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Mid-Florida Chapter

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

General Joint Meeting - Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016

The Mid-Florida Chapters:

Institute of Management Accountants and

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando, Downtown

60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando, Florida

From the North/South:

From I-95 North or South to I-4 West to Exit 84 (Ivanhoe Blvd). Make a right turn at the end of the exit ramp. Merge to the far left lane & turn left onto South Ivanhoe. The hotel is on the immediate right.

From I-4 West

Take I-4 West to Exit 84 (Ivanhoe Boulevard/Colonial Drive). Keep right and follow the signs for Ivanhoe Blvd. Keep right at the fork and merge onto SW Ivanhoe Blvd. Turn left onto S. Ivanhoe Blvd and hotel will be on the right.

From I-4 East

Take I-4 East to Exit 85 (Princeton Street). Turn Right onto Princeton Street. Turn right onto N. Orange Avenue. Take slight right onto S. Ivanhoe Blvd and hotel will be on the left.

Hotel self park \$12.00+, valet \$19.00+ or parking in the street is free.

Speaker and Program

Dr. Jeffery Reinking

Instructor UCF Dixon School of Accounting.

Topic: "Performance Measurement Systems: The Means to an End?"

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

*Baby Spinach Salad with Goat Cheese Crumbles, Sliced Pears
and Candied Walnuts with a Raspberry Vinaigrette*

Entrée

*Filet of Mahi Mahi with a Key Lime Buerre Blanc Sauce
Blended Rice Medley and Seasonal Vegetables*

Dessert

Black Tie Chocolate Mousse Cake with White Chocolate Drizzle

**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 February 19th.

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.

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

President's Corner
By: Kelly Montgomery

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came out to the Hard Rock Hotel for our first general dinner meeting of 2016. Kelly Klatt, CPP and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Security Solutions did an outstanding job of reminding us what to look for to keep our assets (money, property and team members) safe and secure. The Hard Rock team did themselves proud with excellent food and wine and a great venue with a "rockin" vibe!

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 February 23, 2016, at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown. Our speaker will be Jeff Reinking, Ph.D., Instructor at UCF Dixon School of Accounting. His topic will be: Performance Measurement Systems: The Means to an End? I hope to see you there!

We are also on the look-out for speakers for our upcoming meetings. We have contacted various speakers' bureaus to identify interesting speakers and topics, but we would love to get suggestions from you. Are you aware of any speakers that would be interesting and educational for our group?

Please contact Dawn Shovestull at dshovestull@flmorlando.com with any ideas and/or contacts.

We will be sending out our annual survey shortly, so we can get your feedback on how to make this chapter better suit your needs. I hear there will be a drawing for a fabulous prize for the participants! Please participate, so we can continue to make this Chapter the "best in the Universe" and provide a forum for you to learn, connect and grow in your career path.

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

The CFHLA's Bacchus Bash 2016
60 Volunteers needed

Benefiting the CFHLA Educational Trust Fund for hospitality student scholarships and hospitality school grants.

Bacchus Bash Friday, April 1, 2016
Orlando Premium Outlets 5pm - 10pm
HFTP Volunteer Information

Shifts run: 3:30pm – 7:00pm or 7:00pm – 10:00pm,
First Shift Check-in time: 3:00pm

Larry McCloskey, CHAE will be contacting YOU to
volunteer for this event.

We need to have Chapter Member support!!

This is the 30th Year of HFTP Mid-Florida
Chapter Support for this event.

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

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YOUR Chapter currently has 118 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
Jeff Weinland

Jeffrey T. Weinland PhD, CHA, CHE, CHAE

Jeff Weinland is an accomplished hotelier, educator, consultant and entrepreneur. He currently serves as a faculty member at the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management, as well as President of the FantasyWorld Resort in Kissimmee, Florida.

Jeff joined the HFTP back in the days when our organization was still named IAHA, the International Association of Hospitality Accountants. He credits much of his professional success within the hospitality industry to the relationships he has formed through HFTP. His first company, Night Auditors of America, was well supported by our local chapter and Jeff has high hopes that the chapter members will welcome his successor, Dennis Levy, who purchased the company last fall. Jeff's largest venture, Mystery Shoppers Inc., was developed at the request of several fellow members of the Mid-Florida chapter of HFTP and grew through connections throughout many HFTP members around the United States. Jeff sold the Mystery Shoppers contracts in 2014.

In his current role as a faculty member at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management, Jeff is working to prepare the next generation of hospitality industry leaders. He is a founding member of the Rosen College Hospitality Accounting Lab, which provides one on one tutoring for students and is striving to re-establish the student chapter of HFTP at the Rosen College.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board Board Member and Treasurer Christine Cipar presents Jeff with the coveted HFTP-Mid-Florida padfolio.



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The 2016 Membership Contest has begun,
IT'S HUGE!!!

You only need 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.

Thank you sponsors, for your generosity and ongoing
 support of the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter.
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Welcome New Members

Karen Crowell, Asst. Controller
Lakeside Operating Partnership,
LP

Dennis Levy, CEO Night
Auditors of America, LLC

Eduard Torres, Sr. Director of IT
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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

February 4th, Thursday, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 February 23rd, JOINT General Meeting with IMA, 6pm, DoubleTree by Hilton
 Orlando, Downtown
 March 8th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 March 29th, General Meeting, 6pm, Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel
 April 1st, Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets
 April 5th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 April 26th, General Meeting, 6pm, TBA
 May 5th Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
 May 24th, Mini-ed, 1pm, TBA
 July 20-23rd THE 23rd HFTP Florida Regional,
 Wyndham Grand Jupiter, Jupiter Beach, FL

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www.midfloridahftp.org

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