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Welcome Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando at Millenia

Congratulations to General Manager Rebecca Randolph and the entire team at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando at Millenia on a fantastic Grand Opening Celebration this past Wednesday.

CFHLA was proud to gather with our partners to celebrate the newest Fairfield by Marriott property close to the [Mall at Millenia](#). The property features 109 guest rooms, 500 square feet of meeting space, a gym, and a guest pool.

The celebration also included a Fall Festival theme with music, autumn decorations, and a variety of food dishes with a flavor for Thanksgiving. Participants also contributed items to a collection drive that supported our Orange County Public Schools.

On behalf of CFHLA, we are thrilled to welcome the team at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando at Millenia, and we look forward to supporting your success in the coming years.





[More Photos From Fairfield Inn & Suites Grand Opening](#)

I-Drive/ Lake Buena Vista General Managers Get Update on I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project

CFHLA also held its latest International Drive/Lake Buena Vista General Managers Meeting and Reception this week at the [SpringHill & Towneplace Suites by Marriott Lake Buena Vista](#). Many thanks to Area General Manager John Lyon and his team for hosting the meeting and for providing a delicious food buffet. Additionally, we'd like to thank our 2024 International Drive/ Lake Buena Vista General Managers meeting sponsor, [Landform of Central Florida](#) for their support of this year's meetings.



Participants discussed several important issues related to the upcoming November 5th General Election, as well as an update from the [Florida Department of Transportation](#) on its [I-4 Beyond the Ultimate Project](#).

The ongoing work includes a series of projects to build new exit ramps and widen lanes to ease traffic along Interstate 4, through the heart of our hospitality and tourism corridor. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the highway projects.



Please Submit 2024 Member of the Year Nominations by

Monday, November 4th

CFHLA is still accepting nominations for the **2024 Lodging Member of the Year** and the **2024 Allied Member of the Year**. The deadline to submit nomination forms is **Monday, November 4th**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a fillable PDF Nomination form and for more information on the awards criteria.

Please return your completed nomination forms by email to Jonathan.Watson@cfhla.org by the **Monday, November 4th** deadline.

Additionally, CFHLA is also accepting Nominations for the **2024 Engineer of the Year Award**. To nominate a deserving Chief Engineer/Director of Engineering please [CLICK HERE](#).

CFHLA Partners in Action - Complete Textiles Makes Massive Towels Donation to Wekiva High School

CFHLA sends a big Thank You to our Partners in Action, [Complete Textiles](#) and [Southeastern Laundry Equipment](#), for dropping off a pallet of towels at [Wekiva High School](#) recently. Their \$3,800 donation will make a big difference in the lives of the students at the high school.

Chris Unwin, Account Manager at Complete Textiles, and Peter Woodruff, Regional Sales Manager at Southeastern Laundry Equipment, teamed up for the big delivery. The Complete Textiles team saw a big need for towels at the school. Woodruff loaded 250 towels into his Toyota Camry to deliver them!

The [Wekiva High School Academy of Culinary Arts](#) team will now have clean towels for the students' national competitions. Homeless students who shower at the school

will also benefit from this generous donation. Coach Jackson and the football team will also use the towels for their upcoming practices and future games.

CFHLA salutes all of our Partners in Action who make the time to make a positive difference within our Central Florida community.



Become a Sponsor Now for CFHLA's Amazing Race Event on November 14th and Get Ready to Compete!



CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council Presents:

AMAZING RACE

Corporate Sponsor \$3000

- Team of 4
- Marketing table at tiki reception space utilized at the start and end of the event.
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**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER**

14TH

5PM - 8PM

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- Touch-point for all participants
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Holiday CASH RAFFLE



Only 250 tickets will be sold and 1 winner will be selected.

You do not need to be present to win.
Drawing will occur during the Hospitality Gala on Saturday, December 14th. The winner will be contacted the next business day.

Net proceeds from this raffle will benefit the CFHLA Foundation, a 501c3 organization.

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Lowndes Law Firm in Orlando Celebrates 55 Years of Advocating for Clients Across America

This week, CFHLA was proud to celebrate a momentous occasion with our Allied Partner, [Lowndes](#) in downtown Orlando. We honor the Florida-based team of attorneys, who for more than a half-century, have strongly advocated for clients across America. The firm was founded in Orlando in 1969.

Lowndes held a celebration on Wednesday evening at their downtown Orlando offices to mark the firm's 55th anniversary. Hundreds of

Central Florida attorneys joined the firm's current and past clients and elected officials at the celebration. It featured an elaborate art display, food, cocktails, live music and a chance to connect with old friends.

Once again, congratulations to the Lowndes team on this outstanding anniversary! Thank you for continuing to be strong legal advocates for the Central Florida hospitality and industry and beyond.



Save Money on Orlando City SC Playoff Tickets for Sunday's Match against Charlotte FC

[Orlando City Soccer Club](#) is offering a corporate discount on tickets for this Sunday's playoff match at 7:30 pm vs [Charlotte FC](#). Any CFHLA partner can take advantage of

this great offer. **Click on the purple photo below** for more information on buying tickets.

CFHLA congratulates our hometown team for making it into the playoffs this season and Let's Go City!



I-Drive District Holiday Tree Lighting
at ICON Park November 22nd at 6:00pm



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Jumpstart - 2025 Sponsorship Review \(10/29/2024\)](#)
- [Downtown Hoteliers Luncheon \(10/29/2024\)](#)
- [Employee Relations Committee Meeting \(10/30/2024\)](#)
- [Seminole County Hoteliers Luncheon - October 30th \(10/30/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA - Elevator 101 Seminar \(11/6/2024\)](#)

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