



November 21, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving!



On behalf of our Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association team and Board of Directors, we'd like to wish all of our members, our hospitality and community partners and their families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, our CFHLA offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 22nd through Sunday, November 26th.

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## Welcome New CFHLA Members to Orientation



Thank you to the fifteen (15) members, representing twelve (12) CFHLA Member businesses, who joined us for our **CFHLA New Member Orientation** last Friday!

These businesses included: **A&E Hospitality Solutions, Andretti Indoor Karting & Games, Orlando, Fortis Pay Pro, Grunau Fire, Inspired Hospitality, Nouveau Elevator Florida, PuroClean of Meadow Woods, Restore Now, Sencu Construction, Inc., TravelHost, Valcourt Building Services of Florida, and VISIT FLORIDA.**

Welcome to CFHLA! We look forward to your new involvement throughout 2024 and beyond!

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## I-Drive Holiday Tree Lighting

The **I-Drive District's** official holiday tree is returning to **ICON Park** this season, bringing holiday joy to both visitors and Central Florida residents.

At 6 p.m. on **Thursday, December 1st**, be sure to check out the I-Drive Dazzles with a glittering lighting ceremony of the 50-ft Holiday Tree.

The tree lighting will also include special performances, singing and dancing, Free 3D-Holiday glasses, The Santa Workshop Experience and more!

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**I-Drive District**  
**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**  
at ICON Park Orlando  
December 1st at 6pm

**Kick off the Season  
as we light the official  
I-Drive District 50ft Holiday Tree!**

Special Performances,  
Singing & Dancing,  
Free 3D-Holiday Glasses,  
The Santa Workshop Experience\*  
and more!

Scan Here for Details.



**I-DRIVE DAZZLES ALL SEASON LONG!**  
**Come DINE, SHOP, EXPLORE and BE MERRY on I-DRIVE!**

This event is sponsored by the I-Drive Business Improvement District • [IDriveDistrict.com](http://IDriveDistrict.com)  
\*The Santa Workshop Experience can be purchased separately. Children participating in The Santa Workshop Experience will receive a FREE ticket to ride The Wheel and Carousel on the Promenade. Advance reservations are required.  
Scan QR Code for more details.

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**Mark Your Calendars, 2024 Sponsorships Available for  
Purchase on December 8th**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**2024 SPONSORSHIPS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE:  
DECEMBER 8TH**

**Sponsorships will open in 3-stages:**

**8:00am - Open to VIP Members**

**9:00am - Open to Silver Partners**

**10:00am - Open to all CFHLA Members**

*You will receive an email when it is your time to purchase.*

**CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW ALL 2024  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

*\*Note: More information regarding CFHLA Foundation (council events)  
and CFHLA PAC/PC sponsorships will be available in 2024*

For questions, please contact Kim Gordon at  
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**You Are Invited to the CFHLA Engineers' Council  
Member Appreciation Reception on December 8th**

Join the CFHLA Engineers' Council on **Friday, December 8, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the Four Seasons Resort Orlando for a reception to recognize and thank our Allied Members who have supported their initiatives throughout the year.

To learn more and register, please [CLICK HERE](#).



The flyer features a festive design with a green pine branch border at the top, adorned with gold stars and ornaments. The CFHLA logo is visible on several ornaments. The main title is in a large, green, serif font. Below the title, the event details are listed in red and black text. A section for sponsors includes logos for Blown Away, Greenely Productions, GSI, GFEC, MPE, Mallard Systems, PCPI, PuroClean, Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture, Unimac Management, and Yardnique. The registration information is highlighted in red.

**CFHLA**  
**ENGINEERS' COUNCIL**  
**MEMBER APPRECIATION**

You are invited to join the CFHLA Engineers' Council for a reception to recognize and Thank the CFHLA Allied Members who have supported their initiatives in 2023.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023**  
**5:00PM-8:00PM**  
**FOUR SEASONS RESORT ORLANDO**  
**(10100 DREAM TREE BLVD, LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL 32836)**

**Registration Fee: \$25**  
Includes hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, a cash bar will be available.

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ERIN WALSH, ERIN.WALSH@CFHLA.ORG OR 407-313-5012

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**Partners in Action - Spinout Guest Laundries, Blown Away, LLC, Landform of Central Florida, Inc. & Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture, Inc.**

Last week, several **CFHLA VIP Members** including, **Blown Away, LLC**, **Clean Tec Services**, **Landform of Central Florida, Inc.**, **Spinout Guest**

**Laundries**, and **Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture, Inc.** joined forces to make a difference for their Adopt-A-School Partners, **Ivey Lane Elementary School**, **Orlo Vista Elementary**, and **Rock Lake Elementary**.

ARC Immediate Past Chair Jill Cooper with Blown Away and Dee Ann Mycroft with Spinout Guest Laundries, met with Principal Melanie Simmons and Tamara Clark, the Parent Engagement Liaison of Rock Lake Elementary, to deliver grocery store gift cards for each staff member to purchase their Thanksgiving meal.

ARC Board Member Cindy Andrews with Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture Inc. and Anita Tompkins with Landform of Central Florida, Inc. stopped by Ivey Lane Elementary School to deliver gift cards for their entire staff of teachers and cafeteria staff, in preparation for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Lastly, ARC Treasurer Beatriz Dominguez of Clean Tec Services and Anita Tompkins of Landform of Central Florida, Inc. teamed up to provide gift cards for staff at Orlo Visa Elementary.





Thank you Blown Away, LLC, Clean Tec Services, Landform of Central Florida, Inc., Spinout Guest Laundries and Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture, Inc. for your support of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and for helping to make a positive impact this holiday season, within our community!

## Orlando City Advances to 2023 MLS Cup Semi-Final



**Orlando City** & CFHLA have teamed up to offer you a special rate on tickets to the Eastern Conference Semifinals of the Audi 2023 MLS Cup Playoffs. Your Lions will take on the Columbus Crew at Exploria Stadium this **Saturday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m.** It's win or go home as the Lions look to earn a spot in the Eastern Conference Finals!

There are only limited tickets that remain in the lower bowl of the stadium and



can be purchased by [CLICKING HERE](#). If you have any questions or want to purchase a group of 10+, reach out to [grouptix@orlandocitysc.com](mailto:grouptix@orlandocitysc.com).

**Let's GO CITY / VAMOS ORLANDO!**

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## CFHLA Heart of Hospitality

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association would like to congratulate this week's **"Heart of Hospitality"** professional and participant in this year's **CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II!**

If you haven't been following us on our social media channels you should! We've been sharing the stories of our incredibly diverse hospitality professionals who are truly the "Heart of Hospitality" throughout Central Florida. Each industry professional has also been recognized and highlighted on the [CFHLA WEBSITE](#).

[Click here to learn more](#) about the recognition series and please help us share their amazing stories! Do you know someone that is the "Heart of Hospitality" and should have their story shared? If so, please email us at [communications@cfhla.org](mailto:communications@cfhla.org).



**Khalil Hassan**

**Embassy Suites By Hilton Orlando  
I-Drive ICON Park**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**



**Sean Verney**

**Walt Disney World Swan and  
Dolphin Resort**



**Norah White**

**I-Drive District**

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**MEET THE SILVER**

**Did You Know...** **The Robert Slack Group** consists of the #1 Real Estate Team in Florida with over 650 agents who have assisted over 10,000 customers with buying and selling their homes over the past 24 months alone. Our Real Estate Company was founded in 2014 and quickly became the real estate company of choice for consumers and agents alike. In 2016, we opened our first Florida Title office location in Plantation, Florida and have now have offices in Orlando and Ocala offering title services to our clients and agents. Florida Funding our mortgage company, opened its doors in 2017 and offers clients a variety of mortgage options for both purchases and refinancing.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting & Silver Partner Luncheon \(11/29/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Foundation Board Meeting \(12/5/2023\)](#)
- [2023 CFHLA Holiday Online Auction \(12/5/2023\)](#)
- [Governmental Affairs Meeting \(12/6/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(12/7/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Scholarship Committee Meeting \(12/7/2023\)](#)
- [2024 CFHLA Sponsorships Open \(12/8/2023\)](#)
- [Engineer's Council Member Appreciation \(12/8/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA High School Outreach Subcommittee Meeting \(12/11/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board meeting \(12/12/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(12/12/2023\)](#)

[Click Here to View  
Upcoming](#)

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## JOB OPENINGS

Check out the latest hospitality employment opportunities in Central Florida.

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