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Hospitality Financial and
Technology Professionals

Mid-Florida Chapter

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

General Meeting-Tuesday, January 26th, 2016

The Mid-Florida Chapter, Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Hard Rock Hotel At Universal Orlando Resort

Directions: The hotel is located on Universal Boulevard near the entrance of Universal Orlando Resort. From Orlando take I-4 West. Take exit 75B, merge onto Kirkman Road. Turn left onto Vineland Road. Turn Left onto Universal Boulevard and the Hotel is on your right. You will meet at the Avalon I and II.
Parking Fee: Self Park Complimentary, Valet \$19.00.

Speaker and Program

Kelly S. Klatt, CPP

**Area Director of Safety and Security for the Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando and
CEO of Center for Security Solutions, Inc.**

Topic: "Security...your partner in protecting company assets through fraud detection"

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

*Salad, Field Greens, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Carrots
White Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch*

Entrée

*Roasted Herb Chicken and Seared Local Catch
Yukon Gold Potato Mash, Gilled Broccoli, Red Wine Demi Glaze and Lemon Butter*

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse Dome, Vanilla Bean Cream Brule and Strawberry Shortcake Shooter

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 January 22nd.

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,
 Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed some time off and is now ready to have an AWESOME 2016. For those of you that missed it, a group of us went to the Escape Game Orlando on December 15, 2015 and we had the BEST time! It was such an interactive experience and I highly recommend it, if you are looking for a team outing. I would like to thank our sponsors at **PAS** and **Infor** once again for enabling us to have this special event!

It's not too late to sign up for the prepaid meal plan and don't forget to enter your CPE credits in the Global Website. If you attended all of the meetings in 2015, you earned a whopping 21.8 CPE points! 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 January 26, 2016, at the Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando. Our speaker will be Kelly Klatt, CPP and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Security Solutions. He will be speaking on keeping our hotels safe and what to look for to prevent fraud. 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.

In January, we will be asking for your feedback in our annual survey, so we can publish our Chapter Management Plan to establish our goals for the coming year. 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

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**

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YOUR Chapter currently has 130 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?

WHY JOIN

The Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals?

HFTP provides members with invaluable benefits and opportunities, equipping individuals with extraordinary tools and resources needed for success. Your success is our goal.

Access the HFTP Global Network

Chapters: Get involved with your local HFTP chapter. Attend meetings to connect with other professionals in your area and invest in yourself with education opportunities.

ProLinks Webinars: Get free education online and continuing education credit by attending HFTP webinars.

Marketing Opportunities: With HFTP's exclusive advertising and sponsorship opportunities, your company can increase awareness and exposure among your finance and technology customers.

Utilize Resources

HFTP Publications: From the award-winning newsletter The Bottomline to e-newsletter Infoline, HFTP publications deliver the latest in hospitality industry news and trends.

Industry News and Information: HFTP.org keeps members up to the minute with the most current information and news that affect the hospitality finance and technology industry.

Career Center: HFTP brings together employers and job seekers with a central career center for the entire industry.

Industry Research: With the HFTP Research Institute, members have free access to a wealth of knowledge and information from graduate studies and experts with years of experience in hospitality.

Advance Your Career

HFTP Certification Programs: HFTP awards the only hospitality-specific industry certifications for accounting and technology. The CHAE and CHTP designations can take your career to the next level.

Professional Development Seminars: Throughout the year, HFTP offers smaller conferences designed to focus on a specific area of education for hospitality finance and technology.

Attend Industry-Leading Events

HITEC: HFTP provides the world's source for hospitality technology, with an unbeatable education program and exposition that connect professionals with the latest high-tech innovations.

HFTP Annual Convention & Tradeshow: Catch up on the latest topics in the industry through your tailor-made education program and build relationships with vendors on the tradeshow floor.

**Join your peers in the Hospitality Industry.
 Have some fun and meet some great people!**

HFTP Mid-Florida and You

Leadership

Your chapter provides you a vehicle to grow in your personal and professional life through serving on chapter committees and the Board of Directors. Learn how to run a small business and lead the greatest HFTP chapter in the Universe. You will learn public speaking skills and gain confidence in your expertise.

You can get the opportunity to develop and execute chapter programs developing valuable leadership skills.

Scholarship

Your chapter provides the HFTP CHAE and CHTP reviews and the testing for those two HFTP certifications in accounting and technology. We need you to help yourself and get certified. This should be a normal progression in your professional career.

Your Chapter also provides Continuing Professional Education seminars at the General Meetings and Mini-Education events.

Participation

Your chapter provides a chance for you to give back to your community by assisting at the CFH&LA's Bacchus Bash, the American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball and the chapter golf event to benefit the kids at Camp Boggy Creek. Don't shy away, the chapter needs your time and talent. It also gives you the unique opportunity for chapter leadership at these events being part of the solution.

Service

Your chapter provides the avenue for you to give of yourself in serving your fellow members and your community. We encourage you to get involved in your Mid-Florida HFTP Chapter. We need places to hold the monthly general membership meetings. We need our members to support the chapter events by supplying prizes and helping make these events successful. We need speakers for the General Meetings and the Mini-Educational.

Your chapter needs you to join the fun in serving others and gaining the satisfaction of personal growth through leadership, scholarship, participation and service.

Embrace the vision, join the fun!

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Responsibilities

1. **S**erve on the Board of Directors or as an officer, if asked.
2. **U**tilize HFTP, participate in regional and international activities as often as possible.
3. **P**articipate by attending Chapter meetings regularly.
4. **P**rovide ideas on speakers, prizes for events and projects and host meetings.
5. **O**ffer to serve on a committee or otherwise volunteer your time and talents.
6. **R**eceive the honor of certification.
7. **T**o always maintain a professional decorum, be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

HFTP is an association of diverse individuals focused on the financial and technological aspects of the hospitality industry. It can only succeed through your contribution of time, talent and effort. The rewards of this type of volunteerism will be evident through your own personal and professional growth.

We need your SUPPORT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2016

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

* Denotes Chair or Co-chairs

Education – Mini Ed Conf.

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* Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

Nominations

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Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827

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* The Board

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Jose Aybar 407-535-6125

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[CFH&LA Ex-Officio Board Member](#)

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Bacchus Bash

* Larry McCloskey 407-947-7140

* Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

Nasir Naseer 407-387-0242

Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

* Jack Griffith 407-685-7520

Jeff Fernandez 407-685-7521

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Cattle Baron's Ball

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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.
 The greatest HFTP chapter in the universe!

Welcome New Members

David Deskins, Director of Finance,
 DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance of Universal

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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

January 7th, Thursday Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 January 26th, General Meeting, 6pm, Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando
 February 4th, Thursday, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 February 23rd, JOINT General Meeting with IMA, 6pm, TBA
 March 8th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 March 29th, General Meeting, 6pm, TBA
 April 1st, Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets
 April 5th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC.
 April 26th, General Meeting, 6pm, TBA
 July 20-23rd THE 23rd HFTP Florida Regional,
 Wyndham Grand Jupiter, Jupiter Beach, FL

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!

