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President's Message

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Last month at the Mondrian was probably one of the best HFTP meetings we've ever had! Much praise goes to Chris Thullen for setting everything up and making it happen. Jim Geary invited John Taylor for JT Panglobal to talk about how to save on taxes using cost segregation techniques. Even though it was relatively esoteric stuff, many of us came away feeling much smarter!

This month we are pleased to present a session on SB 2 legislation led by Lisa Klinger from Marsh Consulting. Senate Bill 2 (SB2), the Health Insurance Act of 2003, will enable more than 1 million uninsured workers and their dependents to obtain coverage through their employer or a new State program when it is fully implemented in 2007. Lisa will explain the impact of SB 2 on our bottom lines and what kinds of strategies we can use for limiting the financial effects on our companies.

The meeting takes place next Thursday, April 22, at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica. Thanks to the Controller, Kirk Knudsen, for providing a wonderful reason for going to the beach! Please join us next week for cocktails, dinner, and some enlightening conversation on SB 2.

Yours in Hospitality,
[Ed Anonas](#)
President - HFTP Los Angeles Chapter

April 22 Meeting

"SB 2: The Health Insurance Act of 2003"

SB 2 requires employers with 50 or more employees to either provide specified health coverage to employees or pay a fee to the State to provide coverage through a health

insurance risk pool. The amount an employer must pay and the date the law becomes operative vary depending on the employer size.

Even if you already provide health insurance for your employees, you may be affected by SB 2 because it might change the benefits package you offer, the employer contribution amount, the employees you consider eligible for coverage, and even the benefits plans that insurers and HMOs offer!

How do you limit the financial effects of SB 2 compliance to your company? Come to this special session and find out!

[Shutters on the Beach](#)

1 Pico Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90069
(310) 458-0030
Thursday, April 22

Doors Open at 6pm
Cocktails 6pm - 7pm
Speaker at 7:15pm
Dinner at 8pm

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

Valet Parking Available

Please RSVP via email:
rsvp@hftp-la.org
By Monday, April 18
Or call (626) 836-1222

About the Speaker

Lisa Klinger, Marsh Inc.

[Lisa Klinger](#) has 20 years of experience in benefit consulting, with an emphasis on legal and compliance issues for health and welfare plans and for flexible benefit plans. Since late 2001 she has focused on HIPAA medical privacy rules. She is an attorney, admitted to the California Bar in 1985, and a Sr. Vice President at Marsh Risk and Insurance Services.

Lisa is part of Marsh Employee Benefits Services' Legal/Compliance Unit. She is a national resource for legal compliance and legislative issues. She is a frequent speaker at benefits seminars presented by Marsh and by industry groups such as the Certified Employee Benefits Specialists (CEBS/IFEBP), Western Pension and Benefits Conference, Health Underwriters Association, Employee Benefit Plan Administrators, and various Risk Management conferences (RIMS).

Before joining Marsh, Lisa also worked for Mercer Human Resources Consulting (also a Marsh company), and for two Los Angeles based law firms. Additionally, she was Vice President of Technical Services at a pension administration firm.

Her educational background includes: a J.D. and a Masters degree in public administration from the University of Southern California (1984, 1980), and a B.S. in political science from the University of Evansville (1976). Lisa also holds a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) designation.

Future Meetings

Summertime is Coming!!

The 2003-2004 season is winding down to a close. If you haven't been to one of our meetings, you only have two chances left!

May 20

Why is everyone talking about Dynamic Currency Conversion? Come to the meeting and find out. Location: TBD (Hotel Bel Air can't host us that night, sniff sniff).

June 17

Come take a summer cruise with us and the Orange County Chapter for the annual Summer Social event. Please bring a spouse or date or anyone you wish!!

Location: Somewhere off the coast of Long Beach.

Membership Info

Become a Member Today!

It's easy to become a member of HFTP! If you live in the Los Angeles area, you can call the local chapter at (626) 836-1222 and have an application form sent to you. Or, you can go to the National HFTP web site at www.hftp.org and click "Join HFTP" to access an online, interactive application to join the Los Angeles or any other chapter. For more details, you can contact HFTP's 24-hour Fax-on-Demand (888-813-INFO) which puts all the information you need on HFTP-registration forms, certification, membership benefits, and advertising opportunities-as close as your fax machine.

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Editor's Note

[HFTP Los Angeles](#) currently has a membership of 100+ hospitality professionals. The chapter holds meetings once a month, generally on the evening of the third Thursday of the month. Our meetings are held at various hotels and clubs throughout the L.A. area. Meetings generally begin with a cocktail reception that offers attendees an opportunity to network and share industry news and ideas, followed by a speaker that touches on an industry or educational topic, and a three-course dinner.

The chapter also raises money for a student scholarship fund, hosts social gatherings, contributes to local and national charities, and sponsors a half-day seminar for its members. The chapter newsletter is published once a month (September-June) to keep members informed of chapter events, share member news, and pass along valuable information and articles.

Want to write an article? Do you want to host or speak at a meeting in the future? Drop us a line at juan@globalhospitality.com.

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