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Upcoming Events

December 13th
Christmas Lunch
Quail Lodge

January 31st –
Trends in Labor
Law

February 14th –
Membership Lunch

February 24th –
Annual Dinner &
Awards, Monterey
Plaza Hotel & Spa



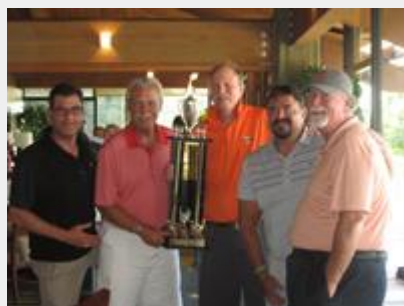
In case you missed
Monterey Herald
"Between the
Sheets" (Published
the first Saturday of
Each Month).

[06/03/2016](#)
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Employee Appreciation Day: Thank you to our great EAD committee and army of volunteers that helped make the 20th 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 and to the InterContinental The Clement Monterey for winning "The Gloria" Team Spirit Award. And congratulations to the crew from the Inn at Spanish Bay for winning the exciting soccer tournament! We ended the day by serving close to 1000 employees and their families. Click for the days [final team results](#) and [pictures](#).



26th Annual Nick Lombardo Memorial Golf Tournament: Congratulations to VIP Babysitting Service for winning 1st place Gross and to the team of Southern Wine & Spirits for winning 1st place Net! They played on August 29th under sunny skies at the beautiful Carmel Valley Golf Course. We thank [Carmel Valley Ranch](#) 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 this year! Big kudos need to go to our hard working golf committee 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 Wine & Spirits and we thank them for their support on and off the course! We also want to thank all of 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 great 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 on the picture for the [day's photo journal](#) courtesy of DMT Imaging.

28th Annual Hospitality Recognition Lunch was celebrated on November 8 at the Portola Hotel & Spa. Approximately 600 shining stars of our industry were honored at a wonderful lunch and awards ceremony. Our Master of Ceremonies, Barry Brown, was spot on and engaging with his delivery of the "stories". A BIG [congratulations to our finalists](#) for going above and beyond their job descriptions....what fantastic employees we have in Monterey County! After



If you would like to participate on any one of our Committees, please contact Bonnie Adams

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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, Anna Vindiola from the Inns of Monterey/Casa Munras Garden Inn. Thank you to all the committee members, volunteers and businesses that donated to this wonderful event. Click here for the day's [photo Journal](#).

MCHA Annual Dinner & Award Celebration: Mark Your Calendars! **Cabaret on the Bay** is February 24th at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. Become a sponsor today and/or donate an item for the live or silent auction. [Click here for details](#).



Government Affairs: By the time you read this the Country will have elected a new President and Vice President. California will have elected a new Senator. A new Member of Congress and a new State Assembly member will have been elected to represent our area. Depending on which City you live in the incumbent mayors and council members may have been reelected or there may be some new faces. But what does that have to do with MCHA and Government Affairs...? Well, a lot ... [▶ more](#)

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses: Success with water rates - \$ millions saved! The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses has had some success with water rates. Administrative Law Judge issued his proposed decision on Cal Am's latest rate case filing (PUC case A. 15-07-019) and it shows a major victory for the Coalition on the issue of recovery of uncollected but approved revenues.... [▶ more](#)



Ambassador Club - One of our important jobs in the Ambassador Club is to encourage both current and new members to get involved. It really is the best and most effective way to reap the benefits of your membership with MCHA. As we talk with members at various events or on the telephone when we call to welcome them or thank them for their membership, we hear and see the value of getting more involved and joining a committee. Here are a few comments from one of our current members and fellow Ambassador, Denise Morton, Director of Sales at the Carmel Mission Inn:

"I have been a member of MCHA for four years, the hotel has enjoyed our membership for quite a few more years than that. It wasn't until last year, after gentle persuasion from Vicki Tackett I decided to get involved so I joined the Ambassador Club. It was through joining the committee that I really began to learn about some of the great programs that MCHA has to offer businesses and hospitality employees. Last year our hotel nominated two of our employees at the Hospitality Recognition lunch, they were so proud to be recognized by the hotel and among their peers at the luncheon and to see their names in the Herald. This year I volunteered for the Employee Appreciation Day at the fairgrounds. I was amazed at how many employees and their managers turned out. It was a great day for the community and all of the hospitality workers. If you are thinking of getting involved in an organization I highly recommend one of MCHA's committees. Your efforts, feedback and ideas will definitely be appreciated."

We'd love to have you join us in the Ambassador Club, so if you'd like to visit us, feel free to contact Vicki Tackett or Cynthia Buhl. Or, for a list of all Committees and Committee Chairs go to [MCHA](#).

Education Training 2017: The 2017 Seminar Series is set. Budget now for the best deal! The Monterey County Hospitality Association is bringing important training

opportunities to MCHA members in 2017, including:

Professional Development/Career Enhancement to advance careers in the hospitality field.

- Trends in Labor Law – January 31st
 - MY Monterey Train the Trainer III - January
 - Emergency Preparedness & Safety - February
 - MY Monterey I: Creating a 5-Star Destination – March
 - Performance Management – March
 - Women’s Leadership Forum – April
 - Mentor Training – Rancho Cielo - May
 - Communication/Leadership - June
 - MY Monterey IV: Creating a 5-Star Destination – September
 - MY Monterey Train the Trainer III – September
 - Sustainability Tradeshow – October
 - Ethics Training – November
- Serving Alcohol Safely - November (certification fee)

(Topics and dates subject to change)

Seminars are available to unlimited staff participation for one fee. [Read more](#) about the new pricing package..... [Sign up today!](#)

Member Highlight: [CCM&E Destination Services](#); A custom full service Destination Management Company specializing in the Corporate and Incentive Markets serving Monterey, Carmel, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley, and Big Sur areas. Independently owned and operated, 28 years of experience in the Destination Management and Hospitality Industries with essential local contact. Carol Chorbajian and her team are one of MCHA's most active members and sponsors of our major events. Involved in all aspects of the Hospitality industry and always contributing to the community with their time and services.



Members Spotlight:

[Corral de Tierra Country Club](#)

[The Grill on Ocean](#)

[Ausonio Inc](#)

[A.G. Davi](#)

[The Hideaway](#)

[Cima Colina](#)

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