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Elected Officials Will "Try Their Luck" at the CFHLA St. Patrick's Day Golf Outing



This Friday, March 13th at [Hawk's Landing Golf Club](#) at the [Orlando World Center Marriott](#), the following elected officials and candidates will join CFHLA President Rich Maladecki's golfing foursome:



Orange County Commissioner, District 1: Scott Boyd and Candidate for Orange County Commissioner, District 4: Jennifer Thompson

Call For Action: Meetings Mean Business



At the CFHLA Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th the Board Members were alerted of a grassroots campaign to promote corporate business travel.

CFHLA Members should visit <http://www.meetingsmeanbusiness.com> to "take action" by writing letters to their legislators, signing a petition, talking to members of Congress and spreading the word.

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Governmental Affairs Guests: Sheriff Jerry L. Demings and Tourism Captain Nancy Brown

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting at the [Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites](#) featured special guest, newly elected **Orange County Sheriff, Jerry L. Demings**. Sheriff Demings was joined by **Tourism Captain Nancy Brown, Chris Ford, and Undersheriff Rey Rivero**.



Jeff Brinda, Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites, listens to Sheriff Demings speaking at March's GA Committee Meeting

Topics discussed at this meeting included:

- Orange County Recent Crime Statistics
- Orange County Sheriff's Office 2009 Priorities
- Safety Sign Campaign



Sheriff Demings and Captain Nancy Brown with CFHLA Board Members Ron Caimano and Greg Hauenstein.

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CFHLA Crime Prevention Task Force Helps Hoteliers Keep Parking Lots Safe



“Prototypes” of Crime Prevention Task Force Signs

The CFHLA Crime Prevention Task Force plans to address car theft crime with informative signage for visitors. This sign campaign will “sell” these signs to hoteliers to place on their properties. CFHLA may partner with the [City of Orlando Police Department](#) and/or [Orange County Sheriff's Department](#) in the development of these “friendly reminder” signs.

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Commissioner Teresa Jacobs' "Roast"



On Thursday, March 5th the [West Orange Chamber of Commerce](#) hosted a "Roast" of Commissioner **Teresa Jacobs** at the Wild West in Ocoee. Teresa Jacobs was an Orange County Commissioner for

District 1 for eight consecutive years. CFHLA President Rich Maladecki served as one of the "Roasters" and was moderated by Scott Maxwell from the [Orlando Sentinel](#).

CFHLA purchased a table at this event and sincerely thanks the following CFHLA members for attending:

- Jeff Brinda - [Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites](#)
- Greg Hauenstein - [Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa](#)
- Steven Jamieson - [The Millenia Mall](#)
- Laura Sherman - [Dowman Design](#)

Other elected officials in attendance included: Orange County Commissioner, District 1: Scott Boyd, Orange County Commissioner, District 5: Bill Segal, Orange County Commissioner, District 4: Linda Stewart, Supervisor of Orange County Elections, Bill Cowles and Windermere Mayor Gary Bruhn.

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Mark Your Calendar: CFHLA Tourism Days

A new strategy being implemented by FRLA will require members of the hospitality industry from different regions in Florida to visit Tallahassee. The following date, **Tuesday, March 24th** has been designated as CFHLA's Tourism Days in Tallahassee.



Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday, March 24th – Brief Meetings w/
Central Florida Delegation

CFHLA is also working to arrange a brief meeting with **Governor Charlie Crist**.

The following individuals plan to attend:

- **Jeff Brinda**, [Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites](#)
- **Ron Caimano**, [Embassy Suites I-Drive / Jamaican Court](#)
- **Pat Engfer**, [Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport](#)
- **Jim Haughney**, [Crescent Hotels & Resorts](#)
- **Greg Hauenstein**, [Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa](#)
- **Erin Hellkamp**, [CFHLA](#)
- **Maria Maillo**, [Orlando Vista Hotel](#)
- **Rich Maladecki**, [CFHLA](#)
- **Brian J. Peters**, [The Florida Mall](#)
- **Ron Silveira**, [F.P.I.S., Inc.](#)



CFHLA needs your support on this important day in Tallahassee. If you wish attend, please RSVP to CFHLA Staff Member, Erin Hellkamp at publicpolicy@cfhla.org.

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Mark Your Calendar: 2009 State of Orange County Address



2008 State of the County Address, Mayor Richard Crotty

For the third year in a row, CFHLA will be hosting the State of the County Address with **Mayor Richard Crotty** on Friday, June 5th. Mayor Crotty will be giving a review of his “Annual Report Card” of Orange County. Please mark your calendar to attend.

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CFHLA Executive Board Signs Commuter Rail Resolution



At the CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting in December, Board Members signed a resolution in support of a Commuter Rail System in Central Florida.

Please visit www.cfhla.org to view the full document.

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