

**Next Meeting:**  
January 21st  
Regent Beverly Wilshire

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# LOS ANGELES

Hospitality Financial and  
Technology Professionals

JANUARY 1999 ISSUE

## President's Message



Happy New Year &  
best wishes for a successful  
and prosperous new year!

Our annual Holiday  
Party was held on

December 10th at Yamashiro Restaurant  
up in the Hollywood Hills. We had an  
amazing view of the city lights,  
wonderful Japanese food and a festive  
atmosphere ... it was a great success! A  
good time was had by all and several of  
our members brought donations for our  
toy drive. Over 25 toys were delivered to

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## On The Lighter Side...

by David W. White, CPA



Does it ever seem to  
you that, as hospitality  
financial and technology professionals,  
we spend our time focusing on the more  
serious aspects of the business such as  
forecasts, budgets, financial statements,  
systems issues and the like? Take a few  
minutes here to change the focus and  
laugh a little bit about the kind of things  
that can, perhaps, happen only in a  
hotel, club, or restaurant. Here are a few  
of the more "interesting" moments in  
the industry from my file:

\* A cockroach found its way to the  
kitchen hot line, where an unobservant  
cook covered it with pancake batter as it  
was walking (very quickly, presumably)  
across the griddle. The situation  
worsened when an equally unobservant  
server allowed the cockroach to make its  
restaurant debut belly-up on top of a

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## Stressbuster... to speak at January Meeting!

This month our speaker will  
be Mr. Jack Medina, President of  
Fitness by Design, who will entertain  
and enlighten us with his  
presentation of "Business Survival in  
This Technology Race - Peak  
Performance Through Stress  
Management." Jack has practical  
answers to many of the health  
problems that plague the workplace.  
Back problems, inflexible muscles,  
fatigue, and excessive body fat  
account for much suffering and high  
medical costs. Jack addresses these  
issues and offers effective methods  
for eliminating these problems. The  
information he offers is realistic and  
meaningful in today's world where  
time is at a premium.

Jack's program is  
informative, educational and cost  
saving. The presentation will  
motivate everyone to a higher level  
of personal excellence and  
demonstrate how to reduce health  
problems relating to the work  
environment. His presentation style  
and expertise will captivate all the  
attendees and make this truly a  
highlight program of the year.  
In businesses, at conventions and at  
meetings, Mr. Medina has influenced  
thousands of people to improve their  
lifestyle by taking responsibility for  
their own personal health. From  
executives to corporate employees,  
his message has a powerful impact.  
He will leave everyone with a  
renewed spirit and the tools needed

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## Regent Beverly Wilshire

9500 Wilshire Blvd.  
Beverly Hills  
(310) 275-5200

Thursday, January 21st  
Doors open at 6:00 PM!  
Cocktails 6:00 - 6:45 PM  
Speaker 7:00 PM  
Dinner 8:00 PM

**Business Survival in  
This Technology Race  
Peak Performance  
Through Stress Management  
Speaker: Jack Medina**

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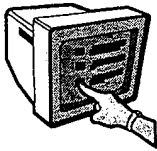
The price for all members  
and first-time guests  
**\$35.00 per person.**  
All others pay \$45.00

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, January 18th



## HFTP Launches a Job and Resume System!

HFTP is proud to announce its newest member service, Job Mart. Job Mart is a new job and resume system launched on HFTP's web site on October 8 ([www.hftp.org/MembersOnly/Jobs/index.html](http://www.hftp.org/MembersOnly/Jobs/index.html)). It provides opportunities for members to search for jobs, and to place job and resume listings free of charge.

Although jobs may be listed by any hospitality employers, they are searchable only by members. Advertisers may include their contact information as well as e-mail and web site addresses and information about the job, ranging from salary to a short description. Listings are searchable by job category, industry segment, salary requirement, preferred location, state, and city. As of November 3, there are 58 job openings posted!


HFTP members may also list their resume information on this new database. The resumes are searchable by both members and nonmembers by job category, industry segment, salary requirement, education level, and location.

Listings will be posted within 24 hours of submission, and will run for eight weeks. Job listings will continue to appear in *The Bottomline* at the request of the advertiser. Resumes will not appear in *The Bottomline* after the end of the year.

Check out this great new member service, and contact Charlotte Franta with any questions at (800) 646-4387 or via e-mail at [cfranta@hftp.org](mailto:cfranta@hftp.org).  
Reminder on how to access the members only section of the website: When the screen appears to enter your User Name and Password, your User Name is your membership ID number (found on your HFTP membership card) and your Password is your last name with the first letter capitalized.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDER...**



**January 21st**  
*"Business Survival in This Technology Race"*  
Mr. Jack Medina  
The Regent Beverly Wilshire

**February 18th**  
*Speaker to be announced*  
Jonathan Club

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## Stress Buster...

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to pursue a more balanced and productive way of life!

His unique ability to motivate his audiences through his exceptionally entertaining seminars have brought him national recognition and appreciation. Jack has spoken to other HFTP chapters, as well as chapters of Hotel Sales & Marketing Association, and other financial and hospitality groups. His dynamic and eloquent delivery, mixed with good humor and demonstrations, make Jack Medina's presentations a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

So, as you sit at your desk, trying to stretch away your aches and pains while trying to figure out how to reduce the stress in your life, mark January 21st on your calendar and join us, and Jack Medina, at the Regent Beverly Wilshire!

## On the Lighter Side...

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short stack. Let's just say the guest received a complimentary breakfast.

\* The guest who apparently didn't like the new patio table and chairs on his guest room balcony and threw them over the side - from the eighth floor. When the furniture landed, the patio table bounced into the side of a new and very expensive car of English ancestry.

\* A guest called the front desk at a European hotel to report a mouse in his room. The front desk clerk said help would be sent immediately. A few minutes later, a bellman arrived with the "hotel cat."

\* The guest who suffered a heart attack while checking out. In the few minutes prior to arrival of the paramedics, the desk clerk climbed over the front desk and pulled the guest's credit card from his wallet.

\* The lobster delivered to the loading dock climbed out of its box and was seen by the controller heading toward the street. The controller called the food & beverage controller and told him the reason food cost was high was because the food itself was walking out of the hotel.

\* The guest who called to thank the accounting department for providing a copy of his room folio to his spouse, based on a telephone request from the spouse. The guest explained he was pleased because his spouse had, until that time, refused to agree to a divorce.

\* The front desk clerk who told the caller wishing to make a room reservation, "I'm sorry, the reservations department is at lunch. Can you call back after 1 p.m.?"

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## President's Message

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the Los Angeles Fire Department for its *Toys for Children* drive. Thank you to all the attendees for your generous support!

So, your budget wasn't approved and you had to revise it into the wee hours before the holidays? Been working extra hours because of year-end? Got the auditors coming in to review the books in a week and you still have to prepare for them? Well, we have just what you need at the January 21st meeting!

Mr. Jack Medina will be speaking on "How to Stay Alive in Business - Peak Performance Through Stress Management." It is sure to be something different to kick off the new year! Please plan to attend this important meeting ... unless, of course, you are a stress-free accountant!!

Membership renewals are due. If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget - you can also renew your membership online at [www.hftp.org](http://www.hftp.org).

Video tapes of three general session presentations at September's HFTP Convention are available.

They are:

1. Strengthening the Customer Relationship
2. The Changing Role of the Financial Controller
3. People Skills 2000 - Success Dynamics for the New Millennium.

Anyone interested in borrowing these can contact me directly.

See you all on the 21st!

**Bruce**



## On the Move

**Mary Nowak**  
Past President of our chapter, is returning to Florida on family business. She would like to keep in touch with all her HFTP friends, so feel free to contact her at "Mefn65@aol.com"

**Leticia Jimenez**  
to the Westin LAX Hotel  
Credit Manager

**Stephen Lambert**  
to Rosewood Hotels in Texas  
Corporate Controller

## Scholarship Winner Announced!!

On December 3rd, our treasurer Herb Hammann, attended the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon for students of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management at Cal Poly Pomona. On behalf of the LA Chapter of HFTP, Herb presented a \$500 scholarship award to

**Ms. Dana Wood**  
the winner of our chapter's 1998 Scholarship Award!

At the ceremony, Dana also received scholarships from the American Hotel Foundation, the Network of Executive Women in Hospitality, and the J. W. Marriott Foundation.

Every year our chapter raises money for the scholarship fund through raffles at the monthly meetings. The scholarship is awarded to a student studying in a local hospitality program. The students fill out an application and submit an essay, and the winner is then chosen by our chapter's Board of Directors.\*

THANK YOU to everyone who has so generously donated prizes for our raffles!!

\*And you thought the money we collected for the raffles just went to Herb!!

## Senior Accountant Needed!

HOTEL SOFITEL is looking for a Senior Accountant to work with the Controller. Must be experienced to B/S, P&L and have strong computer skills. The perfect candidate must be capable of taking on increased responsibilities (and possible relocation) with the opening of future hotels within the Accor NA group by the year 2000. Please fax your resumes to (310) 652-6671.

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