

Next Meeting:
Sept. 17th
Westwood Marquis Hotel

 **HFTP**

LOS ANGELES

Hospitality Financial and
Technology Professionals

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**Chapter
Fund-raiser
a SUCCESS!!**

If you did not attend our special meeting in May, you missed a GREAT event ... and a chance to contribute to a very worthy cause! To raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, our Board of Directors planned a special fund-raising dinner at a very popular landmark hotel. The famous Beverly Hills Hotel hosted our event and everyone who attended was asked to pay \$45 for dinner instead of the usual \$35 for members and first-time guests. The extra \$10 was donated to the Foundation, and our chapter matched, dollar for dollar, the money raised at the meeting.

The evening was a complete success! We had close to 60 attendees and raised a total of \$1000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Everyone had a wonderful time at the famous hotel and many attendees donated above the \$10 minimum!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended our event and helped make the evening a success! An extra special thanks to the host of the evening, Marc Gerard of the Beverly Hills Hotel. Everyone had a wonderful time at the beautiful hotel and thoroughly appreciated the royal treatment we received!

**President Announces ...
L.A. Chapter Web site
is complete!!**

As Will Rogers once said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." So taking that to heart, we have been busy on several fronts at HFTP - Los Angeles Chapter!

Our web site is fully operational and may be viewed at <http://www.hftp-la.org>. This month's newsletter, photos from previous meetings and lots of other data is there for your viewing! We will be making use of the web site to communicate with the membership and to better keep you informed throughout the year. You may send e-mail to us directly from the site. In addition, we would like to get your e-mail address so we can advise you of program changes, meeting dates and web-site updates. We do not expect this site to be "static" but an ever-changing medium for you to use. So if we do not have your e-mail, please send it to us by filling in the enclosed reservation form - or just e-mail us! Also, if you have articles, links or photos to post, please let us know.

Meanwhile, our board will be meeting just before the dinner meeting on September 17th at the Westwood Marquis. Our agenda

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**The
Westwood
Marquis Hotel**

930 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles
(310) 208-8765

Thursday, Sept. 17th
Doors open at 6:00
PM! Cocktails 6:00 -
6:45 PM
Speaker 7:00 PM
Dinner 8:00 PM

To learn about this month's
speaker ...
check out our chapter's
website at
www.hftp-la.org

The price for all members
and first-time guests
\$35.00 per person.
All others pay \$45.00

Please make checks
payable to "HFTP"
("No Shows" will be billed)
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Call (626) 836-1222 for
reservations or fax the
enclosed RSVP form
by Monday, Sept. 14th

**Congratulations to Don St. Hilaire
and Herb Hammann!!**

Don recently achieved his CHAE designation
and Herb earned his CHTP designation (in addition to his CHAE)

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President's Message

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focus will be on programs, activities, speakers and goals for the 98-99 year. You are welcome to attend and if you are interested in taking a leadership role on the board, we encourage you to attend and get involved. This is your association and yes, I know we are all busy, but being involved is both a personal and professional activity worth stretching for.

I would like to welcome the many new members who have joined the association over the past couple of months. We invite those who have not been at a meeting yet to come and join us soon. Also, for all of you who have an associate you think may benefit, please invite them to join us for the next dinner meeting at the Westwood Marquis. First-time guests are invited and pay the same as a member, \$35.00, so invite someone new!

Meanwhile, I would like to thank all of you for the support and for making '97-'98 a great year for HFTP Los Angeles. We have made great progress on many fronts including the web site, increasing membership and an dynamically active membership. My tenure as President will be coming to an end soon, and I just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement and for making this a positive experience for us all.

Warmest wishes and I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th!

Eden Slegr

*Have some good ideas?
Interested in becoming active
in our chapter?*

**Come to the next
BOARD MEETING**
4pm Thurs. Sept. 17th
Westwood Marquis Hotel
(dinner meeting to follow)

Join us to learn how you can
become a part of the
Board of Directors and make a
difference in
your local chapter!!

NEW MEMBERS



Edward Agbing
Controller - Georgian Hotel
Saleem Ahmerd - Controller
Loews Santa Monica Hotel

Jose Ajoux - Resort Systems, Disneyland

Michael Alfoarei - Assistant Controller
Westin Bonaventure

Lori Chow - Director of MIS, ANA Hotels

Julie Engle - MIS Manager
Hyatt Regency Long Beach

Thomas Fish
IT Manager, Tarsadia Hotels

Denis Horgan
Information Systems, Disneyland

John Hyde - Chief Accountant
L.A. Convention Center

Leticia Jimenez - Credit Manager
Wyndham LAX Hotel

Sajid Mahmud - Systems Manager
Intercontinental Hotel

Yehia Mortagy - Cal Poly Pomona
Neela Patel - Assistant Controller

Red Lion Glendale
Nilesh Patel - IT Manager, Tarsadia Hotels

Sunil Patel - Director of Operations
Tarsadia Hotels

Paul Patterson Controller, Torrance Marriott

Ann Tice - Controller, Red Lion Glendale

Scott Towmney - C.F.O.

Arroyo Seco Food & Beverage Company

ON THE MOVE



Michael Butler - Controller
Shutters on the Beach

Lanna Lalonde - Controller
Los Angeles Marriott Downtown

Neal McCracken - MIS
Omni Hotel Los Angeles
Connie Santos-Tejeira - Credit Manager

Omni Hotel Los Angeles
Shami Siddiqui
Regional Controller
Regal Biltmore