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Mid-Florida Chapter

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General Meeting -Tuesday, March 29th, 2016

The Mid-Florida Chapter

Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel

5445 Forbes Place

Directions: The Hotel is located One mile north of the airport. From the airport take Semoran Blvd to Frontage Road, turn left onto Frontage turn right on Forbes.

Location: Normandy B

Speaker and Program

Daniel Whitehouse, Esq.

Attorney at Law, Whitehouse & Cooper, PLLC.

Topic: "Lessons learned from recent data breaches and other security-related matters."

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

House Salad with Artisan Bread

Entrée

***Chicken Breast Stuffed with Spinach, Prosciutto, Mushrooms and Buffalo Mozzarella
Chef's Seasonal Vegetables***

Dessert

Chef's Selection

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 March 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,
HFTP Student Chapter Members \$25.00.**

[Use the express registration line at the meeting, PAYPAL is available on the web-site.](#)

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 more information, please call: Jack Griffith at 321.303.0307

Jack.griffith@centerplate.com



President's Corner

By: Kelly Montgomery

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

I am so sorry that I missed our February joint meeting with the Mid-Florida Chapter of the IMA meeting ...work travel prevented me from being there. I know that we all have work and personal commitments that can get in the way of our professional growth, but I would love to see more of you attend our meetings on a regular basis! That is why the Board of Directors has requested a survey which will be sent from Victoria Schaefer at the HFTP Global office. She is the Chapter Relations Coordinator, and has agreed to send out the survey and monitor the results, to preserve your anonymity. In order to encourage more members (and past members) to send us the feedback we need to improve our chapter, we decided to offer a reward. If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a drawing to win a \$200 gift card. Please look for the survey, give us your honest feedback and we will let you know if you are the grand prize winner when we compile and communicate the results!

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 March 29, 2016, at the Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel. Our speaker will be Daniel D. Whitehouse, Esq. from Whitehouse-Cooper, PLLC. His topic will be: "Lessons learned from recent data breaches and other security-related matters." I hope to see you there!

We are also VERY FORTUNATE to be able to offer a CHAE review at the Rosen School of Hospitality beginning on March 17, 2016, every Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm through April 21, 2016. That is SIX two hour sessions to help you get ready to take and pass the CHAE exam. Then on May 24, 2016, we will be hosting the CHAE exams as part of our mini-ed. Thank you to Jeff Weinland for assisting us with this important initiative! Get those applications in so you can join us to take this exam and add an important hospitality professional designation to your title.

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.

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
David Branson, CMA, CHAE**

David Branson's professional career has included service in public accounting, retail-ready to wear apparel, community and commercial real estate development and, for the recent twenty-plus years, the intersection of real estate and hospitality – the shared ownership and leisure lifestyle resort industry, which includes service with Hilton Grand Vacations, Marriott Vacations Worldwide, Starwood Vacation Ownership, Four Seasons, and Banyan Tree.

David has served in leadership roles which were responsible for all accounting services; analysis and reporting of operational and financial results; and budgeting for construction, marketing, sales, resort operations and corporate activities; regulatory filing and compliance of domestic and international properties and collaboration in over \$400 million in receivable securitizations, over \$200 million of construction loans, and the acquisition and divestiture of business units and resorts.

At present, David is providing financial and administration consulting services to a developer of a new concept in hospitality real estate; a brand of luxury motorcoach resorts.

David has been a member of the Institute of Management Accountants since 1976; continues to serve in local, regional and national leadership positions and is an instructor of review classes for the Certified Management Accountant program.

David joined HFTP in 2000, has served on the Board of the Mid Florida Chapter and was honored to earn the recognition of CHAE of the Year in 2001.

David holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida International University and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Economics from the University of Central Florida; and serves the parish of St. Francis of Assisi as a Lector and in other ministries.

David and his wonderful wife, Cheryl, are celebrating their fortieth anniversary this year and cherish their three daughters and two grand-children.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board
Member and Treasurer
Christine Cipar presents David
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**

Date: May 24th, 2016, Location TBA

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.

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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It's all for the kids!

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Cattle Baron's Ball

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**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**

**Contact: Larry McCloskey, CHAE
elmorl@icloud.com**

**Or Michael Dryden, CHAE
Michael.Dryden@Hilton.com**

Chose your shift preference (second shift has the greatest need) and give them your tee shirt size.

**We need to have
Chapter Member support!!**

**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. 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 May 24th 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 24th 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.



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

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, Wyndham Grand Orlando

May 5th Thursday Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC

May 24th, CHAE Exam & Mini-ed, 1pm, Rosen College, Tent.

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

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

www.midfloridahftp.org

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**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
BOARD APPROVED CHAPTER BUDGET
For the Year Ended 10/31/16**

	2016
PROGRAM REVENUE	
Regular Membership Meetings-Educational	17,170
Regular Membership Meetings-Social	1,125
Charity Fund Raiser	23,600
Educational Seminars	2,920
Newsletter/Website	1,500
Other Program Services	0
Total program revenue	46,315
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Regular Membership Meetings-Educational	18,531
Regular Membership Meetings-Social	2,000
Charity Fund Raiser	23,800
Educational Seminars	6,600
Newsletter/Website	3,640
Other Program Services	1,000
Total program expenses	55,571
Excess (deficiency) of program revenues over program expenses before other revenues and expenses	(9,256)
OTHER GENERAL REVENUES (EXPENSE)	
International subsidy	3,500
International stipend	4,900
Interest income	0
Governance and Administration	(7,226)
Membership Marketing	(3,256)
Taxes	(61)
Total other	(2,143)
Results of operations before other changes in fund	(11,399)
FUND BALANCE(DEFICIT)	
Beginning 10/31/15	33,571
Ending 10/31/16	22,172