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### **President's Message**

Many thanks to Bikas Pandey, the Controller for the Viceroy, and to the KOR Hotel Group for hosting our meeting last month. Bruce Baltin, Senior Vice President of PKF Consulting, gave us an informative update on the state of the Southern California hotel market just in time for those of us still doing budgets!

It was great to see some new faces at the meeting, including Afshin Kateb, CFO, and Larry Layman, Corporate Director of Finance for The KOR Hotel Group, as well as several KOR controllers, including Chris Thullen and Toni Bau. Also present was the newest Assistant Controller for the Viceroy, Robert Brigande. Not only did we have an excellent meal but the company was just great! Thanks to everyone for coming, and I look forward to seeing you all at our future meetings.

I have agreed to serve as President of the local chapter for another year and hope we can continue the work we started last year. Our goal is to bring quality speakers and great dinner locations, coupled with positive social and educational opportunities, to our members and guests. I plan on actively working to increase the size of our membership during the year, so if you know someone whom you believe would benefit, please invite him or her to a meeting.

Please see my additional announcements below.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards,

Ed Anonas,  
President, HFTP LA Chapter

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### **New Board Elected**

During the meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kathy Adams, Toni Bau, Allaxia Davison, Marc Gerard, David Palmer, Chris Thullen, and Wilfred Weragoda, our new L.A Chapter Board Members. Also returning for another year are Don St. Hilaire, Jim Geary, Angelina Parks, Dennis Pacheco, Eden Sleg, Bruce Reichenbacher, and Connie Santos-Tejeira. I look forward to working with the new Board and expect we will have an excellent 2004-2005 season.

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### **Annual Convention**

This month the Orange County Chapter hosts the HFTP Annual Convention & Tradeshow. Each year the Convention has had an increase in attendance, and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Preparation for the professional challenges in a changing world, continuing education programs, and an excellent opportunity to network are just a few of the great reasons to attend! If you haven't attended in the past, this is the year to go! You also won't have to travel very far to attend. In fact, I guarantee that you will find your time well-spent if only for some of the quality seminars and presentations. The speakers are great, the subjects timely, and the

opportunity to share ideas with your peers from across the country is invaluable. To register for the Convention, visit <http://www.hftp.org/ssl/ac/registration/>

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### **October Meeting**

To round out the Convention week, the Los Angeles Chapter, together with the Desert and Northern California Chapters, will host "A NIGHT AT THE HOUSE OF BLUES" in Anaheim for all HFTP Convention attendees and California HFTP members!!! Please note that in October our monthly meeting is replaced with the HOUSE OF BLUES' event. I hope you will all plan on attending, and be sure to bring someone with you as this should be a fun evening!

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### **November and December Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> to be followed by the Annual Holiday Cocktail Party, either during the week of December 6<sup>th</sup> or December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please check your E-mail for updates and announcements for specific locations and dates.

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### **Scholarship**

Each year our chapter awards a scholarship to a deserving hospitality student who is chosen by our Board. We raise this money via our door prizes which are given out at many meetings. We would appreciate any donations for door prizes which could include dinner, brunch or lunch certificates, bottles of wine (one way to get rid of that dead stock of rare wines on your inventory list!) or anything you think would be a good prize! Please contact Kathy Adams if you have an idea or want to donate a prize.

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### **House of Blues Information**

## **An Evening at the "HOUSE OF BLUES"**

**Saturday, October 30, 2004**

- House of Blues is located at 1530 Disneyland Drive, Anaheim, CA 92802
  - Time from 7p.m to 10p.m.
  - Event will be held on the Rose Terrace.
  - Entrance will include a ticket for two drinks and assorted hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.
  - Check House of Blues Website <http://www.hob.com/venues/clubvenues/anaheim> for map and parking
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## Membership Information

It's easy to become a member of HFTP! Go to the National HFTP Web site at [www.hftp.org](http://www.hftp.org) and click "Join HFTP" to access an online, interactive application to join.

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#### **Editors 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? Call (626) 836-1222, Fax (626) 836-1223 or drop us a line at [rsvp@hftp-la.org](mailto:rsvp@hftp-la.org).