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GOLF

Today, the **CFHLA Political Committee** conducted it's annual **"Tee It Up for Tourism" Golf Outing & Luncheon** at the **Grand Cypress Golf Club** (**Thank You, Mark Cox**).

Over **110 CFHLA Members** enjoyed a pre-golf luncheon, highlighted by networking, a live auction and a "Keynote Address" from **Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings**. Sheriff Demings thanked the Hospitality Executives in attendance for their efforts in helping the Orlando area become one of the world's top destinations, which has greatly benefited the Central Florida region through generation of Sales Tax revenues and increased employment opportunities.

INTEREST

**Florida Governor
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Orange County

Osceola County

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City of Orlando

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Kissimmee**

City of Sanford

Other Central Florida Elected Officials, Community Leaders and a CFHLA-Endorsed Candidate were in attendance to network with CFHLA Members as well, including:

Emily Bonilla

Orange County Commission, District 5

Kamia Brown

State Representative, District 45

Bill Cowles

Orange County Supervisor of Elections

Linda Kolbert

Orange County School Board Vice-Chair

Chief John Mina

Orlando Police Department

Christine Moore

Orange County School Board, District 7

The **CFHLA Political Committee** would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the **2017 Tee It Up For Tourism Golf Outing & Luncheon**:

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CFHLA Board Members and Elected Officials "Cut the Ribbon" to start the PC Golf Outing



(left to right) CFHLA 1st Vice Chairman Fred Sawyers, Complex General Manager of the Walt Disney World Swan Dolphin Resort, CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, Keynote Presenter Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings and CFHLA 2nd Vice Chairman Brian Comes, General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Orlando



Keynote Presenter Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings



Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, CFHLA Corporate Secretary Keith Wolling, Area General Manager of the B Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista, and Linda Kobert, Orange County School Board Vice Chair



(left to right) CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, Chief John Mina of the Orlando Police Department and CFHLA Board Member Jeff Swirsky, General Manager of the Holiday Inn Resort Lake Buena Vista



CFHLA Members preparing to "Tee it Up for Tourism"

For additional photographs, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**For your information, proceeds from this outing will support
CFHLA Endorsed Hospitality Candidates in 2018.**

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CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, CFHLA-PAC Endorsed Candidate for State House District 44 Robert "Bobby O" Olszewski, CFHLA Board First Vice-Chair Fred Sawyers, General Manager of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

On **Tuesday, October 10th**, **Southwest Orange County** residents in **Florida House District 44** will be asked to elect their new State Representative in a Special Election.

Please know that the CFHLA-Endorsed "Hospitality Friendly" candidate in this General Election race is **Robert "Bobby" Olszewski**.

Mr. Olszewski met with CFHLA-PAC Board Members following his August 15th Primary Election victory and expressed his support for Central Florida's Hospitality Industry, specifically emphasizing his commitment to protect the integrity of Tourist Development Tax.

If you are unsure if you reside in House District 44, please [click here](#) to check your Florida State House District.

PRIORITIES

On Wednesday, September 20th, **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Members** met at the **Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area** (*Thank you, Jay Leonard*) to begin the process of drafting **CFHLA's 2018 Legislative Priorities**



The following “Panelists” were in attendance to discuss their organization’s upcoming legislative priorities and assist the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee in establishing “policy directions” for 2018:

Leticia Adams

Walt Disney World Company

Melanie Becker

Universal Orlando

Beth Thibodaux

SeaWorld Orlando

Richard Turner

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association

Rembert Vonk

Excellent Vacation Homes / CFHLA Vacation Rental Council

CFHLA staff will finalize a “draft” of **2018 Legislative Priorities** based on the input from panelists and GA Committee Members at the September 20th meeting, which will then be presented to the Committee for approval at the **October 11th** meeting, before advancing to the full CFHLA Board of Directors for finalization at the **November 16th CFHLA Board Retreat**



(left to right)

Leticia Adams of Walt Disney World Company, Melanie Becker of Universal Orlando, Beth Thibodaux of SeaWorld Orlando, Jackie Bozzuto of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., Katie Flury of GrayRobinson P.A. and Adrianna Sekula of Walt Disney World Company

OSCEOLA

CFHLA continues to monitor the “Noise Variance” issue in Osceola County relating to the proposed **Orlando Motorsports Park** project along **W-192**.

A number of CFHLA Members in the area surrounding the proposed facility have expressed concerns with Osceola County government relating to the Motorsports Park’s request to operate at noise levels exceeding current County limits.

The **Osceola County Board of Adjustment**, which is tasked with reviewing and voting on the proposed noise variance change, will be meeting to discuss this item on **Tuesday, October 17th**.

CFHLA has been providing updates relating to the noise variance to Osceola County Lodging Members, but if you would like to also receive updates on this issue, please contact CFHLA Public Policy Director, Kevin Craig, at publicpolicy@cfhla.org.


LINKS

Below please find news articles relating to the political interests of the Hospitality Industry:

[**Bobby Olszewski Raises \\$55K in Latest**](#)


[Gov. Scott: I Won't Let Florida Tourism Miss a Beat](#)

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