



**WEDGORTH**  
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Alumni Annual Meeting**  
**August 12-14 Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes**



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The Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes in Orlando invites you to enjoy their exceptional standards and services. Inspired architecturally by the grand palazzos of Italy, the Ritz-Carlton promises the very best in personalized offerings and first-class recreational amenities. Whether it's to calm your craving to play golf, setting on a quest to find indulgences that sooth your senses, or providing a once-in-a-lifetime family-fun experience, a luxurious haven awaits your arrival. This exceptional Orlando vacation resort's amenities provide families with a stylish way to indulge in the playful offerings of this all-American city.



Special Room Rate \$139 Hotel Booking Deadline: July 22 (800) 682-3665

Mention WLI to get the special rate!

### WLI Alumni Association Silent Auction

Bid Early! Bid Often! Make sure you check out the silent auction in the Hospitality Room during the Annual Meeting! This fun event livens up the weekend and allows us to raise funds to support worthy causes. Need a gift for an upcoming birthday, anniversary, shower or wedding? You just might find it here! Gorgeous gift baskets, jewelry, special event tickets, sports memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates and more.

Want to participate in another way? Get your company name and products in front of the 200+ attendees of the event--just provide us with a silent auction item! You will receive exclusive exposure to hundreds of WLI graduates and agri-business owners & residents. Gift certificates for products or services are welcome too! Take advantage of this outstanding marketing opportunity and call Lyn today to participate--we have limited space available. Don't think you have anything to contribute? Call me--we'll work together to come up with something. Items will be included in the event program and online. **Deadline to enter – August 1st.** Call Lyn Cacella- 1.800.432.4156 or LCacella@FarmCreditsFL.com.

### Know a Leader? Nominate him or her for the Eugene Trotter Leadership Award!

**Eligibility:** Any individual who has been involved with agriculture for a minimum of 10 years and has made significant contributions to Florida's agricultural industry is eligible for this award.

**Recognition:** The award winner will be recognized with a plaque during a ceremony at the WLIANR Alumni Association annual meeting. A presentation will be prepared to publicize the award winner's achievements in providing exemplary leadership for Florida agriculture.

**Deadline for award nominations is Friday, July 29, 2011.** Please email Dr. Hannah Carter (hscarter@UFL.EDU) a brief description of the individual's contributions to Florida's agriculture and natural resource industries and why you believe they are worthy of this honor.

# Agenda (subject to refinement)

## Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 7:00 pm	Reception – Social hour
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Dinner and Dancing to the southern & classic rock tunes from the Stone Road Band
10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction open

## Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Annual Business Meeting
9:00 – 10:15 am	<b>Tough Policy Choices In Florida During Tumultuous Times</b> <i>by Dr. Rodney Clouser, UF Professor and Extension Public Policy Specialist</i>

Please note, no blue books are required for this presentation! While Dr. Clouser has worked with many classes during the first seminar of the WLIANR program, he has never addressed the alumni association. In this presentation, he will provide insight on the impacts and effects of policy decisions in Florida. He has provided similar presentations to the Florida Association of Counties and other industry and governmental groups.



10:15 – 10:30 am

**Break**

10:30 – 12:00 pm



### A Crisis Leadership Presentation

*by Lieutenant Colonel Robert Darling, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)*

Lt. Col. Darling will tell of his riveting eyewitness account of the minute-by-minute drama that unfolded beneath the White House during the 9/11 attacks. Ordered to evacuate the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Darling ran past grim-faced Secret Service agents to the President's Emergency Operations Center, located under the White House. His first order—"Answer the phones" — brought him face-to-face with the grim reality. "We have a hijacked plane 16 miles south of Pittsburgh, inbound for Washington DC," blurted out a nameless voice from the upstairs Situation Room. Within minutes, Darling heard Vice President Cheney order the Pentagon to "...stand by to shoot this plane down!"

Darling's account reads like an episode of *24*—except the events of 9/11 were not the plot details of a Hollywood thriller, but real, told in living color. He reveals for the first time, the actual dialogue among the participants—Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, George W. Bush—and describes their decision making: "Authorized to engage all inbound aircraft to Washington DC."

12:00 – 6:00 pm	Lunch and recreation on your own
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Reception – Social hour
7:00 – 10:00 pm	Annual Banquet & Awards Presentation
10:00 pm	Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction open

## Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

11 am      **Checkout**

### Other amenities

*additional costs may be incurred*

- A gorgeous pampering spa featuring a private lap pool, wellness center, spa café, and boutique
- 18-hole Greg Norman-signature golf course featuring The Ritz-Carlton Golf Caddie Concierge program
- A total of 11 dining options
- Poolside cabanas with personal concierge service
- The Ritz Kids program offering a variety of supervised activities designed especially for children aged 5 to 12.
- Explore the resort's natural surroundings by taking advantage of morning rows and private guided eco-tours of Shingle Creek, the Headwaters to the Florida Everglades. Grande Lakes is home of the Emotion Kayaks Flat-Water School.
- Fly Fishing experiences for beginner to advanced casters include private fly-fishing excursions, and the world's first G. Loomis Fly Fishing School. Large-mouth Bass fishing also available for both the fly and conventional angler.
- Experience a multi-level adventure course consisting of poles, cables, and platforms with 25 unique traversing and climbing elements.

# Registration Form

Deadline to register is July 22, 2011

Hotel reservations must be made separately by July 22 to ensure \$139 rate!  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost (complete info to the right): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please make checks payable to the Florida Leadership and Education Foundation, Inc.
- Please mail by July 22 to Nancy & David McDonald,  
P.O. Box 1409, Mount Dora, FL 32756
- Questions? Please contact David McDonald at (352) 267-9658 or  
DMcdonald@farmcreditfl.com

## Costs

Please complete & include with form



\$150 per person and includes all activities and meals as outlined in the agenda

### Cost per person ala carte:

Fri. Dinner & Dancing..... Adult@\$55 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fri. Dinner & Dancing..... Child@\$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Morning..... \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet..... Adult@\$75 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kids 6 and under are free!**

TOTAL ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_