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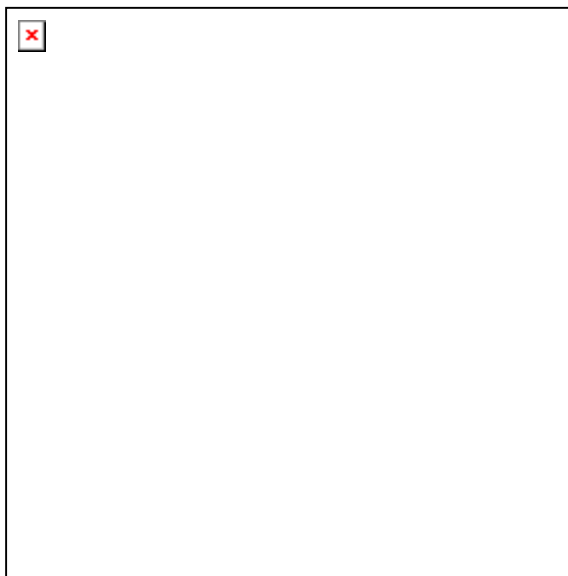
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### Fernandez for Mayor?

On Monday, June 22nd **Mildred Fernandez**, who currently serves as Orange County Commissioner for District 3, issued a press release announcing that at this time she does not plan to run for Mayor of Orange County in the 2010 election. Fernandez has instead vowed to review the county's 2010 budget to ensure fiscal responsibility for taxpayers and plans to defer any announcement regarding her political future until September 2009.



### Brummer



Commissioner Brummer speaks to CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee

On Wednesday, July 8th at [The Wave at Disney's Contemporary Resort](#), the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee met with **Fred Brummer**, Orange County Commissioner - District 2. At this meeting,

Commissioner Brummer expressed his appreciation for the tourism and hospitality industry and for the numerous jobs they create in Central Florida.



Commissioner Brummer with CFHLA Chair Paul Tang and  
CFHLA Board Members Ron Caimano and Duane Winjum

CFHLA congratulates **Jeff Brinda** of the [Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites](#) for being appointed as Vice Chairman of the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee.

CFHLA also welcomes **Amanda Conochalla** of [Walt Disney World](#) and **Scott Tripoli** of the [Crowne Plaza Universal](#) to the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee.

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## Breakfast With Stuart



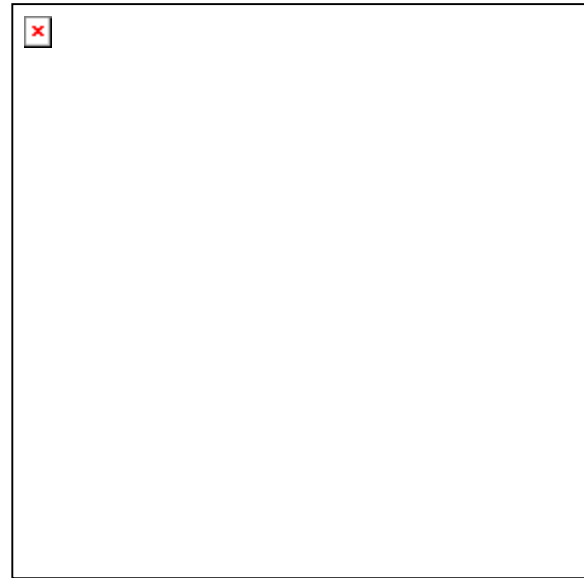
Jacob Stuart, CEO/President of  
the Central Florida Partnership

The first **CFHLA Breakfast Club** of 2009, sponsored by [Moran-Kidd](#), is set to occur on Thursday, July 23rd, 8:00am at the Sheraton Safari Hotel & Suites. This breakfast event will feature **Jacob Stuart**, CEO / President of the [Central Florida Partnership](#), who will speak on the topic of: “**The Future of Central Florida Rail.**” The [Orlando Business Journal](#) is a Media Sponsor for this event.

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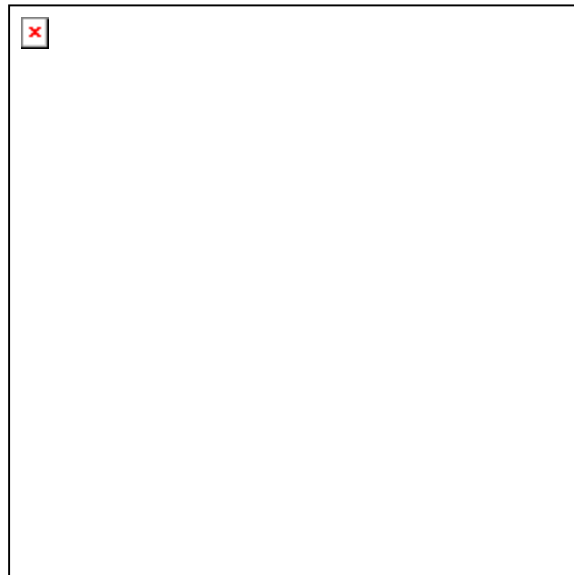
## TDT

On Wednesday, July 15th [CFHLA](#) President **Rich Maladecki** served as a guest speaker at the [Florida Tourist Development Tax Association, Inc.'s](#) (FTDTA) 14th Annual Tax Conference held at the



CFHLA President Rich Maladecki speaks about the importance of protecting original intent TDT

[Embassy Suites in Lake Buena Vista](#). Mr. Maladecki emphasized the importance of protecting the original intent of the TDT, as outlined by the F.S. 125.0104.



CFHLA President Rich Maladecki and Orange County Comptroller Martha Haynie

[Orange County Comptroller](#), **Martha Haynie** also served as a guest presenter, informing the group of the significantly reduced tourist development tax collections and the dramatic effect it has had on Orange County. Comptroller Haynie is aware of the importance of the tourism and hospitality industry and continues to expand this understanding by attending various CFHLA activities.

## Nelson



U.S. Senator  
Bill Nelson

Your CFHLA Public Policy Consultant, **Fred Leonhardt** of [GrayRobinson](#) is working to secure a meeting with U.S. Senator Bill Nelson to discuss the inevitable re-emergence of the 'Employee Free Choice Act.'

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## CFHLA - PAC Update



On Wednesday, July 15th at the CFHLA Offices, the CFHLA - PAC Board met to discuss new candidates in the 2010 election races, the CFHLA-PAC Golf Outing, and early candidate endorsements.

At this time, the CFHLA-PAC has not approved any early candidate endorsements for the 2010 elections.

Prior to this meeting, the CFHLA - PAC Golf and Branding Subcommittees met to finalize plans for the Powerhouse Golf Outing and to discuss branding opportunities for the PAC.

The CFHLA - PAC Golf Outing, featuring Keynote Speaker Senator Andy Gardiner, District 9, is set to occur on September 24, 2009 at the [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#). Other Central Florida elected officials plan to attend.

In addition, the CFHLA-PAC welcomes Jacob DiPietre of [Walt Disney World](#) and Tripoli of the [Crowne Plaza Universal](#) to the committee.

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## Adopt - An - Elected Official

Governmental Affairs Committee Board Members will each 'adopt' an elected official for the purpose of maintaining an ongoing communication / relationship to advance the interests of our Central Florida hospitality community. This initiative will allow CFHLA to enhance important relationships with their elected officials.

Elected officials and CFHLA Board Member assignments are being finalized.

If you are on the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee and wish to adopt a certain elected official from your area, please contact CFHLA Public Policy Coordinator, Erin Hellkamp at [publicpolicy@cfhla.org](mailto:publicpolicy@cfhla.org) with your request.



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