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## Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando -North/Altamonte Springs Celebrates Grand Renovation



Congratulations to the <u>Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando-North/Altamonte</u> <u>Springs</u> on their grand renovation this week with a wonderful ribbon-cutting ceremony! The event saw a fantastic turnout and marked a significant milestone for both the hotel and the community.

After completing the renovation project to its 128-room hotel, CFHLA along with with several distinguished guests including **Commissioner Bob Dallari** and the **Mayor of Altamonte Springs Pat Bates**, were excited to see first-hand the significant updates which included a complete property transformation, featuring modernized guest rooms and upgraded meeting spaces. The renovation also reflects Hampton Inn & Suites' commitment to providing top-tier comfort and amenities to all its guests. Plus the refreshed ambiance aims to enhance the guest experience, whether they are visiting for business or leisure.

On behalf of the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, we'd like to wish all the best to **General Manager**, **Nicole Henderson**, and her entire team on this wonderfully upgraded addition to the Altamonte Springs area hotels!



ATTENTION: CFHLA Foundation Online Auction Opens Next Tuesday, July 30th at 9AM

Next week, CFHLA will be hosting our next Online Auction with the net proceeds supporting the CFHLA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and our CFHLA Councils. These councils include the CFHLA Engineers' Council and the CFHLA Security and Safety Council.

Bidders will have the opportunity to bid on items such as hotel stays, golf packages and water park tickets.

# The online auction will begin on Tuesday, July 30th at 9 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, August 6th at 9 p.m.

Thank you again to our Online Auction Sponsor, <u>A&E Hospitality Solutions</u> <u>LLC</u>.

# 2024 FOUNDATION AUCTION



OPENS: TUESDAY- JULY 30TH, 9:00 AM CLOSES: TUESDAY- AUGUST 6TH, 9:00 PM

The CFHLA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donates to advance Hospitality and Tourism Initiatives, youth-related causes, and community advocacy. This year, the CFHLA Foundation Auction proceeds will be supporting the CFHLA Councils and CFHLA Foundation General Fund.

#### **ITEM HIGHLIGHTS**

Hilton Grand Vacations- Las Vegas, NV Loews Hotels @ Universal Orlando Resort Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Evermore Resort Golf

For more Information contact faith.moore@cfhla.org









### **Vacation Ownership Council Meeting**

This week, the CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council held its third meeting of the year which featured a presentation from <u>Visit Orlando</u> Market Research & Insights Sr. Analyst Robert Leavitt. Robert provided a variety of market trends and updates from Visit Orlando, as well as answered questions from the Council members.

Thank you again for joining us Robert and we truly appreciate your partnership with CFHLA and the Central Florida tourism and hospitality industry!



Additionally, we'd like to thank our 2024 Vacation Ownership Council Sponsors for their continued support including, <u>Landform of Central</u> <u>Florida, Inc</u> and <u>Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture</u>!







### CFHLA Supports Commissioner District 4 Maribel Gomez Cordero's Back to School Drive

This past Saturday, CFHLA was proud to support **Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero's Back to School drive**, which provided essential supplies to high school students in our community. The event was a tremendous success, drawing over 120 students and families eager to prepare for the upcoming school year.



Thank you to Commissioner Gomez Cordero and her team for organizing such an impactful event and we were thrilled to support. Together, we can help make a difference in our community by ensuring every student starts the year prepared and confident.

Thank you again to all the CFHLA members and partners who contributed to this meaningful initiative!



# Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Awards - Lodging Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for the brand-new Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Awards.

This program, which is an expansion of our annual signature event, the Golden Pineapple Awards, will focus on recognizing lodging employees at the supervisory and management levels.

#### Please consider nominating deserving employees from your property.

To qualify, an individual must hold a supervisory or management position. Director and Executive level management are not eligible. <u>You may nominate</u> <u>only one individual per category</u>. Each property may submit one nomination in each of the 6 categories: Emerging Hospitality Leader; Culinary; Events & Meetings; Operations; Sales, Marketing, and Revenue; and Support Services / Back Office.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information and to nominate your team member today. **Nominations are due Thursday, September 5th**.

Then on **Thursday**, **October 10th** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld**, **(Thank You, Joe Cardone, General Manager)** CFHLA will host a reception to recognize all of our nominees and award the best leaders who symbolize quality service in our region. For questions or for more information, please contact Kim Gordon at <u>kim.gordon@cfhla.org</u>.

# Booking.com Names Kissimmee: A Top Holiday Spot for Brits in 2024

Recently, **Booking.com named Kissimmee, Florida as the number one and only U.S. destination on their prestigious Top 10 Holiday Spots for the Brits in 2024**. This exciting recognition highlights Kissimmee's unique blend of wild outdoor adventures, legendary golf, stellar entertainment, and a mix of memory-making attractions for all ages.

Known as the big, bold heart of Florida, Kissimmee offers unparalleled access to world-class attractions, charming accommodations, and diverse dining options. Whether it's a family vacation, a romantic getaway, or an adventure with friends, Kissimmee promises unforgettable experiences for every traveler.

Congratulations to the team at Experience Kissimmee on this fantastic achievement! Thank you for the amazing work you do everyday to build the brand, increase destination awareness and drive demand to our destination. We look forward to continuing to welcome more British visitors in the years to come.

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Benjamin McCarney Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando



David Grimes
<u>ABC Home and Commercial</u>
<u>Services</u>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

- CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting (7/31/2024)
- CFHLA VIP Member/Board Member Reception (7/31/2024)
- 2024 ARC Bowling Bash (8/6/2024)

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### **JOB OPENINGS**

Check out the latest hospitality employment opportunities in Central Florida.

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#### About CFHLA

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