



November 15, 2024

CFHLA Thanks Our Back of the House Sponsors

A promotional poster for the I-Drive District Holiday Tree Lighting event. The background features a large, illuminated Ferris wheel at night. The text is as follows:

**I-Drive District
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING**
at ICON Park Orlando • November 22nd at 6pm

**Kick off the Season
as we light the official
I-Drive District 50ft Holiday Tree!**

Special Performances,
Singing & Dancing,
Free 3D-Holiday Glasses
and more!

**BLUE
MAN
GROUP**

**Celebrity
Appearance**

I-DRIVE DAZZLES ALL SEASON LONG!

The poster also includes a QR code in the bottom left corner and a small image of the Blue Man Group performing. The bottom of the poster has a red banner with the text 'I-DRIVE DAZZLES ALL SEASON LONG!' in white.

2024 Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Awards



CFHLA is excited to announce this week's **Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Awards** event was a major success! This first-ever awards program was designed to recognize the most inspiring leaders within Central Florida's hospitality and tourism industry.

Throughout the evening, CFHLA recognized nearly **100 hospitality professionals from 40 Central Florida properties**, nominated for a Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Award. Each of these leaders were recognized for their strong records of leading by example, inspiring team members, and making sure our guests continue to have amazing experiences when they visit our local properties.

The lively inaugural awards reception was held at the [DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld](#). A special thanks to Interim General Manager **Alberto Correa** and the entire staff for providing delicious appetizers and great service!

CFHLA congratulates the following **six hospitality professionals**, as the inaugural **2024 Distinguished Leaders in Hospitality Awards** winners:



Distinguished Leader in Sales, Marketing & Revenue
Carrine Allen, [Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando](#)

Distinguished Leader in Culinary
Hans Encluna, [Hyatt Regency Orlando](#)

Distinguished Leader in Operations
Ronald Carroz Castillo, [Grand Beach a Hilton Vacation Club](#)

Distinguished Leader in Events & Meetings
Carl Bronislowski, [Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport](#)

Distinguished Leader in Support Services/ Back Office
Marie Dominguez, [DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld](#)

Emerging Hospitality Leader
Sthefany Leon Sanchez, [Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area](#)

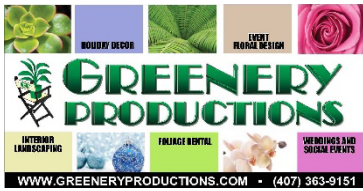
CFHLA thanks the following **Corporate Sponsors** for their support:



Also, thank you to the event **Bar Sponsor:**



Lastly, thank you to the **Event Partners:**



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Congratulations to Our 2024 CFHLA Legends Honorees

CFHLA offers our warmest congratulations to our **2024 CFHLA Legends Honorees**. Every three years, CFHLA honors our former and retired allied and lodging hospitality professionals, who have played an instrumental leadership role and made a substantial impact on the transformation of the organization. Additionally, each one of these "Legends" has helped with the advancement of the entire Central Florida Hospitality Industry.

The 2024 CFHLA Legends Honorees include:

Jeff Brinda

(formerly of) **Sheraton by Marriott Orlando Downtown**

Jay Hunt (posthumously)

(formerly of) [Massey Services, Inc.](#)

Louis Robbins

(formerly of) [Key Performance Hospitality Management](#)

Ron Silveira

(formerly of) [F.P.I.S., Inc., Distribution & Marketing Solutions](#)

Our newest class of 2024 CFHLA Legends Honorees will be inducted during our upcoming **Hospitality Gala** on December 14 at [Loews Sapphire Falls Resort](#).

For more information on each of our 2024 CFHLA Legends Honorees, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Jeff Brinda

Jay Hunt

Louis Robbins

Ron Silveira

Support Upcoming CFHLA Cares Shoe Collection Drive for Students in Need



CENTRAL FLORIDA HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION

Shoe Drive for Students in Need

Donation Drop Off
during the Hospitality Gala Reception
on Saturday, December 14, 2024
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Loews Sapphire Falls at Universal Orlando
6601 Adventure Way
Orlando, FL 32819

Please bring a NEW pair of shoes and a package of NEW socks to the Hospitality Gala, or scan the QR Code to donate to this cause!
ALL Sizes are needed!

Early drop offs will be accepted at the CFHLA office 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday December 9th until Thursday, December 12th.



Collecting Items for:



Orange County Public Schools



School District of
OSCEOLA COUNTY
FLORIDA



the Sharing center

For more information, or to schedule an earlier drop-off, please contact Melanie Anesh at melanie.anesh@cfhla.org or 407-313-5022.

Competitors Conquer New Amazing Race Event

CFHLA thanks all of the participants and teams who rose to the challenge to take part in our new **Amazing Race Event**, presented by the **CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council**. A special thanks to Area General Manager Stacey Herndon and the entire team at [Westgate Lakes Resort & Spa](#) for hosting the event.

Nearly 100 members took part in Thursday evening's race-style challenges, team building and networking! Teams competed in Mini Golf, Paddle Race, Axe Throwing, Right on Target, Guess What, Race in the Dark, and the event finale Duck Race!



Proceeds from the first-time, competitive event will support the CFHLA Foundation and Vacation Ownership Council's site visits, so Central Florida students can learn more about vacation ownership properties and career opportunities.

CFHLA thanks our first-time **Amazing Race Corporate Sponsor:**



We also thank our **Amazing Race Station Sponsors:**



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[More Photos from Amazing Race Event](#)

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Allied Relations Council Announces 2025 Board



CFHLA congratulates all members of the **2025 Allied Relations Council Board!** 2024 Board Chair Tina Earley with [BMS CAT](#) announced the 2025 Board Members at the Allied Relations Council November Meeting, held at [SeaWorld Orlando](#). Our thanks to Steve Vinciguerra and the staff at the [Sharks Underwater Grill](#) for another amazing interactive experience with the sharks!

Congratulations to all 2025 Allied Relations Council Board Members:

2025 Chair

Beatriz Dominguez

[Clean Tec Services](#)

2025 Vice Chair

Jackie Bozzuto

[Lowndes](#)

2025 Immediate Past Chair

Tina Earley

[BMS CAT](#)

Returning 2025 Board Members:

John Gill - [Elevated](#)

Andre Gucailo – **Wealth Management Strategies of Florida**

Daved McLouth – [GLE Associates](#)

Brendan Richmond – [Universal Orlando](#)

Kyle Salinsky – [Minuteman Press](#)

Anna Territo – [Territo Electric](#)

Steve Vinciguerra – [SeaWorld Orlando](#)

Norah White – [I-Drive District](#)

Greg Wiley – [GX Solutions](#)

Newly Elected and Re-Elected Board Members:

Cindy Andrews – [Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture](#)

Jonathan Box – [Coca-Cola Beverages, Florida](#)

Kevin Cedic – [The Mall at Millenia](#)

Maureen Haggerty – [Spinout Guest Laundries](#)

Colleen Hazen – [Brush and Brand](#)

Heather Hutter – [Crete Building Services](#)

Steve Kliamenakis – [Global Sourcing International, LLC](#)

Earl Roach – [A&E Hospitality Solutions](#)

Amy Walsh – [Domino's](#)

Peter Woodruff – [Southeastern Laundry Equipment](#)



[More Photos from ARC Meeting at SeaWorld Orlando](#)

Score a 20% Discount on Orlando Pride Playoff Tickets

CFHLA supports our [Orlando Pride](#), as the team moves into the semifinals of the 2024 [NWSL](#) Playoffs! They will host the [Kansas City Current](#) at [Inter&Co Stadium](#) this Sunday, November 17th at 3 pm.

As a friend of the Orlando Pride, you can save up to 20% on single-match tickets with this exclusive offer. Join the Pride for this thrilling match as they battle for a spot in the NWSL Championship.

Here's how to secure your tickets and be part of the action:

1. [CLICK HERE](#)
2. Select the number of seats you need & add to cart
3. Check out
4. Tickets will automatically be loaded into your Account Manager.

Questions or want to purchase a group of 10+. Please contact tickets@orlandocitysoccer.com.

\$14 TICKETS
NWSL PLAYOFFS SEMIFINAL

ORLANDO PRIDE VS KANSAS CITY CURRENT

SUNDAY, NOV 17 - 3 PM
inter&co STADIUM

PRESENTED BY: inter&co Publix United Way

2024 NWSL PLAYOFFS DO YOU SEE US NOW?

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MCO Announces Airport Rebranding

CFHLA congratulates the [Orlando International Airport](#) on important new initiatives announced this week. They include a rebranding of MCO and new projects to improve visitors' experiences as they travel to and from Central Florida.

[GOAA](#) Board members joined GOAA CEO Kevin Thibault to announce the new initiative called **TAKEOFF 2024**. GOAA's brand reinvention includes the message, "Orlando International Airport – Elevating the Travel Experience."

The event also included an optimistic message from Keynote Speaker "Sully" Sullenberger, the Miracle on the Hudson Captain.

The MCO rebrand combines a focus on modern air travel and world-class amenities for travelers. The project also includes new logos and a new MCO website.

Visit www.flyMCO.com for more details.





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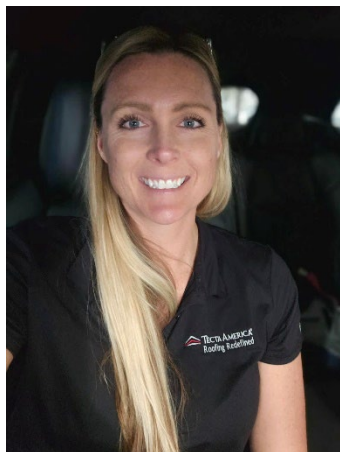
Elevate your hotel's atmosphere with us.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NOVEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**



Marie Cassamajor
[Crowne Plaza Orlando Lake](#)
[Buena Vista](#)



Brittany Shelton
[Tecta America Southeast, LLC](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [NARCAN/Fentanyl Training \(11/19/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA End of Year Board of Directors November Meeting & Silver Partner Luncheon \(11/20/2024\)](#)
- [2025 Sponsorships Open \(11/21/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA UCF Area Hoteliers Luncheon - November 21st \(11/21/2024\)](#)

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JOB OPENINGS

Check out the latest hospitality employment opportunities in Central Florida.

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