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Mid-Florida Chapter

Newsletter of the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter *Since 1973* Eleven Time HFTP Chapter of the Year 2018

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**“To lead and advance the hospitality profession
by providing a forum for continuous learning and knowledge sharing”.**

General Meeting -Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 The Mid-Florida Chapter Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

Embassy Suites Orlando, Lake Buena Vista South

4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee, Florida

Directions: Traveling I-4 Westbound (From Daytona Beach, Downtown Orlando, Colonial Drive)
Take exit #68 and turn left onto S.R. 535 (S. Apopka/Vineland Road).
Travel approx. 5 miles then turn right onto Kyngs Heath Road. The hotel is on the right and visible from S.R. 535.

Networking will be on the Key West Terrace located on level one.

Take elevators in lobby to level 1 and turn right upon exiting.

Dinner will be located in Magnolia A in the Convention Center on the lobby level.

Speaker and Program

Elizabeth Yost, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Rosen College of Hospitality Management University of Central Florida

**Topic “Topic “Internal Controls and the Hospitality Industry:
Looking for Red Flags that Increase Risk of Fraud”**

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.

“International and Domestic Cheese Display”

“Grilled Chicken Canape” With Sweet Mustard and Chipotle

“Beef and Cilantro Empanada” With Rusty Aioli Dipping Sauce

Dinner at 6:45 pm

Menu:

Starter

“Spring Mesclun Green Salad”

With Red Oak, Baby Watercress, Mustard Greens

Sliced Avocados, Heirloom Tomatoes, Caramelized Shallot Creamy Vinaigrette

Entrée

“Braised Beef Short Rib and Sautéed Shrimp”

*Roasted Chanterelle Mushrooms, Haricot Verts, Green Top Young Carrots
and Pomme Croquette*

Dessert

“Hazelnut Pot de Crème”

With Seasonal Berries and Whipped Cream

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 November 23th.

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.

From the Corner Office
By Jack Griffith

Hello friends!

WOW! The past 6 weeks have been fast-paced, exciting, and memorable!

Let's start with our 16th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting Camp Boggy Creek. It was a great day as evidenced by the pictures in this "golf edition" of our Chapter's newsletter. The result of all this fun and frolic was a record breaking donation to the Camp in the amount of \$25,200! This brings our 16-year contribution total to an impressive \$238,500! A huge Thank You to all who contributed. Our goal next year is \$30,000 and we'll need your help to make that happen.

Next on the calendar was HFTP's Annual Meeting held this year in Louisville, KY, bourbon country, at the new Omni Hotel which was just fabulous. This was my first annual meeting that I attended, and the experience was exceptional. I came away this a greater appreciation for HFTP Global, our Association as a whole and its far-reaching efforts to make HFTP and HITEC a truly Global Association and event. I met some wonderful people from both the Club and Hotel factions, and three young students who are members of the University of Houston's Student Chapter from South Korea. I only wish I had attended previous Annuals. I did learn at new definition of HFTP - Happy Fun Talented People!

The event capping off the past 6-week voyage was our October membership dinner meeting at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek where we were treated to a delicious dinner in the awarding winning restaurant La Luce. We had a great turnout to end our FY 2017-2018 year on a high note. Our speaker was Michael Schubach CHAE & CHTP a very intelligent person who spoke on AI in Hospitality. His first slide was a picture of a self-driving car of which I'm not a fan but was quickly told to get used to it because they're here and more are coming soon. But that was just his lead in to how AI will be prominent fixtures in our hotels and resorts in the not too distant future. An extremely interesting presentation.

Our November membership dinner meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South. The speaker will be Elizabeth Yost, Ph.D. Assistant Professor at Rosen College of Hospitality Management, University of Central Florida. The topic is: "Internal Controls and the Hospitality Industry" Looking for the Red Flags that Increase Fraud Risk.

I challenge all of you to get and stay engaged and participate the entire coming year.

Fiction and Fact from Jack's Almanac, "We're all stories in the end, just make it a good one".

Sincerely and respectfully,

Jack Griffith

President – HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter

**The 16th Annual HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter
Golf Event to benefit Camp Boggy Creek**



The sign up crew does their magic



And off they go !!



Looking for directions to the Bervcart



The Cranes made it.



Chuck Rodent lives on. I'm Alright



Knock my socks off!



We heard the story of Camp Boggy Creek and the kids.



Again, teams from across the State of Florida traveled to play For the Kids!

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Event Winners 1st, 2nd and 3rd

We had winners and losers but we all had fun and the real winners were the KIDS!



Lots of prizes in the drawing, 50-50 winner and the awards were made at Camp Boggy Creek.



Thank you all for your support of Camp Boggy Creek and "See you next year!"

HFTP MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER **SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Monthly General meetings: Normally the last Tuesday of the month.
Location: Various hotel, club, resort and other hospitality venues.
Format: A dinner meeting setting with one 50 minute session.

Mini-Educational Conference: Spring and/or Fall.
Format: The event has two to four 50 minute speaking sessions in the afternoon, ending at 6:00 pm then dinner and a final 50 minute session.

Audience: Attendees are technology and financial professionals from all disciplines of the hospitality industry. The average meeting attendance is 45+ members.

Topics

All submitted information must be non-proprietary and educational in nature, not sales or product specific. Submitting information does not guarantee you an opportunity to present.

Suggested Topics:

Disaster Preparation and Recovery, Controller's Year-End Survival Guide, Tax Updates – all types, Audit Insights, Accounting/Audit Updates, Network Security, Operational Reviews, Revenue Management, Internal Controls & Audits, Guestroom Technology, Property Management Tools, Business Intelligence, Leadership Skills, Ethics, Emerging Technology and Trends, Club Related Topics and Trends, Health & Property Insurance.

Please submit any topics relevant to an audience of hospitality finance and technology professionals (Controllers, CFOs, IT Directors) to the Admin./Programs/Speaker Committee Chairperson Daron Sandberg, CHAE dsandberg@rosenhoteles.com

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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

November 6th, Board Meeting, 6pm, OCCC
November 27th, General Meeting, 6pm, Embassy Suites, LBVS
December 13th, Social Networking Event



Save the Date for our December Networking Event
December 13, 2018 at 6:00pm

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

www.midfloridahftp.org OR
www.facebook.com/MIDHFTP

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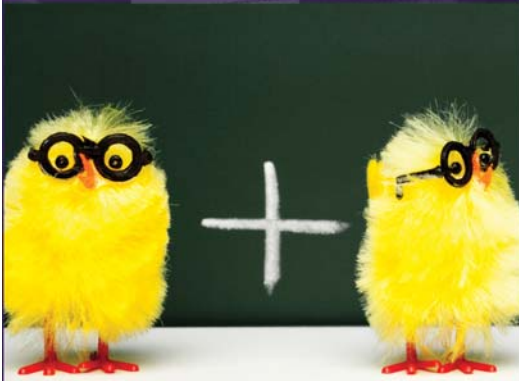
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HindSight.....The Year was 1991 **IAHA / HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter**



We started the year at the WDW Dolphin Resort with guest speaker Hugh Turley speaking to us about “Stress Management”. In February we met at the Orlando Penta Resort getting an update from Tamara Andrews about the upcoming OCCC events. In March we headed “up North” to the Park Suite Altamonte and heard from Mary Tiffany of Management Development Consulting Group on how to “Manage by Attitude” (with a note saying your General Managers are invited ☺). In April we met at the Altamonte Springs Hilton, our guest speaker John Evans from the Florida Tourism Association discussed National Tourism month coming up in May. Our annual poolside meeting was held in May at the Sonesta Village Resort Hotel – “the evening will be filled with food, drinks, reggae music and lots and lots of prizes”. In June we met at the Holiday Inn International Drive and Pat Garron the Director of Finance for the Orlando Aviation Authority was our guest speaker. In July the meeting was held at the Grosvenor Resort, Andy Marcus with the Law Firm of Baker Hostetler spoke to us about contracts. The Buena Vista Palace hosted the August meeting when the new officers and board members were installed, by Frank Santos, for the upcoming year. No meeting was held in September due to the Annual Conference. The Rivership “Grand Romance” was the location of our October meeting, cost was \$26 per person and spouses, friends, and business associates were welcomed. In November we met at the Peabody on International Drive and the speaker was Debbie VanBehrens on “Motivation of Yourself and Others”. Our association joined the Central Florida Hotel Motel Association at their annual Christmas party in December at the Disney Beach & Yacht Club.

Due to the lack of study materials, preparing for the CHAE exam (the CHTP had not been developed yet) was a bit of a challenge. So our chapter board petitioned and encouraged IAHA National to provide some form of a study guide for those wishing to take the exam. By year end, they had put together study materials to be used for those wanting to take the exam.

The following students were awarded scholarship at the March meeting: Tracey Mertens (\$500), Carol Cazessus (\$300), and Calvin Harding (\$200). In June, Carol Cazessus was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from National – the Frances Tally Award Scholarship.

Bacchus Bash was held May 10th at the Festival Park on East Colonial, admission was \$10. HITEC was held in Atlanta during June at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. In August we hosted an all-day seminar on “Food & Beverage Controls” at The Park Suites Hotel on International Drive, the cost was only \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. The 38th Annual IAHA Convention was held in September in New Orleans.

The results of the 1991 election are as follows:

President, Dave Fletcher

VP, Ken Kruse

Treasurer, Olive Brubaker-Barth

Secretary, Vicki Ferdinandsen.

New Board Members were: Bob Curtis, Greg Nolff, Cathy Halvorsen, and Sam McLaughlin.

Continuing their second term year on the board were Kay Kruse and Judy Holcomb.

The cost of the dinner meeting was \$15 for Members and National dues were \$100 a year. It cost \$0.29 to mail the newsletter.

We only used seven digit phone numbers.

Michael Dryden, CHAE



November 07, 2018

Re: Chapter 2019 Calendar Year Prepaid Meal Plan

Dear HFTP Mid-Florida Member;

Your Mid-Florida Chapter Officers and Board of Directors have put together a wonderful opportunity for you. For \$450.00, you will receive all 11 monthly chapter meetings and networking events planned in 2019 for the price of 10.

Please consider this your invoice for the prepaid HFTP Mid-Florida educational meeting fees. The prepaid fee is member specific and is not refundable for missed meetings. If the original named member leaves the company or transfers out of the area, the company may select another, employed, HFTP Mid-Florida member to use the balance of the year's prepayments. Contact the Chapter Treasurer for details.

Please complete and return this form with payment by January 20, 2019 to HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, P.O. Box 692004, Orlando, FL 32869-2004.

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Should you have any questions, please call me at 407-390-2320 or e-mail to: treasurer@midfloridahftp.org

Sincerely,
Susan Black

Susan Black
Treasurer, HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter