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Metropolitan Memphis Hotel & Lodging Association

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Legislative Update!

with TnHA President
Greg Adkins

What's the government gonna do to us now?

These days if you don't keep up you're likely to find yourself behind the eight-ball. That's why legislation is a big part of MMHLA and TnHA.

So come on out Wednesday, Nov. 20, to the Madison Hotel, downtown, and hear TnHA CEO Greg Adkins expound upon the legislative vagaries of government and the many different ways they're bound to affect you – for good or for bad. He'll give us a good idea of what we can expect in 2014 – what bills will be presented and what we can do to help.

Make reservations now. Call Peggy at the numbers up above or fax, e-mail, send a carrier pigeon – and bring a friend who might be interested in what MMHLA can do for them. Good food, good company & good information. A combination you can't beat!

IT'S COMING! HOLIDAY PARTY!
See the box above for details!



Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 4
5-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with all your friends in the hospitality industry!

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January 15 – Airport Update! Location TBD

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Allied Cafe

Buy Allies First! And Wednesday, October 9 was a great day for it – At the Holiday Inn University of Memphis on Central!



Welcome to Allied Cafe!
TnHA president, **Greg Adkins** schmoozes in the lobby with the Peabody's **Doug Browne**.



Welcome to Allied Cafe once more! This time it's **David Pear** of Pinkowski & Company, shaking hands with MCVB's **Chris Roan**. **Rick Zurburg** stands by.



Let me tell you about State Systems Inc.! **Priyanka Bhagat** is ready with the information you need.



Making a presentation? **Peggy Davis** of Nolan's AV can help.



Do we have something for you! MMHLA prez, **Mary Calorio**, stops at the Serta booth to have a word with **Jill Sharp**.



It ain't called a perfect sleeper for nothing! **Jill Sharp** has 5 reasons why & more!



A fabric that'll make your guests smile! Standard Textile's **Bill Anderson** is ready to serve.



Let's stay in touch! Kharma Consulting's **Rick Thomas** is "wired" & ready to offered great wifi.



Bushes & trees & beautiful grass! Oh, it's more than that! Talk to **Noah Guess** of Landscape Workshop.



Jason Sharp, HD Supply, with a BIG book of what he can do for you!



Good to the last slurp! **Brad Vaughan**, **Mike Spangler** & **Quint Chapman** stand ready to tell you why.



US Foods knows the scoop! **Rick Apple** Knows what chef's eat. Knows how to provide'em what they need! **Rick Apple** & company know all about it.



Going up! **Sean Orians** & **Shannon Lazek** rise to the occasion for Otis elevators.



Marketing Agents South: **Daniel Hines**, **Susan Rowan** & **Bob Rowan**.



Keep it clean & keep it green! **JR Walker**, Jeneration Recycling.



Comcast business is ready to do business! **Demetrius Gentry** & **Len Townsend**.



EnvironClean's **Stan Moser** can help you clear the air!



The guy who keeps the bugs from bugging you: **Paul D. Westby**, Brown Exterminating.



Ready to show you the town! **Linda Bledsoe** & **Monica Holley** of Blues City Tours.



We're experts in one field only . . . SECURITY! **Rick Davis & Joe Joiner** of Security One.



Is it time to do a raffle? Prez **Mary Calorio & Terri Walker** of Walker Auctions say yes!



Best possible interest rates on savings & the lowest rates on loans & credit cards? Talk to **Tom Kitchens** of Hospitality Federal Credit Union. Or **Renee Sisk** who just missed being in the picture!



Ferguson's **Kevin Lynch & Mike Thompson**. For bath, kitchen, appliance & lighting products.



Friends of mine? It's the Sysco Kids! **Jimmy Bryant, Kim Seeley & Brian Corbin** are sure ready to help with a customer-pleasing variety of food products.



Bob Golliver, Libbey Food Service, stands beside his products. (And behind them too!)



When they say charging they don't mean pumping up the bill. Bittel's **Mitch Heinlein** can tell you about it.



Spin the wheel & . . . well, Roto-Rooter's **Liese Leonard** can tell you all about it!



The Arc Mid-South: A Memphis based non-profit dedicated to empowering people with disabilities. Talk to **Leslie Jones** for how she can help your business.



Attend the event & maybe get the door prize! **Peggy** hands the prize – 3 Ipods – to winner **Steve Book** of Crowne Plaza Memphis.



The milkmen are ready to please! From Turner Dairy Foods: **Jim Grant** (the short guy in front), **Jay Dee Clifton** (the tall guy in the back), **Scott McBride & Tom Parker**. If only they could sing Southern gospel!



Protecting the Mid-South since 1970, **Joe Carney & Stop Alarms**.



Oh wow! I think I've gone all the way around! It's State Systems again.



A beautiful smiling face! **Hemmy Patel**, Holiday Inn Express, Wolf Trail Cv. in Germantown.



Breakout classes! On the left Risk Bulletin's **Jesse Denton** explains the uses of the Safety Data Sheet; on the right **Debbie Jones**, Suffolk Security Instalations, speaks about the best products for your property.



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Voting on the 2014 slate of MMHLA elections are Nov. 20, at the monthly luncheon meeting at the Madison Hotel. Don't miss it!

The slate at present is:

- Mary Calorio** - President
- Bill Spencer** - Vice President
- Doug Owings** - Treasurer
- Tricia Weatherford** - Secretary
- John Rucker** - Sergeant-at-Arms
- Chuck Pinkowski** - board member (3-year term)
- Anne-Marie Famalette** - board member (3-year term)



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Fall is coming to the Mid-South! Have you noticed the colors in the trees, the yellows and oranges and reds, the aromas of autumn swirling in the gusty breezes? Soon it'll be Thanksgiving, then Christmas – with the accompanying Hospitality Industry Holiday Party in between! – then . . . Liberty Bowl & Liberty Bowl Gala!

A great season for enjoying the many friends we work with and the many we work with but never see – putting faces to names and voices we've only known from phone calls and e-mails.

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And speaking of good friends: did you make it to Allied Café? This year's was a terrific event: great food to munch on, bustling crowds exploring the booths and exhibits, learning about fellow MMHLA members, what they do and the many ways we all can profit from their



**Mary Calorio
President, MMHLA**

wonderful skills and marvelous products!

Did you make it to any of the seven educational sessions? This new wrinkle to the Café promises to bring rewards that just keep on growing – isn't that what education is supposed to do?

Many thanks to Rick Zurburg for all the hard

work he puts into Allied Café each year. And to Peggy Callahan as well: Allied Café is just one of the many yearly events that involves her constant attention.

Finally, be sure to attend the November luncheon meeting – Wednesday, November 20, at the Madison Hotel. TnHA President Greg Adkins will join us and bring us up-to-date on all the ins-and-outs of Capital Hill and all the bills, laws and what-have-you our elected officials have graced us with over the past year, or are working and planning on for 2014. It's stuff you'll want to know and need to know. And, besides, we'd all just like to see you!

'Nuff said . . . til next time . . .

Mary



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2013-2014 CALENDAR

Dates & locations subject to change. (*Indicates change from normal 3rd Wed. of month)

All 2014 luncheon programs and locations are not yet set. If you would like to volunteer a venue or present a luncheon program please contact Peggy Callahan. Her numbers are in the Upcoming Events box on the cover.

Nov. 7, 19 – TiPs Training Classes; Fogelman Executive Center, 3700 block of Central, UofM, 901-861-2535 or rzurburg@comcast.net.

Nov. 14 – ServSafe Training Classes; Fogelman Executive Center, 3700 block of Central, UofM, 901-861-2535 or rzurburg@comcast.net.

Nov. 20 – Legislative Update with TnHA's Greg Adkins; Madison Hotel.

Dec. 4 – Hospitality Industry Holiday Party; MMHLA, MCVB, MRA, et al, Cannon Center, downtown – watch for more info!

Dec. 31 – 55th AutoZone Liberty Bowl; 3 p.m., Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Jan. 15 – Airport Update; TBD.

Feb. 4 – Board Meeting; Peabody.

Feb. 21 – Lodging Industry Update; 7:30-10:30 a.m., Hilton Memphis.

Mar. 4 – Board Meeting; Hilton Memphis.

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