

Chateau On The Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center In Branson Names Molly Lieberknecht Sales Manager

BRANSON, MO (October 2009) – **Molly Lieberknecht** has been named Sales Manager at the AAA Four-Diamond **Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center** in **Branson, Missouri**. In her new position, Lieberknecht is responsible for coordinating meetings, incentive programs, and conventions at the resort for groups in the greater metropolitan Kansas City area, and in Kansas and Oklahoma. The 301-room resort, which sits on an Ozark mountaintop overlooking scenic Table Rock Lake, boasts one of the largest convention centers in Missouri, with 43,500 square feet of flexible meeting space, with the ability to host groups from 10 to 3,000. The resort is a consistent recipient of the meetings industry's highest honors, having recently captured *Successful Meetings* magazine's highly coveted "Pinnacle Award" for 2009.

With more than 25 years of hospitality industry experience, **Lieberknecht** brings a wealth of experience to her new position. She joins Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center from HelmsBriscoe, where she was Manager of Global Accounts. Prior to that, she was the Director of Catering for Culinaire International, an upscale food & beverage company that supports the Embassy Suites brand. In that position, she was the recipient of the "Director of the Year" award in 2007.

"Molly is an exceptional hospitality and sales industry professional, and we're very pleased to have her on the Chateau team," said Stephen Marshall, the resort's vice president and general manager. "She'll be a great resource for groups in Kansas, Oklahoma and in the Kansas City area."

Boasting an impressive 10-story sky-lit atrium that features meandering streams brimming with colorful Koi fish, Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center provides breathtaking vistas of Table Rock Lake, beautiful gardens, and surrounding Ozark mountains. Its 301 spacious guest rooms and suites feature cherry wood beds, down comforters, tiled stone baths, dual-line telephones with data port, and WiFi access.

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Recreational options at the resort include the impressive 14,000-square-foot Spa Chateau, which features 10 luxurious treatment rooms; customized body treatments; a Roman Bath situated beneath a waterfall overlooking Table Rock Lake; a lake-view Movement Therapy Studio for Yoga; and a unique Barber Spa.

The resort's Chateau on the Lake Marina, open most of the year, offers more water sports activities than any other resort in the Midwest. Offerings at the full-service marina include an array of watercraft rentals, which includes ski boats, fishing boats, waverunners, catamarans, paddle boats, sea kayaks, and canoes. Parasailing, guided fishing excursions, scuba diving, and snorkeling are among the many other available options. With 850 miles of pristine shoreline and 80 miles of crystal blue water, Table Rock Lake is a perfect water playground for groups.

Additional recreational offerings at Chateau on the Lake include a 24-hour fitness center, two lighted tennis courts, a year-round indoor pool, an outdoor (seasonal) pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, nature and biking trails, the 54-seat Sassafras Movie Theater, Crawdaddies Kids Club, and full-service concierge. Golf at six area courses, which includes two of Missouri's finest, also is available to groups and guests.

The resort's dining options include the award-winning Chateau Grille, which features a stunning view of Table Rock Lake and is known for its elegant presentation and exceptional cuisine. Casual fare options include: the 9th Street Italian Deli, serving bistro-style sandwiches, hand-made pizza, and "to go" box lunches; the Atrium Café & Wine Bar, located in the lobby beside an indoor waterfall and stream; and The Sweet Shoppe, offering hand-dipped ice cream, baked goods, candies, and specialty coffees.

Widely regarded as the "Live Music Show Capital of the World," Branson features a wealth of offerings that appeal to groups, which includes more than 100 live shows per day and a variety of impressive attractions. Among the newest offerings is the acclaimed Titanic: The World's Largest Interactive Titanic Museum & Exhibition. The new \$420-million Branson Landing in historic downtown features festivals, musical events, a variety of new waterfront dining options, and more than 400,000 sq. ft. of national brand-name shops, galleries and specialty gift shops. Other Branson offerings include Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater Complex, and Silver Dollar City.

Chateau on the Lake Resort, Spa & Convention Center is owned and managed by Springfield, Missouri-based John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts. For more information on the resort, call **1-888-333-LAKE (5253)** or (417) 334-1161, or visit www.ChateauOnTheLake.com .

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NOTE: **High-resolution photos** of the resort may be downloaded from <http://www.chateauonthelake.com/ImageDownload/DownloadImages.cfm> , or are available by contacting Karen Lamonica. A photo of Molly Lieberknecht also is available by contacting Karen Lamonica.