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UNVEILING

On Tuesday, July 21, at the
CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting,
the engraving commemorating the
\$250,000 Grant
donation by CFHLA to the
Dr. Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts
was unveiled.

*The grant awarded by CFHLA will support the
naming opportunity of the Dr. Phillips Center's
only coffee bar, located on the second floor.*

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CFHLA Executive
Committee**

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Gerald Urquiola*



CFHLA Chairman Gerald Urquiola of the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center and Kathy Ramsberger of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts officially "unveil" the commemorative engraving



The official engraving recognizing the CFHLA contribution to the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

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CFHLA 2nd Vice Chairman David Friederich of the Grand Bohemian Hotel, Assistant Treasurer Jetse Pottinga of the Melia Orlando Suite Hotel Celebration, Chairman Gerald Urquiola of the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center, and Historian Laura Sherman of the CLC Encantada Resort with Kathy Ramsberger of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts



The CFHLA Board of Directors in front of the official "CFHLA Hospitality Coffee Bar" at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

**CFHLA thanks the Dr. Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts for this
partnership opportunity.**

NETWORKING

After the Board Meeting on July 21, the
CFHLA Food & Beverage Council - in partnership with the
CFHLA Allied Relations Council - hosted the July
After Hours Networking Reception.

This event featured

Meeting

[Summit Broadband](#)

**Governmental Affairs
Committee Meeting**

[SpinOut Guest Laundries](#)

**Board of Directors
Meeting**

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*New for 2015 CFHLA
Members sponsoring
\$10,000+ will be eligible for
this benefit.*

Hospitality Updates:

**See who beat Orlando for
fastest-growing hotel
markets**

*Orlando Business Journal -
The Buzz*

Richard Bilbao

Orange County ranked

and was held in the
WXYZ Lounge

at the

Aloft Orlando Downtown
(Thank you Craig Leicaster, General Manager).

Additionally, CFHLA recognizes

Domino's

and

Orlando Brewing

for providing food & beverage for this networking activity.

***Below please find photographs from this
"Members Doing Business With Members" experience:***



CFHLA Allied Relations Council Chair Ruthann DiLauri of Minuteman Press, CFHLA Board of Directors Chairman Gerald Urquiola of the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center, and CFHLA Allied Member Charlie Weddle of TRS Wireless

performing hotel and tourism economies thanks to the increase in new jobs created in the hotel industry.

The study, conducted by Headlight Data, ranked counties based on the percentage of growth in job creation, which Orange County ranked No. 10 with 4.5 percent growth. A closer look at the data showed Orange County's hotel employment reached 49,724 in 2014, up from 47,583 recorded for the previous year.

The top market in new job growth belonged to Davidson County, Tenn., which includes the Nashville metropolitan area, with 6.7 percent growth. Hillsborough County, which includes Tampa, was ranked second overall with 6.12 percent growth.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of the 50 largest counties ranked by hotel growth.

I-4 Ultimate work to close downtown roadway under SR 408

Orlando Business Journal - The Buzz

Anjali Fluker

Construction on Interstate 4 thusfar has had the biggest impact on overnight commuters but a new daytime road closure is coming soon to downtown Orlando.

The Florida Department of Transportation announced as part of the \$2.3 billion I-4 Ultimate overhaul, South Westmoreland Drive under State Road 408 will close



Eric Crawford of the Aloft Orlando Downtown, CFHLA Board Member Stewart Newmark of Revolutionary Road Hospitality Group, and CFHLA Downtown General Managers Group Chairman Craig Leicaster of the Aloft Orlando Downtown



CFHLA Allied Member Debra Ray of Church Street District, CFHLA Historian Laura Sherman of the CLC Encantada Resort, and CFHLA VIP Member Rita Masi of Orlando Mattress Company

from July 27-Aug. 21 for bridge work to improve the I-4/408 interchange.

Here's more on how you can get around the closure:

Traveling northbound on South Westmoreland Drive, turn right on Gore Street, turn left on South Parramore Avenue, turn left on South Street to end of detour at South Westmoreland Drive.

Traveling southbound on South Westmoreland Drive, turn left on Anderson Street, turn right on South Parramore Avenue, turn right on Gore Street to end of detour at South Westmoreland Drive

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details

FDOT and its public/private partner, I-4 Mobility Partners, are working on tearing up, rebuilding and enhancing 21 miles of the freeway in Central Florida. Along with creating more construction opportunities, these activities affect commuters who travel these routes. The project is expected to be completed in six years.

4 new restaurants opening in Central Florida

Orlando Business Journal - The Buzz

Megan Ribbens

A variety of new eateries are popping up in Central Florida from Restaurant Row to Altamonte Springs.

New restaurants not only bring new temporary construction and permanent



CFHLA VIP Member Glen Lyons of ATM FLA, CFHLA 2nd Vice Chairman David Friederich of the Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando, CFHLA VIP Member Mac Cochran of ATM FLA, and CFHLA VIP Member April Walker of System Tech Services, Inc.



CFHLA Vacation Ownership Vice Chairman Jim Haughney of Orange Lake Resort, CFHLA Allied Relations Council Vice Chair Amy Diehl of Awnclean USA, and CFHLA Silver Partner Ron Silveira of F.P.I.S. Brochure Distribution and Travel Marketing

Orlando's dining scene and offer new opportunities for local vendors.

Here's a look at four new restaurants in the region:

First up is a new sushi restaurant at the Orlando Crossings shopping center on I-Drive. Ichiban Buffet at 5529 International Drive in Orlando debuted July 23. The 10,000-square-foot restaurant features 300 seats and a variety of Chinese and Japanese dishes. Ichiban is part of Phase 2 of AMP Group's multi-million dollar renovation of the Orlando Crossings Mall, which also will include the new 17,000-square-foot Seabra Foods Supermarket. Check back later for an inside look at the restaurant.

Just down the road on Restaurant Row, a new Indian-Asian fusion restaurant will open on July 24 at 7550 W. Sand Lake Road in Orlando's Dr. Phillips neighborhood. Fusion 360 will take the upstairs space formerly occupied by the short-lived American Gymkhana. The new eatery will feature an Indian menu with Asian and American influences with signature dishes such as Curry Shrimp with lemongrass ginger cilantro and cream sauce; steak cooked in tandoor with tamarind chutney on the side, sesame soy ginger wings infused with Indian spices. Fusion 360 also will have an upscale bar with a mixologist and more than 50 whiskey and scotch blends, as well as international wines. The restaurant will turn into a late-night luxury lounge called Kerala every Thursday-Sunday from 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Heading northeast, Duffy's



CFHLA Allied Member Tim Walker of Empire Roofing, CFHLA Silver Partner Chip Humble of Casual Patio, CFHLA VIP Member Debra Flippo of Where Magazine / Morris Visitor Publication, and CFHLA Board Member Lana Burke of the Hampton Inn Orlando International Drive / Convention Center



CFHLA Allied Relations Council Immediate Past Chairman Joe Mahoney of HospitalityStaff receiving his raffle prize (an Oh Bows Gift Basket) from CFHLA Allied Relations Council Treasurer Cindy Traenkner of Domino's

WORKING LUNCH

The CFHLA
**Forward Thinking 2016
Membership Luncheon**
will take on a
NEW Working Lunch Format!

This luncheon will feature a panel of industry experts

fourth Orlando-area restaurant on July 24 near the Altamonte Mall. The sports-themed restaurant will take the 7,313-square-foot stand-alone space at 525 E. Altamonte Drive that was formerly a Mimi's Cafe. Duffy's first debuted in Central Florida in October 2014 near The Mall at Millenia and has since opened eateries in Lake Mary and east Orlando's Waterford Lakes Town Center. The Altamonte restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner Sunday-Wednesday from 11 a.m.-12 a.m., and Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Finally, a restaurant coming to the Belle Isle community is introducing a new foodie term to Orlando's dining scene: "freshtaurant." Cork & Fork American Grill at 5180 S. Conway Road will open its doors this summer west of Orlando International Airport featuring American fare made with farm fresh ingredients, as well as craft beers, local wines and seasonal dishes. The restaurant will have two bars and two dining rooms, which can be used for corporate and private functions of up to 50 people. Owners Orhan and Sheila Soysal have 30 years of experience in Central Florida's hospitality industry. "We love the idea of dining out, a good glass of wine, an environment that does not break the bank, and we feel that Cork & Fork represents that theory," said a news release.

"We wanted to open a restaurant that caters to community growth and improving the local economy, such as using local farmers and serving the community in which they are established. We

including the following individuals:

Kathie Canning

Executive Director of [Orange County Convention Center](#)

Danielle Courtenay

Chief Marketing Officer of [Visit Orlando](#)

Paul Phipps

Chief Marketing Officer of [VISIT FLORIDA](#)

For your information, this educational program is set to occur

This Thursday, July 30

(12Noon - 1:30PM)

at the

Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

(Thank you Bob Walsh General Manager).

To register for this activity - featuring nearly
400 Hospitality Executives, please visit:

www.CFHLA.org/Membership-Luncheons.

CFHLA recognizes the Forward Thinking 2016 Sponsors:



GIVE LIFE

new neighbors and look forward to getting to know them, serving them and the surrounding communities and becoming part of this great area.”

GIVE LIFE ORLANDO

**Community Blood Drive
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

All donors will receive **FREE T-Shirt*** and **FREE wellness checkup** including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

- **WFTV CHANNEL 9**
490 East South Street
(inside the studio)
- **ORLANDO CITY HALL**
400 South Orange Avenue
- **CHURCH STREET**
West Church Street at SunTrust

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

- **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**
730 North Magnolia Avenue
- **ORLANDO HEALTH**
83 West Miller Street
(Front entrance of Winnie Palmer Hospital)
- **DOUBLETREE**
60 South Ivanhoe Boulevard

For more information or to make an appointment, please call **1.888.9.DONATE (1.888.936.6283)** or visit oneblood.org/givelife. Thank you for being a blood donor. We look forward to seeing you at Give Life Orlando!

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All blood donors must have ID. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. While supplies last. T-Shirt may vary from image shown. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.



BIDDING

IT IS TIME!

The CFHLA
Luxury Stay Online Auction
 is officially LIVE from
Wednesday, July 22 to
(This) Wednesday, July 29!

This auction will feature luxurious, specialty stays at various Central Florida Properties - including **presidential suites**, **dining packages**, and **more!**

Bidding will CLOSE at 2PM on Wednesday, July 29.

To view the available items and place your bids, please visit:
[www.CFHLA.org/Online-Auction.](http://www.CFHLA.org/Online-Auction)

CFHLA salutes the 2015 Online Auction Sponsor:



PARTNERS

At this time
44 Adopt-A-School Partnerships
have been confirmed for the
2015 / 2016 School Year!

To view the partnerships which have committed for the upcoming school year, or to register your partnership, please visit:

www.CFHLA.org/Adopt-A-School-Program

Additionally, if you are interested in pursuing a

NEW Partnership,

please contact CFHLA Staff Person Lynnea Dawes -
Communications@cfhla.org.

For your information, CFHLA has a goal to secure

100 Partnerships
for the 2015 / 2016 School Year.

Commit to supporting Public Education TODAY!



EXCELLENCE

Recently,

Executive Chef

John Janucik

of the [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#)

was named the

**Marriott International
2014 Chef of the Year for the Americas!**

*For more information about Chef Janucik's achievement,
please [CLICK HERE](#).*



Chef John Janucik of the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

CONGRATULATIONS CHEF JANUCIK!

TRIP ADVISOR

TripAdvisor released its annual

Traveler's Choice Awards

for amusement parks and water parks in the U.S. and worldwide, and Orlando was represented by seven of the top 10.

[Universal's Islands of Adventure](#)

took the top ranking for the U.S., the theme park also topped all others worldwide.

[SeaWorld's Discovery Cove](#)

came in at No. 2 in the U.S. and worldwide, while

[Disney's Magic Kingdom](#)

finished in the No. 3 spot for both categories.

Other Orlando-area theme parks that made the list include:

[Disney's Hollywood Studios](#)

(No. 5 in the U.S. and worldwide)

[Universal Studios Florida](#)

(No. 6 in the U.S. and worldwide)

[Disney's Animal Kingdom](#)

(No. 8 in the U.S.)

[SeaWorld Orlando](#)

(No. 10 in the U.S.).

To read more about these top-voted attractions, please [CLICK HERE](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TRIP ADVISER HONOREES!

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Diamond Ground Transportation, Inc.

[Diamond Ground Transportation, Inc.](#) provides full-service ground transportation, including Taxi Cabs, Vans, SUVs, Luxury Sedans, Luxury Limousines and Charter Buses operating in the tri-county area.

FUN FACT: Our Taxi company Diamond Cab was the FIRST (May 29, 2013) City of Orlando approved Taxi Company to launch a Branded

dispatch system.

HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES

Below please find current hospitality employment opportunities:

Night Auditor

The Alford Inn

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job description

Assistant Food & Beverage Manager

Paramount Hospitality Management

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job description

Club Concierge

Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job description

Group Fitness Instructor, Housekeeper, Pool Bar Supervisor, and MORE!

Ritz Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job descriptions

Guest Service Representative, Cook, Loss Prevention Officer, and MORE!

Marriott International (Various Properties)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job descriptions

Controller - Rooms, Overnight Banquet Set-Up, Front Desk Supervisor, and MORE!

JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job descriptions

Team Lead - Food & Beverage Services, Rooms Controller, Special Events Coordinator - Sales, and MORE!

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job descriptions

Preventative Rooms Maintenance.

**Night Auditor,
and MORE!**

Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
[CLICK HERE](#) to view the job descriptions

**Purchasing/Admin Food Cost Control Clerk,
Restaurant Manager,
Banquet Assistant Manager,
and MORE!**

Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
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