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Mid-Florida Chapter

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HFTP Mid-Florida, Over 45 Years of Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

**“To lead and advance the hospitality profession
by providing a forum for continuous learning and knowledge sharing”.**

Joint General Meeting -Tuesday, February 21st, 2017

The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Mid-Florida Chapter of the IMA

The Castle Hotel

8629 International Drive, Orlando, FL.

Directions: From Orlando, Take I-4 West (towards Tampa) take exit 74A to Sand Lake Road. Make a left on Sand Lake Road. Follow Sand Lake Road east to International Drive. Turn right on International Drive. Turn left and proceed to International Drive. Turn right and follow International Drive to Austrian Row. Turn left to the hotel.

Speaker and Program

Dr. Darryl E. Allen

Kenneth G. Dixon Graduate School of Business, University of Central Florida:

“A Study of Cash Flow”

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

Butler Passed Hors d' oeuvres during cocktail hour

Coconut Shrimp with Orange Glaze

Roast Beef Empanadas

You may come early if you wish to spend more time networking.

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Starter

Lolla Rossa, Frisee, Tanga, Shaved Fennel, Strawberries, Pink Peppercorn Dressing

Entrée

Grilled Skirt Steak with Chimichurri, Yellow Rice and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Salted Caramel Cheesecake

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 17th.

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: Nasir Naseer**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members, greetings.

Our last meeting was on January 24, 2017, at the Wyndham Resort on International Drive. Our speaker was Annetta Wilson who is a former news anchor and TV personality. Ms. Wilson was absolutely amazing, interactive and engaging during her presentation and coaching session!

On February 21st, we will have our annual joint meeting with the IMA (Institute of Management Accountants). This is an opportunity to network with fellow financial professionals and benefit from an educational topic relevant to both organizations. Our speaker for that evening is Dr. Darryl Allen. He teaches advanced managerial accounting in the Kenneth G. Dixon Graduate School of Business at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Allen will be presenting on "A Study of Cash Flow".

The March meeting will be held on the 28th at the Doubletree by Hilton in downtown Orlando where our speaker will be Ms. Juli Barter from "Post Integrations".

Also in March we kick into our community support season with the Bacchus Bash on Friday, March 31st, please mark your calendars and plan to join your fellow members at this food & fun event and make a difference in your community by volunteering a few hours of your time. To sign up for a 3 hour volunteer shift please reach out to Larry McCloskey, Michael Dryden or send me an e-mail.

On April 20th, (It's a Thursday meeting) our semi-annual Mini- Educational Conference will be held at The Plaza Hotel at Daytona Beach. Just stay tuned for further details about this "can't-miss" event that will offer multiple CPE opportunities at no cost plus a lot of fun and networking with the Hotel & Lodging Association of Volusia County. Susan & Lori are diligently working on the get us speakers that will interest and attract you to come to the Plaza Hotel at Daytona Beach and if you like to spend the night at the resort we have been offered a special rate as well. Just call the hotel @ (386) 255-4471 and ask for the HFTP rate.

We are also on the look-out for speakers for our other upcoming meetings. We have contacted various Speaker bureaus to identify interesting speakers and topics, but we would love to get suggestions from you. Because after all it is "**Your Chapter**" and your ideas and suggestions are always needed to make Mid-Florida, the best chapter in the HFTP universe.

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

Sincerely,



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President

**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight****Randy Andersen****Staff Accountant, Rosen Hotels & Resorts**

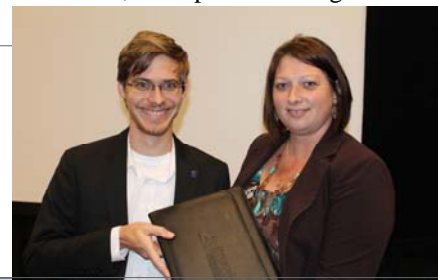
Randy N. Andersen Jr. has been in the Hospitality Industry for just over 5 years. He graduated from The Gator Nation in 2011 with a Bachelors in Finance. Out of college he joined the Rosen Hotels and Resorts Purchasing Department as a temp. He quickly proved himself and was hired on full time. Within two years he transitioned to the Finance Department where his main responsibility is to analyze the cost of goods sold for two Spas, two Gift Shops and a Pro Shop within Rosen Hotels and Resorts. Within a year of joining the Finance Department, he automated 16 Excel month end reports for the Cost Control team, removing the need to enter data into Excel from the printed Profit and Loss Statements.

With this love for Excel he has undertaken the role of Excel assistant for all of Finance. He also enjoys assisting with new IT projects ranging from report creation within Infor to assisting departments using SQL to gather data for custom reports.

Randy joined HFTP last year.

Outside of hotel accounting Randy enjoys woodworking, building model cars and using Auto Cad. His last woodworking project was the creation of an octagonal poker table. He has a nice collection of the model cars he has constructed while at the University of Florida. His current project is designing a house in Gainesville for his father and plans to have the house completed by the end of the year. Soon after, he hopes to break ground on his home here in Orlando.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board Member and Vice-President Christine Cipar presents Randy with the coveted HFTP Mid-Florida Padfolio at the last Chapter General meeting.

**2017 membership Contest**

You only need to sponsor one new member to win. Contest ends on June 30, 2017. Drawing will be held at our July, 2017 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, Director of Finance.

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 Josephine Baltar, Director of Finance

\$100 cash prize, Donated by Don Hay, President, Digital Alchemy, LLC

Dinner for 2 at Harry's Poolside bar and grill located in the Rosen Centre valued at \$100

Donated by James Bina, President, Millennium Technology Group / Corp
Controller Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

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

3 days 2 nights at the Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive
Donated by Daron Sandberg, Director of Finance

Dinner for 2 at Wyndham Bonnet Creek's Deep Blu a \$150 value
Donated by Susan Black, Director of Finance

\$100 certificate
Donated by Gayle Edwards, managing director PAS

Watch this space for Many more prizes to come.

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HFTP MID-FLORIDA SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly General meetings: Normally the last Tuesday of the month.

Location: Various hotel, club, resort and other hospitality venues.

Format: A monthly dinner meeting setting with one 50 minute session.

Mini-Educational Conference: Spring and Fall, the last Tuesday of the month.

Mini-Ed Format: A half day event with three or four 50 minute speaking sessions starting in the afternoon and ending at 6:00 pm then dinner and a final 50 minute session.

Audience: Attendees are technology and financial professionals from all disciplines of the hospitality industry. Professionals employed by hotels, hotel management companies, clubs, resorts, convention centers, restaurants, and other related businesses attend these events. The average meeting attendance is 60+ members.

Topics

All submitted information must be non-proprietary and educational in nature, not sales or product specific.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals, including, but not limited to these suggestions:

- **Disaster Preparation and Recovery**
- **Controller's Year-End Survival Guide**
- **Audit Insights, Accounting/Audit Updates**
- **Tax Updates, all types**
- **Network Security, Operational Reviews, Revenue Management, Internal Controls & Audits**
- **Guestroom Technology, Property Management Tools**
- **Business Intelligence**
- **Leadership Skills, Ethics**
- **Emerging Technology and Trends**
- **Club Related Topics and Trends**
- **Ethics**

Speakers/Topic Selection

Submissions are kept on file for consideration for at least one year and an HFTP Mid-Florida committee member will contact you if your submission is selected. For more information on the status of your submission, please contact the Education/Programs Committee Chairperson Gordon LeBlanc at 386-235-3875 or e-mail to:

Gordon.leblanc@charter.com

Presenters for educational meetings/conferences are generally from the hospitality industry and are known to be well versed in the selected topic. Topics are selected based on current industry focus.

Submitting information does not guarantee you an opportunity to present.

Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!
Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP**
407-923-5962 or gregorywilhelm@mindspring.com

Welcome New Members
Steven Fischer, CBIZ

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2017

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

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Bacchus Bash

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* Larry McCloskey 407-947-7140

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Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

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Cattle Baron's Ball

* Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

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Sharpen your pencils, pack your note books and get ready for some

FREE STUFF!



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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2017 Spring Mini-Ed

**Date: Thursday April 20, 2017
at the Daytona Beach Plaza Hotel**

Afternoon Presentations:

Registration 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

**Four great afternoon Seminars and the Cost is ...\$
FREE, zip, zero, nada for 4 CPE credits.**

Reception Cash Bar: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Seminar 1 CPE

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.

Interested in sponsoring a break, please contact:

[Lori Schefstad](#), or [Susan Ferguson](#)

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2017 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2017 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 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, O'Charley's
February 21st, General Meeting, 6pm, Kessler Castle, Joint Meeting with IMA
March 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
March 28th, General Meeting, 6pm, DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown
March 31st Bacchus Bash, details to follow. We need Volunteers!!
April 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
April 20th, Spring Mini-Ed, Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach
May 4th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
May 23rd, General Meeting, Omni ChampionsGate

October 25-28th, 2017 HFTP Annual Orlando, FL



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