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September 2014



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HFTP Mid-Florida, 41 Years of: Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

Annual Meeting - Tuesday, September 30th, 2014
The Mid-Florida Chapter
Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Caribe Royale Orlando
8101 World Center Drive,
Orlando FL 32821

Directions: I-4 Take exit #68 and turn left onto S.R. 535 (Apopka/Vineland Road). Go to the 3rd light and turn left onto World Center Drive. Buena Vista Suites is the 1st hotel on the left. The Caribe Royale is the 2nd hotel on the 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 41 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:

Starters

Lobster Bisque

Boston Bibb Salad; Layers of Bibb Lettuce and Vine Ripe Tomato, Chopped Egg, Focaccia Croutons, Orange Champagne Dressing.

Entree

Tournedos of Beef Tenderloin and Venetian Room Crab Cake.

Dessert

Chocolate Bomb

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 25th.

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.

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Use the express registration line at the meeting, PAYPAL is available on the web-site.

President's Corner**By: Judy Holcomb, Ph.D., CHAE**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

As I approach my last month as President I reflect fondly on my experience this year. I feel honored to soon be included in the long list of "past presidents" that have contributed and continue to contribute so much to this chapter. We are one of the largest and strongest chapters in the association because of that commitment from our past presidents.

I have spent many years (over 25) as a member of HFTP and have found much value in this organization. Whether it's serving on the Mid-Florida board or serving on a Global committee, I have made so many invaluable contacts and learned so much that has helped me be a better teacher and person.

I remember this quote from Gandhi...

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

I've found myself in my service to HFTP and many other organizations. Now it's your turn. Don't just sit back and say, someone else will do it. Do you feel that you've received something valuable from HFTP? Well it's your turn to give back. Join a committee, we are always looking for individuals to assist with various committees. What talents do you have to contribute? Are you a great salesperson, do you love to talk, do you like to organize? Whatever it is, we could use that talent on one of our committees.

I know you will be in excellent hands with your new President Lori Schefstad or as Chad calls her "Larry". I have worked with Lori on the board and known her personally for many years and I have every confidence in her. Please provide her all your support.

Thank you for your trust in me to be your president. I will always remember my time as president and how supportive everyone has been.

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

Election Committee Report

By Chad Curtis, CHAE

The 2014/2015 Elections Committee consisted of Bill Parrish, Chad Curtis, Mike Dryden, Larry McCloskey, and Corey Ryan.

One hundred fifty seven ballots were mailed out on August 1st, 2014 with a due date of August 16th, 2014. Of the 157 mailed out, 69 valid ballots were returned - a 44% participation.

On August 26th, 2014 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 4th, 2014.

The election results are as follows:

Officers – to serve a one year term:

President: Lori Schefstad, CHTP
Vice President: Kelly Montgomery
Treasurer: Nasir Naseer
Secretary: Christine Cipar

Directors – to serve a two year term:

Christina Finch
Arthur Kasper
Gordon LeBlanc

Directors – to serve a one year term:

Jack Griffith
Ed Barton

Directors continuing with the second year of their term are:

Ken Wear

Congratulations to the new officers and directors.

Please join us at the installation ceremonies to be held on September 30th, 2014 at the Caribe Royale.

Welcome New Members

Angelique Trabal, Trinet, Professional Employer Consultant

Lisa Hall,
HDG Hotels, Accounting
Sponsor: Jerry Lewicki

Lenny King
Sponsor: Diana Hull

2014 New Mid-Florida Chapter Member Sponsors

Thank you to the following for already participating in the 2014 membership contest.
Daniel N. Conti, Jr., CHAE (2 members)
Kris S. Shoemaker, CHAE, CHTP (2 members)
Michael Dryden, CHAE
Christine M. Cipar
Dr. Judy Holcomb, Ph.D., CHAE
Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP
James E. Bina, CHAE, CHTP
Joshua D. Bergen, CHAE, CHTP (3 members)
Jerry Lewicki
Susan Ferguson, CHTP
Tamara C. Flores
Steve Ware
Gayle Edwards
Ken Wear



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, September 19, 2014

To Benefit:

Camp Boggy Creek

"Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses
can just be kids!"

At:

Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Club

12:01 PM	Check-In Raffle Tickets On Sale Putting Contest Driving Range
1:00 PM	Golf Tournament Begins
6:00 PM	Dinner Awards & Acknowledgments

LIVE AUCTION - BRING YOUR BLACK CARD

If you can't attend the golf tournament, you can bid online

See www.midfloridahftp.org for details

Tournament Format: 18 - Hole Shotgun Four Person Scramble

Awards will be given for:

- 1st Place Team
- 2nd Place Team
- 3rd Place Team
- 4th Place Team
- Accurate Drive (Men/Women)
- Closest to the Pin (Men/Women)
- Highest Gross Score (Foursome)
- Putting Contest

For more information, please call:
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Don't golf, send a check to the Chapter made out to Camp Boggy Creek
It's all for the kids!

The mission of Camp Boggy Creek is to enrich the lives of children who have chronic or life-threatening illnesses by creating camping experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound. Since opening their doors on June 23, 1996, more than 40,000 children with chronic illnesses and their moms, dads, brothers and sisters have experienced the magic of Camp Boggy Creek, all at no cost to their families. Camp Boggy Creek is a magical place where creativity is inspired, spirits are uplifted and lives are changed forever.

The HFTP Mid-Florida chapter is a 501 (c) 6 organization. Contributions are tax deductible if they qualify as a business expense. Please contact your tax advisor if you need more information. All net proceeds will directly benefit Camp Boggy Creek, a not-for-profit organization, where children coping with chronic illness can just be kids!
Visit www.boggycreek.org/ to see the great work they are doing.

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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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight Jeff Hatcher



Jeff Hatcher began his career in the telecommunication industry and for nearly three decades has had the opportunity to work in a field he enjoys combining his customer service expertise and love for technology into a fulfilling career.

Technology within the hospitality industry has evolved creating more demand than ever. Jeff has been a pioneer within the convention area of multiple resort style properties, including Loew's Portifino Bay, Hard Rock Hotel, Royal Pacific, even being awarded the Loew's Legend award. Jeff has also received two separate awards from the White House Communications Agency for assisting George W. Bush and Dick Cheney before branching off to be a part of the opening team at Rosen Shingle Creek.

With over 20 year years of managerial experience, as a director Jeff has had the opportunity to groom countless employees into managers themselves, and continues to show young staff members how hard work and dedication pays off.

As an active member within his community Jeff sits on several community boards and participates in Habitat for Humanity several times throughout the year. Jeff remains a proud member of HFTP's Mid Florida Chapter for the past eight years.

Mid - Florida Board member Christine Cipar presents Jeff with the coveted HFTP-Mid-Florida padfolio and welcomes him to the chapter.



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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

Sept 4th, Thurs Board Meeting, 6 pm, Loews Royal Pacific Hotel
Sept 19th, Friday 12th Annual Golf Event, Shingle Creek
Sept 30th, Installation of Chapter Officers and Directors, Caribe Royale
Oct 7th, Board Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
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
Feb 7th, American Cancer Society, Cattle Baron's Ball, Rosen Shingle Creek

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!



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A Preview of Upcoming Events, Sponsor Opportunities, Team Building Events and Other Stuff

HFTP 2014 Leadership Summit

October 21-22, 2014

[Hyatt Regency New Orleans](#)

New Orleans, LA



Leadership Summit Mission:

The mission of this conference is to provide the leadership skills necessary to increase chapter's success and to facilitate communication between HFTP chapters, members, staff and HFTP Board of Directors. The Leadership Summit Conference allows chapter representatives to participate in motivational educational sessions and group activities to help achieve chapter goals. Contact any Board member for details.

ABOUT HFTP — Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

HFTP, Austin, Texas, USA and Maastricht, The Netherlands, founded in 1952, is the global professional association for financial and technology personnel working in hotels, clubs and other hospitality-related businesses. HFTP provides first class educational opportunities, research and publications to more than 4,500 members globally including, the premiere hospitality technology conference HITEC — founded in 1972.

HFTP also awards the only hospitality specific certifications for accounting and technology — the Certified Hospitality Accountant Executive (CHAE) and the Certified Hospitality Technology Professional (CHTP) designations.

HFTP History

HFTP's roots stem from a number of state-centered accountant associations who thought it would be beneficial if they created a national network. Through the support of both the Texas Hotel Accountants Association and the Hotel Accountants of New York, the formal organization of the National Association of Hotel Accountants was formed on October 26, 1952 in New York City at the Hotel Lexington. Today HFTP has over 4,500 members.

In order to better reflect the association's changing member demographics, the association has been known under four different names:

- The National Association of Hotel Accountants (NAHA)
- The National Association of Hotel-Motel Accountants (NAHMA)
- The International Association of Hotel Accountants (IAHA)
- Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP)

HFTP Membership

HFTP membership is available to individuals interested in the hospitality industry. Since HFTP focuses on individual professional development, membership is individually-based, not company-based. Job titles of members include controller, director of finance, CFO, IT director and more. They work for organizations like clubs, hotels, resorts, hotel management companies and other hospitality businesses.

Members of HFTP receive award-winning publications, industry research, online networking tools, chapter affiliation, online education, member pricing to HFTP conferences and events, career advancement opportunities, networking events and much more.



For more information go to: <http://www.hftp.org>



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