HFTP MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER

# INN SIGHT

September 2026



## BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

***Menu***

***Starter***

*Pan-Seared Mallard Duck Salad: Shaved fennel slaw, Pomegranate, Parmesan, Caramelized orange gastrique*

***Entrée***

*Petit Filet Mignon & Butter-Poached Maine Lobster Tail: Wild mushroom goat cheese risotto, Asparagus tips, and Cabernet demi-glace*

***Dessert***

*Dubai Chocolate Pistachio Entremet: Dark chocolate mousse, Pistachio*

A vegetarian option is available.

**Location & Parking**

**Rosen Plaza**
**Salons 11-12**

***Free self parking validation:***
*Choose the HFTP event on the digital kiosk and the gate will open. The gate will be staffed in case of any trouble.*

***Cost***

*Members with RSVP $65*
*Non-Members & Guests $75*
*Student Chapter Members $35*

R.S.V.P. is 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, Friday prior to the event. Unfortunately, we cannot accept walk-ins, or credit any no-shows or late cancellations.

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# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members,
As I write my final President's Message for the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly rewarding year.

Serving as President of the HFTP Mid-Florida Chapter has been an honor and a privilege. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside so many dedicated professionals, volunteers, board members, and industry partners who continue to make our chapter such a strong and engaged community.

One of the highlights of this year was bringing together the 2026 HFTP Florida Regionals, held August 12–14. Seeing the event come together after months of planning, coordination, and collaboration was truly special. The success of the Regionals was a direct reflection of the commitment and support of everyone involved. From our planning team and volunteers to our sponsors, speakers, and attendees, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to each of you.

As my term comes to an end in September, I am excited to welcome our incoming President and the next chapter of leadership for HFTP Mid-Florida. I have every confidence that the chapter will continue to grow and create meaningful opportunities for our members.
I would like to thank our Board of Directors, our members, and everyone who supported me throughout my term. Your encouragement, participation and willingness to volunteer are what make this organization successful.



It has been a pleasure serving as your President, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. Although this is my final message as President, I look forward to remaining involved and supporting HFTP Mid-Florida in the years ahead.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve.

Warm regards,
Dennis Villegas
President, Mid-Florida Chapter

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## Keynote: Kraig Kann





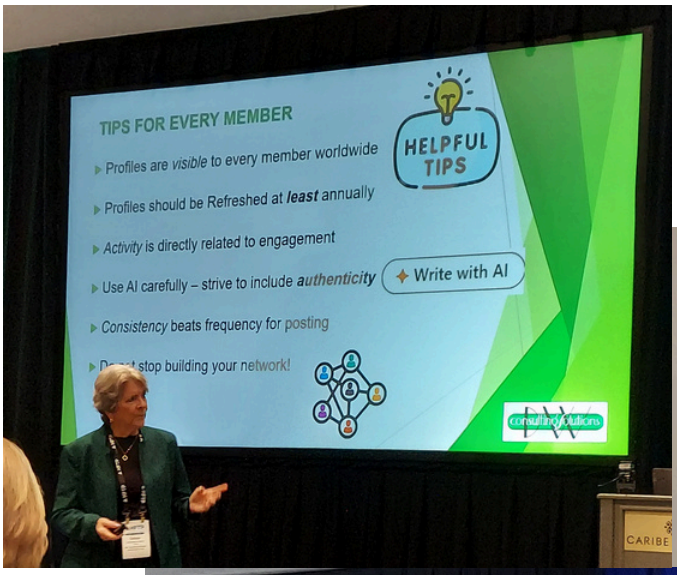




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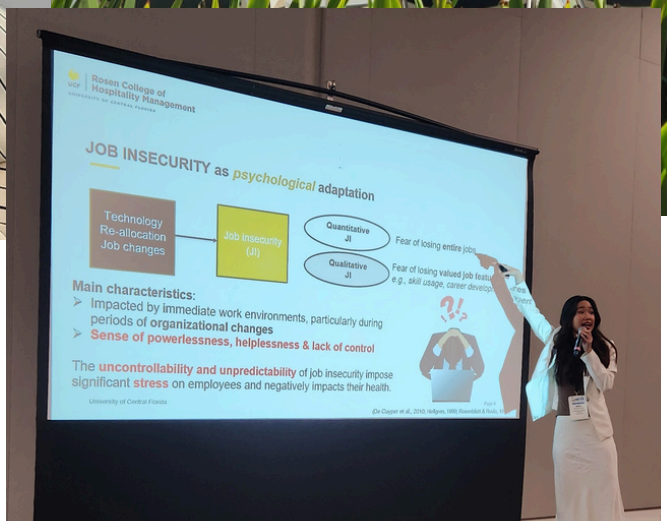













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## HFTP Mid-Florida and You

### 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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# PRESENTING YOUR 2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Top row, left to right: Jose Santos, Daniel Morris, Brittni Rosen, Angelika Balkarran, Amanda Masilunis, Glen Carr.
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……

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