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Victoria Siplin

On Wednesday, February 11th, the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **Orange County Commissioner Victoria Siplin (District 6)** to receive an update on District 6 and to explore opportunities on how the Hospitality Industry can help strengthen the Commissioner's community. CFHLA looks forward to working with Commissioner Siplin to produce a **"community forum"** event in the near future to showcase the variety of career opportunities available in the Hospitality Industry.

Each month, the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee meets with an **Elected Official** from the Central Florida region to discuss Hospitality Industry issues both locally and statewide and to strengthen the relationships between CFHLA Members and lawmakers. The Committee is Chaired by **Scott Tripoli**, General Manager of the **DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld**.

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CFHLA Treasurer Doug Ridge of the Orlando World Center Marriott with Orange County Commissioner Victoria Siplin, and CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Scott Tripoli of the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld

The March Governmental Affairs Committee **"Luncheon Guest"** will be **Orange County Commissioner Scott Boyd.** Additionally, CFHLA recognizes the 2015 Governmental Affairs Committee Sponsor - Spinout Guest Laundries, Inc.

Public Servant of the Year

On February 26, at the CFHLA Membership Luncheon, CFHLA honored **Orange County Commissioner Jennifer Thompson** (District 4) as the Association's **2014 Public Servant of the Year**.

Commissioner Thompson has been an important partner of Central Florida's Tourism and Hospitality Industry; having supported both the **development of the new downtown Orlando venues** and increased **funding for Visit Orlando** to help promote Orlando as a world-class travel destination. Additionally, Commissioner Thompson has been a tireless advocate for small business owners that operate in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry.

There to support Commissioner Thompson at the luncheon were the Commissioner's Orange County Colleagues: **Commissioner Scott Boyd** (District 1), **Sheriff Jerry Demings** and **Property Appraiser Rick Singh**.

Orange County Commissioner Jennifer Thompson is presented with the 2014 Public Servant of the Year Award by CFHLA Chairman of the Board Gerald Urquiola of the Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center, CFHLA PAC/PC Chairman Jay Leonard of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort, CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Scott Tripoli of the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, and CFHLA President / CEO Richard Maladecki

CONGRATULATIONS COMMISSIONER THOMPSON!

Legislative Session

The **2015 Florida Legislative Session** "kicks off" this Tuesday, March 3rd and in just two weeks, **over 30 CFHLA Members** will be heading to the Capitol to discuss **CFHLA's Legislative Priorities** for the 2015 Session with over a dozen Central Florida legislators.

The CFHLA Executive Committee recently approved additional items to be added to the Association's Legislative Priorities (**CLICK HERE** to review these items).

The following CFHLA Members have registered to attend:

Gary Boyer
Boyer Building Corporation

Jackie Bozzuto
Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.

Marlies Bredel
Destination MCO, Inc.

Adam Costner
Global Resort Homes

Kevin Craig
CFHLA

Nikki DeVeronica
Fairways Florida Villas

Brent Dickson
PPG Paints

Ruthann DiLauri
Minuteman Press

Alan Fickett
Global Sourcing International, LLC

Denis Hanks
Central Florida Vacation Rental Managers Association

Steven Jamieson
The Mall at Millenia

Rich Larkin
Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive

Jay Leonard
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort

Joe Mahoney
HospitalityStaff

Rich Maladecki
CFHLA

Greg Moore
The Mall at Millenia

Rick Patterson
Associated Planners Group

Marshall Pickard
Squeegee Squad

Doug Ridge
Orlando World Center Marriott

Fred Sawyers
Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort

Laura Sherman
Encantada Resort

Ron Silveira
F.P.I.S., Inc. Brochure Distribution & Travel Marketing

Chuck Simikian
Nickelodeon Suites Resort

Sharon Smoley
Walt Disney World Company

Gerald Urquiola
Caribe Royale Resort & Convention Center

Rembert Vonk
Excellent Vacation Homes

Duane Winjum

Legacy Vacation Club - Orlando

Keith Wolling
B Resort located in the Walt Disney World Resort

The last day to register for CFHLA's Tallahassee Trip is **THIS Monday, March 2nd**. If you are interested in joining the Tourism Day Delegation, please email CFHLA Public Policy Director **Kevin Craig at publicpolicy@cfhla.org**.

The 2014 CFHLA Tallahassee Legislative Day Delegation

To learn who your State Senator or State Representative is, please use the links below:

Who's my State Representative?

Who's my State Senator?

To track legislation, committees, watch FL House floor action live, contact your legislator, and to find all information relating to **Florida's Legislative Session**, please consider downloading the mobile "FL House" app - **CLICK HERE** for more information. If you have any difficulties downloading this app, please contact CFHLA Public Policy Director Kevin Craig at 407-313-5035.

Happy Birthday

CFHLA wishes a belated

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

to two friends of Central Florida's Hospitality Industry…

State Representative
Mike La Rosa (District 42)

and

State Senator
Darren Soto (District 14)

Both shared a birthday on
Wednesday, February 25th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY REPRESENTATIVE LA ROSA AND SENATOR SOTO!

CFHLA PAC and CFHLA PC

The **CFHLA Political Action Committee** and **CFHLA Political Committee Boards of Directors** recently elected new officers for 2015.

Rick Patterson of Associated Planners Group was elected Treasurer of both the CFHLA-PAC and CFHLA-PC.

Rick Patterson of
Associated Planners Group

Keith Wolling of the B Resort located in the Walt Disney World Resort was elected Secretary of both the CFHLA-PAC and CFHLA-PC.

Keith Wolling of the B Resort located
in the Walt Disney World Resort

The Chairman of the CFHLA-PAC and CFHLA-PC is **Jay Leonard** of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort and the Vice-Chairman is **Rich Larkin** of the Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive.

Links

Below please find links of interest, relating to the political interests of the Hospitality Industry:

Rick Scott Announces Record High Tourism in 2014

Open-Skies Agreements Challenged – *NY Times*

Only 10 Uber, Lyft cars have new Orlando permits – *News 13*

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