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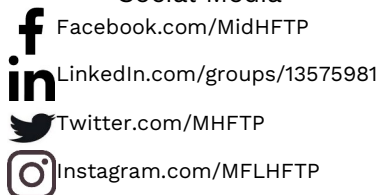
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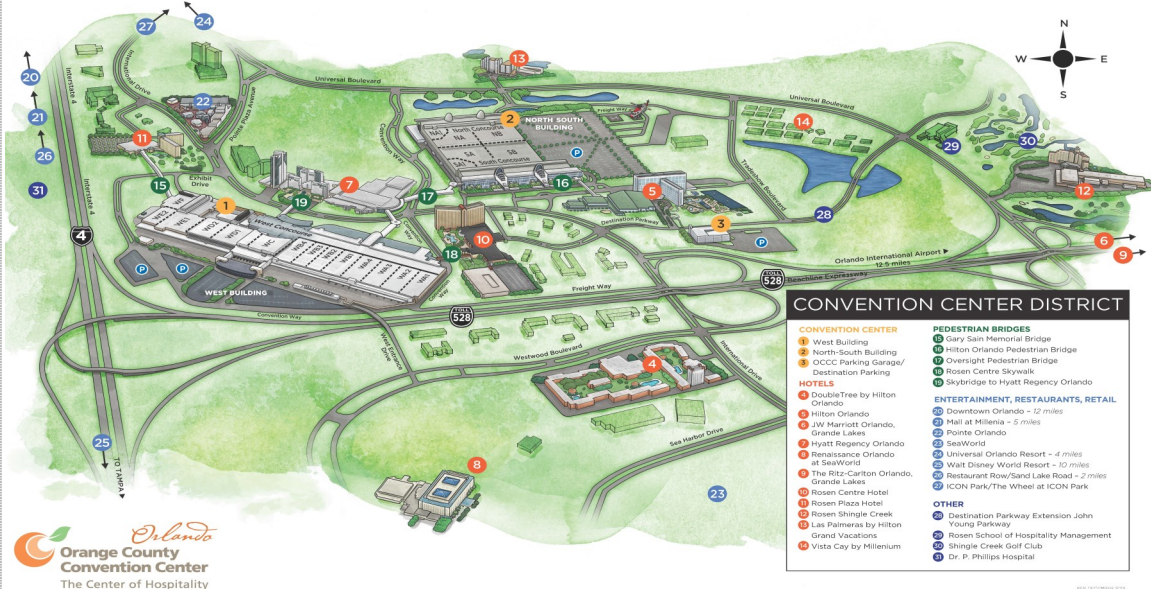


HFTP Mid-Florida: Leadership, Scholarship, Participation, Service

Our Mission: To lead and advance the hospitality profession by providing a forum for continuous learning and knowledge sharing

The HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter & the HHRA of Central Florida Present

Joint General Meeting | Tuesday, March 29, 2022 7:15 AM



Speaker & Program

Speaker **Amanda A. Simpson** of Jackson Lewis P.C will present on the topic **Navigating Compensation in a Tech-Driven World**.

Amanda is a principal in the Orlando office, a co-leader of the firm's Restaurant industry group and a core member of the Class Actions and Complex Litigation practice group.

This education session falls under specialized knowledge and applications geared to basic knowledge on the topic. 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 credit.

Additional Information

RSVPs are **required**. Please visit our website midfloridahftp.org or respond to your personal e-vite from the chapter Secretary. Please RSVP or cancel no later than 5:01 PM, Thursday, March 24th. Unfortunately, we cannot accept walk-ins. Any no-shows or late cancellations will be billed.

Location & Parking

Orange County Convention Center - Northside Restaurant
North Concourse
9400 Universal Blvd
Orlando, FL 32819

The North Building parking lot can be accessed by two entrances - Universal Boulevard (north side) or International Drive (south side). Using the entrance

off Universal Boulevard is encouraged when attending events in the North Concourse. Parking is complimentary.

Menu & Costs

Breakfast Buffet

- Fruitizzas
- Overnight Oats in Mason Jars
- Egg Medallions
- Muffins
- Sausage
- Hashbrown Casserole with Cheese
- Bacon Wrapped Sweet Potato
- Coffee, Decaf and Tea
- Bottled Juice and Bottled Water

Costs

Members with RSVP \$25
Non-Members & Guests \$35

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President's Letter

By: Daron Sandberg, CHAE

Greetings!

On February 22nd we enjoyed another very nice evening together this time at the Holiday Inn International Airport. We were treated to a spectacular meal and enjoyed a rigorous review of the current Federal taxation landscape. We were again fortunate to welcome some new members, and share the evening with the IMA.

March's membership meeting- will be a breakfast! On March 29, we will convene at the Orange Convention Center, North Concourse, in a joint meeting with the local chapter of the Hospitality Human Resources Association. Personally, I believe this may be the best opportunity of the year to meet as a chapter, show some pride for HFTP and showcase why HFTP is an invaluable resource for its members, and the members of the HHRA of Central Florida.

HITEC comes to Orlando at the end of June, and your chapter has been designated the Host Chapter. We have the opportunity as chapter members to assist at the opening night party, to be held at Sea-World Orlando. The assistance would take up a small portion of the evening, permitting the opportunity to enjoy the park and the events planned for attendees. If you would like to participate, please mark your calendar and watch for an announcement in a future issue of this newsletter!

Daron Sandberg

President - HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter



HFTP Global Events & Calendar

Date	Event
Mon, Mar 14	HFTP Club Summit
-	San Antonio, TX
Tue, Mar 15	HFTP Webinar
Thu, Mar 24	Leadership Excellence Series Lecture Panel: "The Long and Winding Career Road"
Mon, Jun 27	HITEC Orlando
-	Orlando, FL
Thu, Jun 30	
Tue, Sep 13	HFTP Club Forum
	Austin, TX
Wed, Sep 14	HFTP Annual Convention
-	Austin, TX
Fri, Sep 16	

Changed roles or emails recently? Login to my.hftp.org to update your contact information and preferences.

Mid-Florida HFTP Job Board

As provided by Mid-Florida chapter members, there are links to a range of openings both in the Orlando market as well as nationwide. Access postings updated monthly:

[Mid-Florida HFTP Job Board](#)



To submit jobs or updates, please email Daron Sandberg at DSandberg@RosenHotels.com

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Chad Curtis—Election Tally

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Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Ex-Officio Board Member

Charity Golf Event

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Camp Boggly Creek - It's all for the kids!

Calendar

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Call for Volunteers

Chapter Members, please consider volunteering your time to the various committees. Your input is valuable in ensuring this chapter can continue to be the undisputed Chapter of the Year and produce unparalleled value to its members. If you are willing to assist in any way, please contact any board member, or committee chair.

* Committee Chair or Co-Chair

HFTP Mid-Florida and You

Leadership

Your chapter provides you a vehicle to grow in your personal and professional life through serving on chapter committees and the Board of Directors. Learn how to run a small business and lead the greatest HFTP chapter in the Universe. You will learn public speaking skills and gain confidence in your expertise. You can get the opportunity to develop and execute chapter programs developing valuable leadership skills.

Scholarship

Your chapter provides the HFTP CHAE and CHTP reviews and the testing for those two HFTP certifications in accounting and technology. We need you to help yourself and get certified. This should be a normal progression in your professional career. Your Chapter also provides Continuing Professional Education seminars at the General Meetings and Mini-Education events.

Participation








Your chapter provides a chance for you to give back to your community by assisting at the chapter golf event to benefit the kids at Camp Boggy Creek. Don't shy away, the chapter needs your time and talent. It also gives you the unique opportunity for chapter leadership at these events being part of the solution.

Service

Your chapter provides the avenue for you to give of yourself in serving your fellow members and your community. We encourage you to get involved in your Mid-Florida HFTP Chapter. We need places to hold the monthly general membership meetings. We need our members to support the chapter events by supplying prizes and helping make these events successful. We need speakers for the General Meetings and the Mini-Educational.

Your chapter needs you to join the fun in serving others and gaining the satisfaction of personal growth through leadership, scholarship, participation and service.

2022 HFTP Mid-Florida Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
 Tue, Mar 29	8:00 am	Annual Breakfast Meeting Co-hosted by the Hospitality Human Resources Association	Orange County Convention Center
 Thu, Apr 7	6:00 pm	Board Meeting	Rosen Board Room
 Tue, Apr 26	7:00 pm	General Meeting	Rosen Inn Lake Buena Vista
 Tue, May 10	6:00 pm	Board Meeting	Rosen Board Room
 Tue, May 24	7:00 pm	General Meeting with Phil Diamond, Orange Country Comptroller	TBD
 Thu, Jun 09	6:00 pm	Board Meeting	Rosen Board Room
Mon, Jun 27			
 - Thu, Jun 30		HITEC	Orange County Convention Center

Notes:

Live meeting fees for 2022:

Regular Members	\$45
Student Members	\$25
Guests, Non-Members	\$55
Failure to RSVP	\$55

No-Shows will be invoiced.

2022 FY General

Meeting Dates:

<i>4th Tuesday Monthly</i>	
07/26	08/23
09/27	10/18

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20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

To Benefit: Camp Boggy Creek

Friday, September 23, 2022

Celebration Golf Club
701 Golf Park Drive
Celebration, FL 34747

It is never too early to make a donation!



The HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter February 2022 General Chapter Meeting at The Holiday Inn Orlando - International Airport

February 22, 2022 - One of Central Florida's largest accounting & advisory firm, Withum, presented to the chapter regarding the federal taxation status, considerations for the effects of COVID-19 and actions that businesses and individuals can take to prepare.

Russell Goldberg, CPA, CITP, Partner, presented with Peter Hilera, CPA, Partner. Russell is the Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Orlando office with more than 25 years of experience

specializing in taxation. He is involved in the firm's technology initiatives and provides tax and consulting services for businesses and individual clients. Russell has a strong general business background across multiple industries, as well as experience working with corporate and business clients. Prior to joining the firm, Russell was a partner of Averett Warmus Durkee, which joined with Withum in January 2016.

Peter is a partner in the Orland-

do office specializing in taxation. With more than 23 years of professional experience providing tax, business and accounting compliance and advisory services, Peter has a strong general business background across multiple industries. He specializes in IRS representation, multi-state tax compliance, sales tax consulting, flow-through entities and works closely with private equity groups on mergers and acquisitions for corporate and business clients.

Based in downtown Orlando, Withum services several industries, including but not limited to Hospitality, Healthcare, Not-for-Profit, Technology, Manufacturing, and Construction. The firm has received several awards and accolades including ranking #18 on the 2021 Vault Accounting 50, being named to the Forbes America's Best Tax & Accounting Firms 2021 list and Orlando Sentinel's Top 100 Companies - The Best Workplaces in Central Florida.

