



Epicurean Charitable Foundation

MENTORSHIP MATTERS

VIP Appreciation Dinner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Crossroads Restaurant at House of Blues Las Vegas

2015 MENTORSHIP MATTERS HONOREE



David Hoenemeyer

Regional President of Caesars Entertainment: Bally's, Paris and Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino

A native of Madison, New Jersey, David Hoenemeyer earned a bachelor's degree in history and English from the University of Pennsylvania in 1984 and began his hospitality career in the beverage department of the Hilton Parsippany in New Jersey. In 1986, Hoenemeyer played a key role in the opening of the Hilton McLean in Virginia before moving to New York to become the assistant director of food and beverage for New York Hilton & Towers.

Hoenemeyer served as the director of food and beverage at Trump Plaza Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City for six years before transitioning to the role of director of operations at The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. After joining the team at Caesars Entertainment and eventually working his way up to assistant general manager of Harrah's Las Vegas, he was named general manager of Bally's Las Vegas and Paris Hotel & Casino before eventually earning the title of regional president of Caesars Entertainment: Bally's, Paris and Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino, in 2010.

Hoenemeyer was a founding member of Epicurean Charitable Foundation in 2001 and also dedicates his time on the board of directors for The United Way and The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Erin, and three daughters.

EPICUREAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION'S PAST HONOREES

2013 - **Renee West**, Chief Operating Officer, Luxor and Excalibur Hotel & Casinos

2012 - **James E. Rogers**, Founder/Owner of Intermountain West Communications Company

2011 - **10-Year Anniversary** – Honoring the ECF students of past, present and future.

2010 - **Anthony A. Marnell II**, Founder, CEO, Chairman of the Board of Marnell Corrao Associates, Inc.

2009 - **Vegas PBS**

2008 - **Lon Kruger**, Head Coach, UNLV Men's Basketball

2007 - **Andre Agassi**, Founder, Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation

2006 - **Gary Loveman**, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Harrah's Entertainment

2005 - **Jim & Heather Murren**, Co-Founders, Nevada Cancer Institute

2004 - **Wallace R. Barr**, Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Caesars Entertainment

2003 - **Kenny C. Guinn**, Governor, State of Nevada

2002 - **Larry Ruvo**, Senior Managing Director, Southern Wine and Spirits of Nevada

2002 - **J. Terrence Lanni**, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, The Mirage Hotel & Casino

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WELCOME

Jason Shkorupa

Vice President of Food and Beverage at MGM Grand, ECF President 2013-2014

Sean DiCicco

ECF President, Vice President of Food and Beverage at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

M.E.N.U.S. 2014 VIDEO

ECF PRESENTATION

Melissa Arias

Executive Director of ECF

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE SPEAKER

Michael Kennedy

ECF Chairman of the Board, Director of Food Operations at South Point Hotel Casino & Spa

Vildan Buric

ECF Graduate Class of 2014, Assistant Restaurant Manager at TAP Sports Bar at MGM Grand

AWARD CEREMONY

EXECUTIVE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATION OF HONOREE

Kelley Jones

Partner of Trust3 Hospitality and Kelley Jones Hospitality, ECF Chairman of the Board 2013-2014

David Hoenemeyer

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SCHOLARSHIP REVEAL VIDEO

STUDENT RECOGNITION & CLOSING STATEMENTS

M.E.N.U.S. 2014

M.E.N.U.S. 2014 was held on Friday, Oct. 17, at MGM Grand and featured an exclusive poolside dine-around highlighted by the top chefs, restaurants and beverage distributors in the city followed by admission to a live performance by three-time Grammy Award-winning country sensation, Zac Brown Band, inside MGM Grand Garden Arena. Guests enjoyed a DJ throughout the night, a top-tier silent auction and live entertainment around the beautiful MGM Grand pools.

INTRODUCING THE NEW ECF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AND PRESIDENT FOR 2015-16



Michael Kennedy – Chairman of the Board
Director of Food Operations for South Point Hotel Casino & Spa

What does it mean to you to become the next Chairman of the Board of ECF?

“I had admired this foundation from a distance as I was coming up in the business, and just being on the board and working with some of the most talented hospitality professionals in Las Vegas has been a humbling experience. Every individual on our board runs an organization at some level, and to think that they have the faith in me to become the chairman of ECF is an absolute honor and privilege. Earning this spot is a lesson for our ECF students that as long as you put in the time and effort and do so with the best of intentions, you can make it in this business. I started out working on a food truck when I was 13 years old in Queens, New York, and I now chair what I, and others, consider to be one of the best and most impactful non-profits in Las Vegas.”



Sean DiCicco – President
Vice President of Food & Beverage for Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino

What does it mean to you to become the next President of ECF?

“I am grateful to be able to continue to give back to the industry that has been so good to me. Since joining ECF I have seen firsthand the impact it can have on the lives of our local young students, and I’m excited to expand my role in the foundation even further. I understand how competitive and challenging this industry can be and believe that ECF provides an invaluable edge for deserving students to pursue their dreams.”



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President:** Sean DiCicco, *Vice President of Food & Beverage for Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino*
Chairman of the Board: Michael Kennedy, *Director of Food Operations for South Point Hotel Casino & Spa*
Vice President: Ana Marie Mormando, *Vice President of Hotel Operations for Bellagio*
Treasurer: Joseph Romano, *Vice President of Operations for PT’s Entertainment Group*
Secretary: Brent Cook, *Executive Director of Food & Beverage for New York-New York Hotel & Casino*
Executive Director: Melissa Arias, *Epicurean Charitable Foundation*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS





































- *Adam Odegard, President of Epicurean Strategic Partners*
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Jason Shkorupa, Vice President of Food & Beverage for MGM Grand
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**Kelley Jones, Partner of Trust3 Hospitality and Kelley Jones Hospitality*
Ken Johnson, Executive Director of Food & Beverage for Four Queens and Binion’s Gambling Hall
**Lloyd Wentzell, Director of Food and Beverage for JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa*
Marissa Martino, Partner at Epicurean Strategic Partners
Rene Werner, Director of Food & Beverage for The Orleans Hotel & Casino and Gold Coast Hotel & Casino
**Scott Farber, Director of Food & Beverage for El Cortez Hotel & Casino*

MEMBERS

- David Suppe, Director of Food & Beverage for The Signature at MGM Grand*
Jon Newton, Vice President of Food and Beverage for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino-Las Vegas
Luiz Oliveira, Owner of Sambalatte Torrefazione
Mike Olsen, Director of Operations for Emeril’s Restaurants – Las Vegas
Shawn Ritchie, Vice President of Food & Beverage for Caesars Entertainment: The Quad Resort & Casino, The LINQ, Flamingo and Cromwell
Sujoy Brahma, Vice President of Food and Beverage for Luxor Hotel and Casino and Excalibur Hotel & Casino
Tim Jorgensen, General Manager at House of Blues Las Vegas

** ECF Charter Board Members*

CELEBRATING 13 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES

 Angela Szewczyk Class of 2008	 Ronald Giorgione Class of 2008	 Sabrina Karic Class of 2009	 Martha Morales Class of 2009	 Catherine Caro Class of 2010	 Myra Aguirre Class of 2011
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*Guest Chefs: ECF President Sean DiCicco and
ECF Board of Directors Member Adam Odegard*

APPETIZERS

Tomato Basil Bruschetta

Served on a Grilled Baguette with Feta Cheese

Tuna Tostada

Spicy Seared Ahi Tuna, Cilantro-Lime Crema and Jalapeño Slaw on Crispy Corn Tortilla

Wild Mushroom Flatbread

Fresh Tomato Sauce, Mozzarella and Asiago Cheese with Basil

Ginger Chicken Satay

Spicy Honey Sesame Marinade and Scallions

FIRST COURSE

Crawfish Ceviche

Bay Scallops, Rock Shrimp, Crawfish Tails and Serrano Chilies

Roasted Root Vegetable Salad

Frissé and Arugula with Apple Cider Vinaigrette

SECOND COURSE

**Coffee-Rubbed Petite Filet of Beef
and**

**Grilled Redfish with Gumbo Butter
served with**

Sweet Potato Tots with Chipotle Aioli

Garlic Brussels Sprouts with Andouille Sausage and Sage

Dauphinoise Potatoes with Green Tomato Chow Chow

THIRD COURSE

Red Velvet Cake

Traditional Cream Cheese Icing

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