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HFTP Mid-Florida, Over 43 Years of Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

General Meeting - Tuesday, April 26th, 2016

The Mid-Florida Chapter

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort

Bonnet Creek

14651 Chelonia Parkway

Orlando, FL 32821

Directions: From Orlando, the attractions area & I-Drive

Take I-4 West toward Tampa

Take exit 67 toward Epcot/Downtown Disney - 1.1 miles. merge onto Epcot Center Rd - 0.7 mi.

Take the first exit to Downtown Disney/Typhoon Lagoon - 0.3 miles.

At traffic light make a left onto Buena Vista Dr - 0.2 mi.

At the next light turn left onto Chelonia Pkwy - 1.1 mi.

Speaker and Program

Jesse Unruh, Attorney at Law, Jackson Lewis, PC.

Topic: "Ethics and Mindfulness in Employment Relationships."

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

Bonnet Creek Salad

English Cucumbers Tied Young Baby Greens, Heirloom Tomatoes, Candied Pecans, Sundried Cherries, Feta Cheese, White Balsamic Pomegranate Dressing

Entrée

Dr. Pepper Braised Beef Short Ribs, Green Peppercorn Demi-Glace, & Scampi Style Shrimp with Roasted Garlic and Scallion Whipped Potato Duet

Served with Chef's Farm-to-Table Vegetable Medley

Dessert

*Nutella Cheesecake Brûlée
Oreo Cookie Crust, Raspberry Cream Anglaise,
White Chocolate Powder*

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 April 22th.

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.

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President's Corner
By: Kelly Montgomery

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I would like to congratulate the winner of our membership survey contest...drum roll please...Peer Groothoff from Hard Rock International! He has won a \$200 prize for giving us valuable input to improve how our chapter can serve you, our members. We will be evaluating all of the feedback this month and hope to make some changes that will encourage more member participation in our chapter. We will let you know what you can look forward to in the coming months!

The topic of the March dinner meeting was "Lessons Learned from Recent Data Breaches and other Security Related Matters". I left this meeting with ideas on how to protect our company and our customers and what to do in the event of a data breach. I would like to thank our speaker, Daniel D. Whitehouse, Esq. and the Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel for making this a fun and interesting meeting.

We are still looking for properties to host meetings in 2016. If you are interested in hosting a meeting at your property, please contact Christina Finch at cfinch@smartprosource.com. She will love hearing from you!!

Our next meeting will be on April 26, 2016, at the Wyndham Grand Hotel. Our speaker will be Jesse Unruh, Attorney at Law from Jackson Lewis, PC. His topic will be: "Ethics and Mindfulness in Employment Relationships".

In the past, I have said "I hope to see you there!" but this month, I would like to CHALLENGE you to not only come, but bring a guest. Whether it's someone on your team or a colleague who would like to see what HFTP is all about...bring them as YOUR guest. We have implemented the ability to bring a guest free of charge for anyone who is interested in joining our chapter. We would LOVE to see more guests coming to experience the chapter and all we have to offer.

As always, we are on the look-out for speakers for our upcoming meetings. Are you aware of any speakers that would be interesting and educational for our group? Please contact Dawn Shovestull at dshovestull@pinnacleliving.com with any ideas and/or contacts.

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

Respectfully,

Kelly

Kelly Montgomery
 HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

407-923-5962 or gregorywilhelm@mindspring.com

YOUR Chapter currently has 112 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, the Annual Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek and the American Cancer Society 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. Can you help?



**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
 Member Spotlight
 Juli Barter**

Juli Barter was born and brought up in Elgin, IL a town of 65,000 people. She majored in business administration at Elgin Community College, and in 1984 took her first job as the finance manager at an Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealership. In 1991, one of the dealership owners sold his interest in the business. He just happened to be the treasurer at a local country club and offered Juli the controller's position at Elgin Country Club.

She began attending HFTP conventions, and networking quite literally changed her life. She made friends with several Florida members, one of whom became her husband – Scott Barter. At a convention she was introduced to the CFO of The Polo Club of Boca Raton. The club eventually recruited her for their controller's position and Juli moved to Florida in January 2000, a huge step both geographically and professionally. A few years later Juli was recruited by St Andrews Country Club and joined their team as Chief Financial Officer.

Ten years later, Juli reconnected with Mary Gerdts the CEO of POST Integrations who she had met through HFTP several years earlier. Mary offered Juli a new opportunity and change in career. Juli joined POST in 2010 and is currently the Director of Client Relations.

She is an active member of HFTP and has served on several HFTP committees. Juli has been a featured speaker at Global, Regional and local chapter meetings. She is a past President of the Gold Coast Chapter and past President of the Club Accountants Association of America, Chicago Chapter.

Juli currently belongs to the several HFTP chapters and is also an active member of the Hotel Technology Next Generation (HTNG).

HFTP Mid - Florida Board
 Member and Treasurer
 Christine Cipar presents Juli
 with the coveted HFTP-Mid-
 Florida Chapter of the Year
 shirt.





Sharpen your pencils, pack your note books and
get ready for some **FREE STUFF!**

Learn, Connect, Succeed

**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
2016 Summer Mini-Ed, THURSDAY**

Date: May 26th, 2016, **Location,** The Rosen College of Hospitality Management

Afternoon Presentation:

Registration 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Four great afternoon Seminars and the Cost is\$ FREE 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.

Mini -Ed, CHAE Exams and Study Group Scheduled!!

We will be having a CHAE Study group for 6 weeks being taught by Dr. Jeffrey Weinland every Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm starting March 17th - March 24th - March 31st - April 7th - April 14th - April 21st

At the Rosen School of Hospitality Management. Please contact Jeff at jeff@weinland.us to sign up and for more details.

The Exam will be on the morning of our Mini-Educational held on **Thursday** May 26th 2016 from 8am-noon. You must be approved by HFTP International before you can take the exam, go here for details: http://www.hftp.org/i/downloads/Certification_Application_and_Policies_ppt.pptx

The Mini-Educational conference will be from 1-5pm May 26th 2016, keep watching the newsletter for more information to follow. Please contact Lori Schefstad - lschefstad@cariberoyale.com or Susan Ferguson – susan.ferguson2@yahoo.com if you would like to speak or have speaker suggestions.

This e-mailed data from HFTP was sent to all Florida CHAEs

Save the Date: April 26, 2016

Calling all Florida CHAE designees! HFTP, the CHAE Certification Advisory Council and the Host Chapter - Mid-Florida invites you to a special event.

This is your chance to make an impact on the CHAE exam.

Attend the CHAE Summit in Orlando and help us review exam questions for the all new CHAE certification exam and earn CPE credit for participating.

Location:

Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek
14651 Chelonia Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32821

Time:

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST
Free Lunch will be provided

CPE:

Registered attendees will earn 8.0 CPE Credits
Please RSVP to certification@hftp.org

Robin Bogdon - HFTP Certification Manager
RSVP by April 22, 2016

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2016

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

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Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

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Jeff Fernandez 407-685-7521

Gordon LeBlanc 386-235-3875

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Cattle Baron's Ball

* Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

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2016 membership Contest

You only needed to sponsor one new member to win. Contest ends on June 30, 2016. Drawing will be held at our July, 2016 General Membership meeting. You need not be present to win. Everyone who sponsored new member last year won a great prize so can you.

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

Dinner for 2 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
Donated by: Patricia Geer, CHAE, 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 in Marcelo's Bistro or Crickets Bar & Grill at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center valued at \$75. Donated by Christine Cipar, Controller

Dinner for 2 at Harry's Poolside bar and grill located in the Rosen Centre valued at \$100. Donated by James Bina, Corporate Controller Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

Dinner for 2 at the Grand Bohemian, Orlando Florida. Donated by Tom Hull, Controller

Dinner for 2 at Nine/18 at the Villas of Grand Cypress. Donated by Barbra Bodle, Controller

\$100 gift certificate. Donated by Jason Floyd, Vice President, Global Business Development - Hospitality, Infor Global Solutions

Two \$50 certificates for dinner in 1888 at The Daytona Beach Plaza Resort and Spa. Donated by Jose Aybar, Assistant controller.

Dinner for two at the new LakeHouse Restaurant or Hemingway's with a value of \$100 excluding alcohol and gratuity at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress.
Donated by: Larry McCloskey

Dinner for 2 at the Caribe Royale Venetian Room. Donated by Lori Schefstad CHTP, Director of IS

Dinner for 2 at the Lowes Portofino Bay Mama Della's
Donated by: Kelly Montgomery, Area Director of Finance, Lowes Hotels @ Universal

\$100 gift certificate. Donated by Gordon LeBlanc, CHTP, Bright House Hospitality Specialist

Dinner for 2 at the Hilton @ WDW Andiamos (excludes alcohol)
Donated by Steven Ludwig, Director of Finance

Watch this space for Many more prizes to come.

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2016 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2016 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

April 26th, General Meeting, 6pm, Wyndham Grand Orlando
May 5th Thursday Board Meeting, 6pm, Florida Hotel & Conf. Center
May 26th, Thursday, CHAE Exam & Mini-ed, 1pm, Rosen College of Hospitality Management.
June 7th Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
June 20-23rd HITEC @ the Big Easy
June 28th, General Meeting, 6pm, Hyatt Regence Grand Cypress
July 7th, Thursday Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
July 20-23rd THE 23rd HFTP Florida Regional,
Wyndham Grand Jupiter, Jupiter Beach, FL
July 26th, General Meeting, 6pm, The B Resort & Spa
August 4th, Board Meeting, 6pm, TBA
August 30th, General Meeting, 6pm, Villas of Grand Cypress
September 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
September 27th, Chapter Annual Meeting & Directors Installation, 6pm, TBD
October 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
October 7, Fri. 11:30am check-in, 14th Annual Golf Event, Celebration Golf Club
October 19th-22nd, HFTP Annual Lost Wages NV
October 25th, General Meeting, 6pm, Buena Vista Palace

For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:

www.midfloridahftp.org

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**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, October 7, 2016 1:00 pm, Check-in 11:30 am**



To Benefit: **Camp Boggy Creek**

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

At:

Celebration Golf Club

For tournament reservation, please complete this form and return it with payment **made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida** no later than **Friday, September 30, 2016** to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Full Name	Daytime Phone
Address	Cell Phone
Address	State / Zip
City	E-Mail Address

Please provide the names of the other players in your party. Use a separate form for five or more players.

Player #2	Player #4
Player #3	

Each \$125 Single Entry Fee or \$450 for a foursome (inclusive of applicable taxes and fees) for the HFTP Charity Golf Tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a box lunch before, an awards ceremony dinner afterwards and free beverages on the course (limited to donated product).

Number of Single Entrants	x \$125 =	\$
Number of Foursomes	x \$450 =	\$
Number of Boggy Packages *	x \$50 =	\$
Number of Raffle Packages **	x \$35 =	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT		\$

* Includes two "Boggys", one Sand Throw & entry in the Hole-in-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, Longest Drive competitions and **one Raffle Package**. Limit one Boggy Package per player.

** Includes one of each color raffle tickets Red, White and Blue.

Proper golf attire is required at all times and only recognized golf apparel will be permitted on the golf course. Only soft spikes are permitted on the golf course, practice green and range.

For more information, please call: Jack Griffith at 321.303.0307

Jack.griffith@centerplate.com

Or visit www.midfloridahftp.org

Golf Registration Form

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.





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Sponsor Registration Form

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At:

Celebration Golf Club

YOU CAN BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR:

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf cart/scorecard and on tournament literature.
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- 1/2 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and listing on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Gold Sponsor \$1,500

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf cart/scorecard and on tournament literature.
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- 1/4 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- Includes two complimentary golf entries.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf cart/scorecard and on tournament literature.
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750 – LIMITED AVAILABILITY

- Company name on beverage cart
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Golf Hole Sponsor \$300

- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

To secure your corporate sponsorship in the tournament, please complete this form and return it with payment **made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida** no later than **Friday, September 30, 2016** to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Company Name	Company Contact		
Daytime Phone	E-Mail Address		
Level of Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum <input type="checkbox"/> Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Hole	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Cart		

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