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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”.

General Meeting -Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando, Downtown

60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando, Florida

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 \$12.78, valet \$18.10 or parking in the street is free.

Speaker and Program

Juli Barter, Director of Client Relations, POST Integrations, Inc.

“EMV 101”

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

Mixed Greens with Strawberry, Blueberries, Candied Pecans and Crumbled Goat Cheese

Entrée

Petite Filet with a Demi Glaze Balsamic Drizzle

Jumbo Shrimp with a Tomato Beurre Blanc

Yukon Mashed Potatoes and Haricot Verts

Dessert

Mile High Key Lime Pie

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 24th.

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.

The 15th Annual Chapter Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek

Will be held Friday September, 29th 2017 at Rosen Shingle Creek.

For sponsor information contact Jack Griffith 407-685-7520 Or

jack.griffith@centerplate.com **It's all for the kids!**

President's Corner**By: Nasir Naseer**

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members, Greetings!!

For those of you who could not make it to the February meeting, let me tell you "you missed an opportunity to see The Castle Hotel, enjoy the amazing food the culinary team of the Hotel served and best of all a very interesting and interactive educational session with Dr. Daryl Allen of UCF School of Managerial Accounting. Dr. Allen was absolutely amazing, engaging and at times entertaining during his presentation and a class room style session!

March meeting will be held on the 28th of March at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Orlando Downtown and our speaker will be Ms. Juli Barter from Post Integrations. See the Newsletter for further details.

We already have kicked into our community support season with the Bacchus Bash on Friday, March 31st. 2017. Larry and I have been to the planning committee meetings with CFHLA and it seems like that this year's event is shaping up to be a bigger and better than ever event. 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 to get us speakers that will interest and attract you to come to The Plaza Hotel at Daytona Beach. 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.

2017 membership Contest - Did you know that, 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. Believe me, everyone who sponsored new member last year won a great prize, so can you!

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,

Nasir

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight
Susan Black, Director of Finance
Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek

Susan Black began her hospitality career over 20 years ago as the Front Desk Manager of a small full service hotel quickly working her way up through operations to the position of Director of Rooms.

After returning to school to obtain her accounting degree, Susan made the move to hotel accounting as an Assistant Controller with Interstate Hotels. She quickly proved herself capable and relocated to Cleveland Ohio to become a Controller of the Radisson Airport Hotel.

However, Susan didn't feel challenged in the centralized accounting environment and went to work for Ritz Carlton as an Assistant Director of Finance in a decentralized accounting environment. Two years later, she accepted the Director of Finance position with Wyndham PlayhouseSquare.

In 2011, Susan was offered the opportunity to move to Orlando FL to open the first fully owned Wyndham Hotel, the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek.

Susan has been recognized for the training and development that she has done with her staff and is often looked upon to assist with training new DOF's for Wyndham Hotel Group. She is often called upon for special projects by Wyndham, including reviewing and updating the Finance SOP's, implementation of p-cards for the hotel group and supported the pre-opening phase of the newest Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach.

Susan has been married to Jeff for eight years and their blended family includes two grown children and eight fish. Susan's hobbies include exercise such as hiking and bike riding (both bicycle and motorcycle) and loves all things science fiction.

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



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

Welcome New Members

Charles Martini, Controller, Country Club of Orlando

MEMBERSHIP

RENEW NOW

RECRUIT NOW

CFHLA's 39th Annual Bacchus Bash 2017 60 Volunteers needed

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

**Bacchus Bash Friday, March 31st, 2017
Orlando Vineland 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!!

What we may have is a failure to communicate

I have noted that some of our members are failing to keep their contact data updated on the HFTP web-site.

What this means to you is that anyone trying to contact you through the member lookup at HFTP will not reach you.

Also, you will not received the award winning chapter newsletter if your address is wrong and you will not receive the chapter electric news if your e-mail data is stale or incorrect.

It is easy to do. First go to hftp.org log in

Click on, My Account, then click My Info and make the changes.

Good luck. If you have trouble contact HFTP at: membership@hftp.org

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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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Gordon LeBlanc 386-235-3875

Cattle Baron's Ball

* Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

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\$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 I-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

Dinner for 2 at The Club Restaurant at the Villas of Grand Cypress. Includes tax, gratuity and non alcoholic beverages. Donated by Barbra Bodle, Controller

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

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 the Sapphire Falls Resort Strong Water Tavern

Donated by: Kelly Montgomery, Controller - Lowes Hotels at Universal Orlando

A \$100 Dinner certificate for two in Andiamos (excluding gratuities), in the Hilton At Walt Disney World

Donated by: Stephan Ludwig, Director of Finance

Watch this space for Many more prizes to come.

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

FREE STUFF!



Learn, Connect, Succeed

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 2017 Spring Mini-Ed

Date: Thursday April 20, 2017

at The Plaza Grand Resort & Spa, Daytona Beach

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 \$45.00, Students \$25.00: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

- March 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
- March 28th, General Meeting, 6pm, DoubleTree by Hilton Downtown
- March 31st Bacchus Bash, Orlando Premium Outlets, 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
- June 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
- June 27th, General Meeting, Caribe Royale Orlando

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



For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:
www.midfloridahftp.org

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**The Lodging & Hospitality Association of Volusia County
Along with
Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals
MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER**



**Invite you to a
Mini-Educational Conference which is Free
Dinner is \$45.00, Students \$25.00
Thursday April 20th, 2017**

**The Plaza Grand Resort & Spa
600 North Atlantic Ave.,
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118**

If you like to spend a night or two at the resort we have been offered a special rate, just call the hotel @ (386) 255-4471 and ask for the HFTP rate. Arriving on April 19th, April 20th checking out the 21st.

The rates are as follows:

Plaza View: \$95.00

Ocean View - \$105.00

Ocean Front - \$125.00

Tentative Schedule of Events

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| 12:30pm – 1:00pm | Registration |
| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Andre Bazemore
Cyber Security
Topic: IT Data Breaches, You know there is a breach. How to find it and how to fix it. The Secret Service shows you how they get the bad guy. |
| 2:15pm – 3:00pm | Students at Bethune - Cookman University, Hospitality Management
Topic: Student research project “To Assess the Impact of the Daytona 500” The Students will talk about their involvement in conducting the research and analyzing the data. |
| 3:15pm – 4:00pm | Andrea White McNeil
Assistant Professor at Bethune - Cookman University
The Hospitality Management program at B-CU and the inclusion of Accounting and Information Technology. |
| 4:15pm – 5:00pm | Dave Reid – VP of Operations for World of Beer
Topic – Millennials, How they are different from other generations, What they are looking for from their employer and how and why you should hire them. |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | Cash Bar Reception and Hors d'oeuvres |
| 6:00pm – 6:30pm | Nasir Nassir – HFTP - Welcome and Introductions
Bob Davis – LHAVC - Volusia County Update |
| 6:30pm – 7:30pm | Dinner |
| 7:30pm – 7:45pm | Chapter Business |