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# Hyatt Place Opens this Fall



Courtesy: Bennett & Co.

**H**yatt Hotels newest brand, Hyatt Place, will have a presence in Lake Mary this fall. The four-story, 128-room Hyatt Place will open in October at I-4 and Lake Mary Blvd.

Built by JJW Construction, Inc., the 75,000-sq.-ft. hotel cost \$16.5 million to construct. Sunshine Hotel Group, LLC, the owner and developer, is gearing up with a seasoned executive management team under the direction of GM Jamie Ross, who also serves as vice-chair of the Seminole County Tourist Development Council. Ross brings more than 20 years of industry experience to launch the newest hotel and bring the brand to the growing Seminole County market. Skye Buckner, previously with Hilton Garden Inn Lake Mary, is director of sales.

All of the hotel's 82 king and 46 queen/queen guest rooms are furnished with a signature Hyatt Grand Bed, an eight-foot Cozy Corner sleeper-sofa, an oversize desk and ergonomic chair,

complimentary WiFi, and a 42-inch flat-panel HD television. And each room's innovative Hyatt Plug Panel lets guests connect their own portable devices, including laptops, MP3 players and DVD players, to the TV. Guests can also take advantage of the hotel's StayFit@Hyatt gym featuring state-of-the-art Life Fitness equipment.

Hyatt Place is a new kind of hotel that complements Hyatt's full-service brands. It combines contemporary design with innovative services and amenities to create an atmosphere of casual hospitality, from its well-appointed guest rooms to its function space totaling 1,600 sq. ft., with two meeting and banquet rooms, plus a 200-sq.-ft. executive board room with seating for 10.

Hyatt Place, 1255 S. International Pkwy., Lake Mary; [hyattplaceorlandolakemary.com](http://hyattplaceorlandolakemary.com).

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Lois Silverberg, Lynn Wilcox, Pat James and Milly Szabo

## Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club

The Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club invites prospective members to the annual Welcome Coffee on September 8th at a member's home. Among the many activities offered to members are field trips, classes and speakers on subjects of interest to gardeners. Some of the activities during the past year included field trips, and classes in floral arranging and orchid planting and care.

This garden club also has a philanthropic side, with two large fund-raising events each year: a card party and luncheon in January, and a Garden Fair and Floral Exhibit in March. This year's proceeds went to support three major projects: Wekiva Youth Camp, a Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Camp held each summer in Wekiva Springs State Park; scholarships for deserving students at the University of Florida who are pursuing a career in agriculture, conservation or environmental or ecological studies; and landscaping projects for Habitat for Humanity of Apopka.

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club meetings are held on the second Monday of each month September through May at the Sweetwater Oaks Community Center, 810 Fox Valley Rd., Longwood.

Sweetwater Oaks Garden Club; 407.889.9292.

## Orlando Phil Musicians in Benefit Concert

When the going gets tough, Orlando Philharmonic musicians stick together. Recently, Orlando Phil musician Linda Van Buren found herself facing health challenges and mounting medical bills. Her fellow musicians weren't going sit and do nothing; they decided they could help. They could sit and play.

And so a benefit concert to help Van Buren will take place Sat., August 23rd, at 7:00pm at the Margeson Theater in the Lowndes Shakespeare Center (Loch Haven Park, 812 E. Rollins St., Orlando). On the program will be Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, featuring Concertmaster Tamas Kocsis; and Dvorak's *Serenade for Strings*.



Tamas Kocsis

Orlando Philharmonic

Ticket price: \$25 suggested donation. Available in advance and at the door, subject to availability. (Additional contributions are appreciated.)

Donations can also be mailed to: The Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Attn: Linda Van Buren Benefit, 812 E. Rollins St., Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32803.

Orlando Philharmonic, 407.770.0071; OrlandoPhil.org.

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