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**President's Message**

The March meeting at Wilshire Grand was a great success! I would like to thank the Director of Finance of the Wilshire Grand and Past President of HFTP LA Chapter, Bruce Reichenbacher for hosting our meeting. Our speaker was Joseph Hsieh, of Wireless Hotspot, Inc., [www.wirelesshotspot.com](http://www.wirelesshotspot.com), who addressed the subject of wireless high-speed Internet access and its implementation in the hospitality business. Some of the Members invited their IT Directors since this meeting was of great interest to them.

Neal McCracken, Systems Analyst of The Micros Man, Victoria Jimenez, Network Consultant of Paetec Communications; Elmer Peña, Network Administrator of the Luxe Hotel, Sunset Boulevard; David Griggs, CEO and Owner of Smart Hospitality Corporation; Win Powell, Strategic Account Manager of M.T.M. Technologies and Eddie Hwang, System Analyst of the Wilshire Grand joined us as guests. I hope to see them at meetings again in the near future.

The raffle last month raised \$72.00. Generous donations of a buffet luncheon for two and a \$25.00 Gift Card from Target were made by The Historic Mayfair Hotel and the Hotel Bel-Air respectively.

The meeting this month will be held at the Portofino Hotel and Yacht Club. Our host will be Christopher Furumoto, the Controller of the Hotel Portofino and a regular attendee of HFTP LA Chapter meetings. Our speaker will be Bob Byrne, the CEO of Byrne & Clayton Consulting, LLC. Mr. Byrne will talk to us about the hot issues in the property tax arena. Of special interest will be the proper treatment of intangibles in property tax valuation. It is very possible that your property is currently over-assessed. Come and see if there are property tax savings opportunities for you.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, Thursday, April 21 at the Portofino Hotel and Yacht Club. Don't forget to bring a prize for the monthly raffle, proceeds from which are donated to the Tsunami Fund.

Ed Anonas  
President  
HFTP Los Angeles Chapter

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**April 21, Meeting:**

**"HOT ISSUES IN THE PROPERTY TAX ARENA"**

**"Proper treatment of intangibles in property tax valuation"**

*Bob Byrne [rdbproptax@earthlink.net](mailto:rdbproptax@earthlink.net) is the CEO of Byrne & Clayton Consulting, LLC, a firm that specializes in assisting those in the hospitality industry with their state and local tax issues. Byrne & Clayton and their associates, Bob Richmond, Bob Kuhlman and Peter Hucke have represented such properties as the Aladdin, Hard Rock, Stratosphere, MGM, Waldorf Astoria, Princeville, Kaanapali and Wailea, among many others.*

**Thursday, April 21, 2005 Meeting:**

**The Portofino Hotel & Yacht Club**

260 Portofino Way  
Redondo Beach, California 90277  
Tel: (310) 379 8481  
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**Schedule:**

Doors open at 6 pm  
Cocktails from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Speaker at 7:15 pm  
Dinner at 8:00 pm

**Parking:** Complimentary

**Cost:**

Meeting price is \$38 per person for members and first-time guests.  
All others, \$50 per person  
Please bring a check made payable to "HFTP." Or bring your credit card!  
("No-shows" will be billed)

**RSVP:**

Please RSVP via email at:  
[rsvp@hftp-la.org](mailto:rsvp@hftp-la.org)  
By Tuesday, April 19, 2005  
Or call (626) 836-1222

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**Future Meetings**

**Mark your calendars for the following meetings in spring 2005.  
Speakers, locations, and topics to be announced.**

**May 19th**

**Summer Social to be announced**

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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).

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