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Mid-Florida Chapter

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August 2017



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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”.

Mini-Educational Conference, Tuesday, August 29th, 2017

The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Rosen Shingle Creek Resort

9939 Universal Boulevard Orlando, Florida

Driving Directions From Orlando I-4 towards Tampa. Take the SR-528 Beachline East toward the airport.

Take the Universal Blvd. exit (Exit 2) toward Orangewood Blvd. Turn left (north) onto Universal Blvd.

The Resort is on your right. After the Security Welcome Center turn right for the entrance leading to the self parking lot.

The meeting room is Suwannee 12 & 13. In the building, up the escalator, then turn right, and up the stairs.

Schedule of Events (All Afternoon Sessions are FREE to HFTP Members)

Tuesday November 29th

9:00 am to Noon CHAE & CHTP Exams / Reviews (pending & tentative)

12:30 pm **Registration**

1:00 pm **“Cyber Security Data Breaches”, Andrew Bazemore, US Secret Service**

2:00 pm **“I-Drive Resort Area Development”, Luann Brooks, I-Drive Business Improvement District**

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm **Light Snacks & Beverages**

3:15 pm **“Employee Theft /Fraud in the Hotel Industry; where to begin your Investigation” Jerry Fragnito, F&G Hospitality Consultants, Inc.**

4:15 pm **“How Automation is Changing the Face of the Back Office”, Gayle Edwards, PAS and Judy Holcomb, PhD, CHAE, St Leo University.**

5:15 pm to closing **Cash Bar Reception and Dinner, heavy hors d’ oeuvre selection.**

6:15 pm **Nasir Naseer, President HFTP Mid-Florida, Welcome and Introductions**

6:30 pm **“Tourist Development Tax”, Phil Diamond Orange County Comptroller**

7:30 pm to 7:45pm **Chapter Business, 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 August 25th, please indicate if you will: 1) attend the afternoon sessions only, 2) the dinner session only or 3) you will attend both!

Afternoon Sessions: HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member’s \$FREE.00, Non Members \$55.00 (includes dinner session).

Dinner and evening program: As a special reward to the Mid-Florida Chapter Members. If you attend all 4 afternoon sessions the Chapter will pay for your dinner. Non-Members & no RSVP \$55.00, HFTP Student Chapter Members \$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 Mid-Florida HFTP Chapter members five (5) CPE credits and a dinner for \$FREE.

At \$0.00 per CPE credit it is the best CPE deal in the UNIVERSE.

To use the express registration line at any meeting, PAYPAL is available on the web-site.

Like us on Facebook

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

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members, Greetings!!

For those of you, who could not make it to the July meeting, let me tell you that you missed an opportunity to enjoy the amazing dinner the culinary team of the Bohemian Celebration prepared & served. Our speaker for the evening was Jason Walker, of Jason Walker & Associates.

As mentioned last month, during the June's meeting our Chair of the Board Ms. Kelly Montgomery, CHAE presented slate of potential officers and board of directors to the membership. Now, it is up to you, the Members, to vote and ensure your preferred candidates are elected. You must have received the ballot in the U.S Mail. Please mark your selections and return the ballot by the deadline indicated. The ballots will remain sealed until the upcoming general meeting, where they will be counted and the results will be announced. Thank you for doing your part for democracy and the continued leadership and success of our chapter!

This month we had our board appreciation dinner. I am so blessed to work with so many great and dedicated professionals and team players. Please, next time you are at a meeting and see one of the board members or officers, please thank them for the time and commitment they have made to YOUR organization

The education committee has diligently worked on delivering another educational conference at the famous Shingle Creek Resort on August 29th, 2017. As always; the conference will offer multiple CPE opportunities at no cost plus a lot of fun and networking with fellow members and vendors. I look forward to seeing you all there!!!!

Did you know?

The Fifteenth Annual Charity Golf Outing is right around the corner! To be exact, on Friday, September 29, 2017 @ 1:00 PM we will tee off at the famous Shingle Creek Golf Club.

Two months and counting till HFTP National convention in our backyard (Omni Championsgate).

As always, we are 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 all your support,

Respectfully,

Nasir

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



**HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Member
Spotlight
Cristel Diaz, Controller, PAS**

Christel Diaz joined Professional Accounting Solutions as Controller in March 2017. She is excited to join Professional Accounting Solutions and is looking forward to a long and educational career with the company.

She comes to the company with vast knowledge of US and International Tax Laws and related experience.

Christel has had a successful career spanning the years with world class companies like; Titan, Margaritaville, Emeril's, Darden and the Walt Disney Company.

Christel received her Bachelor's Degree in Finance from FIU and her MBA from the University of Florida. Christel holds the following certifications CPA, CPP, MCSA SQL & MCTS GP/AX. Christel is a member of AICPA, APA, GPUG & recently the Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP!

Christel and her family live in the Lake Nona Community where they are raising their three sons and crazy dog. Christel's husband is one of the proprietors of Marlow's Tavern off Lee Vista.

With a very busy schedule Christel still loves to devote time to volunteering at the kid's school and community events.

HFTP Mid - Florida Board Member Jose Aybar, CHAE presents Christel with the coveted HFTP Mid-Florida Padfolio at the last HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter General meeting.



*** Officers & Board of Directors* Mid-Florida Chapter, HFTP
2017-2018 Election Slate**

The Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP announces the slate for the 2016-2017 chapter election. The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting to the Board of Directors and the general membership a slate of officers and directors for the 2016-2017 year.

The committee is chaired by the most recent Past President. Our current Board Chairperson is Kelly Montgomery, CHAE. Chapter members appointed by the Chairperson to serve on the Nominating / Election Committee were Chad Curtis, CHAE, E. Lawrence McCloskey, CHAE, William Parrish, CHAE and Michael Dryden, CHAE.

At the June Board of Directors meeting the slate of officers and the nominees for the vacant director positions were presented to the board as still a work in progress. This list was updated at the June General Meeting with nominations from the floor, there were none.

The slate is as follows:

OFFICERS:

President, Christine Cipar, Florida Hotel & Conference Center

Vice President, Jack Griffith, Centerplate @ Orange County Convention Center.

Treasurer, Christina Finch, Rem X the Workforce Experts

Secretary, Susan Black, Wyndham Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek

Chairperson of the Board, Nasir Naseer, Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Suites -Waterpark

DIRECTORS:

Director, Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP, IT Consultant

Director, Jose Aybar, Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Suites -Waterpark

Director, Luis Martinez, The Castel Hotel

Director, Brandie Lazorko, Streamsong Resort

**There are three two year director positions open and a one year term position.
That is, we vote for FOUR (4) directors.**

The Secretary will send out ballots to the membership before 25 days of the August membership meeting. They must be returned no later than 10 days of the August membership meeting where the Election Committee will announce the results.

Directors serving their second year of a two year term:

Gayle Edwards, PAS and Michael Dwuilt, Rosen Hotels & Resorts.

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

2018 membership Contest Begins

You only need to sponsor one new member to win. Contest ends on July 31, 2018. Drawing will be held at our August, 2018 General Meeting. You need not be present to win. Everyone who sponsored new member last year won a great prize so can you!

By popular demand, the HFTP Mid-Florida chapter membership contest will be run again in 2018. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we had over \$2,000 in prizes to award last year. We will have many prizes for new member sponsors, so take this opportunity to win one of these great prizes.

Welcome New Members

Patrick Sarcinella, Senior Director of Sales, Millennium Technology Group

**And coming to The Rosen Shingle Creek golf course September 29th!
The 15th Edition of the Mid-Florida Chapter Golf Event
to Benefit Camp Boggy Creek. It's all for the kids!**



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2017

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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Susan Ferguson 407-490-6024

Jose Aybar 407-535-6125

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Christina Finch 407-478-1956

Scholarship Awards

** Michael Dryden 407-597-4068*

Nominations

** Kelly Montgomery 407-503-9215*

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Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

Kris Shoemaker 407-685-9827

Bill Parrish 407-876-8038

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Or as chosen by the Chair

Chapter of the Year and Regional Conference

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Jose Aybar 407-535-6125

Kelly Montgomery 407-503-9215

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Bacchus Bash

** Michael Dryden 407-597-4068*

** Larry McCloskey 407-947-7140*

Nasir Naseer 407-387-0242

Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

** Jack Griffith 407-685-7520*

Jeff Fernandez 407-685-7521

Gordon LeBlanc 386-235-3875

Cattle Baron's Ball

** Chad Curtis 407-996-6143*

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Chapter Historian, Photography

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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 and the Annual Charity Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek.

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 every year. Can you help?

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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.

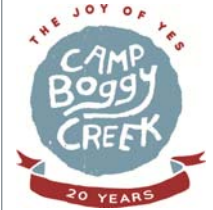
Prepay your meeting fee on the web-site with PayPal

- August 8th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Shingle Creek**
- August 29th, Mini-Ed, 1pm, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort**
- September 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Holiday Inn Orlando Resort**
- September 26th, Installation of Officers and Annual Meeting, 6pm, The Florida Hotel and Conference Center**
- September 29th, 15th Annual HFTP Mid-Florida Golf event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek. , The Rosen Shingle Creek Resort**
- October 5th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC**
- October 25-27th, 2017 HFTP Annual Convention Orlando, FL**
- November 9th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC**
- November 28th, General Meeting, 6pm, Hyatt Regency Orlando Intl. Airport**

For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:
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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament September 29, 2017 Rosen Shingle Creek Resort



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February 19, 2017

Dear Friend:

I am proud to inform you that our 14th Annual tournament was a huge success. With the support of all our Sponsors, Players, Contributors, and Volunteers we were able to donate **\$23,500** to Camp Boggy Creek. It was our largest annual donation ever and took our total contributions to over **\$175,000!**

HFTP's Mid-Florida Chapter will be hosting our 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Camp Boggy Creek September 29, 2017. The event will be an 18-hole four person scramble golf tournament and will be held at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. Attached are flyers which highlight the details on how you can be part of this special event.

Your participation will benefit Florida's own Camp Boggy Creek. Their mission is "To foster a spirit of joy by creating a free, safe and medically-sound camp environment that enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families." Camp Boggy Creek is a proud member of SeriousFun Children's Network. Founded by Paul Newman, SeriousFun Children's Network is a growing global community of independently managed and financed camps and programs creating opportunities for children with serious illnesses and their families to reach beyond illness and discover joy, confidence and a new world of possibilities, always free of charge. To learn more about Camp Boggy Creek, visit www.boggycreek.org.

Based in Austin, Texas, HFTP is the professional association for financial and technology personnel working in hotels, resorts, clubs, casinos, restaurants and other hospitality related businesses. The Mid-Florida Chapter includes almost 125 members from the major hospitality businesses throughout the greater Orlando – Kissimmee area. To learn more please visit us at www.midfloridahftp.org

I look forward to hearing from you soon and working with you for this worthy cause.
Together, we can make a difference in these children's lives and in our community.
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

"Remember, It's All for the Kids"

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jack Griffith

Jack Griffith
Tournament Chairman
HFTP Mid-Florida Charity Golf Tournament
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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament September 29, 2017 - 1:00 pm



To Benefit:

Camp Boggy Creek

"Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses can just be kids!"

At:

Shingle Creek Golf Club

Sponsor Registration Form

YOU CAN BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR:

Platinum Sponsor \$2,100

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf course's GPS system and throughout the tournament literature (must send logo in jpg format).
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- 1/2 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and listing on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Gold Sponsor \$1,600

- Includes one complimentary foursome golf entry.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf course's GPS system and throughout the tournament literature (must send logo in jpg format).
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- 1/4 page ad in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Silver Sponsor \$1,100

- Includes two complimentary golf entries.
- Company logo prominently displayed at registration, on the golf course's GPS system and throughout the tournament literature (must send logo in jpg format).
- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course (must send logo in jpg format).
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Golf Hole Sponsor \$400

- Custom sign – with company name – displayed on the course and company logo on the golf course's GPS system (must send logo in jpg format).
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750 – NO LONGER AVAILABLE

- Company name on beverage cart
- Company name listing in the HFTP Mid-Florida Newsletter and on the HFTP Mid-Florida website.

To secure your corporate sponsorship in the tournament, please complete this form and return it with payment **made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida** no later than **Friday, September 22, 2017** to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

Company Name	Company Contact		
Daytime Phone	E-Mail Address		
Level of Sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver
	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Hole	<input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Cart	\$

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The HFTP Mid-Florida chapter is a 501 (c) 6 organization. Contributions are tax deductible if they qualify as a business expense. Please contact your tax advisor if you need more information. All net proceeds will directly benefit Camp Boggy Creek, a not-for-profit organization, where children coping with serious illness can just be kids!

Visit www.boggycreek.org/ to see the great work they are doing.

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



To Benefit:

Camp Boggy Creek

"Where children coping with chronic and life threatening illnesses can just be kids!"

At:

Shingle Creek Golf Club

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Golf Registration Form

Full Name		Daytime Phone	
Address		Cell Phone	
Address		State / Zip	
City		E-Mail Address	

Please provide the names of the other players in your party. Use a separate form for five or more players.

Player #2		Player #4	
Player #3			

Each \$125 Single Entry Fee or \$450 for a foursome (inclusive of applicable taxes and fees) for the HFTP Charity Golf Tournament includes 18 holes of golf, a box lunch before, an awards ceremony dinner afterwards and free beverages on the course (limited to donated product).

Number of Single Entrants		x \$125 =	\$
Number of Foursomes		x \$450 =	\$
Number of Boggy Packages *		x \$50 =	\$
Number of Raffle Packages **		x \$35 =	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT			\$

* Includes two "Boggys", one Sand Throw & entry in the Hole-in-One, Closest-To-The-Pin, Longest Drive competitions and **one Raffle Package**. Limit one Boggy Package per player.

** Includes one of each color raffle tickets Red, White and Blue.

Proper golf attire is required at all times and only recognized golf apparel will be permitted on the golf course. Only soft spikes are permitted on the golf course, practice green and range.

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