

Paradise Chapter

Membership Information

A chapter of the Association for Healthcare Foodservice (AHF) serving South Florida and surrounding areas.

What we do:

The Paradise Chapter of AHF provides a way for its members to acquire education, skill, knowledge and tools for professional growth. We are committed to providing opportunities for members to recognize and achieve the highest standards in the healthcare foodservice industry.

Who should join?

Foodservice directors, dietary managers, dietitians, culinary professionals, foodservice managers and supervisors, and administrators of acute and long-term care organizations are invited to join. As a chapter of the Association for Healthcare Foodservice, members must be employed directly by the healthcare provider – that is, membership is exclusively for self-operated foodservice operations. It is not necessary to be a member of the national AHF organization to be a member of the Paradise Chapter.

Why join?

There are several benefits of membership:

- Networking opportunities. You will have access to a leadership network with the opportunity to exchange information and share ideas with hundreds of colleagues throughout South Florida.
- Education programs. Quarterly meetings feature presentations and discussion on foodservice, clinical, culinary, and food safety topics. Appropriate pre-approvals will be secured from: Association of Food and Nutrition Professionals (formerly Dietary Managers Association), Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly American Dietetic Association), American Culinary Federation, and the Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators.
- Newsletters. Periodic newsletters are distributed with chapter updates and important trends and issues.
- Website. Visit us at www.paradise-ahf.org for member information, job openings, and the latest news about the Paradise Chapter and AHF.
- Fun. In our pursuit of raising standards, networking, and continuing education, we encourage members to feel welcome, be part of our community, and have fun!

Membership

Membership in the Paradise Chapter is open to individuals who are active in the field of healthcare foodservice management *and* who are directly employed by a healthcare provider. Allied membership is also available.

Operator Membership - \$25.00 per year (not pro-rated) plus \$15.00 per event - is available to individuals who are currently employed and have substantial administrative and management responsibility of a foodservice department, or who are in an administrative position and whose management responsibilities include the foodservice department. Typical positions that qualify for membership include:

- Foodservice Director or Foodservice Manager, Assistant or Associate Foodservice Director or Foodservice Manager
- Foodservice Supervisor
- Dietary Manager or Dietary Supervisor
- Dietitian or Diet Technician
- Chef, Food Production Manager or Supervisor, Lead Cook
- Administrator, Associate or Assistant Administrator, Executive Director
- Any position title equivalent or similar to the above

Allied Membership – Three levels: \$250, \$500, and \$1000 – for individuals who are currently employed and are active in areas other than foodservice in healthcare operations, but have a continuing interest or relationship with healthcare foodservice. Allied membership is geared for vendors or corporate participation or consultants. Membership dues provide the sponsorship for monthly programs as well as recognition and other programs. Allied members have opportunities to present their products and services at member events. One individual representative of the allied member is entitled to attend all events at no additional fee.

Note: The Board of Directors will review and approve all applications.

Membership Application

Prefix (Dr, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, etc.)	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Suffix (Jr, Sr, Ph.D., RD, etc.)
Organization/Facility		Position Title		
Address		City	State	Zip
Work Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address		
Birthday (Month/Day)		Name and Title of the individual to whom you report:		
Please indicate any professional organizations to which you belong and for which you seek continuing education credits:				
Please describe your current duties and responsibilities:				

Please check one: New Member Membership Renewal

Please check one: Operator Member Allied Member

Operator Members: Please attach payment for \$25 to this application OR, prepay your events and save \$10 by attaching payment for \$75 (\$25 membership plus 4 events @ \$15 each less \$10 = \$75).

Please check one: \$25 – membership \$75 – membership plus pre-paid events/meetings

Allied Members: Please select sponsorship level and attach payment to this application:

Bronze - \$250 Silver - \$500 Gold - \$1000

Mail application and payment (made payable to **Paradise Chapter of AHF**) to:

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