



November 3, 2023

2023 Halloween Golf Open Was A Success!



Thank you again to all of our members, sponsors and participants who joined us last **Friday, October 27th**, at our annual **CFHLA Halloween Golf Open**

at the Legends Course at Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Halloween Costume Contest
System Tech Services



Best Decorated Hole / Best Costume
PCPI Services, Inc.



Best Beverage - Assorted Cocktails

EG Vodka



Best Food - Meatballs

First Onsite



First Place Team
TK Elevator



Second Place Team
Legacy Vacation Rentals

Third Place Team
SeaWorld Parks & Resorts

Women's Longest Drive
Elizabeth Caldarelli
Greater Orlando Sports Commission

Men's Longest Drive
Matt Grier
Greenery Productions

Women's Closest to the Pin
Chelsea Wynn
Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort

Men's Closest to the Pin
CJ Sloan
TK Elevator

**CFHLA would also like to thank our 2023 Halloween Golf Open
Partners and Sponsors once again, including:**

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Lunch Sponsor



Golfer Gift Sponsor



Hole Sponsors





Putting Contest Sponsor

Pumpkin Raffle Sponsor

Breakfast Sponsor



Men's Closest to the Pin

Ladies Longest Drive & Ladies Closest to the Pin

Men's Longest Drive



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Human Resources Seminar #3



On **Wednesday, November 1st**, CFHLA hosted our final **Human Resources Seminar** for 2023! This concluded our annual three-part HR Seminar Series.

Seminar #3 featured a presentation by from Jackson Lewis, which discussed non-immigrant visas, F-1 Student Visas, H-1B Visas, and the new Form I-9 changes that took effect on November 1, 2023.

Thank you again to **Tasos Paindiris and Brenda Oliver** from [Jackson Lewis](#), for your continued partnership with CFHLA and our annual HR Seminar Series!

We would also like to thank [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#) for being our host!

2023 Human Resources Seminar Series Presented By:

JacksonLewis

2023 Human Resources Seminar Series Corporate Sponsors:



Conrad Orlando & Evermore Orlando Resort Sneak Peek



Thank you to our CFHLA Board Member and General Manager of the first Conrad Hotel in Orlando, Sean McCarron, for giving our team a sneak peek this week of this soon-to-be opened hotel. The [Conrad Orlando](#) Hotel is expected to open in December as part of the 1,100-acre [Evermore Orlando](#)

Resort.

The Hilton-branded hotel will offer 433 rooms, 61 suites, five unique dining experiences, a luxurious spa and private water garden, a 24-hour fitness center, a kids club, its own pool and splash pad exclusively for guests and 65,000 square feet of ballroom space for meetings and events, as it overlooks a spectacular beach-like crystal clear lagoon. We can't wait to celebrate the opening of this new luxury hotel and showcase it to our future guests!

Membership Survey - Thank You!

Thank you to those CFHLA Members who completed the Membership Survey last month.

Your feedback was incredibly important and will assist our Team and Board of Directors with our planning for 2024!

Congratulations to the following individuals who won the raffle:

Ryan Poissant

SpringHill Suites Orlando Lake Nona

Lea Neill

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park

Arthur Weiss

Streets

Marriott Village Orlando welcomes Dace Stewart



Welcome

DACE
STEWART



CFHLA welcomes
Dace Stewart,
in his new role as
Complex General Manager,
Marriott Village Orlando.



CFHLA would like to welcome **Dace Stewart** to the Central Florida hospitality community!

Dace was recently named as the Complex General Manager at the multi-branded 1,100-room Courtyard, SpringHill Suites, and Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista in [Marriott Village Orlando](#), effective November 25, 2023.

Dace began his hospitality career in 2004 as a Front Desk Supervisor at the Charlotte Marriott City Center. In his most recent role, Dace served as Dual General Manager of the Residence Inn West Palm Beach Downtown and the Fairfield Inn Wellington. When not working, Dace enjoys cooking, traveling and fitness with his wife, Jessica. They are also kept busy by their 1-year-old son, Liston, as well as their two beagles, Penelope & Tucker.

We also want to extend our heartfelt congratulations & profound gratitude to

long-time CFHLA Board Member and CFHLA Foundation Board Member **John McCracken** as he prepares to embark on a new and well-deserved chapter in his life - his retirement. We are incredibly grateful for your unwavering dedication and support to the association over the years, and we look forward to cherishing those memories!

You've helped elevate our impact with the next generation of hospitality leaders, by substantially increasing our fundraising efforts to support hospitality student scholarships and educational grants, as well as helped expand our partnerships with our higher educational institutions including UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management! You will be missed and we truly thank you for your genuine passion and incredible leadership within the hospitality industry!



The graphic features a dark blue background with yellow decorative bars. On the left is a portrait of John McCracken, a man with glasses wearing a blue shirt and a dark blazer. To the right, the text 'Congratulations on Your Retirement' is written in a yellow script font. Below this, 'JOHN MCCRACKEN' is written in a white, outlined, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the word 'from' is in yellow script, followed by the CFHLA logo, which includes a pineapple icon and the text 'CFHLA Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association'.

*Congratulations on
Your Retirement*

JOHN
MCCRACKEN

from

CFHLA
Central Florida
Hotel & Lodging Association

Congratulations, UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management!

We are thrilled to share the incredible news that [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#) has once again achieved the prestigious No. 1 ranking in the nation by ShanghaiRanking for the fourth year in a row!

Your commitment to shaping the future of the hospitality industry is truly remarkable and this achievement is a testament to the dedication, innovation, and unwavering passion of the faculty, students, and staff at UCF Rosen College.

As an educational partner, we are very proud to be associated with UCF Rosen College as they consistently set the bar for the entire nation. We look forward to continuing our collaboration for many years to come and once again, congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!

CFHLA Heart of Hospitality

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association would like to congratulate this week's "Heart of Hospitality" professionals and participants 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.



[Gabby Soo Hong](#)

[Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange
Lake Resort](#)



[Ariel Wheelock](#)

[Castle Hotel Autograph Collection](#)

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



Sean Verney

[Walt Disney World Swan and
Dolphin Resort](#)



Norah White

[I-Drive District](#)

MEET THE SILVER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(11/7/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council November Breakfast \(11/7/2023\)](#)
- [Leads Groups \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Governmental Affairs Meeting \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)
- [Diversity Committee Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(11/14/2023\)](#)
- [Employee Relations Committee \(11/15/2023\)](#)
- [Hospitality Gala Committee Meeting \(11/16/2023\)](#)
- [Vacation Ownership Mini-Golf Tournament \(11/16/2023\)](#)
- [Jumpstart 2024 Sponsorship Review \(11/17/2023\)](#)
- [New Member Orientation \(11/17/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting & Silver Partner Luncheon \(11/29/2023\)](#)

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JOB OPENINGS

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