



April 18, 2025

CFHLA Thanks Our Back of the House Sponsors

A black graphic with yellow and white text and icons. At the top left is the GFEC logo (a stylized 'G' and 'E' with a lightning bolt). To its right, it says 'CELEBRATING 20 YEARS' in large yellow letters. Below that, in white text: 'Specializing in commercial, industrial, and hospitality electrical services, we are there for you when you need us most.' On the left, four yellow lightning bolt icons point to a list of services in yellow boxes: 'INDOOR & OUTDOOR LIGHTING', 'EMERGENCY SERVICE', 'PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE', and 'HURRICANE PREPARATION'. On the right, there are three hexagonal images: a night view of a golf course, a close-up of electrical wiring, and a view of electrical panels. At the bottom, there are two yellow circular icons: a phone for '24/7 Service 407.207.1769' and an envelope for 'Contact Us info@gfecontractors.com'.

Over 400 CFHLA Members Network at Annual Hob Nob

This week, CFHLA hosted our annual **Hob Nob** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld** (Thank You, Jason Lopez, Managing Director).



This year's Reverse Tradeshow was **our largest attendance to date, with nearly 420 CFHLA Allied and Lodging Member participants** who had the opportunity to meet one-on-one for dozens of three-minute "speed networking" meetings throughout the morning.

Thank you again to all of our sponsors, members, and the representatives from the 70 Lodging properties who supported us for this fantastic annual networking event!





**CFHLA would like to acknowledge and thank our 2025
corporate sponsors including:**



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More than 78,700 items collected during the CFHLA Cares Collection Drive



Yesterday, CFHLA proudly hosted our first **CARES Collection Drive** of 2025. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and partners, more than **78,792 items**, including school supplies and personal hygiene products, were collected to support students in need across Central Florida.

The hospitality industry continues to be a powerful force for good within our region. Together, through the shared compassion and community spirit, we're making a meaningful difference in the lives of local families and our students.

We want to thank everyone who supported this impactful initiative and we are so grateful for your continued commitment to serving our community!



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Photos from the
CARES Collection](#)

**SAVE THE DATE! CFHLA GIVES Online Auction Begins
next Tuesday**



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.

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Final Reminder: Applications for Class IV of the Leadership Mentoring Program is Closing Next Week

Applications for the 2025 **Leadership Mentoring Program, Class IV** are **closing next week!**

This program is open to all **CFHLA Allied and Lodging members** and it is

designed to provide rising and diverse hospitality professionals with valuable opportunities for career growth and leadership development outside their current place of business.

The participants will also be engaged in mentorship opportunities and skill-building activities focused on leadership management, public speaking, networking, conflict resolution, and emotional intelligence.

The application deadline for mentors and mentees is next **Friday, April 25, 2025**. [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out your application today!



CFHLA Foundation Invests in UCF Rosen's Peer Outreach Mentoring Program (POMP)

CFHLA, through the generous support of the CFHLA Foundation, is honored to continue our support of the students at **UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management** by investing in student scholarships, annual career fairs, and the award-winning **Peer Outreach Mentoring Program (POMP)**.

POMP connects current students with new and transfer students, helping them get more engaged on campus and build meaningful connections within the hospitality industry.

Earlier this week, CFHLA was proud to attend the **POMP Annual Mentorship Ceremony**, which celebrated the incredible student mentors who make this program a success. We also want to congratulate all the graduating seniors and wish them continued success as they pursue their hospitality careers!



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**Partners In Action - Courtyard Orlando Downtown
Supports Howard Middle School**



As part of their Adopt-A-School partnership, **Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Downtown** surprised the talented **Howard Middle School Theatre students** with a special delivery to help them prepare for their second night of performing the Broadway musical *Six*.



Thank you to the hotel team for this thoughtful way to keep the cast energized and inspired, and congratulations to the rising stars at Howard Middle on their successful performances!

CFHLA Members Receive MICHELIN Guide Recognition

**Congratulations to Capa and
Victoria & Albert's on retaining your
One Michelin Star!**



**MICHELIN
STAR**



Congratulations to our CFHLA Members [Capa at the Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort](#) and [Victoria & Albert's at Walt Disney World Grand Floridian Resort & Spa](#) on retaining their One Michelin Star status last night! This is also the fourth year in a row for Capa.

Also, congrats to our CFHLA Members who were recognized as a Michelin Guide Recommended Restaurant including:

🍷 [BACÁN at Lake Nona Wave Hotel](#)

🍷 [Cítricos at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa](#)

🍷 [Four Flamingos at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort](#)

🍷 [Knife and Spoon at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes](#)

🍷 [Nami at Lake Nona Wave Hotel](#)

🍷 [Primo at JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes](#)

🍷 [Ravello at Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort](#)

🍷 [Sear + Sea at JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa](#)

🍷 [Toledo – Tapas, Steak & Seafood at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort](#)

We are so proud to see our regional culinary scene continue to shine and congratulations to all of the chefs and their teams on being honored in this year's selection.

Celebrate Hospitality Fun Days at Fun Spot

As we near National Travel and Tourism Week, be sure take advantage of this special opportunity to celebrate our incredible hospitality workforce during **Hospitality Fun Days at [Fun Spot America](#)**.

As a special thank-you to the hardworking members of our industry, **hospitality employees and one guest will receive FREE admission** with proof of hospitality employment from **May 4th through May 9th**, at both the **Orlando and Kissimmee** Fun Spot locations.

Whether you're looking to unwind with thrilling roller coasters or just enjoy classic fair-style fun, this is your chance to relax and recharge with a guest—on the house! Want to bring the whole family? No problem! Up to **four additional guests** can join the fun with **single-day passes available for just \$20 each (plus tax)**.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate with your team and thank you Fun Spot for your partnership and recognizing our hard working industry professionals! For any questions or assistance, please contact **(407) 363-3867**.



HOSPITALITY FUN DAYS



ORLANDO & KISSIMMEE

May 4 - May 9, 2025

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Meet Our April Members of the Month



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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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(4/22/2025\)](#)
- [2025 HR Seminar #1 \(4/29/2025\)](#)
- [2025 Engineer's Clay Shoot Tournament Sponsorships \(5/2/2025\)](#)
- [2025 Engineer's Council \(5/2/2025\)](#)
- [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 \(5/14/2025\)](#)

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