



Chapter Newsletter – April 2015

Chapter Nominations

It is time for Chapter nominations for the October – September Chapter year.



Larry Robbins,
Immediate Past
President is the Chair of
the nominating
committee. If you are
interested in serving as
an officer (President,
Vice President,
Secretary or Treasurer)

or a Director, please contact Larry at lrobbins@bbsarasota.com

The nominating committee will present the nominated slate to the membership at the May 28th Chapter meeting. Additional candidates interested in running may notify the Chapter Secretary by June 15th. A ballot will be published and distributed to the Chapter membership on July 1st with a July 15th deadline to return the ballots.

Results will be announced at the August Chapter meeting and the officers and directors will be installed at the September meeting.



A special welcome to our newest Manasota Chapter Member, Edward Doughty, CFO at Kellogg & Kimsey, Inc.

Change in Meeting Price

It has been several years since we have increased our meeting price and we have heard from our host clubs that it becoming more difficult to work with our rate. Therefore, beginning with our August Chapter meeting, the charge for our monthly meetings will increase by \$5 to \$40 for members and \$45 for guests.

Upcoming Chapter Activities

If your Club or Hotel would be interested in hosting any of our meetings, or if you have a topic or presenter you think would be great for our Chapter, please contact our Vice President – Ron Robinson. Controller@heron-creek.com

May 28, 2015 – Annual Trends Meeting presented by Phil Newman, McGladrey
Chapter Meeting – Laurel Oak

June 15 – 18 - HITEC Austin, TX
June 15 – 17 Club & Hotel Controllers Conference – co-located with HITEC

June 26, 2015 – Chapter Social Event – Join us at Topgolf (10690 Palm River Rd, Tampa, FL 33619) for an entirely new golf experience, upscale bar food, drinks, music and more!

July 23 – 24 – Florida Regional Conference
Embassy Suites Orlando · Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

August 19, 2015 – “Be Amazing” – Gary Roberts
Chapter Meeting – The Field Club

September 16, 2015
Chapter Meeting – Location TBA

May Chapter Meeting

Join us on May 28, 2015
at Laurel Oak Country Club for:

“Private Club Trends”



Phil Newman
Partner, National
Industry Leader -
Private Clubs

Philip has more than twenty years of experience in public accounting, predominantly serving the private club industry. As a Partner with McGladrey, Philip is responsible for hospitality projects throughout the United States, including internal control and governance reviews, operational consulting, benchmarking studies, strategic planning and the development and delivery of educational products and tools for club boards of directors, CEO's and CFO's.

Philip is a former member of the Global Board for Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals (HFTP) and a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences of HFTP, the Club Manager's Association of America (CMAA), and the National Club Association (NCA).

A regular contributor to industry publications, Philip was a member of the CPA sub-committee involved in the preparation of the Uniform System of Financial Reporting for Clubs and is a contributing editor to the NCA publications "Club Governance Guidelines: A Path to Organizational Excellence." He was also a contributor to the HFTP/CMAA publication "Understanding Club Finances."

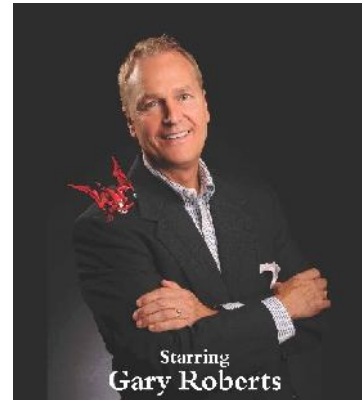
August Chapter Meeting

Join us on August 19, 2015 at The
Field Club for:

“Be Amazing”

Gary Roberts Corporate Entertainer

Discover how Professional Speaker and Corporate Entertainer, Gary Roberts uses audience interaction, humor, and magic to energize his audience, creating an Amazing experience.



“Be Amazing” This audience interactive program is pure fun and entertainment, with a small, but serious thought-provoking message about the many people we cross paths with in life, and why certain people are more amazing than others. Gary teaches that we all have unique talents that make us different, and when we accept our uniqueness, then we, too, can inspire and amaze. Gary shares the secrets how you, too, can be Amazing.

Gary Roberts helps companies and people develop a refreshing new attitude about how to “Be Amazing” in everything they do. With audience participation, mind blowing magic, and delightful clean comedy this program will amaze, and tickle the funny bone and is the perfect humor break your audience needs and deserves.

HFTP Manasota Summer Social Event – Topgolf!

Join us at Topgolf for an entirely new golf experience, upscale bar food, drinks, music and more!



Friday, June 26th 6pm – 9pm [10690 Palm River Rd. | Tampa, FL 33619](#)

Cocktails at the Topgolf Main Bar: 6pm

Topgolf Game Time: 7pm – 9pm

RSVP by: June, 16th with number of guests **Members Cost:** Free **Guests Cost:** \$25

We have reserved Topgolf game bays exclusive for our group to play. Plus, a taster buffet will be available for us to graze between shots. After our game time is up, those who would like to socialize more can move up stairs to the roof-top terrace, or one of the other entertainment venues at the Topgolf Complex.

Make a night of it! Reserve a room at the Embassy Suites for \$99 (special rate for our HFTP Members) and it includes breakfast. 10220 Palm River Rd. Tampa, FL 33619 (831-653-1905)

What is Topgolf? Golf combined with upscale bar food and drinks; players score points on Topgolf's driving range by hitting balls (assigned with microchip technology) into any target. The more accurate your shot and the farther the distance, the more points you earn.

Yes! You can bring your own golf clubs. Fun for non-golfers too; clubs will be available for everyone to play. More than half of Topgolf's

guests describe themselves as non-golfers, so it's definitely something we can all enjoy.



Taster Buffet Menu

Fresh-made Guacamole with Queso, Salsa, and Chips

Wing Trio: Asian, BBQ and Buffalo Sauce with Ranch and Bleu Cheese Dipping Sauces

Buffalo Chicken Sliders

Angus Beef Sliders with American Cheese

Tater Tots with Chipolte Aioli Dipping Sauce

Cinnamon Sugar Donut Holes with Chocolate and Raspberry Sauce

Bottomless Soda, Iced Tea, Water



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hftp-top-golf-summer-social-tickets-16483721254>



HITEC

June 15-18, 2015 • Austin, TX

Offered all in one place: networking, education, the latest technology and relationships with industry vendors. See what HITEC, the world's largest and most expansive hospitality technology event, has to offer.



June 15-17, 2015

Join hospitality controllers and industry experts to gather for two full days of hospitality specific education, designed to help the attendee focus on current and emerging issues, best practices and complex challenges.

HFTP Florida Regional Conference

HFTP Mid-Florida and First Coast Chapters are happy to be your hosts for the 22nd Annual Florida Regional Conference July 23rd and 24th at the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South.

The condensed format provides 8 CPE points (11 points if you are interested in the CHTP or CHAE review), But it also allows those who wish to extend their stay to enjoy local entertainment the opportunity to include some pleasure with your business travel.

Dates: July 23-24, 2015

Location: [Embassy Suites Orlando, Lake Buena Vista South](#)

4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746 USA

Pricing: Full Conference Fee: \$250 USD
\$300.00 after Tuesday June 30, 2015
Education Only Fee: \$150 USD
\$200.00 after Tuesday June 30, 2015



Annual Convention & Tradeshow

October 21-24, 2015 • Bellevue, WA

Join HFTP for unmatched education and networking - continue to build relationships with fellow HFTP members and get up-to-speed on current topics in the hospitality finance and technology industry.



Online webinars are offered throughout the year at no cost to HFTP members. Speakers range from industry leaders to subject matter experts. Get your calendar out and plan to attend these online courses from the comfort of your office while gaining valuable knowledge and earning continuing education credits.

To register for HITEC, Club and Hotel Controllers Conference, Florida Regional the Annual Convention, or ProLinks webinars please visit the HFTP website:
www.hftp.org/conferences_events/