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Vacation Ownership Council's Mini-Golf Tournament



The CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council finally hit the links, with their second annual Mini Golf Tournament taking place this past Wednesday evening at the [Holiday Inn Club Vacations Orange Lake Resort](#) (Thank You, Jorge Reyes).

Rather than 500-yard holes and water hazards, golfers enjoyed a fun evening of networking and fellowship, as they navigated putts along the twist and turns of the Sand & Surf courses.

All of the proceeds from the mini golf tournament goes to support the CFHLA Foundation and the Vacation Ownership Council's initiatives, including providing transportation for our local high school students to visit various resorts across the Central Florida region and explore career opportunities within the hospitality industry.

CFHLA would like to thank our Vacation Ownership Council's Mini Golf Partners and Sponsors including:

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Security Seminar - Trespass Warning & Autism Training



On Wednesday, the CFHLA Security & Safety Council hosted a Trespass Warning and Autism Awareness training seminar for our members, in partnership with the **Orange County Sheriff's Office**.

This engaging and informative two-part seminar provided attendees with the knowledge and tools to identify signs and symptoms of autism as well as co-occurring mental health disorders, techniques for supporting individuals with autism in challenging situations, and discuss the ins and outs of trespass warnings.

The hospitality industry is always preparing for to help our future guests in any situation. We appreciate and thank our partners for working with CFHLA to help educate our hospitality professionals on how to be more prepared to continue serving our guests at a high level.

During the Seminar, we also recognized both 1st Quarter Service Award Honorees for their exemplary services which embodies the very essence of hospitality. Both individuals have gone above and beyond in the areas of lifesaving, leadership, risk management and / or service. Please join us in congratulating the winners of the 1st Quarter Service Awards for Lifesaving to **Michael Coyle** of the [Hilton Orlando](#) and Leadership to **Yolanda McHayle** of the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park](#).



Lastly, we'd like to thank the [Mall at Millenia](#) (**Kevin Cedik, General Manager & Greg Moore, Director of Security**) for hosting this important seminar.

Celebrating 40 Years of Excellence: Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress



We are thrilled to extend our warmest congratulations to the [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#) on reaching a remarkable milestone – their 40th anniversary! On Thursday, February 1st we had the pleasure of celebrating this momentous occasion alongside 14 dedicated team members who have been with the property since its inception. As we reflect on this milestone, the CFHLA would like to express our deepest gratitude to the [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#) and **General Manager Paul Joseph** for their continued partnership over the past several decades.

To commemorate this special day, **Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings** issued a proclamation designating **February 1, 2024, as Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Day**. This official recognition speaks to the significant impact the iconic resort has had on our community and the Central Florida tourism industry at large.



As we raise a toast to the [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#), we look forward to their continued collaboration and success in the years to come. Cheers to 40 years of excellence, and here's to another 40 filled with innovation, hospitality, and creating lasting memories for our guests!

Once again, congratulations to the [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#) on this remarkable milestone!

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Last Chance to Register! Golden Pineapple Awards

As a reminder, **registration will close next Friday, February 9th at 12:00pm** for our upcoming **Golden Pineapple Awards Dinner** that will be held on **Thursday, February 22nd** at the [Orlando World Center Marriott](#).

Please join CFHLA as we recognize our Lodging Members' front-line employees who go above and beyond their job responsibilities and represent the best and most exceptional service in Central Florida.

Registration fee is \$85 per person or \$850 for a table of 10.

Allied Members [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Lodging Members [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

For questions, please contact Kim Gordon at kim.gordon@cfhla.org.

**The 2024 Golden Pineapple Awards are proudly
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Save the Date - St. Patrick's Day Golf Open

Mark your calendar! The 2024 St. Patrick's Day Golf Open will be held on **Thursday, March 14 at Rio Pinar Golf Club**. Registration will open to all CFHLA Members next **Tuesday, February 6 at 9:00am**. You don't want to

miss it as this signature event sells out quickly! The registration fee is \$300 / golfer or \$1,200 / golf foursome.

Additionally, 1 sponsorship opportunity remains:

- **Golfer Gift Sponsor - \$3,500:** company logo on gift given to all golfers & 2 seats at the luncheon, recognized during morning & luncheon announcements.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase the sponsorship.

For questions, please contact Kim Gordon at kim.gordon@cfhla.org.

Explore Extraordinary Worlds at Universal's Epic Universe

[Universal Orlando Resort](#) has been quietly building one of the world's most immersive and most anticipated theme parks to date, **Universal Epic Universe**.

Plans have been tightly under wraps for years, but Universal Orlando released its first official details on the coming park this past Tuesday.

Epic Universe will feature five new worlds with "more than 50 awe-inspiring attractions, entertainment, dining and shopping experiences. The five new worlds are **Celestial Park, Dark Universe, How to Train Your Dragon - Isle of Berk, Super Nintendo World, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter - Ministry of Magic**.

Additionally, a newly announced **Universal Helios Grand Hotel** will be located inside Epic Universe, at the end of Celestial Park. It will feature 500 rooms and its own access to the park. The hotel is in addition to the previously announced **Universal Stella Nova Resort** and **Universal Terra Luna Resort**, which are opening early next year.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see more details about the new additions coming to Universal Orlando and congratulations! We can't wait for the grand opening in 2025!



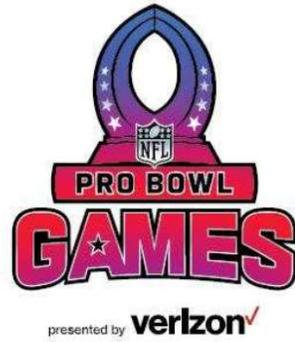
Orlando Makes Sporting History with Dual Prestigious Events!

This weekend, the city of Orlando is set to become the epicenter of athletic prowess, hosting not one, but two remarkable events that underscore its status as a premier sports destination.

First on the agenda is the [U.S. Olympic Team Trials](#), a momentous occasion that positions Orlando as the inaugural host city for this year's Olympic Games trials in Florida. The city is ready to welcome 370+ elite distance runners who will compete fiercely for coveted Olympic Marathon spots on Team USA bound for the Paris Summer Olympics. CFHLA is a proud sponsor of this Olympic Marathon and we look forward to cheering on the streets of downtown Orlando this weekend.

As if that wasn't enough excitement, **Camping World Stadium** is gearing up to host the highly anticipated [2024 NFL Pro Bowl Games](#) on **Sunday, February 4**. This prestigious event brings together NFL superstars from across the nation, captivating millions of viewers worldwide. Orlando is ready to shine under the global spotlight as it plays host to this dazzling display of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship.

Whether you're a passionate sports fan, a dedicated athlete, or someone just looking for a weekend filled with excitement, Orlando invites you to be part of this historic moment. Come witness the thrill, feel the energy, and join us in celebrating the convergence of athletic excellence in the heart of Florida!



DPAC's Judson's Live Grand Opening



On Wednesday, January 31st [Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts](#) held a ribbon cutting ceremony as they celebrated the grand opening of their newest and most intimate music space, **Judson's Live**.

Judson's Live has been in the works for more than five years, with construction getting underway in November 2021. It will officially open February 6, 2024. Congratulations Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on this latest addition, to our world class venue!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Vacation Ownership Council Meeting \(2/7/2024\)](#)
- [St. Patrick's Day Golf Committee Meeting \(2/7/2024\)](#)
- [Security Council Board Meeting \(2/8/2024\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(2/13/2024\)](#)
- [Wednesday AM Leads Group Meeting \(2/14/2024\)](#)
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