

NEXT MEETING:

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

HOTEL SOFITEL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow!! We had a great turnout at the Peninsula Beverly Hills. I'm not sure if it was the food, location, topic, or all the above, but in any case, it was very nice to see a lot of new faces. A special "thank you" goes out to Mr. Jim Hizo, Controller of the Peninsula, for hosting our meeting and serving a wonderful dinner.

We are planning many special events for the rest of the season, including a joint meeting with the Orange County Chapter of HFTP at the Disney Hotel for March, the Getty Museum and Riviera Country Club in April, and probably the St. Regis in Century City in May.

This month's meeting will be held at the Hotel Sofitel in West Los Angeles. Our host for the evening will be Mr. Muzaffar Khaleeli, Controller. The speakers will be from Marsh Incorporated, and the topic will be on the direction of the insurance markets and OSHA issues facing the hotel industry.

See you all there!

James Le

Los Angeles Chapter President



"OSHA INSPECTIONS"

What triggers an OSHA inspection? How can you plan for this? And what are the requirements for reporting "serious" injuries? These questions will be answered at the February 15 meeting at the Sofitel. Also covered will be an overview of the new federal OSHA ergonomics standard, the potential implications for employers, and suggested actions to be taken.

Our speaker will be Mr. Allen Offinitz, Senior Risk Control Consultant, who specializes in Workers' Compensation, third party liability, and fleet safety. Mr. Offinitz is also Vice President of Marsh Incorporated. He is familiar with the hospitality industry and some of his clients include hotels and restaurants.

Before Mr. Offinitz begins his talk, David Thoke, Managing Director for Marsh's L.A. office, will give us a brief overview of the insurance markets in our area.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MARCH 15

The Disneyland Hotel -
Joint meeting with the Orange
County Chapter of HFTP

APRIL 19

The Getty Center and
Riviera Country Club

MAY 17 & JUNE 14

Locations TBA

HOTEL SOFITEL
8555 BEVERLY BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048
(310) 278-5444

Thursday, February 15

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Cocktails 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Speaker at 7:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

**"OSHA
INSPECTIONS"**

with

Mr. Allen Offinitz
Marsh, Inc.

The price for this meeting is
\$35.00 per person
for members and
first-time guests.
All others, \$45.00 per person.

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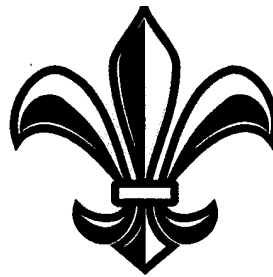
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About the Hotel Sofitel...

This month's meeting will take place at the Hotel Sofitel, the four-diamond French hotel across from the Beverly Center at the intersection of La Cienega and Beverly Boulevards. This property is part of Accor's luxury hotel group and is charmingly decorated in a style reminiscent of a French chateau. Don't miss this informative meeting and an opportunity to enjoy a good meal in a lovely ambiance. For more information about the hotel and its location, the Web site is easy to access at <http://www.sofitelbeverlyhills.com>



Upcoming Events

Gaming Finance & Operations Conference (GFO)
2/26-27, 2001, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV

Club Controllers Conference, 3/26-27, 2001
Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Hotel Controllers Conference, 3/26-27, 2001
Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Club Controllers Conference, 4/23-24, 2001
DoubleTree Hotel, Orange, CA

HITEC, 6/26-28, 2001
Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL

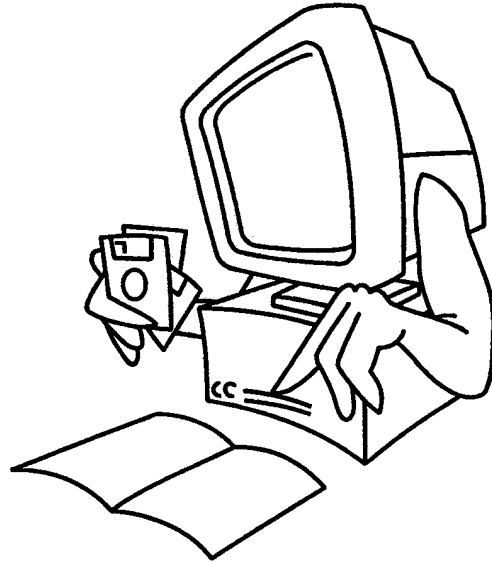
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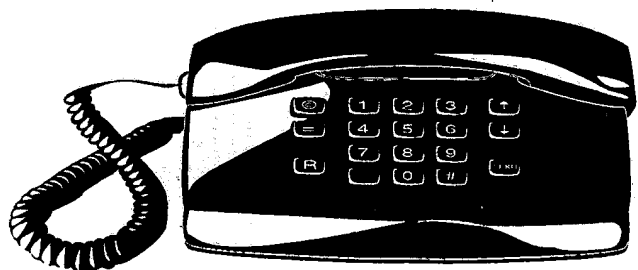
NEW PHONE FRAUD SCAM MAY LEAVE INNKEEPERS WITH HUGE BILLS !!

Brooke Dayton has informed CH&MA about a new phone fraud scam involving calls to the 809 Area Code. This area code is located in the British Virgin Islands, thus is not covered by USA regulations.

The scam goes something like this: You get a message on your answering machine or pager, asking you to call a number beginning with the 809 area code for a variety of reasons, which may include the health of a family member or some other important news that allegedly needs your immediate attention. The cost for the call to this 809 area code number is about \$25 a minute!

In the November/December 2000 issue of "*The California Advantage*" it was stated that "Brooke is

investigating ways to protect lodging establishments from having a guest make one of these calls through the PBX and leaving the innkeeper holding the bag for the charges. In the meantime, he advises that the most practical way to handle this situation is to have the phone vendor block 809 numbers. If a guest wishes to call this area code, he/she can do so with a calling card or credit card."



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Visit the Los Angeles Chapter's Web site, which is maintained and updated monthly. You will find schedules of future meetings and summaries of past meetings as well. In addition, you will find helpful hospitality industry links and Chapter news, information, and more. Hope to "see you" there.



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HFTP's Web site has been improved to feature back issues of *The Bottomline*, as well as the Industry Toolbox, with copies of business form samples, checklists, and other useful business documents provided by HFTP supporters, daily industry news, vendor showcases, job mart, and other association information.