

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday  
Oct. 18, 2003**

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*Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals*

**L O S   A N G E L E S**

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**President's Message**

We had such a great turnout for our inaugural meeting of the season last month! First of all, I would like to thank Kathy Wilbourn and Eddie Pacis of the Regent Beverly Wilshire for their gracious hospitality. You guys are great! We had more than 50 members and guests show up to the meeting. Highlights included the election of new Board members and a very informative and entertaining talk given by Janet Halbert on ways to minimize accounting fraud.

I also want to welcome some new board members: Angelina Parks from the Hyatt Valencia; Jim Geary from Sierra Land Group; and Hiran Wirekoon from Marriott Warner Center.

Our next meeting takes place on October 23rd at the recently renovated Roosevelt Hotel. The topic is worker's compensation and ways to minimize losses. As you probably know, this was one of the issues in the recent gubernatorial election. And with budget season upon us, we think this is truly a timely topic!

Also in this newsletter, we proudly list our new members. According to our chapter roster, we are now at exactly 100 members! Our chapter has been growing robustly in recent months. We hope we have as many people attend the meetings!

Ed Anonas, President

**"The ABC's of  
Worker's  
Compensation"**

Sharyn Quinn from Sander A. Kessler & Associates will be our speaker this month and will be joined by Mark David and Annita Valdez from Safety Investigative Services.

Sharyn joined Sander A. Kessler & Associates in 1983 and has over 30 years of experience in the insurance industry. She has served SAK in various capacities including commercial lines manager and quality control coordinator. As a Sales Executive, she specializes in large commercial risks, including hotels, manufacturing, and food processing.

Sharyn is an active member of the Valencia Industrial Association, serving on the Board of Directors, membership, and various other committees and currently chairs the Marketing Committee.

Her other community service includes serving as an Ambassador for the Santa Clarita Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the founding members of the Santa Clarita Express Network Chapter of American Business Women's Association - ABWA.

Sharyn's motto is "the difference is attention to detail."

**Roosevelt  
hotel**

7000 Hollywood Blvd.  
Hollywood, Ca 90028  
(323) 466-7000

**Thursday, Oct. 23**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Speaker at 7:15 pm  
Dinner at 8:00 pm**

**"The ABC's of  
Worker's  
Compensation"**

with  
**Sharyn Quinn  
Mark David  
Annita Valdez**

Meeting price is  
**\$38 for members**  
and first-time guests  
All others, **\$48 per person**  
("No Shows" will be billed.)

**Please RSVP via email:  
[rsvp@hftp-la.org](mailto:rsvp@hftp-la.org)**

by Tuesday, Oct. 21  
Or call (626) 836-1222

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## What is Safety Investigative Services?

Safety Investigative Services (S.I.S.), Inc. is a Private Investigation Company specializing in Workers' Compensation Insurance and Liability Investigations, as well as SIU Management Services. S.I.S. Inc. was established in June 1992 by the current CEO/CFO, Mark David. In June 1996, Mr. David incorporated his business and invited individuals to join his management team from both the Insurance and Law Enforcement industries. These individuals as well as all S.I.S. employees share Mr. David's continuous commitment in providing quality investigations in a professional, courteous and prompt manner.

We recognize the need to reduce company expenditures and believe our fee schedule is very reasonable. We firmly believe that we can offer a competitive rate while maintaining the quality of the investigative reports our clients deserve and require to assist them in determining the validity of each claim.

S.I.S. Inc. has a recognized Special Investigative Unit (SIU) Department that has submitted detailed fraudulent claims investigative reports to District Attorney offices in California, Arizona, and Nevada. To date, more than 100 individuals have been arrested and convicted of Insurance Fraud, resulting in a tremendous cost savings for our clients.

S.I.S. Inc. investigators are professional, well-trained, and have achieved investigative experience through work assignments as Law Enforcement officers and/or have Insurance Industry backgrounds. Each investigator must successfully complete and pass both an in-service training program and courses provided by the Insurance Education Association.

S.I.S. is also proud to offer the services of bilingual investigators. Our staff is composed of presentable male and female professionals of various ethnic origins and they possess the expertise and experience to work effectively in many multi-ethnic communities.

Our Investigators have conducted investigations nationwide for a variety of clients and have been called upon where other agencies have been unsuccessful.

## Call For Door Prizes!

We need door prizes for our next meeting. Past prizes have included dinner for two at the Downtown Standard and bottles of wine. If you can contribute a door prize for the raffle, please call (626) 836-1222. We will appreciate it!

## HFTP Los Angeles Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome new members to the HFTP Los Angeles chapter:

Angelina Parks - Hyatt Valencia

Roye Mbarah - RUMINC

Karen Kaluzny - Paetec Communications

Allan Bushman - Wilshire Grand

John Darroll - Creative Vision Technologies

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!



## The 15th Annual Southern California Visitor Industry Outlook Conference

Wednesday, December 3, 2003  
Hyatt Regency Long Beach

Presented by:

PKF Consulting, Los Angeles  
The Collins School of Management  
at Cal Poly Pomona

Cost is \$125/person before November 3  
and \$150/person after November 3

It's that time of year again!! The Visitor Industry Outlook Conference has been scheduled for December 3, Wednesday from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. This year's theme is "COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE" and takes place at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach.

Program Sponsors:  
The Disneyland Resort  
Hyatt Regency Long Beach

For more information, contact Belinda Lopez, Manager for the Professional Development Institute at Cal Poly Pomona: email [mvlopez@csupomona.edu](mailto:mvlopez@csupomona.edu) or call (909) 869-4472.

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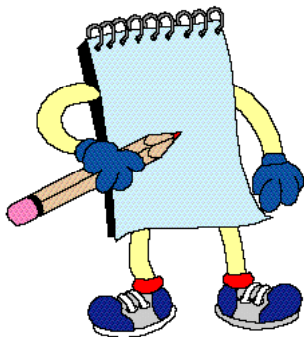
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LA Chapter Meeting Dates

October 23: Topic: Worker's Compensation. The Roosevelt Hotel

November 20: Topic: Wireless Networks. Location TBA.

Holiday Party: Join us for cocktails and good cheer. Location TBA.



**Oct. 23 HFTP Meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel**

The Roosevelt Hotel defines the Hollywood Regency style. It evokes the glamor and elegance of Hollywood's golden days and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Located right across the Boulevard from the Chinese Theater, the Roosevelt Hotel is in the heart of Hollywood's past and present, and continues to redefine Hollywood's history.

**Other HFTP Dates & Events to Remember:**

**December 17:** "Online Distribution Revisited" ONHTEC Online Conference [www.onhtec.com](http://www.onhtec.com)

**December 3:** "Do Hotels and Hot Spots Make Good Couples?" ONHTEC [www.onhtec.com](http://www.onhtec.com)