

## Bill Mish Elected President of the Tennessee hospitality Association for 2010

Bill Mish has been in the hospitality business for 29 years and is the GM at the Doubletree Chattanooga - Vision Hospitality Group. Mr. Mish was instrumental in almost single-handedly getting the Government per Diem Rate for Chattanooga moved up to a higher category more befitting our city. Thereby, he generated large amounts of money for your entire Chattanooga lodging industry. In 1981 after attending college in Michigan, Bill accepted a food service position at the award-winning, five-star, five-diamond resort the Wigwam in Litchfield Park, Arizona. Due to Bill's work ethic and attention to details, he was quickly promoted up through the ranks and served five of his seven years at the Wigwam as the Assistant Food and Beverage Manager overseeing all aspects of the resort's restaurants, banquet, room- service and convention departments.

In 1987 Bill moved to Sacramento, CA and went to work for a hospitality subsidiary of Fred Sands Realty. Bill spent the next 7 years at the 314-room, Radisson Hotel Sacramento. With over 50,000 sq ft of meeting space, this experience allowed Bill to fine tune his hotel Food and Beverage skills. Initially Bill was hired as the Food and Beverage Director and again because of his desire to succeed, Bill was offered the chance to learn the room's side of the hotel business.

Bill served as Director of Rooms Division, Resident Manager and General Manager of two other company properties all while maintaining his position as Resident Manager at the Radisson.

Greener pastures lured Bill to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1994. Bill accepted a position as General Manager with a small Hospitality Company that owned Hotel/Condo's in Biloxi, MS and a Ski Lodge in Ruidoso NM. Bill oversaw all aspects of the companies operations and acquisitions until moving to Chattanooga, TN in 2001.

Bill has received numerous awards and recognitions through out his career. Bill recently won the prestigious "General Manger of the Year" award from the Tennessee Hotel and Lodging Association and the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Bill has served on numerous non-profit Boards and has been an active Board member of several Hotel Associations. Bill served as the 2004 and 2005 President of the Chattanooga Hotel and Lodging Association. Bill is the incoming president of the Tennessee Hospitality Association



Other Chattanooga Hospitality regulars that serve on the 2010 THA Board of Directors are:

Andrea Anderson  
Bob Dollinger  
Cindy Bruce  
Steve Holmes

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown  
3H Group  
Executive Director GCHA  
InsuranceXchange



*Congratulations to Bill and thanks for all that you do for your community and for your industry!*