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CFHLA Thanks Our Back of the House Sponsors



**A Grateful Farewell: CFHLA Salutes
Kelly Klatt's Years of Dedication**



On behalf of CFHLA, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and profound gratitude to long-time CFHLA member and Security & Safety Council contributor **Kelly Klatt**, Area Director of Safety and Security at [Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando](#), as he prepares to embark on a new and well-deserved chapter - his retirement, effective July 3, 2025.

Kelly has been an active member of CFHLA and the Security & Safety Council since 2000. From serving on the Board to speaking on panels and ensuring Loews was always represented at Council meetings and events, Kelly has been a steadfast supporter of the association. His achievements have been an inspiration to us all, and we are truly grateful for the lasting impact he has made on CFHLA and the Council.

Once again, congratulations, Kelly Klatt, on this well-deserved recognition. We wish you all the best in retirement!



Partners In Action - Hyatt House & Hampton

Support Fun Night at Cheney Elementary



Recently, the [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) and the [Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village](#) supported Cheney Elementary School's Family Game Night through CFHLA's Adopt-A-School program. Just ahead of testing week, families, faculty, and students came together for a fun-filled evening to relax, play, and connect.



Thanks to the hotel team, plenty of pizzas were provided to fuel the fun. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this night special for the Cheney Elementary School community!



Watch Now: CFHLA Hob Nob 2025

We're excited to share the official highlight video from CFHLA's 2025 Hob Nob, held at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld](#) (Thank you, **Jason Lopez**, General Manager)!



From meaningful connections to record-breaking attendance, this year's Reverse Tradeshow was truly one to remember. Thank you to the nearly 420 Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association Allied and Lodging Members who joined us!

Celebrating the Arts in our Community



Did you know that in 2024, [United Arts of Central Florida](#) managed and awarded more than \$10 million in grants from our local Tourist Development Taxes (TDT)? This is just one of many ways TDT supports our local community and CFHLA was an advocate for this funding during the Orange County Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Citizen Advisory Task Force discussions in 2023.

These TDT grants supported dozens of individual artists and more than 120 nonprofit organizations across our community, and our local residents didn't have to pay for it. Plus, a thriving arts community fuels the creativity, prosperity, and well-being for our Central Florida community.



This week, our CFHLA Board Chair **Chris Mueller** and several CFHLA members proudly joined United Arts at their Annual Celebration, and we appreciate their continued collaboration and partnership with the tourism and

hospitality industry. Additionally, thank you to **Jennifer Evins**, president & CEO, and her entire team for all their efforts to create a more inspiring and enriching community for our future guests.

A Classic Combo: Coca-Cola & UCF Football

We'd like to extend a sincere thank you to [Coca-Cola Beverages Florida](#) for the invitation to attend the recent UCF & Coca-Cola Coach's Luncheon with UCF Football Head Coach **Scott Frost**.



The luncheon presenters shared updates on the upcoming renovations to the football stadium, including the new stadium name, Acrisure Bounce House, and looked at how far the program has come in such a short amount of time. Coach Frost shared the importance of teamwork and his strategy for creating a winning team both on and off the field.



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