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## May Allied Relations Council Breakfast

On Tuesday, May 14th, CFHLA was thrilled to host our third Allied Relations Council Breakfast of the year at [Andretti Indoor Karting and Games Orlando](#) (Thank you, **Eddie Hamann**). In addition to the outstanding breakfast, more than 100 members had the opportunity to hear about new developments on International Drive.

The discussion panel included: **Eddie Hamann, Managing Member, [Andretti Indoor Karting & Games Orlando](#)**; **Giovanni Olarte, Director of Business Development, [ICON Park](#)**; and **Norah White, Director of Sales & Marketing, [I-Drive District](#)**.

Each of the panelists shared personal stories about their careers in the hospitality industry, along with providing several exciting updates on current and future projects either at or nearby their respective businesses.



Lastly, CFHLA would like to thank the 2024 Allied Relations Council Breakfast Sponsor, [Minuteman Press](#), for their continued support of "Members Doing Business With Members."



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## Osceola County General Managers Meeting

Additionally this week, the **Osceola County General Managers** held their quarterly meeting and luncheon at [Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center/Celebration](#) (Thank you **Clint Militzer**) on Thursday, May 16.

A special thanks to [Katrina Scarborough, Osceola County Property Appraiser](#), who provided an update on her office. Also, did you know that Osceola County hotels equate to 12% of the total property taxes collected in annually?



Lastly, we'd like to thank our 2024 Osceola County GM Meeting Sponsors, [Global Sourcing International, Inc.](#) and [Spinout Guest Laundries, Inc.](#) for their continued support!



## Human Resource Seminar #1

This week, CFHLA hosted our first Human Resources Seminar, as a part of our annual three-part HR Seminar Series! Seminar #1 was held at the [Holiday Inn & Suites Across from Universal Orlando](#) and it featured a presentation by **Amanda Simpson** of [Jackson Lewis](#). Amanda's presentation included an in-depth update on wage and hour topics including the **Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Exemptions, 80/20/30, and Tip Pools**.

Thank you to all of the attendees who joined us, as well as **Amanda Simpson** and **Jackson Lewis**, for your continued partnership with our annual HR Seminar Series!



We would also like to thank **CFHLA Board Member and General Manager Erin Aprke** and the entire team of Holiday Inn & Suites Across from Universal Orlando for being our host!

If you are interested in additional information about the remaining two sessions of the Human Resources Seminar Series, please [CLICK HERE](#). We hope to see you at our next HR Seminar in August.



**Thank you to each of our 2024 Human Resources Seminar Series sponsors, including:**

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## Register Today: The 2024 State of the County Address on June 7th



Friday, June 7, 2024

Orange County Convention Center - West Concourse

Linda Chapin Theater

*During the presentation, Mayor Demings will provide an overview of the accomplishments and challenges we face while looking ahead at how Orange County is Building Better Together.*

8:00am | Breakfast & Networking

8:45am | Doors Open

9:00am | State of the County Address

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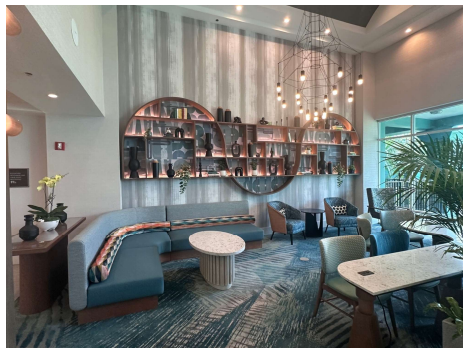


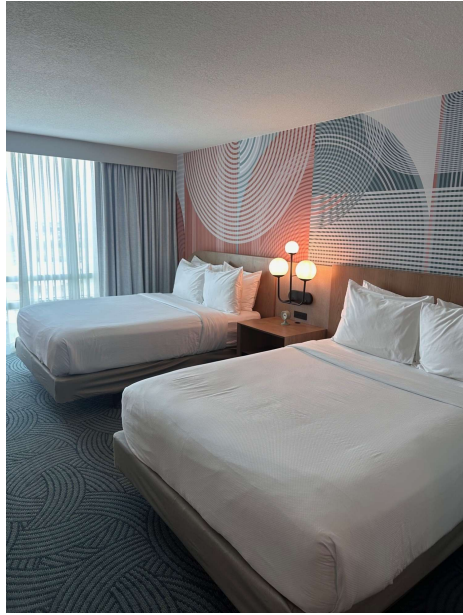
## Celebrating the Grand Opening of Hotel Landy

CFHLA is thrilled to congratulate [Hotel Landy](#) on their fantastic grand opening this week!

Hotel Landy, strategically located near Universal Studios, has undergone an extensive transformation over the past year along with stunning renovations. Hotel Landy will not only be an excellent addition to our vibrant hospitality landscape, but with its modern amenities, exquisite design, and commitment to exceptional service, Hotel Landy is sure to set a new standard of excellence in hospitality within the Central Florida region.

Thank you to all of our industry partners who joined us for this grand opening event and on behalf of CFHLA, we wish all the best to General Manager Demetrius Hodge and the entire Hotel Landy team on this wonderful new addition to our community!





## Celebrating Lana Burke's Outstanding Achievement at Crestline Hotels & Resorts General Managers Conference 2024

CFHLA is thrilled to announce that **Lana Burke**, a dedicated **CFHLA Board Member**, has been awarded the prestigious title of **General Manager of the Year at the Crestline Hotels & Resorts General Managers Conference 2024**. This accolade is a testament to Lana's exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence as the General Manager of the [Embassy Suites Orlando International Drive/ICON Park](#).





Lana's journey with Crestline Hotels & Resorts has been marked by her remarkable ability to inspire her team, foster a culture of hospitality, and drive outstanding performance. Her innovative strategies and relentless pursuit of excellence have not only elevated the guest experience at Embassy Suites Orlando but also set a benchmark for her peers in the hospitality industry.

As a CFHLA board member, Lana has consistently demonstrated her passion for the hospitality industry and her commitment to the Central Florida community. Her recognition as General Manager of the Year is a proud moment for all of us at CFHLA, reflecting the high standards and dedication that our members bring to their roles every day.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Lana Burke for this well-deserved honor. Her achievement is an inspiration to all of us, showcasing the heights that can be reached through hard work, dedication, and a genuine love for the hospitality industry!

Congratulations, Lana!

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## Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence: UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

This week, marked the **20th anniversary celebration** of the [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management!](#)

Since its inception, CFHLA has been a proud and long-term partner of the college, including many of our members who have invested in professorships, continued educational opportunities, and student scholarships.

Recently, we have also expanded our support through the Peer Outreach Mentoring Program (POMP), Career Fairs, and several industry meet and greets each semester. In addition to the generous time and support of our members, **we have invested countless hours, over \$256,000 in grant funding, and awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to over 480 UCF Rosen College students!**

Congratulations again to UCF and the entire team at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management. We look forward to continuing to partner and

collaborate and propel the hospitality industry forward for many years to come!



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## Hampton Inn & Suites and Hyatt House Orlando Airport Hosting Blood Drive

On Wednesday, May 22nd, the OneBlood Big Red Bus will roll into the [Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, OneBlood T-shirt, and a Wellness Checkup Kit which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

To make an appointment, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](https://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code #35331.



# DONATE BLOOD

**Hampton Inn & Suites and  
Hyatt House Orlando Airport  
Wednesday, May 22  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Every two seconds of every day,  
someone needs blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code #35331**

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## "Members Doing Business with Members" - ATMFLA, Inc. and Hyatt House Orlando Airport

At CFHLA, our motto, "Members Doing Business with Members," is more than just words - it's a commitment to fostering strong, mutually beneficial relationships within our community. This month, we are delighted to highlight the collaboration between two of our esteemed members, [ATMFLA, Inc.](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#).

ATMFLA, Inc., a leading provider of advanced ATM solutions, recently installed a state-of-the-art ATM machine at the Hyatt House Orlando Airport.

This installation not only enhances the convenience for guests but also underscores the power of member collaboration in elevating service standards.

By working together, ATMFLA, Inc. and Hyatt House Orlando Airport exemplify the spirit of our motto. Their partnership is a testament to how our members can leverage each other's strengths to achieve greater success. We are proud to celebrate their dedication and look forward to seeing more such collaborations within our community.



**Thank you, ATMFLA, Inc. and Hyatt House Orlando Airport, for advancing our mission and setting a high standard for member cooperation!**

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## Partners in Action - Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection

Recently the [Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection](#) held a Teacher's appreciation lunch, providing over 50 lunches for all teachers at their Adopt-A-School partner [Tangelo Elementary School](#), as a thank you for their continuous work at the school.



Castle Hotel was also invited to an **Appreciation Breakfast by Principal Jackson-Kimble**, and was serenaded by Tangelo Elementary school choir and the dance team. The students gave an amazing performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by the Castle Hotel team.

Lastly, Castle Hotel was then recognized by the school for their dedication and involvement with the program and as a thank you for everything that Castle Hotel have done to work with them.





**Thank you Castle Hotel for making a positive impact within our local schools!**

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## Partners In Action - Staff Pro Workforce

Lastly, CFHLA Allied Member, [Staff Pro Workforce](#), recently treated the faculty and staff at their new Adopt-A-School partner, [Kissimmee Middle School](#), to lunch as part of the recent Teacher Appreciation Week.





**Thank you to the teachers, administration, and students at Kissimmee Middle School and team members at Staff Pro Workforce for your continued partnership in education!**

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[Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre](#)



**Heather Hutter**

[Crete Building Services](#)

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## MEET THE SILVER



**Did You Know...** [employU](#) is a leading nonprofit disability employment service that is making a significant impact on the lives of individuals with disabilities.

One of employU's initiatives is its hospitality program, which offers individuals valuable hands-on experience in various hospitality roles. The program has included a partnership with [Rosen College](#), a renowned institution in



hospitality education, to provide a hospitality career camp. Through this collaboration, participants gained skills in culinary, reception, customer service, housekeeping, and maintenance, preparing them for successful careers in the hospitality industry.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Diversity Committee Meeting \(5/20/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Airport Area Hoteliers Luncheon \(5/21/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Legends Committee Meeting \(5/21/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA UCF Area Hoteliers Luncheon \(5/22/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting \(5/29/2024\)](#)
- [2024 May After Hours \(5/29/2024\)](#)

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