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CFHLA Thanks Our Back of the House Sponsors

A black and white advertisement for GFEC (Gulf Front Electrical Contractors) celebrating 20 years. The logo features a stylized 'GFEC' with a lightning bolt. The text 'CELEBRATING 20 YEARS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, it says 'Specializing in commercial, industrial, and hospitality electrical services, we are there for you when you need us *most*.' A list of services is provided in yellow boxes: 'INDOOR & OUTDOOR LIGHTING', 'EMERGENCY SERVICE', 'PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE', and 'HURRICANE PREPARATION'. Two inset photos show a golf course at night and an electrical control panel. At the bottom, contact information is provided: '24/7 Service 407.207.1769' and 'Contact Us info@gfecontractors.com'.

Don't Forget to Bid in the CFHLA GIVES Online Auction

The 2025 CFHLA GIVES Online Auction, is STILL OPEN and will **close next Tuesday, April 29th at 9:00 p.m.** Don't forget to bid on nearly 100 incredible items including rare hotel stays from across the U.S. and our local resorts, golf packages, theme parks and attraction tickets, entertainment, and so much more! All proceeds from this auction will benefit the [CFHLA](#)

Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and will support our 2025 student scholarship recipients and educational grants. Happy Bidding and thank you for your support!



GIVES ONLINE AUCTION

Hotel Stays	Golf Packages	Entertainment	Theme Parks & Attractions
			

Opens: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9 AM
Closes: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 9 PM

All proceeds from this auction will benefit the CFHLA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and will support our 2025 hospitality student scholarship recipients and educational grants.

Online Auctions Sponsored By:



**CLICK HERE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

For more information contact faith.moore@cfhla.org

**Submit your Leadership Mentoring Program
Applications today**

Applications for **Class IV of the Leadership Mentoring Program** are due today. This program is open to all CFHLA Lodging and Allied Members and it is designed to help mid-level leaders with essential skills that will advance them within Central Florida's hospitality industry. It also provides rising hospitality professionals with the a unique opportunity for career growth through mentorship, skill-building activities and leadership development outside of their current roles.

We are still seeking applications for both mentors and mentees! [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your application before it closes.



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PURCHASE BODY AD**

**Partners In Action - Structural Solutions Group Partners
with Apopka High School**



Structural Solutions Group recently partnered with **Apopka High School** and donated items to the school's **Darter Store**. Through this initiative, students earn "Darter Dollars" when they demonstrate positive behaviors, which they can use to purchase snacks and other small rewards.



Thank you, **Structural Solutions Group** for supporting this creative and impactful way of encouraging student success!

UCF Rosen College is Now the World's #1 Hospitality School

Congratulations to **UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management** on being named the **#1** hospitality and hotel management school in the world by **CEOWORLD** magazine.

Located in the heart of Orlando's tourism corridor, Rosen College offers everything a student could want to thrive academically and graduate with a strong competitive edge to start or advance in their career, including faculty with decades of industry experience and expertise in theme parks, hotels, event management, entertainment and other fields.

Additionally, by offering six undergraduate degrees, three master's programs, and Florida's only hospitality-focused Ph.D., Rosen College continues to deliver a world-class education and is shaping the future of the hospitality industry.

We are so proud to continue our partnership with the top hospitality and hotel management school in the world and we look forward to continuing our collaboration for many years to come. Once again, congrats to Rosen College Dean Cynthia Mejia and her entire team on this well-deserved achievement!



Hampton Inn & Suites and Hyatt House Orlando Airport Blood Drive

Next week, on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, the OneBlood Big Red Bus will roll into the [Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) from **1:00 p.m. - 6:00 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 and use sponsor code #35331.



DONATE BLOOD

**Hampton Inn & Suites and
Hyatt House Orlando Airport
Wednesday, April 30
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

All donors will receive*:

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

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 35331**

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*One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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Expedition Odyssey Opens May 9th at SeaWorld Orlando



SeaWorld Orlando has officially announced that its newest attraction, **Expedition Odyssey**, will open to all guests on **May 9, 2025**. This all-new Arctic adventure will allow for explorers of every age can come face-to-face with discovery, excitement, and wonder. The thrilling and family-friendly adventure will also take you through breathtaking landscapes and unexpected encounters—perfect for first-time riders and seasoned adventurers alike.

From polar bears and belugas to seals and walruses, guests will explore icy landscapes and towering glaciers in an indoor, all-weather adventure. The experience continues post-ride with live Arctic animal encounters—including **Uki**, a rescued Pacific walrus calf who now calls SeaWorld home.

Combining dynamic motion, state-of-the-art visuals and real-world animal encounters, **Expedition Odyssey** is more than just a ride—it's an adventure that blurs the line between simulation and reality. We can't wait to experience this new attraction at **SeaWorld Orlando** - where thrills meet wildlife conservation.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Meet Our April Members of the Month



Cindy Staley
Mission Resort + Club



Maribel Alicea
AdventHealth Orlando

To nominate a future CFHLA Allied and/or Lodging Member of the Month, please [CLICK HERE](#).

MEET THE VIP



Did You Know...

Smart City is the premier voice and Fiber Internet services provider to the Walt Disney World Company, including shops, hotels, restaurants, and Disney Springs? We don't only service WDW we also service the rest of Central Florida and the Space Coast.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [2025 HR Seminar #1 \(4/29/2025\)](#)
- [2025 Engineer's Clay Shoot Tournament \(5/2/2025\)](#)
- [CFHLA PAC/PC Board of Directors Meeting \(5/7/2025\)](#)
- [May Allied Relations Council Breakfast - Airport Area Hotels \(5/13/2025\)](#)
- [Wednesday AM Leads Group \(5/14/2025\)](#)
- [Wednesday Noon Leads Group \(5/14/2025\)](#)
- [Downtown Hoteliers Meeting \(5/15/2025\)](#)

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