

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday
June 19, 2003**

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Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals

L O S A N G E L E S

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resident's Message

Thanks go out to the Wyndham Bel Age Hotel and to Bharathi Jeyalingam for hosting the May meeting. I am sorry I had to miss it – I heard the dinner and speaker, Mike David with Allied National, were EXCELLENT!

I promise I will not perform a disappearing act for the next meeting, but I can't guarantee that someone else won't! On June 19th, we host our annual social event. This year will find us under the spell of the Magic Castle. Juan Plascencia managed to work some magic of his own and got us access to this exclusive "members only" club.

As we do each year, HFTP-LA will have no meetings during July and August. But upon our return in September, we will hold Board of Director elections at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel on 9/18. Those interested in having a voice on the board, please contact me.

So mark your calendars for the dates June 19th (Magic Castle) and September 18th (Board elections).

We look forward to having you join us!

Bruce Reichenbacher, CHAE
President of HFTP, Los Angeles Chapter

What is the Magic Castle?

The Magic Castle is the private clubhouse for the Academy of Magical Arts, a very special organization devoted to the advancement of the ancient art of magic. The purpose of The Academy is to encourage and promote public interest in the art of magic, with particular emphasis on preserving its history as an art form, entertainment medium, and hobby. Beginning with a charter membership of 150, the Academy has grown into a world-renowned fraternal organization with a membership of nearly 5,000.

The Magic Castle hosts some of the world's foremost magicians, seven nights a week. Some of the highlights at the Castle include:

- The Close-up Gallery presents masters of the art of close-up magic, in the smallest of the Castle theaters (seating only 22 guests).
- The Parlor of Prestidigitation recreates the Victorian experience of the "parlour" (living room) magician.
- The Palace of Mystery hosts grand illusion and other stage performers. Dinner guests have preferential seating in the Palace of Mystery.

The Magic Castle is located in an authentic Victorian mansion, built in 1908 in the hills high above Hollywood. Visitors to the Castle must follow club rules (next page).

**Academy of
Magical
Arts**

7001 Franklin Ave.
Hollywood, CA 90028
(323) 851-3313

Thursday, June 19

**Doors open at 6:00pm
Cash Bar 6:00pm - 6:30pm
Dinner at 6:30pm
Magic Show at 8:15pm**

**HFTP ANNUAL
SUMMER SOCIAL**
with
The Magic Castle Magicians

**\$45 for members
\$55 for guests**
("No Shows" will be billed)

**Valet Parking Available
\$6.00 per car**

**Please RSVP online at
www.hftp-la.org
by Thursday, June 12
Or call (626) 836-1222**



VISITING THE MAGIC CASTLE

The Magic Castle is a private, members-only club that has certain rules which visitors must follow. There are two club rules:

1. No one under 21 may be admitted to the club at any time except for Sunday brunch. Please be sure that every member of your party has picture ID.
2. The Magic Castle has a strict dress code for evening guests: Business attire for men (i.e., coats and ties) and evening wear for ladies (i.e. cocktail dresses, pantsuits, etc). No casual wear, such as jeans or tennis shoes. If you have any questions about the dress code, please call the Castle before you make your visit. Guests who do not meet the dress code will not be admitted to the club.

Parking at the Magic Castle is provided by a valet service (\$6.00 per car). When you enter the lobby, please tell the receptionist you are with "HFTP" and you will be shown where to go.

A SPECIAL INVITATION: RSVP BY JUNE 12!

Since this event is our annual summer social, you may invite any guests you wish, even if they are not in the hospitality industry. You may, for example, invite your spouse or other friends who may be interested in this special opportunity to catch a magic show unlike any they may have seen! All that we ask is that you please RSVP by June 12 at (626) 836-1222, or our website www.hftp-la.org.

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IMPORTANT INFO: BOARD ELECTIONS

Every September, a new Board of Directors is elected by HFTP members. We are always looking for new Board members. Board positions are open to any HFTP-LA member who is interested. Typical duties include organizing meetings and special events, creating educational opportunities for members, giving out scholarships to local hospitality students, and recruiting new members. We work hard to make sure HFTP provides valuable industry information to members through our monthly newsletter, networking events, and educational seminars.

Interested in learning more? Contact our current President, Bruce Reichenbacher, at (213) 612-3902.