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# ***TOURISM'S VOICE***

**Your Political Advocate**

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## **CFHLA INTRODUCES TOURISM'S VOICE: YOUR POLITICAL ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER**



As instructed by 2009 CFHLA "Business Plan" approved by Board Members, the bi-monthly newsletter formerly known as the *GA Update* will be revamped into its new format as the *Tourism's Voice: Your Political Advocate*.

## **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON GUEST: COMMISSIONER S. SCOTT BOYD**



Commissioner S. Scott Boyd with CFHLA Board Members Paul Tang and David King

On Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> the GA Committee Meeting hosted newly elected Orange County Commissioner, District 1 S. Scott Boyd. Commissioner Boyd expressed concern for Orange County's upcoming fiscal year but remarked that "with these challenges also comes opportunities". Commissioner Boyd also expressed his full support of Commuter Rail and stated strong, positive feelings towards its completion.

Other topics discussed with the Commissioner included:

- 3 Downtown Venues
- Tourist Development Tax
- Labor Union Issues

In addition to these issues, Commissioner Boyd expressed the one item at the top of his priority list will be the youth in the community.

## **CFHLA BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH ORLANDO HEALTH PRESIDENT JOHN HILLENMEYER**



John Hillenmeyer, President Orlando Health

On January 13<sup>th</sup> several CFHLA board members joined Senator Andy Gardiner and John Hillenmyer, President Orlando Health for a Roundtable Discussion.

Topics of focus included:

- Commuter Rail
- Healthcare
- Economic Impact of the Regional Healthcare Industry

The breakfast meeting was held at Orlando Health, with the following Board Members attending:

- Angela Bell
- Jeff Brinda
- Pat Engfer
- Greg Hauenstein
- Rich Maladecki
- Cheryl Seckman
- Thea Sargent
- Scott Tripoli
- Duane Winjum

#### **CITY OF ORLANDO MAYOR BUDDY DYER TO BE 2009 CFHLA EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION GUEST**



Mayor Buddy Dyer

City of Orlando, Mayor Buddy Dyer will be the special guest for the CFHLA's Annual Employee Recognition Dinner which recognizes 180 "front line" employees of CFHLA member hotels.

This year the CFHLA Employee Recognition Dinner sponsored by Brighthouse Networks will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress.



In 2008, Orange County Commissioner, District 3 Mildred Fernandez was the CFHLA Employee Recognition Dinner Guest.

**BILL SEGAL ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR 2010 ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR**



For your information, on January 14<sup>th</sup>, Orange County Commissioner, District 5 Bill Segal announced his campaign for Orange County Mayor in 2010. The current mayor, Richard T. Crotty will leave the position due to term limits.

**CFHLA MEMBER JOHN PARKINSON OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED INTO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CLASS**



John Parkinson

CFHLA Board Member John Parkinson - Embassy Suites I-Drive Convention Center has been selected to attend the 2009 Central Florida Political Leadership Institute. Members are approved by the BusinessForce Executive Board.

The Central Florida Political Leadership Institute educates prospective political leaders through a variety of opportunities and events throughout the year.

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TALLAHASSEE TOURISM DAYS**



The 2009 Tourism Days will occur on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. CFHLA will travel to Tallahassee to support the hospitality industry.