



January 20, 2023

TEAM BUILDING BOWLING

On Tuesday, January 17th, CFHLA held our annual **Team Building Bowling Night**.

Thank you to all of our Members who came out for an evening of fun, networking, team building and even some bowling!

A special thank you to our 2023 Team Building Bowling Sponsors, including:





*The ceremonial 'First Roll,' by Fernando Dominguez of Clean Tec Services
and Steve Kliamenakis of Global Sourcing International*

Congratulations to the following teams and individuals:

HIGH SCORE TEAM

Atlantic Southern Paving and Sealcoating



LOW SCORE TEAM

Liki Tiki Village



HIGH SCORE INDIVIDUAL

DeeAnn Mycroft

Spinout Guest Laundries



LOW SCORE INDIVIDUAL

Aicha Oulaine

StayBridge Suites Orlando Royale Parc Suites



MOST TEAM SPIRIT

Hilton Garden Inn Lake Buena Vista/Orlando
Homewood Suites by Hilton Lake Buena Vista - Orlando &
Homewood Suites by Hilton - Orlando Theme Parks



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CFHLA ANNOUNCES 2023 FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CFHLA has announced its newly elected/appointed **2023 CFHLA Foundation Board of Directors**, which includes Central Florida Hospitality Executives from across the tri-county area (Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties).

The **CFHLA Foundation**, a 501 (c)(3) organization, was created in 2009 to serve as the CFHLA philanthropic arm and donates to causes which advance hospitality and tourism initiatives, youth related causes and community advocacy.

The following Board members were elected to serve on the 2023 CFHLA Foundation Executive Committee, beginning January 1, 2023: **Chair, Sonja Giselbrecht**, General Manager of the [Bluegreen Vacations The Fountains Resort](#); **Vice Chair, John McCracken**, General Manager of [Marriott Village Orlando](#); **Secretary, Fred Sawyers**, Managing Director, [Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek](#) / [Waldorf Astoria Orlando](#); **Treasurer, Brian Comes**, Area Vice President, [Hyatt Regency Orlando](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full press release, which includes all of the elected/appointed Foundation Board Members.



**SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SECURITY &
SAFETY COUNCIL SERVICE AWARD**



CFHLA is now accepting nominations for the **2023 Security and Safety Council Service Award**.

The next Security & Safety Council Service Award will be presented on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Security Council Meet the City of Orlando Police Chief, Eric Smith Breakfast.

This award is presented to an individual from a CFHLA Member Company who has gone above and beyond in the areas of Lifesaving, Leadership, Risk

Management and/or Service.

To nominate a deserving team member, please complete the following nomination form by [CLICKING HERE](#) and return via email to erin.walsh@cfhla.org.

Nominations are now open through Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

JANUARY AFTER HOURS, THIS WEDNESDAY!



After Hours Networking Reception
Wednesday, January 25, 2023
5:00PM - 6:30PM
Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
1500 Masters Blvd, ChampionsGate, FL 33896
Complimentary Self-Parking

This event is open to all active 2023 CFHLA Allied and Lodging Members in good standing

Cash bar will be available.
Complimentary light appetizers and sampling provided by:



[CLICK HERE to Register](#)

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON JANUARY 24, 2023 OR WHEN SPACE REACHES CAPACITY. SORRY, NO WALK-INS.

All attendees MUST be at least 21 years of age or older to attend.

For more information please contact Kim Gordon at kim.gordon@cfhla.org

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THE LIFEBOAT PROJECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS LUNCHEON

Thank you to the more than 100 individuals who attended **CFHLA's human trafficking awareness luncheon** on Thursday, January 19th. This year, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association partnered with [The Lifeboat Project, Inc.](#) to educate our members and the community about this critical issue and how each of us can play a significant role in helping to end the atrocities of human trafficking.

Held at the [Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive](#), the luncheon featured guest speakers from The Lifeboat Project, Jill Bolander, CEO/Founder; Ed Gilbert, Board Chair and Fallan Shields, Board member.

Thank you to [AV Media](#) for their services during the event.

By simply "saying something when you see something," we can all work together to help eliminate human trafficking within our community.



Jill Bolander, CEO/Founder, The Lifeboat Project; Robert Agrusa, President & CEO, Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association



Ed Gilbert, Chairman of the Board of Directors, The Lifeboat Project



GET INVOLVED, CONSIDER JOINING A CFHLA COMMITTEE

[CLICK HERE](#) to find a listing of all **2023 CFHLA Committees** that are available with their descriptions.

Joining a committee is an excellent opportunity to network and maximize your membership.

If you are interested in joining a committee, please scan and e-mail the last page of the form to erin.walsh@cfhla.org.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY GOLF OPEN REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Save the date! The **2023 St. Patrick's Day Golf Open** will take place on **Friday, March 17th at the Rio Pinar Golf & Country Club.**

Registration for **VIP Members** will open on Wednesday, February 1st at 9am, with registration for **all Members** opening on Thursday, February 2nd at 9am.

Be sure to watch those inboxes for the registration link!

As a reminder, all participants MUST be at least 21 years of age or older to attend.



CFHLA
Central Florida
Hotel & Lodging Association

St. Patrick's Day Golf Open

Friday, March 17, 2023
Rio Pinar Golf & Country Club
8600 El Prado Avenue, Orlando FL 32825

7:45 AM Shotgun Start

Registration:
Single Golfer: \$275
Foursome: \$1100

Registration includes: 18 holes of Lucky Irish Fun (Courtesy of our "Pots-O-Gold" Hole Sponsors). Powerpack (Includes a Power Drive, 2 Mulligans, 12' Miracle String and Grenade Throw) and lunch

*Cancellation Policy:
Registrations cancelled after March 3rd at 12:00PM will not be eligible for refunds.
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2023 CENTRAL FLORIDA HOSPITALITY COMPETITION

CFHLA was proud to sponsor the **2023 Central Florida Hospitality Competition!** Today, students from Orange, Osceola and Seminole County competed in categories including Hospitality Projects, Guest Services Case Studies, Business Proposals, and Creative Marketing Campaigns in preparation for the State Competition taking place in March.

Thank you to the host, [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#), [Orange County Public Schools](#), and all the industry professionals and teachers who contributed to the success of today's competition!

Congratulations to all the competitors, including our **High School Outreach** partners [Oak Ridge High School](#) and [Osceola High School](#), who took home trophies in several categories:

- **Oak Ridge High School** team placed 3rd for their Creative Marketing Campaign!
- **Osceola High School** teams placed 1st for in Creative Marketing Campaign, Business Proposal, and Guest Services Case Study!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view photos from today's competition.



PARTNERS IN ACTION - WYNDHAM ORLANDO RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER CELEBRATION

In an example of championing the local and international communities, the [Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center Celebration](#) recently sponsored a group of 16 & 17 year-old AFS students from around the globe.

AFS Intercultural Program is an international, voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world.

Executive Chef Adolfo, Director of Food and Beverage, Mallory Goldstein and team members from the resort also had the pleasure of serving Christmas dinner for the members of Osceola County Fire Rescue Station 71.

Thank you to the team at Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center Celebration for your continued involvement and advancement of hospitality in the community.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
JANUARY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



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[Wyndham Orlando Resort &
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Kyle Salinsky
[Minuteman Press](#)

MEET THE VIP

Did You Know...that [Florida Patio Furniture](#) is a commercial wholesale factory that supplies direct to all the major theme parks, waterparks and hotel resorts locally and nationwide. We supply everything poolside from tables, chairs, loungers and umbrellas. We also manufacture all our products right here in Palmetto FL. We have been family owned and operated for 30 years.



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on upcoming events, or to register, just click on the links below.

- [January After Hours \(1/25/2023\)](#)
- [New Member Orientation \(2/1/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Golden Pineapple Awards - Allied Registration \(3/2/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Golden Pineapple Awards - Lodging Registration \(3/2/2023\)](#)

JOB OPENINGS

Check out the latest hospitality employment opportunities in Central Florida.

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