so please feel free to contact the Chairperson of the committee you find most interesting.

We have some exciting events coming up. In November we will have a Mini Educational, at the Nickelodeon Suites Resort, 5 CPE points in one day! We are still planning our December meeting, but are looking into ways to make it unique. We are tentatively hosting the Florida Regional Conference, in July of 2015. Judy Holcomb and I will be attending a Florida Officer's meeting at the Annual Conference in New Orleans and will have more information at that time.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see some of you in the Big Easy!

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

Respectfully,

Lori

Lori Schefstad, CHPT
 HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

**2014 membership Contest Winners,
 Generous Donations and results**

Our thanks to the following for their generous donations and congratulations to the winners. Once again everyone who sponsored one or more of our 41 new members won a great prize.

Dinner for 2 in Hemingway's or Cascade at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Donated by E. Lawrence McCloskey, Jr., CHAE - Hotel Manager
 Winner; Tamara Flores

Dinner for two in Andiamos (excluding alcoholic beverages), in the Hilton At Walt Disney World valued at \$100.

Donated by Stephan Ludwig, Director of Finance
 Winner; Gayle Edwards

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
 Winner; Kristopher Shoemaker, CHTP, CHAE, etc.

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

Donated by Colin Findley, VP Business Development, ProfitSword
 Winner; Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP

Dinner for two at Fiorenzo Italian Steakhouse in the new HYATT REGENCY Orlando

Donated by John Finch, Director of Finance
 Winner; Joshua Bergen, CHAE, CHTP

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

Winner; Christine Cipar

Dinner for 2 at Hemisphere Steak & Seafood Restaurant or McCoy's Bar & Grill in the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport

Donated by Patricia Geer, CHAE, Controller
 Winner; Dr. Judy Holcomb, CHAE, Ph.D.

Dinner for 2 at the Caribe Royale Resorts Suite's Venetian Room restaurant

Donated by Lori Schefstad, CHTP, MCSE, Director of Information Systems
 Winner; James Bina, CHAE, CHTP

Dinner for 2 at the Boheme located at the Kessler Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando

Donated by Tom Hull, Controller
 Winner; Ken Wear

Dinner for two in Spencer' steakhouse at the Hilton Orlando on Destination Parkway

Donated by Francis Kahle, Director of Finance
 Winner; Susan Ferguson, CHTP

\$100 cash prize

Donated by Don Hay, President, Digital Alchemy, LLC
 Winner; Daniel Conti, CHAE, CAM

Dinner for 2 at Shula's in the Swan Hotel WDW valued at \$175.

Donated by Mickey Smith, Complex Director of Finance Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin

Winner; Diana Hull, CHAE, CHS

Dinner for 2 in Marcelo's Bistro or Crickets Bar & Grill at The Florida Hotel and conference Center valued at \$75.

Donated by Christine Cipar, Controller
 Winner; Michael Dryden, CHAE

Welcome New Members

**William Cordaro, Finance & Operating
 Director, Quest Hotels Inc.
 Sponsor: Nasir Naseer**

**Greta Nayda Higinio, Accounting Manager,
 Nickelodeon Suites Resort
 Sponsor: Nasir Naseer**

The 12 Annual Golf Event to Benefit Camp Boggy Creek

We had winners!



We had losers!



We had a bit of Florida Sunshine.

We had the means to prevail over the elements.



We won some great prizes in the raffle and auction

We had GREAT sponsors.



====We got to know JACK.



We had a great venue.

We had a great field



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2014
We need you !!! ALL positions are up for grabs! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact any Board Member.
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Education – Mini Ed Conf.

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With Arthur Kasper 407-626-676
And Christina Finch, Lori & Kelly

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It's all for the kids!

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More golf teams can be found at www.mid-floridahftp.org



WE had a Great Time and it was All for the Kids!



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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

- Oct 7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, OCCC
- Oct 28th, General Meeting, 6 pm, The Club at Bella Collina
- Nov 4th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
- Nov 18th, Mini-Educational, 1:00 pm, Nickelodeon Suites Resort
- Dec Holiday Social - we request your suggestions !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Feb 7th, American Cancer Society, Cattle Baron's Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek

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www.midfloridahftp.org

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**HFTP MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER
Mini-Educational Conference
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Nickelodeon 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
Speakers**

- 12:30pm – 1:00pm Registration
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm Juli Barter – Post Integrations – Changes to PCI
- 2:15pm – 3:15pm ****TBD****
- 3:15pm – 3:45pm Light snacks & beverages
- 3:45pm – 4:45pm David Polansky – Institute of Internal Auditors - Fraud
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm Tina Samson , CHAE – CFO Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando - Uniform System of Accounts 11th Edition
- 6:00pm – 6:45pm Cash Bar Reception
- 6:45pm – 8:00pm Dinner
- 8:00pm – 9:00pm Thomas Guglielmello – Black Box – Technology Networking
- 9:00pm – 9:30pm Chapter Business

Afternoon Sessions: Chapter Member's \$FREE.00, Non Members \$55.00 (includes dinner) Dinner and evening program: Members \$45.00, Non-Members & no RSVP \$55.00, 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 \$45.00. At \$9.00 per CPE credit it is the best CPE deal in the HFTP UNIVERSE.

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