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Mid-Florida Chapter

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

#1 HFTP MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER #1

JOIN US FOR THE HFTP ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF HFTP

October 25-27, 2017

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate

1500 Masters Blvd.

Championsgate Florida

Directions: From Orlando, take I-4 westbound towards Tampa and get off at Exit 58. Bear right off the ramp. Pass through the gates of ChampionsGate. At the 2nd stop light, turn right onto Masters Boulevard the hotel is on the left.

Speakers: Too Various to Mention!

From: Across the Universe!

Topics: Really Good Stuff!

This year the HFTP Annual Convention & Trade Show is being held in the Orlando area. As such, the Mid-Florida Chapter will not hold a monthly General Meeting and urges all members to instead attend the 2017 HFTP Annual Convention and Tradeshow.

This educational conference carries the theme of "Celebrating 65 Years of Hospitality Education, Networking and Resources" and presents a unique opportunity to add a fresh new spin to your property and career. You can shape your future by taking advantage of the world class continuing education programs and networking with your hospitality financial and IT professional colleagues during this valuable three day conference.

I can assure you that you will bring back to your property many ideas that will benefit the operation.

You can't make it for the whole convention? Guess what, HFTP Global offers a daily rate. Education

Keynotes

Exhibits

Events

All at the HFTP Annual Convention

So get off your computer, go have some fun, renew old friendships, review the latest vendor toys and learn something!

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Next to the Corner Office

By Jack Griffith

Fellow HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Members,

Our annual ritual of installing the incoming officers of the 2017-2018 Board was held on Tuesday September 26th at the Florida Hotel & Conference Center at the Florida Mall. The dinner had a festive atmosphere and those in attendance, current members, Past Presidents, and special guests GM John Lamont and Mike and Claire Cipar, Christine’s parents, were treated to a delicious meal and courteous service. However, Christine has decided to resign her position as President and focus on recovering from a cerebrovascular accident suffered earlier this year. I’m confident that with the support of her wonderful parents, other family members, and a long list of friends including us in HFTP, she’s well on her way to a full recovery. Christine, we’ve got your back!

Asked to say a few words, I thanked the members and Past Presidents of our Chapter for providing us with a strong foundation upon which to build and grow our Chapter. I stated the objective of this year’s board would be to continue Nasir’s theme of this past year, one of “participation” by our members. This objective of participation is not new, in 2008, an email by then President Mark Roland, discussed the need to “keep members registered and engaged”. Same challenges 10 years later. We need our members to engage/participate by coming to our monthly dinners and volunteering with our management committees when asked.

Nasir also announced that evening that we again won Chapter of the Year – Tier C for 2017. This I believe is an honor we’ve won for 10 years running. Congratulations Nasir and Thank You for your leadership! The pressure is on and the shirts on are order.

To finish out that last week of September, we held our 15th Annual HFTP Golf Tournament benefitting Camp Boggy Creek. To quote Ms. Juli Barter, “it was another Great event”. The weather was good, we had 88 golfers, most since I’ve been involved, food and beverage were delicious, and the friendship and comradery was awesome. And we raised a good chunk of change for the kids. Tune in to next month’s newsletter, now known as the “golf” issue for pictures, ads, and a complete financial recap.

There will not be a Chapter membership meeting in October as Global is holding their Annual Meeting at the Omni Hotel at Champion’s Gate. The dates, if you don’t already know are October 25-27. And here’s something I learned the other day, the main purpose of the Annual Meeting is to install our Global Officers, just like us. Hope to see everyone in attendance.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jack Griffith
Vice President – HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Annual Meeting, September 2017

Judy Holcomb, Ph.D., CHAE presents Nasir Naseer with the “Flying Hammer” to recognize him as the outgoing HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter President



Judy, was the Installation Mistress of Ceremonies and proceeded to install our new officers; Jack Griffith, Christina Finch and Susan Black

Below are the elected directors: Greg Wilhelm, CHTP, Jose Aybar, CHAE, Brandie Lazorko and Luis Martinez, CHAE. See the Full Board on page 4.

Jack Griffith wraps up the meeting.



Past Mid-Florida Chapter Presidents. From the Left: Kelly Montgomery, CHAE, Lori Schefstad, CHTP, Larry McCloskey, CHAE, Brenda Penrod, Bill Parrish, CHAE, James Bina, CHAE, Chad Curtis, CHAE, Michael Dryden, CHAE, Judy Holcomb, Ph.D., CHAE and Nasir Naseer.

HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter. What your Committees do:

Administrative/Programs/Speakers:

Plan and organize all General and Board Meetings; menus, speaker needs and contracts. Set all meeting dates and places.

Plan the social events, secure door prizes for the General Meeting and communicate meeting details, contact person, and menu to the newsletter chair and web master. Identify, secure and confirm the speakers. Assist in educational conferences, setup speakers, etc.

Introduce the speaker, send thank-you card, present gift, secure the speaker Bio. and welcome the speaker at the meeting.

Publications/Publicity:

Assure that the Chapter events and happenings are posted in the news media, Orlando Business Journal, etc. and HFTP InfoLine - monthly. Assist in educational conferences, setup speakers, etc...

Community Services/Charitable:

Identify charities we can co-sponsor with. Completes all detailed plans for and recruit members to achieve success for each event. Executes plans and controls success.

JDRF Walk count room, staff cash counters and make deposits, needs volunteers as requested.

Camp Boggy Creek, our own charity event!!!

President appoints Chair to control all areas of the event and sell the event at the general meetings.

Chair handles site selection, negotiation and contract.

Chair appoints a member "EARLY" to secure Sponsors and golfers using last years forms and sponsors and golfer lists.

Chair appoints a budget control person, Treasurer controls all funds.

Chair appoints a prize patrol member to secure drawing prizes.

Education:

Develop, organize and control the Mini Educational and Regional Conferences.

Organize CHAE & CHTP reviews & exams.

Inform membership of educational courses available in the area

Hospitality:

At the meetings: greets guests, makes sure pictures are taken, sells 50/50 drawing and maintains nametags.

Organizes and maintains the Ambassadors Program

Presents Member Spotlight at the general meeting and secures Bio. for the newsletter and web-site.

Send thank-you cards to the meeting host property Controller / Finance person.

Job Bank/Legislative/By-Laws: Chapter President or as appointed

Reviews the by-laws yearly to assure they adhere with International's by-laws

Provide news on Legislation relevant to the Hospitality Industry

Provides job leads to members

Membership:

Greet and introduce all guests and new members at the general meetings and follows up with all guests after a meeting to secure new memberships.

Develop an approved action plan for the Membership Drive each year and executes plan.

Nominations: Chair of Board

Identify persons willing and able to serve on the Board. Plans and controls the election process as outlined in the Chapter By-laws.

Communication:

Website: development, upgrade and maintenance of the Chapter website and social media.

Newsletter: Create and distribute a newsletter mailed and e-mailed monthly and secure sponsors for the printed news.

Scholarship:

Contact schools with our requirements, setting deadlines for receiving applications. Present applications to the Board, present winners at a General Meeting.

THE JOBS AVAILABLE 2017-2018
We need you !!! If you are interested in contributing to any of the committees, please contact any Board Member.

* **Denotes Chair or Co-chairs**

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Any other past presidents

Or as chosen by the Committee Chair

Chapter of the Year and Regional Conference

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It's all for the kids!

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Your 2017 - 2018, Elected
HFTP Mid-Florida Board of Directors



From the Right: Chair of the Board Nasir Naseer, Luis Martinez, CHAE, Brandie Lazorko, President Christine Cipar, Vice-President Jack Griffith, Gayle Edwards, Treasurer Christina Finch, Greg Wilhelm, CHTP, Michael Dwulit, CHAE, Secretary Susan Black and Jose Aybar, CHAE.

The Board invites you all to participate in the activities of the chapter and take the opportunity get involved.
See you all at the next General Meeting!

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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

October 5th, Board Meeting, 6pm, Holiday Inn Resort Orlando-Waterpark

**October 25-27th, 2017 HFTP Annual Convention
Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate.**

November 7th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC

November 28th, General Meeting, 6pm, Hyatt Regency Orlando Intl. Airport

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