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CFHLA Executive Committee Wraps Up 2024

As we near the conclusion of 2024, we'd like to say a special thank you to the seven hospitality leaders who have served on the CFHLA Executive Committee throughout the year. A special thank you to **Managing Director John Power** and the team at [Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando](#) for hosting this final Executive Committee meeting of the year.

The 2024 CFHLA Executive Committee, led by **Board Chair Barb Bowden** with [Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando](#), had an incredible year focused on helping CFHLA and its partners make significant progress on our organizational strategic goals, including advocacy, membership, community, industry recognition and workforce development and education.

Thank you to each of the 2024 CFHLA Executive Committee Members for your outstanding service and commitment to the success of the organization, including:

Chair of the Board - **Barb Bowden** of [Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando](#)

1st Vice Chair - **Jon McGavin** of [Grande Lakes, Orlando](#)

2nd Vice Chair - **Jay Leonard** of the [Wyndham and Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area](#)

Secretary - **Sean Verney** of the [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort and Walt Disney World Swan Reserve](#)

Treasurer - **Chris Mueller** of the [Hilton Orlando](#)

Assistant Treasurer - **Ally Martin** of the [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#)

Immediate Past Chair - **Fred Sawyers** of the [Evermore Resort](#)



We want to thank Glenn Lyons and his team at [ATMFLA, Inc.](#) for sponsoring the December Executive Committee meeting.



Start Your Networking for 2025 - Register Today for the Allied Relations Council January Breakfast

Start your networking out right in the New Year! Register today for our first **Allied Relations Council Breakfast of 2025** on Tuesday, January 14th at the [Hilton Orlando](#).

This networking breakfast event will feature our leaders from the CFHLA Engineers Council panel, moderated by the 2025 Council Chairman, **Justin Bolin**, [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort](#). Property updates will also be offered from the following panelists: Vice Chair, **Mike Jueds**, [Hilton Orlando](#), **William Matthews**, [Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista](#), **Steve Sadeo**, [Four Seasons Resort Orlando](#) and **Daniel Vidal**, [Grande Lakes Orlando](#).

CFHLA would like to thank [CEC Entertainment](#) for being the 2025 Annual Sponsor of the ARC Breakfast Meetings.



Allied Relations Council Breakfast

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Hilton Orlando

6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819

Featuring Members of the 2025 Engineers Council Board

Moderated by:



Justin Bolin

Walt Disney World Swan &
Dolphin Resort
2025 Chairman

Property updates will be offered from the following panelists:



Mike Jueds

Hilton Orlando
Vice Chair



William Matthews

Sheraton Orlando
Lake Buena Vista
Board Member



Steve Sadeo

Four Seasons Resort
Orlando at Walt Disney
World
Board Member



Daniel Vidal

Grande Lakes Orlando
Board Member

**Registration:
\$35 per person**

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Only 2025 Paid Members may register for this Breakfast

All registrations are due by Thursday, Jan. 9th. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to faith.moore@cfhla.org and will not be taken after Tuesday, Jan. 7th.

Partners in Action: Teach-In at West Orange High School

CFHLA would like to thank the team at [ACE Relocation Systems](#) for making time during the busy holiday season to help high school students in Orange County.

The ACE team recently completed a Teach-In at [West Orange High School](#). Volunteers told students about what they do at their jobs and past career experiences, and they had conversations with students to help them explore career options.

Special thanks to all of our 2024 [Adopt-A-School](#) Partners who did so much this year to help Central Florida students explore career options and to help them achieve their goals.







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Partners in Action: Gardening at Little River Elementary

Gardening in December! CFHLA would also like to thank the volunteers from [Orlando Gateway Hampton Inn & Suites](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) who joined landscaping experts from [LandCare](#) to breathe new life into the students' garden at [Little River Elementary School](#).

Volunteers and students worked together to plant some flowers and get some exercise and fresh air. The LandCare team also answered students' questions about maintaining a garden.

Thank you to all three of our CFHLA partners for this hands-on visit to help student as part of our 2024/2025 [Adopt-A-School](#) Program.



Visit Orlando Announces Record-Breaking Magical Dining Results

Last week, [Visit Orlando](#) announced a record-breaking donation of **\$352,218** to Orange County charities. These funds were raised through the 2024 Visit Orlando Magical Dining program, presented by Orlando Health. This donation marks a 30% increase over 2023 and surpasses the program's previous record set in 2020. This year, Magical Dining featured dozens of our lodging properties and showcased just how much Central Florida's vibrant culinary scene has grown, while encouraging locals to try new dining experiences.

Since, 2009, Magical Dining has raised over \$2.9 million for local charities and this year's primary beneficiary was [The Mustard Seed of Central Florida](#). This organization helps families recover from hardship while promoting environmental sustainability. CFHLA thanks the Visit Orlando team for their continuing commitment to serve our Central Florida community throughout the year.



FIFA Club World Cup 2025 Announces Six Matches to be Held in Downtown Orlando

[FIFA Club World Cup 2025](#) has published the 63-game match schedule with dates and kick-off times for the groundbreaking tournament, revealing a tantalizing set of fixtures for the 32 club teams that will aim to become the first ever champions of world football's inaugural elite club competition.

Orlando will host six matches, including two group stage matches at [Inter&Co Stadium](#), as well as two group stage matches, one Round of 16 match, and one Quarterfinal match at [Camping World Stadium](#).

Here's the released schedule.

Inter&Co Stadium

- Tuesday, June 17 - Ulsan HD vs. Mamelodi Sundowns FC
- Friday, June 20 – SL Benfica vs. Auckland City FC

Camping World Stadium

- Tuesday, June 24 - Club Leon vs. CR Flamengo
- Thursday, June 26 - Juventus vs. Manchester City
- Monday, June 30 – Round of 16 Matchup tbd
- Friday, July 4 – Quarterfinal Matchup tbd

These matches will give a huge boost to Central Florida's economy and to our hospitality and tourism industry during 2025, as Orlando continues to become a more dominant destination for men's and women's soccer.

FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2025™ MATCH SCHEDULE #FIFACWC

CLUB	GROUP STAGE										ROUND OF 16				QUARTER FINALS		SEMIFINALS		FINAL		
	16 JUN	17 JUN	18 JUN	19 JUN	20 JUN	21 JUN	22 JUN	23 JUN	24 JUN	25 JUN	27 JUN	28 JUN	29 JUN	30 JUN	1 JUL	2 JUL	4 JUL	5 JUL	7 JUL	8 JUL	
ATLANTA (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)		CHE	LEO		MMA	POR		MCI	AIN							WOL	WOL				
CHARLOTTE (Bank of America Stadium)																					
CINCINNATI (TQL Stadium)		BAY	AUS		PAC	SAL		MBS	BVB												
LOS ANGELES (SoFi Stadium)		PSG	CPM	NY	PAR	PSG	PSG	ATM	SLD												
MIAMI (Hard Rock Stadium)		AHL	BOR	FLA	DNA	ARS		MIA	LEO												
NASHVILLE (GEODIS Park)																					
NEW YORK (MetLife Stadium)		PSG	PSG	PSG	PSG	PSG	PSG	PSG	PSG												
ORLANDO (Inter&Co Stadium)																					
PHILADELPHIA (Lincoln Financial Field)		FIA	EST		WOL	WOL		FLA	MCI												
SEATTLE (Lumen Field)		SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA												
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Audi Field)																					

All kick-off times are local time. Kick-off times are subject to change. *All times are ET except matches at (T), (L), Seattle and Los Angeles (PT) (P).

U.S. Men's National Team Will Play Costa Rica in Orlando on January 22nd

Big News this week! The **U.S. Men's National Team** announced that it will complete a two-match Florida swing with a friendly against Costa Rica on January 22nd at [Inter&Co Stadium](#). Kickoff will be at 7:00pm ET.

The team will open its 2025 schedule against 2024 Copa America quarterfinalists Venezuela on January 18th at Chase Stadium in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Kickoff for the USA's first match of the year is set for 3:00pm ET.

With the match date falling outside a FIFA international window, the training camp and match against Costa Rica will provide a huge opportunity for the next generation to make a statement to USMNT head coach Mauricio Pochettino as he continues to evaluate the player pool ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

CFHLA thanks all of our sports tourism partners including the [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#) for their tireless work to bring large scale sporting events to Central Florida, as Orlando continues to be the top destination in America for sports.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [2024 Holiday Cash Raffle \(12/14/2024\)](#)
 - [New Member Orientation - December 17th \(12/17/2024\)](#)
 - [Allied Relations Council Breakfast - January 2025 \(1/14/2025\)](#)
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