

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001
DINNER MEETING**

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Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

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President's Message

Thank you for making our first breakfast meeting on August 16th at Le Meridien a success. We will certainly want to consider doing that again. I'd like to thank Daniel Monnet and Racquel Obando for hosting the meeting and Maridy Masicat, the Director of Revenue Management, for giving our members a tour of the newly renovated hotel. And, finally, a special thanks to Bruce Baltin at PKF for his continued support of our group.

September's topic will be about the new Bush tax laws and how the changes will affect both the individual and corporations. Tax partner Linda Sybrandt of Deloitte and Touche will speak on the topic and update us on the changes. It promises to be an informative and interesting evening, and I hope you can bring your HR people with you.

Our meeting will be held at the famous Beverly Hilton Hotel, and our host will be Khanh Tran, Controller at the hotel. If you're

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THE 2001 TAX CUT: EFFECTS ON YOU AND YOUR CORPORATION

Ms. Linda Sybrandt, a Tax Partner and Practice Leader with the Los Angeles office of Deloitte & Touche LLP, has 24 years of experience in public accounting and is a firm-designated specialist in real estate and foreign-owned U.S. businesses. She focuses on a variety of real estate ownership vehicles, including REITs, advising them on all facets of the industry, specifically, tax, capital markets, acquisitions, deal structures, and more. Ms. Sybrandt earned her BS degree in Accounting from USC and her Master's of Business Taxation from Golden Gate University.

Her presentation tonight will focus on individual tax reductions, estate tax "repeal," the impact on alternative minimum tax, and what's ahead for business.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this very informative presentation.



"Education is what you get when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't."

Pete Seeger

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Thursday, Sept. 20
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Cocktails 6:00-6:45 pm
Speaker at 7:00 pm
Dinner at 8:00 pm

**"SEEDS OF CHANGE-
THE 2001 TAX CUT"**
with

**Ms. Linda Sybrandt
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Meeting price is
\$ 38.00 per person
for members and
first-time guests
All others, \$48 per person
Checks payable to
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Proposed Board of Directors for 2001-2002

*The following slate of new Board members has been proposed.
Elections will be held during the September 20th meeting.*

President – Cynthia Hughes
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**This is your chance to become more active and contribute to
the Chapter leadership. So please call *now* if you are
interested in becoming a Board member.
We need your input!**



President's Message, continued from Page 1

interested in learning more about this famous property,
please visit the hotel's Web site:

<http://www.seeing-stars.com/Hotels/BeverlyHilton.shtml>

As I mentioned in the August newsletter, the Board
has submitted a new slate of officers to be voted in at this
next meeting for the coming season beginning in
September. We still have a few more slots to fill. Please
contact me if you are interested.

I will be stepping down as President. I have
thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and assisting in the
planning of our meetings these past two years. Thank
you for your support -- and see you at the Beverly Hilton!

Los Angeles Chapter President
James Le

Dues & Dinner Meetings

The Board voted in August to raise the 2001-2002 local chapter dues.
Cost for Dinner Meetings will be
\$38 - Members
\$48 - Non-members

CONSIDER PRE-PAYING FOR THE YEAR TO SAVE MONEY!

Remember....by pre-paying for all 10 Dinner Meetings, the cost is \$350.

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**2001 HFTP Annual Convention & Tradeshow
October 17-20
Hyatt Regency Phoenix & Phoenix Civic Plaza
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(for conference updates and online registration)**

About the Beverly Hilton Hotel:

Built by Conrad Hilton and owned by former talk-show host and singer Merv Griffin, the Beverly Hilton is the site of the annual Golden Globe Awards, among many other star-studded events during the year. Don't miss this Sept. 20th HFTP dinner meeting! Besides the great speaker, dinner, and Board Elections, you never know which movie star/s you'll see at the Beverly Hilton!

The Beverly Hilton is located at the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards in Beverly Hills



**Annual Southern California
Visitor Industry Outlook Conference
Thursday, November 1, 2001
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Participate in 5 interactive, information-packed sessions on trends in the Southern California visitor industry. Up-to-date forecasts from industry leaders about the health of So. California's tourism economy.

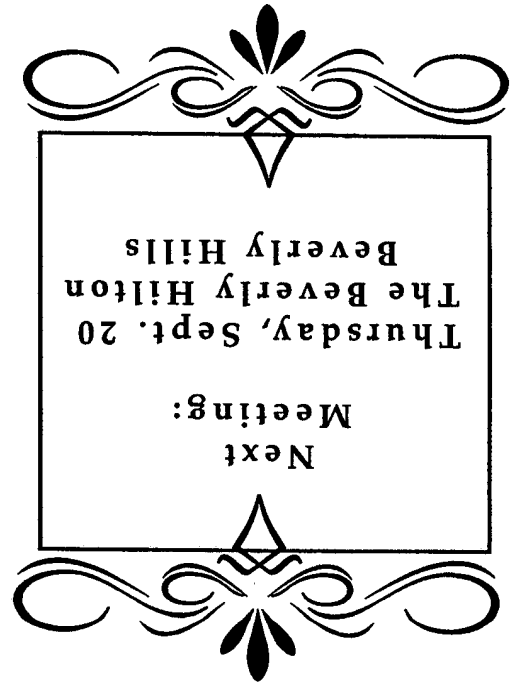
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GET INVOLVED!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Thanks, again, to Dennis Pacheco, Neal McCracken, Don St. Hilaire, Eden Slegr, & James Le, who sent in some great material for newsletters last year. We'd like to ask you *all* again to submit any relevant and interesting articles for our membership to read and enjoy. Let's make the Newsletter something everyone will look forward to getting in the mail!



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