

NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday
Sept. 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

Summer is coming to an end...
Kids are returning to school...
Budgets are due soon...
Must mean another year of HFTP
is about to begin!!

To open the 2003-2004 season, the Regent Beverly Wilshire will be hosting our meeting on September 18. Our speaker will be Janet Halbert, CPA and President of JRH Consulting Group. Janet will be talking with us about "Internal Controls and Employee Theft" and strategies for creating back-office procedures that limit the possibility of employee fraud.

Also this September, the proposed Board of Directors for 2003-2004 will be presented to the membership. I will be stepping down as President but will remain active on the board. But I do thank all of you for your support to HFTP-LA and to me over the past year!

Our chapter's membership is currently at about 85 members. One of the goals for the coming year will be to increase membership. Please renew your membership when renewal time comes around. That way you will remain on our active list and continue to receive all the benefits that membership in HFTP has to offer.

Bruce Reichenbacher, CHAE

**"Internal controls
and employee theft:
strengthen your
systems now!"**

Our speaker for this month is Janet Halbert, President of JRH Consulting Group. Janet is a CPA with over 20 years of experience in public accounting and private industry. She began her career at Arthur Andersen and gained extensive financial management experience as a controller of two middle market companies. As an advisor to businesses and professional practices with differing needs, Janet has provided her accounting and financial management expertise to organizations in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. She specializes in solving problems in the accounting departments of growing organizations so that management can focus on growth.

Janet is also a lecturer in the MBA program in Non-Profit Management at the University of Judaism. In addition, she has served on the boards of several charitable and religious organizations. Janet frequently gives presentations on financial management and internal controls to companies and non-profit organizations.

Please welcome Janet to our meeting on the 18th!

**Regent
Beverly
Wilshire**

9500 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly hills, Ca 90212
(310) 275-5200

Thursday, Sept. 18

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

**"Internal
Controls and
Employee Theft:
Strengthen Your
Systems Now!"**

with
**Janet Halbert, President
JRH Consulting Group**

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

**Please RSVP online at
www.hftp-la.org
by Monday, Sept. 15
Or call (626) 836-1222**

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Proposed Board of Directors for 2003-2004

*The following slate of new Board members has been proposed.
Elections will be held during the September 18th meeting.*

President – Ed Anonas

First VP – TBD

Second VP - TBD

Secretary – Connie Santos-Tejeira

Treasurer – TBD

Education – Don St. Hilaire

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President Emeritus – Eden Sleg

This is your chance to become more actively involved in chapter activities and contribute your leadership to the Los Angeles chapter. Please call (626) 836-1222 if you are interested in becoming a Board member. We welcome all members to the Board who would like to play a larger role in such areas as member recruitment, speaker series, educational programs, networking events, and scholarship committee. Even if you are not interested in becoming a Board member, please plan to attend so that you can exercise your right to vote!



**2003 Annual Convention & Tradeshow
Rosen Centre Hotel
Orlando, FL
October 15-18, 2003**

HFTP's Annual Convention & Tradeshow presents a unique opportunity to add a fresh new spin to your property and career. Shape your future by taking advantage of the high-caliber continuing education programs and networking with your hospitality financial and IT professional colleagues through this valuable four-day conference. More than 600 members are expected at the 2003 conference!

Hotel accommodations can be made by calling the Rosen Centre Hotel directly at 800-204-7234 or 407-996-9840. You can also make reservations online at www.hftp.org. If you are making your reservations on-line, you will need to enter the attendee code 5174 to receive the HFTP conference rate of \$115 single/double occupancy plus tax.

HFTP is dedicated to providing industry professionals, from clubs and hotels to restaurants and casinos, with the elements necessary to succeed. The convention will include workshops, panels, seminars, and networking events that will be fun and educational!

If you have any questions, please call HFTP at 1-800-646-4387 or 512-249-5333. We hope to see you in October!



**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.

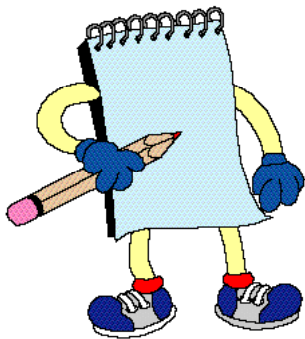
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For more information, contact Belinda Lopez, Manager for the Professional Development Institute at Cal Poly Pomona: email mvlopez@csupomona.edu or call (909) 869-4472.

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<u>LA Chapter Meeting Dates</u>
<u>September 18:</u> Regent Beverly Wilshire
<u>October 23:</u> The Downtown Standard
<u>November 20:</u> Location TBA
<u>December 18th Holiday Party:</u> Location TBA

Sept. 18 HFTP Meeting at the Regent Beverly Wilshire

The Regent Beverly Wilshire is an oasis of elegance and warmth located at one of the world's most famous intersections: Rodeo Dr. and Wilshire Blvd. The hotel features spacious guest rooms, luxurious amenities, a world-class health spa, and award-winning restaurants.

Other HFTP Dates & Events to Remember:

October 15-18: 2003 HFTP Annual Convention & Tradeshow

December 3: 15th Annual Southern California Visitor Industry Outlook Conference