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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When was the property tax return due? Just testing to see whether or not you remembered! Many thanks to Steve Buck and Teresa Sharp from the firm of Arthur Andersen L.L.P. for keeping us up to date on California property taxes at our meeting last month at the Hilton LAX. And yes, I heard your comments. We will try to give you more information on the 571L Form in the future.

March's meeting is our annual joint meeting with the Orange County Chapter. This year we have decided to combine it with our annual half-day seminar. We have four exciting topics and great speakers scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd here at the Westin South Coast Plaza. For more information, please review the enclosed brochure detailing the topics and speakers.

Our chapter sponsors the half-day seminar at a very reasonable price giving back value to its members as part of membership benefits. I encourage you to participate and take advantage of this great opportunity to learn and network with a wonderful group of professionals. Send in your RSVP as soon as possible. We especially invite those who have not been at a meeting yet to come and join us. Also, for all of you who have an associate you think may benefit, please invite them to join us. 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 look forward to seeing you at the seminar!

James Le
Los Angeles Chapter
President

THE WESTIN SOUTH COAST PLAZA

686 Anton Blvd.
(714) 540-2500

Thursday, March 23rd
Half-day Seminar
Lunch served at Noon
Seminars begin at 1:00p.m.
Cocktail Reception at
5:00p.m.

The all-inclusive price for
this Half-day Seminar is
\$35.00 per person
(\$60.00 Non-members)
(\$25 rebate on membership 2000 dues!)

Please make
checks payable to "HFTP"
("No Shows" will be billed)

Call (626) 836-1222 for
reservations or fax the
enclosed RSVP form
by Tuesday, March 21st.

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**Club & Hotel Controller
Conferences**
April 17 - 18, 2000
Reno Hilton
Reno Nevada

HFTP LA Chapter Meeting
May 18, 2000
Hotel Bel-Air
Los Angeles, California

HITEC
June 20-22, 2000
Dallas Convention Center
Dallas, Texas

HFTP LA Chapter Meeting
April 20, 2000
Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills, California

HFTP LA Chapter Meeting
June Social
Location
To Be Announced

**Annual Convention &
Tradeshaw**
October 17-18, 2000
The Regal Constellation Hotel
Toronto, Ontario Canada

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SPOTLIGHT

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Vicki Gregory
Hyatt Regency Long Beach

Vicki Gregory is Credit Manager for the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. Vicki has been a member of the Hyatt team for twelve years now and started with the company in 1988. She is an active and enthusiastic HFTP Los Angeles Chapter member and currently serves on our board as Secretary.

A native of Chicago, Vicki worked in the field of Radiology at one of the city's major hospitals. After working as a technician for several years, Vicki decided she needed a change and started her career with Hyatt.

Vicki is married and has three children. Her son Dwayne recently graduated from college, son Marcus is currently enrolled at North Eastern Illinois, a daughter Simone will graduate high school in June this year. Finally with an empty nest, Vicki and her husband plan to take a well-deserved cruise.

Vicki is very active in her community and enjoys working with various student job programs introducing young people to the hospitality field. In her spare time she enjoys listening to good music and dancing.



KUDOS FOR HFTP NATIONAL OFFICE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

The HFTP National Office was designated as one of the top 25 professional and trade associations in Austin, Texas by Austin Business Journal's Book of Lists 2000. The list is based on association membership numbers. Three hundred and seventy-four of the 600 trade associations in the Austin metropolitan area were reviewed for inclusion on the list.

The Austin Business Journal has been published for 19 years. "The book identifies the area's largest businesses and services, tells what they do, who runs them and how to find them, and of course, where they rank," said Lyn Chasteen, the publisher of the Book of Lists.

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