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Mid-Florida Chapter

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September 2015



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HFTP Mid-Florida, 42 Years of: Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

Annual Meeting -Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015

The Mid-Florida Chapter

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando

6312 Hollywood Way, Orlando, Florida

Please use the "Main Hotel Entrance", Free Self-Parking

Directions: I-4 West take exit 74B (Universal) and get in the right lane. At the traffic light turn right onto Hollywood Way. Use the main entrance and follow the road around back to the garage and park there. Location: Ocean Grand 12 Ballroom.

Installation of Chapter Officers and Board of Directors

Master of Ceremonies:

Tina Samson, CHAE, CFO Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando

Join your Association in a celebration of 42 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

*Organic Local Greens Bouquet, Hydroponic Cucumber, Carrots, Grape Tomato and Avocado Relish, Homemade Pretzel Crisp
Citrus Champagne Vinaigrette*

Entree

*Spice Rubbed Black Angus Beef & Seared Thyme Scented Salmon,
Truffle Yukon Gold Potato Gratin, Tomato Confit, Crispy Brussels sprouts,
Port Wine Demi-Glace, Lemon Chablis Reduction*

Dessert

Dark Chocolate Flourless Torte, Coconut Ice Cream in Honey Tuile, Passion Fruit Jelly & Macadamia Nut Crunch

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 Friday September 18th.

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,
HFTP Student Chapter Members \$25.00.**

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

President's Corner
By: Lori Schefstad, CHTP

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

Thank you to The Rosen Centre Hotel, for hosting the August meeting!

As I reflect on the last year and what we have been able to accomplish, it makes me eager to see how far we can go. Thank you Mid-Florida Chapter for the past year, it has been an amazing journey of continued education, exactly as it should be learning from the Greatest Chapter in the Universe! It has been my pleasure to serve as your President! I am sure under Kelly's leadership, the sky is the limit. As I ease into the Past President's club, I take solace in knowing she is the right woman for the job.

I leave you in the very best of hands, as our ballots revealed; President: Kelly Montgomery, Vice President: Nasir Naseer. Treasurer: Christine Cipar, Secretary: Jack Griffith, Directors: Dawn Shovestull, Greg Wilhelm and Jose Aybar. Rounding out our Board of Directors are Returning Directors: Christina Finch, Gordon LeBlanc and Arthur Kasper.

Registration is still open for our 13th annual golf tournament to be held at the Single Creek Golf Club, on Friday, September 11, 2015, hurry and sign up. We are looking forward to another fun event to benefit our friends at Camp Boggy Creek, "Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses can just be kids!"

Hope to see you all for the Installation of Officers, September 22nd at Loews Royal Pacific Resort and at the 2015 HFTP Annual Convention and Tradeshow, October 21 – 24 in Bellevue WA.

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

It has truly been an honor.

Respectfully,

Lori

Lori Schefstad, MCSE, CHTP
 HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Member Spotlight
Daron Sandberg, CHAE

Spotlight Member of the Month

What was initially intended as a pursuit of higher education evolved into a 23 year career in hospitality. Daron Sandberg left his home town of Poughkeepsie, NY in 1992 soon after graduating University at Buffalo with a BS in business /accounting to pursue higher education in Central Florida. Immediately attracted to Central Florida and all the excitement it had to offer, Daron abandoned the MS degree and began his career at the very lodging establishment he first stayed. From GM at Red Roof Inns, to Buena Vista Suites, the Caribe Royale where he earned his CRDE and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in Las Vegas as Hotel Manager of the opening team of Paris Las Vegas, Daron established a strong foundation in hotel operations that helped him back to Orlando in 2001 to be with his bride Susan. Wyndham Orlando Resort was the destination where after stints as Director of Front office and Director of Services, he finally found his passion in accounting as the Assistant Director of Finance. From what has become known as a rare move, Daron earned the promotion to Finance Director after eight years an understudy at the same location. During his career, Daron has had the opportunity to work in Jackson, Tupelo, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, St. Thomas USVI, Kingston JA, Nassau, Las Vegas, San Diego, Boston, Birmingham as well as Naples, West Palm Beach, Chicago, Atlanta and Quebec City. In passing on the grand tradition, his stepsons have earned positions of distinction in the Hyatt organization. Daron has served his community as a Homeowner's association board member in Hunter's Creek for 14 years, recently as President. He and his wife Susan enjoy traveling to unusual destinations, most recently Newfoundland and Taos were respites from their hectic hospitality careers. Next month's destination is Idaho for some R&R and a scenic trek to Banff National Park and Lake Louise.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board of Directors Secretary Christine Cipar presents Daron with the coveted HFTP-Mid-Florida padfolio. Daron proudly wears his CHAE pin.



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Friday, September 11, 2015

To Benefit:

Camp Boggy Creek

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

At:

Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Club

11:30 AM	Check-In Raffle Tickets On Sale Putting Contest Driving Range
1:00 PM	Golf Tournament Begins
6:00 PM	Dinner Awards & Acknowledgments Raffle Prize Distribution and Special Item Auction

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
- 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 2016

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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It's all for the kids!

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Election Committee Report

By Chad Curtis, CHAE

The 2015/2016 Elections Committee consisted of Chad Curtis, Larry McCloskey and Bill Parrish.

One hundred thirty ballots were mailed out on July 31st, 2015 with a due date of August 22nd, 2015. Of the 130 mailed out, 65 valid ballots were returned a 50% participation.

On August 25th, 2015 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 will be confirmed by the Board of Directors on September 8th, 2015.

The election results are as follows:

Officers – to serve a one year term:

President: Kelly Montgomery

Vice President: Nasir Naseer

Treasurer: Christine Cipar

Secretary: Jack Griffith

Directors – to serve a two year term:

Greg Wilhelm, CHTP, Jose Aybar CHAE, CHAE, Laurinda (Dawn) Shovestull

Directors – to serve a one year term: - None

Directors continuing with the second year of their term are:

Christina Finch, Arthur Kasper, Gordon LeBlanc, CHTP

Congratulations to the new officers and directors.

Please join us at the installation ceremonies to be held on September 22nd, 2015 at the Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando.

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2015 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2015 are \$45 Regular member, \$25 HFTP Student Chapter, \$55 all guests, Non-Members and failed to RSVP.

No Shows are invoiced.

Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with PayPal

September 8th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Harbor Room, same place as the last meeting here.

September 22th, Annual Chapter Meeting 6pm, Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando, Ocean Grand 12 Ballroom.

**And finally, the 13th Annual Chapter
Golf Event to benefit
Camp Boggy Creek
Friday September 11th
The Rosen Shingle Creek 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!

