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July 2018





40% of this chapter is HFTP **CHAE or CHTP certified!**

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www.linkedin.com/groups/13575981 (Group Name is HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter)

HITP 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, July 24th, 2018 The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

The Hard Rock Hotel At Universal Orlando Resort

Directions: The hotel is located on Universal Boulevard near the entrance of Universal Orlando Resort. From Orlando take I-4 West. Take exit 75B, merge onto Kirkman Road. Turn left onto Vineland Road. Turn Left onto Universal Boulevard and the Hotel is on your right. You will meet at the Avalon Foyer & Ballroom. On the lobby level, take main doors and walk to your right, Avalon is then on your left

Parking Fee: Self Park Complimentary, Valet \$19.00 plus tax.

Speaker and Trogram Brian Buckley, CRM, AAI - Insurance Office of America Topic "Current Issues of Interest in Insurance"

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 Heirloom Tomatoes and Strawberries, Frisse, Balsamic Goat & Ricotta Cheeses, Vinaigrette, Parmesan Crosyine

Entrée

Duet Plate, Pan Roasted Chicken, Grilled Atlantic Salmon Yukon Gold mash, Buttered Broccolini and Carrots

Dessert

Summer Stone Fruit Ring

Peaches, Cherries, Nectarines, Almond Shortbread, Vanilla Custard

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 July 20th.

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 16th Annual Chapter Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek Will be held Friday September, 21th 2018 at Rosen Shingle Creek. For sponsor information contact Jack Griffith 407-685-7520 Or

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

From the Corner Office By Jack Griffith

Hello friends!

If you play golf or even if you don't, you've got to visit Top Golf in Orlando. It's a modern, 3-level, golf driving range that is a great place to practice your swing, have a "team building" outing, or enjoy a "Networking Event" as we did just a few weeks ago. Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time whether they hit a golf ball or not. Good food and drink coupled with special time spent with members, colleagues, and friends made for a very enjoyable night. From the Rosen Gang to the Hilton Group and everyone in between, good times were had by all. Special "Thanks" to Brandie Lazorko for putting it all together.

Check out our membership ad in this issue, "We Want You"! We're asking for your assistance to help us maintain and grow our membership. Available is an outstanding offer of a \$100 discount on the first year's membership which ends December 31, 2018! Please pass this offer along to industry leaders you know and ask them to consider becoming a member and join in the fellowship of other industry leaders. And even better yet, sponsor a new member and win a great prize.

Last month Chapter historian, Michael Dryden, informed the Board that 20 years ago we had 120 members, the same number we have currently, and were challenged by the same issue then as now, attracting new members and maintaining their continued membership. And thirteen years ago, the following appeared in this publication titled "Members Responsibilities". We need your **SUPPORT!**

Serve on the Board of Directors or as an Officer, if asked.

 $\underline{\mathbf{U}}$ tilize HFTP, **participate** in regional or international activities as often as possible.

Participate by attending Chapter general meetings regularly.

Provide ideas on speakers, events, meeting sites, etc.

Offer to serve on a Chapter committee.

Receive the honor of CHAE & CHTP certifications.

 $\underline{\mathbf{T}}$ o always maintain a professional decorum and be familiar with parliamentary procedure.

HFTP is an association of diverse individuals focused on the financial and technological aspects of the hospitality industry. It can only succeed through your contribution of time, talent, and effort. The rewards of this type of volunteerism will be evident through your own personal and professional growth.

Next on the agenda is a night at the Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando Resort. The speaker will be Brian Buckley from Insurance Office of American and will speak on the current issues of, what else, insurance.

And let's not forget the 16th Annual HFTP Golf Tournament benefiting Camp Boggy Creek, being held Friday, September 21, 2018, at Shingle Creek Resort.

Outstanding opportunities to become engaged and participate!

<u>Fiction and Fact from Jack's Almanac</u>, "Remember, no one hits the bullseye with the first arrow".

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jack Griffith

President – HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter

HITEC Lodown

This was my first HITEC show and it was an overall positive experience. The tradeshow was fantastic – I saw some amazing products. I brought back information on several things that our property is currently evaluating. I also got to speak with some of our current vendors about things that are coming in the near future. Susan Black

The HITEC tradeshow provided insight into current tech trends in the hospitality industry, and proved guest room tech integration and automation is at the forefront of the modern hotel room. On the Controller's conference, BI systems and Ethics were my highlights of the conference. Luis Martinez

HITEC was a great success. It was a busy week for me. Serving as the HITEC Advisory Chair and a HITEC educational speaker proved to be both a professional challenge, but was incredibly rewarding. It was truly a pleasure to work with so many knowledgeable, professional and motivated industry peers. The ethics presentation Judy and I did was well received. Jim Bina



Did you miss the HFTP Mid-Florida Summer networking event?







A great time was had by all at Top Golf!





HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter Events, Happenings and Other Stuff

Hey! Did you know...

Your Chapter has their own Facebook and Linkedin Pages? Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MIDHFTP and Linked In at www.linkedin.com/groups/13575981 (Group Name is HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter)

Come be "social" with us and watch for our Instagram coming soon!

* Officers & Board of Directors* Mid-Florida Chapter, HFTP 2018-2019 Election Slate

The Mid-Florida Chapter of HFTP announces the slate for the 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 year.

The committee is chaired by the most recent Past President. Our current Board Chairperson is Nasir Naseer. 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, Jack Griffith, Centerplate @ Orange County Convention Center.

Vice President, Christina Finch, RemX the Workforce Experts.

Treasurer, Susan Black, Wyndham Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek.

Secretary, Brandie Lazorko, Streamsong Resort

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

DIRECTORS:

Director, Daron Sandberg, CHAE Rosen Hotels & Resorts

Director, Christopher Guzman Embassy Suites, LBVS

Director, Gayle Edwards, PAS

There are three two year director positions open.

That is, we vote for three (3) 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: Luis Martinez, Jose Aybar and Greg Wilhelm.

Special pricing for Mid Florida HFTP new members

The Mid-FL chapter of HFTP is offering new members a \$100 discount on the annual dues (of \$375) until 12/31/2018. If you join on-line use this discount code "MIDFL18" at checkout. If you send the PDF form write "MIDFL"18" in the payment section and submit your \$275 payment by check or credit card.

Take this opportunity to promote HFTP within and without your organization and win a prize in the membership contest as well, by sharing this link with prospective new members. https://www.hftp.org/hospitality_association/professional/

Let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Gregory Wilhelm, CHTP; gregw176@gmail.com

Committee Assignments 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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* Michael Dryden 407-597-4068

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Charity Golf Event

It's all for the kids!

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Membership News, Embrace the vision, join the fun!

Committee Chair, **Gregory Wilhelm**, **CHTP**407-923-5962 or gregw176@gmail.com

2018 Membership Contest

You only needed to sponsor one new member to win. Contest ended on June 30, 2018. Drawing will be held at our July 2018 General Membership meeting. You need not be present to win. Everyone who sponsored a new member last year won a great prize so can you!

More Members in Action-HITEC to Top Golf





Jim Bina (L) at HITEC





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2018 HFTP Mid-Florida CALENDAR

Note: Meeting fees for 2018 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

July 5th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC

July 24th, General meeting, 6pm, Hard Rock Hotel @ Universal

July 25-27 Florida Regional, Sarasota FL

August 9th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OPEN

August 28th, General meeting, 6pm, Villas of Grand Cypress

September 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OPEN

September 18th, Annual Meeting & Installation of BOD, 6pm, OCCC

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For more Chapter news visit the Universally acclaimed Chapter Web Site at:

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HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament September 21, 2018 - 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

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.
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- 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

- 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 <u>made payable to HFTP Mid-Florida</u> no later than <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 14</u>, <u>2018</u> to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, PO Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004

Company Name	Company Contact		
Daytime Phone	E-Mail Address		
_evel of Sponsorship	□ Platinum □ Gold □ Silver □ Golf Hole	\$	
	□ Beverage Cart		

The mission of Camp Boggy Creek 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.

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.

For more information, please call: Jack Griffith at 321.303.0307 e-mail:

<u>Jack.griffith@centerplate.com</u> Or visit www.midfloridahftp.org



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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		\$

cludes 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.

For more information, please call: Jack Griffith at 321.303.0307

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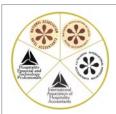
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HindSight......The Year was 2002 HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter



The main event for the chapter this year was The Florida Regional (aka The Florida Gathering), sponsored by the Mid-Florida Chapter and held from July 17-20, 2002. The location was at the Villas of Hyatt Grand Cypress. The sessions started with CHAE & CHTP reviews and exams on Wednesday, golf on Thursday afternoon, and a Welcome Reception Thursday evening. Then it was a day and half of sessions covering IT, Accounting, Taxes and a whole lot more. There were 104 attendees as well as 45 guests at the conference. At the trade show, there were 18 sponsors and booths. The golf tournament on Thursday prior to the start of the conference attracted 56 participants.

HITEC was held June 25-27, 2002 in Chicago, ILL., and the HFTP Annual Conference was held in Austin Texas from October 23-24, 2002. At the Annual Conference, our very own Greg "Bulldog" Wilhelm was presented the HFTP President's League Award for sponsoring new members in 2002.

Volunteer opportunities this year included: Bacchus Bash on April 26th at the Orlando Premium Outlets. Two JDRF walks on October 19th (Space Coast) and the 26th (Orlando). Coalition of the Homeless on August 21st and September 18th.

Moving up in the world: In April, the chapter purchased it's first digital camera. (2.3 mega pixels, 2X digital zoom and 8MB internal storage).

The Grand Spring Social Event was held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort on March 26, 2002. There was a "Pitch & Putt" course set up and door prizes were awarded to all attendees.

Who can forget the harmonious presentation at the June 25th General Business Meeting held at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge by Professor Leonard Birdsong from the Barry University School of Law.

One of our own was sent to jail on August 28th...... for a good cause. Susan Ferguson was arrested on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association "Lock-Up". Her goal was to raise \$2,000 for bail money to escape the confines of prison.

At the September General Business meeting it was announced that Heidi Berger and Maurice Clarke had won this year's scholarship contest, winning \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

Annual dues started out the year at \$250.00 and were raised to \$275.00 beginning in October 2002. Monthly dinner dues for members stayed at \$25.00 while the guest fees were raised from \$30.00 to \$35.00 beginning in January 2003.

Installation of the Chapter Officers and Board of Directors was held at the Rosen Centre on September 24, 2002 with special guest Past International HFTP President Frank Santos, CHAE, CHA presiding over the ceremonies.

Officers for the upcoming 2002-2003 term are:

Chairman of the Board: Bill Parrish, CPA, CHAEThe Bay Hill Club & Lodge

President: Randell Rickmann, CHAE Rosen Hotels & Resorts Vice President: Diana Hull, CHAE, CHS Hotel Royal Plaza

Treasury: David McKim, CHAE, CHTP The Westin Grand Bohemian

Secretary: Nancy Lapara Loews @ Universal Orlando

Board of Directors elected for 2002-2003 are:

Kris Shoemaker, CMA,CHAE,CGTP OCCC, etc. two year term Steve D'Erasmo, CHTP Walt Disney World two year term Jason Sauer, Zurich US two year term

David Branson, CHAE Starwood V.O., Inc. one year term

And to round out the board by completing there second year of a two year term:

Greg Wilhelm Visual One Systems

John Anderson SunTrust Merchant Services

December 27th was the date for this years "December Social" on board the Sterling Casino Cruise ship. Beer, wine, and sodas were provided on the chartered bus to get everyone in the mood for a chance to win the big one!

Michael Dryden, CHAE