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Mid-Florida Chapter

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April 2017



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

Mini-Educational Conference, Thursday, April 20th, 2017

The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Plaza Grand Resort & Spa

600 North Atlantic Ave.,

Daytona Beach, Florida 32118

From Orlando: Take Interstate 4 east toward Daytona Beach. Follow I-4 to the US 92 E/International Speedway exit - exit 261. Take exit 261 toward Deland/Daytona Beach. Merge onto US-92 E toward Daytona Beach / Airport. Cross the bridge to A1A, turn left on A1A and go north approximately 1.0 miles and Plaza Resort & Spa is on your right side. Free parking in the North lot, passed Seabreeze on the right.

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

Schedule of Events (All Afternoon Sessions are FREE)

Thursday, April 20th

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm **Mini-ed Registration**

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm **“Cyber Security, Data Breaches” Andrew Bazemore**

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm **“Assessing the Impact of the Daytona 500” Students at Bethune Cookman University, Hospitality Management, Dr. Desmond Brown and Dr. Andrea White-McNeil**

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm **“The Hospitality Management program at B-CU” Dr. Deanne Williams-Bryant, Dean of the Bob Billingslea School of Hospitality Management.**

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm **Break**

3:15 pm to 4:15 pm **“Hotel Theft by Employees, what to look for” Jerry Fragnito**

4:15 pm to 5:00 pm **“Millennials, How they are different from other generations, what they are looking for from their employer and how and why you should hire them.” Dave Reid**

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Cash Bar Reception and Hors d’oeuvres.**

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm **Nasir Nassir, HFTP Mid-Florida and Bob Davis LHAVC, Welcome and Introductions**

6:30 pm To 7:30 pm **Dinner**

Menu

Starter: Plaza House Salad – Ranch and Vinaigrette Dressings

Entrée: Black and Bleu Flat Iron Steak with Bleu Cheese Cream Sauce

Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Chili Pepper and Caramelized Baby Carrots

7:30 pm to 7:45 pm **Chapter Business and 50/50**

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 5.0 CPE Credits. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Please RSVP on our web-site: www.midfloridahftp.org

OR on your personal e-vite from the Chapter Secretary.

Reservations and cancellations before 5:01 pm April 17th, please indicate if you will: 1) attend the afternoon sessions only, 2) the dinner only or 3) you will attend both!

Afternoon Sessions: Chapter Member’s \$FREE.00, Non Members \$55.00 (includes dinner) Dinner and evening program: Members \$45.00, Non-Members & no RSVP \$55.00, Students \$25.00.

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.

We will kick off the event at 1 pm, so plan to be there for a great afternoon and evening of informative speakers, good food and excellent company.

The event offers you five (5) CPE credits and a dinner for \$45.00.

At \$9.00 per CPE credit it is the best CPE deal in the UNIVERSE.

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

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members, Greetings!!

For those of you who could not make it to the March meeting, let me tell you that you missed an opportunity to participate in a very interesting and interactive educational session with Ms. Juli Barter of POST Integrations, Inc. Ms. Barter talked about recent updates about EMV (Euro MasterCard & Visa) and she was absolutely amazing, engaging and at times entertaining during her hour long presentation!

On Friday the 31st of March, CFHLA presented the 31st Annual Hospitality Education Fundraiser, BACCHUS BASH!! Bacchus Bash attracted over 20,000 attendees and we as member of the CFHLA accounting committee are proud to announce that over \$108,000 was generated for Hospitality education. Guests enjoyed Food, Drinks and Fun for everyone. Due to a very busy spring break season at the local hotel & resorts the number of booths were less than previous years but attendance and participation was still high. All the funds & donations collected will be distributed to local hospitality students in the form of grants and scholarships. There were about 60 volunteers from HFTP Mid-Florida who helped managed booths where Bacchus Buck Cards were sold in two shifts. **Thank you, Volunteers!!!!!!!**

On April 20th, (It's a Thursday meeting) our semi-annual Mini-Educational Conference will be held at The Plaza Grand Resort & Spa 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 Lodging & Hospitality 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 Grand Resort & Spa 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,



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member Spotlight
Brandie Lazorko, Staff Accountant
Streamsong Resort

Brandie Lazorko joined Streamsong Resort as Payroll, General Cashier and Accounts Payable Clerk in 2012. Within two years, the professionalism was quickly recognized and Brandie was promoted to Staff Accountant and assumed new responsibilities to support the director of finance. Brandie's responsibilities include the preparation of all month end financial, quarterly and annual financial statement reports for Streamsong Resort; oversight of payments and analysis; and she plays a lead role in the preparation of audited financial statements and schedules to support financial reports to the director of finance and the board of directors. In addition to providing the monthly detail, she also maintains the purchase order processing system, is responsible for the accounts payable and completion of the check run. A perfectionist by nature, Brandie is highly skilled in dealing with financial and numeric data and has a strong commitment to her profession.

During her tenure at Streamsong, Mrs. Lazorko has been involved in the grand opening of Streamsong Clubhouse and Lodge, two national acclaimed golf courses Red and Blue and is now preparing for the opening of the third course, Streamsong Black.

Brandie is working towards her CHAE certification. Born and raised in central Florida, when she is not working she spends time with her husband hunting, traveling, saltwater fishing, paddle boarding, boating and reading.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board Member and Vice-President Christine Cipar presents Brandie (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

HFTP New Member Specials:

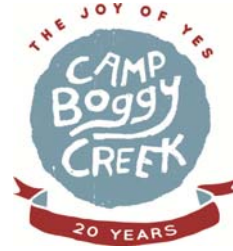
This campaign has two introductory offers which chapters can utilize for new members (renewing members do not qualify).

HFTP65YP (for Young Professionals) - \$30 USD off the \$150 USD annual Young Professional membership, expires Monday, May 15, 2017.

SPRING17 (for new Industry Professionals) \$100 USD off the \$375* USD annual HFTP member for chapter recruiting, expires Monday, May 15, 2017.

Contact Greg for more information.

Welcome New Member
Christel Diaz, Controller, Pas



HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament September 29, 2017

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort

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!**



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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.

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* Chad Curtis 407-996-6143

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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

April 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Hard Rock Hotel

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



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| 1:00pm – 2:00pm | Andrew Bazemore Topic: Cyber Security, 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. |
| 2:00pm – 2:30pm | Students at Bethune-Cookman University, Hospitality Management. Under the leadership of Dr. Desmond Brown and Dr. Andrea White-McNeil. Topic: Student research project “To Assess the Impact of the Daytona 500 on the Hospitality Cluster of Volusia County” The Students and their Professors will talk about their involvement in conducting the research and analyzing the data. |
| 2:30pm – 3:00pm | Dr. Deanne Williams-Bryant Dean of the Bob Billingslea School of Hospitality Management The Hospitality Management program at B-CU where the program is headed as a school, opportunities for partnerships and how the HFTP may be able to play a role in the school’s development. |
| 3:00pm to 3:15pm | Break |
| 3:15pm – 4:15pm | Jerry Fragnito – Senior Partner, F&G Hospitality Consulting, Inc. Topic – Hotel theft by Employees, what to look for. |
| 4:15pm - 5:00pm | Dave Reid – VP of operation 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 |