

INN SIGHT

June 2026



HFTP
Hospitality Financial and
Technology Professionals

Mid-Florida Chapter

HFTP NETWORKING EVENT



Tuesday, June 23rd



6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



PopStroke, Hamlin



• Hors d'oeuvres



• Unlimited Mini Golf



• Networking &
Cash Bar

PRICING



\$65 Members

\$75 Non-Members

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

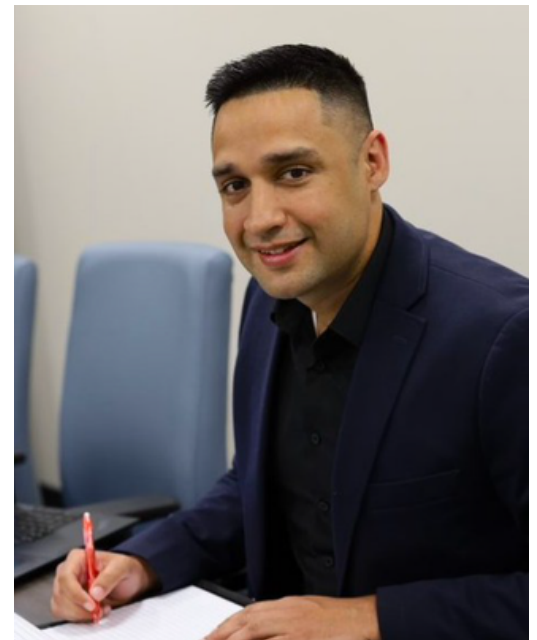
Dear Mid Florida Chapter Members

As we step into June, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the growing momentum of our upcoming regional event. Our speakers, vendors, sponsors, and educational programming are all coming together seamlessly, thanks to the diligent and tireless efforts of everyone involved. The regionals consistently bring renewed energy to our chapter, and I remain grateful for the dedication, professionalism, and strong sense of community each of you contributes to our organization.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Conrad Orlando for graciously hosting us at their beautiful property. It is clearly a member favorite, and our strong attendance reflects that. Additionally, I encourage all of you to register for our upcoming social event on June 23rd at PopStroke in Winter Garden. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow members, enjoy great food, and simply have fun together.

As I close this month's message, I want to acknowledge our board members and past presidents who continue to devote their time and expertise to planning the regionals. I know the commitment required is significant and often demands time outside of already busy schedules. Please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dennis Villegas
President
Mid-Florida Chapter



UPCOMING MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

General Membership Meeting

Loews Royal Pacific Resort
Complimentary self-parking

Chicken and Vegan meal options will be available. Details to follow in the July newsletter.



REGISTER TODAY! | AUGUST 12-14, 2026

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS ON JULY 12TH

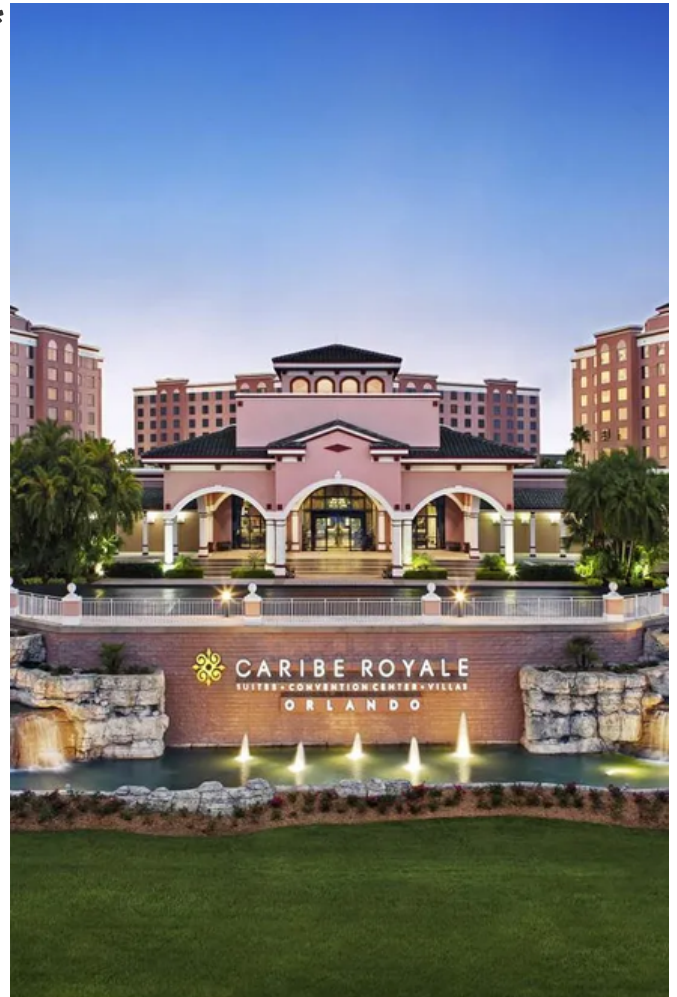
2026 HFTP Florida Regional Conference

Caribe Royale
Orlando, FL

The Florida Regional Conference 2026, hosted by the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, is the premier statewide gathering for Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP). Scheduled for August 12-14, 2026, at the luxurious Caribe Royale Orlando in Orlando, Florida, this event unites members and industry partners from across the state—including the Gold Coast, Gulf Coast, Treasure Coast, South Florida, and Mid-Florida Chapters—for two full days of advanced-level continuing education, insightful discussions on emerging trends, strategic industry challenges, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

<https://hftpfloridaregional.org/>

- Explore key topics in hospitality finance.
- Network with industry professionals.
- Engage in insightful discussions on trends.



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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.



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Bottom row, left to right: Gayle Edwards, Michael Dryden, Dennis Villegas, Randy Anderson, Justin McCann

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OUR CHARITY | CAMP BOGGY CREEK

In 2002, then President Randall Rickmann and Vice President Diana Hull, along with other leaders of our Chapter met with representatives of about a handful of local charities. The objective of this endeavor was to choose the Chapter's charity. Three (3) of the charities were JDRF, Give Kids the World, and Camp Boggy Creek. As the story goes there was a personal relationship between someone connected to our Chapter and the Camp that swayed the vote. That's how Camp Boggy Creek became the charity of our Chapter.

The Camp was relatively new as it had been founded in 1996, born out of the experience of a seriously ill child who had spent time at one of Paul Newman's "Hole in the Wall" camps for kids. Upon returning home to Central Florida, she asked her parents why there wasn't a camp like that in Central Florida. The Camp's literature refers to a poem written by Jennifer Masi, a South Florida teenager undergoing treatment for cancer. It was this poem that inspired many, including founders Actor Paul Newman and General Norman Schwarzkopf, Jennifer's parents Nick and Wendy Masi, and David Horvitz just to name a few.

Here is her poem, The Dolphin:

*A dolphin swimming through an endless sea,
Struggling through each new obstacle....
Scared, worried, unsure of what's to come.
Tough though.
Fighting, fighting.
Until one day she just couldn't anymore.
She wished to be in a place where she didn't have
to fight for every inch.
And her wish was granted.*

Before she died at the young age of 14, she enlisted neighbors, community leaders, and her parents to rally behind building a camp that would be a respite for other children facing serious medical illness just like her who were facing a serious medical illness.

The 232-acre plot of land in Eustis, Florida on which the camp is now located had been willed to Florida Hospital by a former patient of who in turn donated it to The Boggy Creek Gang- the actual name of the non-profit organization that runs the camp. The camp serves children ages 7 – 16 who have been diagnosed with a serious illness. As a year-round retreat, since 1996 the camp has provided over 90,000 campers with a serious illness and their families a FREE, life-changing camp experience.

For those of you who want to learn more about the camp and its deep history, go to boggycreek.org and be ready to smile and laugh. Also, view "The Healer" on Netflix for a very enjoyable family movie inspired by the Hole In The Wall Camps.

The BIG question next on the minds of our Chapter's leaders at that time was how best to fund our new Charity. They decided to host a golf tournament in conjunction with our General Meeting / Spring Social on June 13, 2003- our 1st Annual Golf Tournament benefitting The Boggy Creek Gang was born. It was held at Mystic Dunes Golf Club – The Wyndham Palms Resort in Kissimmee, Florida. The Committee Chairs were none other than Rod Bitterling and David Branson.

The proceeds of that first tournament given to the Camp were \$11,000!!!

To be continued.....