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CFHLA AWARDS HOSPITALITY'S HIGHEST HONORS

ORLANDO, FL: On Saturday, December 14, 2013 the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) hosted its annual Hospitality Gala at Disney's Yacht Club Resort. During the evening, CFHLA honored its Lodging Member of the Year, Allied Member of the Year, and Engineer of the Year, and presented the prestigious Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award for Community Leadership.

This year's Lodging Member of the Year Award was presented to Glen Vlastic, General Manager of the Sheraton Vistana Resort, for his continued leadership and involvement in CFHLA programs and events. Vlastic encourages his staff to participate in public service; for several years, the Sheraton Vistana Resort has supported CFHLA's Adopt-A-School program. This year, the property adopted two schools – one of them, a renewed partnership in place since 2007. This November, Sheraton Vistana Resort staff contributed enough donations to fill a box truck with items for Orlando-area homeless students. In January, Vlastic will begin his second year serving as the Chair of CFHLA's Vacation Ownership Council.



Incoming CFHLA Chairman Doug Gehret of the Hilton Orlando and CFHLA President/CEO Rich Maladecki present CFHLA's 2013 Lodging Member of the Year Award to Glen Vlastic of the Sheraton Vistana Resort

The 2013 Allied Member of the Year Award was presented to Ruthann DiLauri of Minuteman Press. A seven-year veteran of CFHLA and an active member of the CFHLA Allied Relations Council Board of Directors since 2012, DiLauri is a consistent supporter of the Council's "Cereal Bowl" bowling event, which directly profits the Council's Adopt-A-School partner. DiLauri has also served on the Bacchus Bash, Hob Nob, HEAT Tradeshow, Membership, and Gala Committees. DiLauri's support has been instrumental in the advancement of CFHLA programs and publications.



Incoming CFHLA Chairman Doug Gehret of the Hilton Orlando and CFHLA President/CEO Rich Maladecki present CFHLA's 2013 Allied Member of the Year Award to Ruthann DiLauri of Minuteman Press

The 2013 Engineer of the Year Award was presented to Trini Mascarenhas of the Embassy Suites International Drive/Jamaican Court. Responsible for overseeing three properties, Mascarenhas still finds time to be an active member on the CFHLA Engineers Council, where since 2007, he has provided invaluable support for the HEAT Tradeshow, Bacchus Bash, and Adopt-A-School projects.



Incoming CFHLA Chairman Doug Gehret of the Hilton Orlando and CFHLA President/CEO Rich Maladecki present CFHLA's 2013 Engineer of the Year Award to Trini Mascarenhas of the Embassy Suites International Drive/Jamaican Court

Each year, CFHLA presents the Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award for Community Leadership to one leader for his or her personal contributions to the Central Florida community and the regional hospitality industry. CFHLA's 2013 honoree is Alex Martins, CEO of the Orlando Magic. Martins was selected to receive this award for his ongoing commitment to regional development and diversity, his direct support of the 2006 Community Venues initiative, and the Orlando Magic's ongoing involvement with dozens of local charities. In addition, Martins received the honor for understanding the importance of the regional tourism industry. As a Board Member of Visit Orlando, Martins has utilized his platform within the Orlando Magic to support tourism promotion initiatives and secure the 2012 NBA All-Star Game, which helped to showcase the Orlando destination and generated more than \$95 million in economic impact.



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CFHLA's 2013 CFHLA Hospitality Gala was attended by more than 1,000 hospitality executives, as well as several Central Florida elected officials.

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