



MEETING NOTICE

September 28 - 30, 2010
JW Marriott Resort & Spa
Las Vegas, Nevada

Where is the JW Marriott Resort & Spa?

The JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort is a luxury hotel in Summerlin, Nevada located just 15 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. The hotel is set against the crimson canyons and rugged cliffs of Red Rock Canyon. It is 16 miles from McCarran International Airport (LAS).

221 North Rampart Boulevard
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145
Phone: 702-869-7777
www.jwlasvegasresort.com

Online Registration

Register online at www.gasketfab.com/events.asp. The deadline to register is **August 27, 2010**.

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the hotel by calling **800-297-5056**. The cutoff date to ensure a reservation at the hotel is **August 27, 2010**. Make sure to mention that you are with the GFA when reserving your room in order to receive the group rate.

CEO Luncheon Meeting

Based on feedback from GFA members, we will again have a CEO Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday beginning at Noon. The session will feature a roundtable discussion of items that would be of interest to CEOs.

Attendance will be limited to CEOs and senior officers with P/L responsibility. A maximum of two people per member company may attend, provided that they both meet the provisions. There will be a \$45 per person fee in addition to the meeting registration fee to attend this session.

Program Highlights

CSI: Supply Chain - Understanding the Needs and Requirements of Supply Chain Managers

James E. Martin

Institute for Supply Management Global Group

In the course of doing business, the relationship with the buyer is one of the most complex parts. In this session, James Martin will provide a “forensic study” on how supply chain managers conduct business, and why a relationship can be so difficult to develop and prosper. You will learn the various expectations supply chain managers have for their suppliers, what typically makes them happy, how to identify where your supply chain manager contact is within their organization, and how to best maximize them.

James Martin is currently the Chairman of the Institute for Supply Management Global Group, comprised of over 700 supply chain and purchasing professionals, and he previously worked for media conglomerate News Corporation as the Senior Director of Global Sourcing, and for American Express as the Senior Manager of Global Procurement.

Mr. Martin’s presentation will be followed by an interactive panel discussion featuring representatives from GFA member companies, including Industry Products, Jacobs & Thompson, and PGC.

Roundtable Discussion Session

Associations have always provided a great forum to exchange ideas and solutions. At the Continental Breakfast before the General Session, members will have an opportunity to informally discuss current issues and ways they are addressing them. This session is open to all attendees.

Registration Fees

Member Registration	\$445/person
Reduced Member Registration <i>To be eligible for this rate, at least 2 other representatives from your company must be paying the full fee.</i>	\$200/person
Spouse Registration	\$200/person
Table Top Fee	\$200/table

Accommodations

Each room includes a marble bathroom with Jacuzzi tub and separate, glass enclosed, raindrop shower. A walk-in closet, oversized television, ceiling fan, in-room safe, and plush robe are included in a warm, elegant decor. The hotel has a smoke-free policy.

Our group rate is \$189 plus 12% tax per night.

The check-in time is 4:00 pm and the check-out time is noon. Video check-out is available in all rooms.

Ground Transportation/Parking

Taxi service between the airport and the resort is approximately \$60 each way. The resort has an airport shuttle for service to the airport (outgoing only) for \$30 per person. Reservations must be made at least 2 hours in advance with the Front Desk or Concierge. The shuttle departs at 5:00 am, 6:15 am, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:15 pm, and 1:30 pm daily.

Take the **complimentary shuttle to The Strip** to take in all the excitement that is Las Vegas. Departures from the resort are daily at 10:00 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:00 pm, with returns at 10:30 am, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, and 11:30 pm. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, an additional shuttle departs at 9:00 pm, and returns at 10:00 pm. The 29 passenger shuttle operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

Car rental service is available onsite at the resort through Hertz. Valet and self parking are complimentary.

GFA Private Pool Area

Based on the positive response from attendees of the last few meetings, we have again reserved an area by the pool on Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm exclusively for attendees of the GFA's meeting.

The area will serve as a meeting place for attendees, who are not planning to golf or go on the tour, to gather and network informally.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Golf

The Member and Spouse Golf Tournaments will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday at the **TPC Las Vegas**, a PGA TOUR facility. Designed by architect Bobby Weed and player consultant Raymond Floyd, the course has been awarded as Four Star "Best Places to Play" by *Golf Digest* and received a "Reader's Choice Top 50 Public Courses" ranking from *Golf World*.

Both groups are teeing off at the same time because it is a shotgun start, but the members and spouses are playing separately. The tournament is a 4-person scramble so that golfers of all skill levels may participate.

The cost is \$160 per person, per day, and this fee must be pre-paid. Club rental is \$75 per set, and payment may be made at the Pro Shop on the day of the tournament.

Golf Cancellation - Due to the golf club's policy, if you cancel less than 14 days in advance, you will be charged the regular fee.

Check Out These Web Sites

www.jwlasvegasresort.com
www.visitlasvegas.com
www.lvcva.com
www.lasvegastourism.com

Hoover Dam Tour

On Wednesday, we have planned a tour of Hoover Dam, which is both a National Historic Landmark and Modern Civil Engineering Wonder of the World. Completed in 1935, Hoover Dam's 726 foot-high structure was the highest dam in the world at the time. Awe inspiring, it's a magnificent monument to man's vision and fortitude - the dam that tamed the mighty Colorado River.

You will have an opportunity to see the exhibit gallery, observation deck, power plant, and dramatic views of the Colorado River and Lake Mead.

There will be private chartered transportation, and the tour will last for a total of 4 hours. The cost is \$75 per person.

Recreation

Rampart Casino - If you're looking for excitement Las Vegas-style, try your luck at the onsite Rampart Casino, an elegant 50,000 square foot European-style casino with more than 1,200 slot machines, 40 gaming tables, and a sports and race betting club. This casino is also home to three restaurants and live entertainment.

Aquae Sulis Spa - The 40,000 square foot spa offers a full range of specialty services, including massages, facials, aromatherapy, body wraps, and scrubs. **Attendees of the GFA's meeting will receive a 10% discount on massages and facials on Monday through Thursday.** For more information on spa services or to request a reservation online, visit <http://spa.jwlasvegasresort.com/>

Aquae Sulis Fitness Center - Offers a selection of state-of-the art cardiovascular and weight training machines. The center is open daily from 5:30 am to 8:00 pm. **Attendees of the GFA's meeting will receive a discounted entry fee of \$15.**

Pools - Relax at the resort's 11,000 square foot Waterfall Pool or at one of the soothing whirlpools.

New Member/First Timer Orientation

All new members and first-time attendees, along with their spouses, are invited to a brief orientation on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm. This meeting will give you a very brief overview of the workings of the Association and will give you a chance to meet a few people before the general meeting.

May I go to the meetings?

Meetings are open to all attendees except as noted on the schedule.

Please note that Manufacturer Representatives are NOT permitted to attend any GFA functions.

Spouse Activities

The spouse registration fee includes admission to all sessions, unless otherwise noted on the program. This includes the continental breakfasts on Wednesday and Thursday, the Supplier Expo Luncheon on Wednesday, all cocktail receptions, and the dinner on Wednesday evening. Please note that spouses who are full-time employees of GFA member companies must pay the full member registration fee.

At the continental breakfast on Wednesday, the hotel concierge will make a brief presentation at 8:30 am on area and onsite activities. Spouse representatives will also be there to help introduce you to a few of the other spouses.

Proper Attire

For all committee meetings and general sessions, the attire is casual - slacks or shorts are appropriate. The cocktail receptions and dinner are informal - slacks, shirts, and casual shoes are appropriate.

Weather

The daytime temperature is expected to average about 88°. Evening temperatures are expected to average about 63°.

MEETING PROGRAM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktail Reception for
Early Arrivals

7:00 pm Dinner on Individual Basis

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

7:30 am Long Range Planning
Committee Meeting

Noon - 2:00 pm **CEO Luncheon Meeting**
- Attendance is limited to
CEOs and senior officers
with P/L responsibility of
GFA member companies

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Concurrent Meetings of
the Program & Locations
and Membership
Committees

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Technical Committee
Meeting

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Associate Member Meeting

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm New Member/First-Time
Attendee Orientation

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cocktail Reception

7:30 pm Dinner on Individual Basis

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

7:30 am - 9:30 am Continental Breakfast
- Open to Members,
Spouses, and Guests

7:30 am - 9:30 am Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Member Company Profile
Presentations**

9:30 am - Noon **Supplier Expo &
Luncheon**
- Open to Members,
Spouses, and Guests

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm GFA Private Pool Area

1:00 pm Member & Spouse Golf
Tournaments

1:00 pm Hoover Dam Tour

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

7:30 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

7:45 am - 8:30 am Roundtable Discussion

8:30 am - 11:30 am General Session/Program

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GFA SUPPLIER EXPO **TABLE TOP GUIDELINES**

Table Top Fee: \$200 per table*

** This fee does not include the member registration fee.*

1. Exhibits must be set-up on 6' tables provided by the GFA.
2. Exhibitors will receive randomly assigned tables given out at the meeting.
3. Set-up will be on Wednesday from 7:30 am - 9:30 am. Tear-down will be immediately following the Expo.
4. All table top items are to be supplied by the Exhibitor and must fit on the top of the table.
5. **Display items must be no higher than three feet from the top of the table.**
6. **No floor stands or backdrops are permitted.**
7. No electrical devices, with the exception of laptops, are permitted. Outlets will not be available.
8. Table top exhibit material may be shipped to arrive up to 3 days prior to the meeting and should be addressed to:

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221 North Rampart Boulevard
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Attn: GFA Supplier Expo
Hold For: Your Name and Company
9. All table top personnel must register for the meeting.
10. A hotel representative will be present at the end of the Expo to assist with shipping your packages back to your company.

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