



December 15, 2023

Carolyn Fennell to Receive the Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) will be recognizing and honoring **Carolyn Fennell, the former Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Relations** at the [Greater Orlando Aviation Authority \(GOAA\)](#) for the past four decades, as the association's **2023 Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award** recipient.

The award will be presented at the CFHLA Hospitality Gala on **Saturday, December 16th** at [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#). Ms. Fennell will be the first woman to receive this recognition from CFHLA.

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On behalf of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, we sincerely thank her for all of her efforts as the airport's voice for more than 43 years!

Congratulations Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II Graduates!

In 2022, CFHLA developed and launched a new Leadership Mentoring Program that was designed to provide a diverse group of mid-level leadership from CFHLA Lodging and Allied Member Businesses, with a unique learning experience that would help grow their leadership skills and help prepare them for career advancement opportunities within the hospitality industry.

Last year, we recognized 8 graduates in the inaugural class of our program and at the November CFHLA Silver Partner Luncheon, we were excited to recognize the 14 graduates from our Class II!



Please join us in congratulating the following graduates of the
CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II:

Angelina Cortez

[Pets2Go International](#)

Will Gates

[Hyatt Regency Orlando](#)

Chase Guarino

[Titan Flooring Inc.](#)

Khalil Hassan

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park](#)

Jeremy Mercado

[Audio Visual Connection](#)

Tony Morales

[Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#)

Shane Oliver

[Liki Tiki Village Resort](#)

Javier Ortiz Trujillo

Delta Marriott Hotel Orlando Celebration

Mike Pezo

Atlantic Southern Paving

Lille Pidor

AC by Marriott Orlando Downtown

Candace Raines

**Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort
Area**

Gabby Soo Hong

Holiday Inn Club Vacations – Orange Lake Resort

Ariel Wheelock

Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection

Tremaine Williams

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park

Final Reminder - CFHLA CARES Collection Drive is This Saturday!

Each year, with the generous support of our members and partners, CFHLA hosts several collection drives to help our local students in need from across the Central Florida region.

As we near the holiday season, please consider helping us to achieve our goal of collecting more than 800 shoes, at our final **CFHLA CARES Collection Drive** on **Saturday, December 16th**. This is in conjunction with the **CFHLA Hospitality Gala** at the **Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld** (6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821).

 **Collection Drive for Students in Need** 

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Donation Drop-Off is during the Hospitality Gala Reception from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

CFHLA is collecting NEW shoes for:

 **Orange County Public Schools**  **School District of OSCEOLA COUNTY FLORIDA**  **the sharing center**

Please bring a NEW pair of shoes with you to the Gala, or scan the QR Code to donate to this cause!

Our goal is to collect over 800 pairs of sneakers for students of all ages!



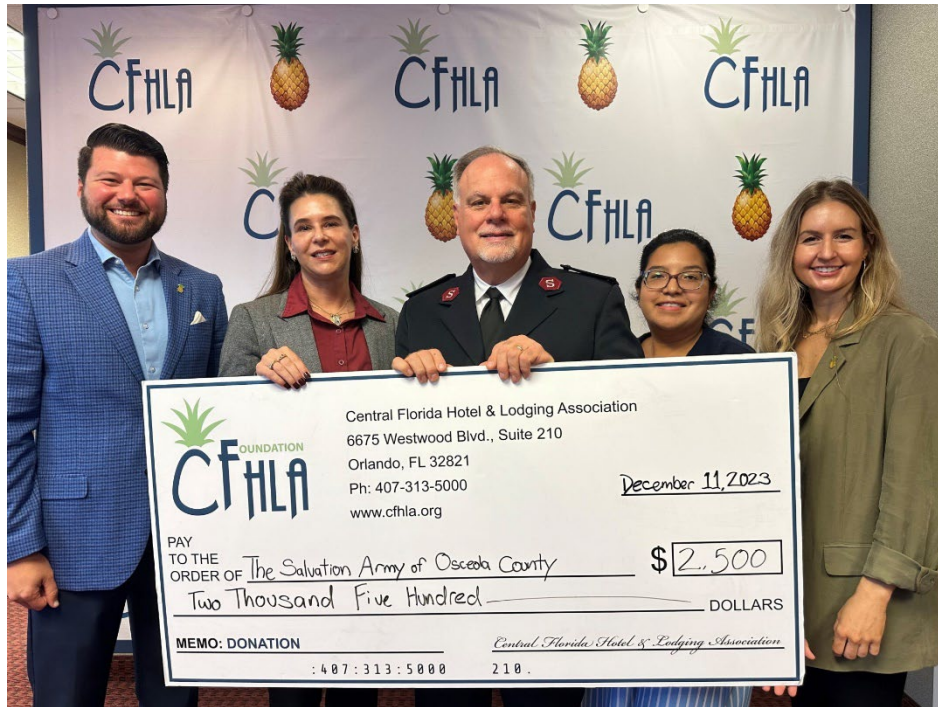
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CFHLA Foundation Supports the Salvation Army of Osceola County

Recently, you may have heard the unfortunate news that the Salvation Army of Osceola County lost its Kissimmee Service Unit due to a devastating fire. With the support of our members and the CFHLA Foundation, we were

grateful to donate \$2,500 to help the Salvation Army continue "Doing the Most Good" this holiday season. Thank you Captain Ken Chapman and your entire team, for the incredible work and service you do for so many in need throughout our community.



CFHLA Engineers' Council Holiday Reception

Last Friday, December 8th, the CFHLA Engineers' Council held a Member Appreciation Reception at the [Four Seasons Resort Orlando](#).

Specifically, the CFHLA Engineers' Council, in partnership with our members, stepped up in a big way in 2024. This included their continued support of the **Sunshine Foundation Dream Village** and the distribution of **four upskilling scholarships to CFHLA Member Employees** to help them complete a newly created Residential Maintenance Accelerated Program at Valencia College.

Congratulations again to **Daysi Garcia**, one of this year's scholarship recipients, and we thank you for sharing your story!

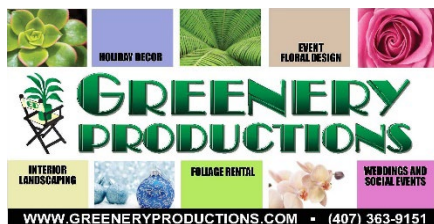
Lastly, the **2023 Council Chair, Ryan Garro** introduced the 2024 Council Members and we are looking forward to expanding on their efforts and making an even bigger impact on our community in 2024 and beyond.



CFHLA Would like to thank our 2023 Engineers' Council Holiday Reception Partners and Sponsors including:



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Downtown Hoteliers Celebrate Another Magic Win

On Monday, December 11th, our Downtown Hoteliers and partners enjoyed cheering on Orlando's hometown team in the win against the Cavs!

Thank you **Allen Johnson**, [Orlando Venues](#), **Maritza Martinez**, [Orlando Magic](#) and **Levy Restaurants** for your wonderful hospitality and for hosting us at the game!



CFHLA would like to thank Minuteman Press for serving as the 2023 Meeting Sponsor!



Vacation Ownership Council End of Year Reception

On Wednesday, December 13th, the CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council held their end of year reception at the [Castle Hotel](#) (Thank you Anna Snow).



Congratulations to **Jorge Reyes**, [Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort](#), on his tremendous leadership over the past two years as the Council Chair, and a warm welcome to the new leadership for 2024 including: **Chair, Abed Ereikat**, [Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld](#), **Vice Chair, Lori Lo Duca**, [Cypress Pointe Resort](#), and **Advisory Committee members Stacey Herndon**, [Westgate Resorts](#) and **Jaret Della Porta**, [Marriott's Harbour Lake Resort](#).



CFHLA would like to thank Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture for their sponsorship of the 2023 Vacation Ownership Council Meetings!



Nominations are now being accepted!

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual **Golden Pineapple Awards**, which will be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2024**.

After last year's overwhelming response to the new Outstanding Manager / Supervisor Category, we've decided to separate them from the "Front Line / Hourly / Non-Supervisory / Non-Management" employees recognition program.

Therefore, please consider nominating deserving "Front Line / Hourly / Non-Supervisory / Non-Management" employees for this prestigious reception and dinner awards program.

Then, in the 3rd quarter of 2024, CFHLA will be creating a new reception that will recognize several of our the Manager/Supervisor categories. More information on this new recognition will be available early next year.

To view the form and submit a nomination(s), please [CLICK HERE](#).

Deadline to submit your nominations is **Wednesday, January 17th**.



THANK YOU LIVIE BOTTLED WATER

CFHLA would like to thank [Lovie Bottled Water](#) for their continued support of CFHLA. For the past 12 years, Lovie Bottled Water has provided CFHLA with personalized and complimentary water bottles for all office meetings and golf events.

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Orlando's 2023 Football Bowl Season

Cheer for your favorite teams and let the spirit of competition electrify the air. Whether you bleed team colors or just love the excitement of the game, Orlando's football bowl season has something for every fan. From thrilling touchdowns to unforgettable moments, get ready to witness the magic unfold on the field as two College Bowl games are coming to the Camping World Stadium.

The first bowl game is the 2023 Pop-Tarts Bowl will feature the Kansas State Wildcats and the North Carolina State Wolfpack at Orlando's Camping World Stadium. The game will kick off at 5:45PM on Thursday, December 28th and will air live on ESPN. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets for this bowl game.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28
5:45 PM ET • ESPN



*CAMPING WORLD STADIUM
ORLANDO, FL*

The second bowl game is the 2023 Cheez-It Bowl will feature Iowa Hawkeyes and the Tennessee Volunteers at Orlando's Camping World Stadium. The game will kick off at 1:00PM on Monday, January 1 and will air live on ABC. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets for this bowl game.



Partners in Action - Clean Tec Services

Thank you to **CFHLA Allied Relations Council Treasurer Beatriz Dominguez** of [Clean Tec Services](#), who stopped by the office last week to drop off 64 shoes as a part of the upcoming CARES Collection Drive.



Thank you Beatriz and Clean Tec Services for helping to make a positive impact within our community!

Partners in Action - Hampton Inn & Suites and Hyatt House Orlando Airport



CFHLA lodging members [Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) recently had the opportunity to participate in the Teach In program. Both properties decided to spread some joy and foster a love for learning among the children at their Adopt-A-School partners [Little River Elementary](#) and [Cheney Elementary School](#), by taking the time to read to their 1st graders at each school.



Thank you Hampton Inn & Suites and Hyatt House Orlando Airport for your support of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and for helping to make a positive impact within our community!

Partners in Action - Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek



Recently, [Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek](#), took the time to make a difference for their Adopt-A-School Partner, [Shingle Creek Elementary](#).

During the visit, Signia participated in the Teach In Program Session, enlightening the students about careers in the hospitality industry.



Thank you Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek for your support of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and for helping to make a positive impact within our community!

MEET THE SILVER

Did You Know... [GLE Associates, Inc. \(GLE\)](#) has been a proud CFHLA Member since 2019. GLE performs Environmental Due Diligence services for Commercial Clients across the southeast with five Offices in Florida, one in Atlanta, GA & Nashville, TN. With a team of four Certified Industrial Hygienists, we are poised to address your indoor air quality concerns. In addition, GLE has the capability to provide pre-renovation and pre-demolition material sampling for asbestos, lead and mold.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [CFHLA CARES Collection Drive \(12/16/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Hospitality Gala \(12/16/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Breakfast \(1/9/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(1/9/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA New Board Member Orientation \(1/10/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting and After-Hours Reception \(1/10/2024\)](#)

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