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Upcoming Events

January 16 - [Health & Wellness Fair](#)

January 18 - [Friday night dinner at Rancho Cielo](#)

January 30 - [Trends in Labor Law seminar](#)

February 13 - 1st Time Supervisor Skills seminar


February 22 - Culinary Round Up Supporting Rancho Cielo

March 1 - MCHA Annual Dinner & Awards at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

- Membership Lunches -
- February 12th
 - April 9th
 - June 11th
 - August 13th
 - October 8th
 - December 10th

In case you missed Monterey Herald "Between the Sheets" (Published the first Saturday of Each Month).

- [July 2018](#)
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If you would like to participate on any one of our Committees  please contact [Bonnie Adams](#)

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Employee Appreciation Day: Thank you to our great EAD committee, led by Paula Calvetti, and the army of volunteers that helped make the 22nd Annual Employee Appreciation Day a success! And a big thanks to everyone that donated food, equipment or activities! We could not have had this event without the support of our fantastic membership! We'd like to congratulate the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa for winning overall first place this year; the first team to win first place 10 times in the past 22 years! And congratulations to the Portola Hotel & Spa for winning "The Gloria" Team Spirit Award. And a high five to the crew from the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa for winning the exciting soccer tournament! We ended the day by serving close to 1100 employees and their families. Click for the days final team [results](#) and [pictures](#). Thanks to [DMT Imaging](#) for the fantastic photos.



28th Annual Nick Lombardo Memorial Golf Tournament: Congratulations to our [winners](#) who played on August 28th under sunny skies at the challenging Bayonet Golf Course. We thank Bayonet/Black Horse for their generous sponsorship and support and acknowledge their great staff for a well-run tournament! We also want to thank Carol Chorbajian and CCM&E Destination Services for being our Presenting Sponsor again this year! Big kudos need to go to our hard-working golf committee, led by Gary Cursio and Janine Chicourrat, for putting on an incredible tournament, and our sponsors and contributors who helped make this a fun and successful tournament! The day was filled with festive refreshments from Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits and we thank them for their support on and off the course! We also want to thank all the on-course food vendors comprised of our local outstanding restaurants, wineries, breweries and vendors that provided amazing food, beverages and specialty products! What a great showing! Our prize box raffle has become a tradition! Thanks to all those that contributed amazing prizes for this special raffle. And congratulations to the winners! It was a wonderful day of fun, friendly competition and camaraderie among our members and industry professionals. Those that attended the pre-event reception had a great time enjoying wonderful wine and libations and bidding on fun auction items! [Click for the day's photo journal](#).



30th Annual Hospitality Recognition Lunch: was celebrated on November 7th at the Monterey Conference Center. Over 600 shining stars of our industry were honored at a wonderful lunch and awards ceremony. Our Master of Ceremonies, Barry Brown, as always, endeared the audience with his humor and engaging delivery of the "stories". We



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thank him for being a big part of the Recognition Lunch success! A BIG congratulations to our finalists for going above and beyond their job descriptions....what fantastic employees we have in Monterey County! After giving an inspirational speech, Ted J. Balestreri, CEO, The Sardine Factory and Chairman/CEO, Cannery Row Company, presented the Papa Vince trophy to our winner, Christina Cardinalli from the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. Thank you to our committee chairs Vicki Tackett and Marion Abaunza and their terrific committee, volunteers and businesses that donated to this wonderful event. Click here for the day's [photo journal](#) courtesy of DMT Imaging and a full [list of winners](#).

[MCHA Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration:](#) Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on March 1, 2019 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. More details coming soon!



[Rancho Cielo:](#) This committee works in partnership with Rancho Cielo to continue to build and strengthen ties to hospitality and the business community on the Monterey Peninsula. They also work to help the students develop skills and confidence to enter the workforce. This committee assists with job shadow and mentoring programs, a clothing drive and a job fair to help with job placement upon graduation. Our membership also assists with white tablecloth dining opportunities and support of the Culinary Round Up that benefits the Drummond Culinary Academy. If you would like to help, consider joining the committee or help directly in one of these areas:

- Have your next board retreat or event at Rancho Cielo; see attached for details.
- Attend a Friday night dinner at Ranch Cielo.
- Begin to collect gently used professional clothing at home and/or as a workplace project. The Clothing drive will be in May 2019.
- Volunteer as classroom tutors and mentors, Campus Clean Up events, skilled - pro bono volunteers, Dining Room host/wine pouring - see attached for details.
- Donate Wine for the Friday night dinners.

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[Government Affairs:](#) It has been another very busy year for Government Affairs. November brought us a very contentious election that produced many victories, but several disappointments as well. In the spirit of the Holidays, we would like to share a few of MCHA's accomplishments in 2018. [▶ more](#)

[Coalition of Peninsula Businesses:](#) We have a water project - can we keep it? The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses and our community scored a major victory with the California Public Utilities Commission with a unanimous decision approving the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP), with the major component being the 6.4 desal plant. It also guarantees that the over pumping of the Carmel River will stop, which has been a long term priority of the Coalition. [▶ more](#)

[Ambassador Club:](#) "People Rarely Succeed Unless They Have Fun in What They're Doing" - Dale Carnegie. At MCHA, we want you to be successful. We also want to make sure you get all the value and benefits from your MCHA membership. And why not have fun while you're doing it??!! As Ambassadors, we communicate with MCHA membership, thanking them for their continued membership, and encouraging them to participate on a Committee. We greet members at our bi-monthly lunches and assist event committees as needed. Join us! The Ambassador Club meets at 3:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We hold our meetings all around the Peninsula and we pick a different Member restaurant or hotel each time, so we can showcase different businesses! Please join us, we'd love to have you. Contact [Vicki Tackett](#), or [Bonnie Adams](#), for more details.

[Education Training 2019:](#) The 2019 Seminar Series is set. Budget now for the best deal! The Monterey County Hospitality Association is bringing important training opportunities to MCHA members in 2019, including Professional Development/Career Enhancement to advance careers in the hospitality field. Seminars are available to unlimited staff participation for one fee. Read more about the pricing package..... [Sign up today!](#)

[Scholarship Program:](#) The MCHA scholarship program assists students pursuing

degrees in hotel management, culinary studies, wine and other hospitality fields. Priority goes first and foremost to Monterey County residents, followed by students from anywhere in California and then those elsewhere in the United States. The application signup period starts on January 15, 2019 and will be open until April 1, 2019. [Click here to begin](#). In addition, visit the MCHA website for information on [8 different hospitality scholarship programs available](#).

“HOSPY”, MCHA’s Volunteer of the Year award, was awarded to Angela Hernandez, the Assistant Director of Human Resources with the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa, at the Holiday Lunch on December 11th, 2018.



Angela was honored for her work on the Rancho Cielo Committee of which she is Co-Chair. She spends many hours on the preparation and execution of the clothing drive and job fair for the Rancho Cielo students, she participates in the white table clothing dining program, job shadow program, volunteers at the Round Up fundraiser for the Drummond Culinary Academy and volunteers at the Ranch for their Friday night dinners. Her fresh ideas and energy have helped create a new and improved job shadow program along with the formation of a mentorship program.

In addition to Rancho Cielo, she is a recent member of the Education Committee helping to develop the seminar schedule and implementing programs.

Angela always gives enthusiastically of her time and talent whenever asked. She is dedicated to the support and advancement of the Rancho Cielo students as well as the professional development of the MCHA employees. We are proud to honor her with “The Hospy”.

Member Highlight: A CALIFORNIA LODGING EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER!



Retreat to the unsurpassed beauty of our 850-acre paradise. Our historic Carmel Valley hotel and clubhouse are situated amongst the stunning green grasses of our award-winning championship golf course and the picturesque backdrop of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Our Monterey Peninsula hotel features the freshest and finest locally sourced dining options and a wide-array of lively events and entertaining activities to be enjoyed by all.

Remember to think local!

Member Spotlight:

[Alvarez Technology Group](#)

[Grasing’s](#)

[Allied Universal Security](#)

[Fenton & Keller](#)

[Standard Party Rental](#)

[MPC](#)

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



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