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Upcoming Events

January 19 – Friday night dinner at Rancho Cielo

January 30 – Trends in Labor Law Education Seminar

February 6 – Time Management & Organizational Behavior Education Seminar

February 25 – Culinary Round Up supporting the Drummond Culinary Academy at Rancho Cielo

**MY Monterey seminars
March - 6,21,27**

March 23 – MCHA Annual Dinner & Awards Celebration

Membership Lunches -

- February 13th
- April 10th
- June 12th
- August 14th
- October 9th
- December 11th



Employee Appreciation Day: Thank you to our great EAD committee, led by Paula Calvetti, and the army of volunteers that helped make the 21st 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 Inn @ Spanish Bay for winning "The Gloria" Team Spirit Award. And high five to the crew from the Highlands Inn 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](#). [DMT Imaging](#) for the fantastic [photos](#).



27th Annual Nick Lombardo Memorial Golf Tournament: Congratulations to our [winners](#) who played on August 28th under sunny skies at the beautiful Quail Lodge Golf Course. We thank Quail Lodge 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 John Turner and Gary Cursio, 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





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

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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 courtesy of DMT Imaging.](#)



29th Annual Hospitality Recognition Lunch: was celebrated on November 1st at the Portola Hotel & Spa. Over 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". We 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, Sunjeev "Sunny" Pahalad from the Sardine Factory. Thank you to all the committee members, 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 & Award Celebration: Mark Your Calendars for the "World's Fair....Meet me in Monterey" Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on March 23rd, 2018. Become a sponsor today and/or donate an item for the live or silent auction.





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Government Affairs: 2017..... What a year for Government Affairs! Let's look at the variety of topics and activities the Government Affairs Committee took on over the past year. The Big Sur Task Force, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Government Affairs re-organization, Water, Water, Water, Short Term Rentals, TAMC, FORA, BRAC, Special Events Task Force... [▶ more](#) 

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses: How do we want to live? How much water do we need? It is easy to lose track of why our community is pursuing a water supply given the conversations about the 'three-legged stool,' known as the water supply project. We hear about the desal plant and its production capacity, Pure Water Monterey water recycling capacity and now its expansion possibilities, and Aquifer Storage and Recovery – the so-called 'three-legged stool' of our proposed water supply project. So why are we pursuing these expensive projects? [▶ 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??!! That's what MCHA the Ambassador Club is all about. And how do we do it you ask? Here's how 

Education Training 2018: The 2018 Seminar Series is set. Budget now for the best deal! The Monterey County Hospitality Association is bringing important training opportunities to MCHA members in 2018, 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!](#) 

MY Monterey: This year the MY Monterey program will be offered at 3 separate venues during the month of March. The program has been enhanced, and in partnership with the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, will feature information on "Sustainable Moments" throughout Monterey County. The program will feature a newly edited video and a redesigned agenda that will continue to foster our mission of making lasting connections with our area's guests through exploring all Monterey has to offer. And encouraging guests to stay extra nights or book a return trip.

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





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from anywhere in California and then those elsewhere in the United States. The application signup period starts on January 15, 2018 and will be open until April 1, 2018. [Click here for the application](#). In addition, visit the MCHA website for information on [8 different hospitality scholarship programs available](#).

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 Peninsula. They also work to help the students develop skills and confidence to enter the workforce. This committee assists with job shadow programs, a clothing drive and job fair to help with job placement upon graduation. Our membership also assists with mentoring at the Ranch, 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 Rancho Cielo
- Begin to collect gently used professional clothing at home and/or as a workplace project. The Clothing drive will be in May 2018.
- Volunteer as classroom tutors and mentors, Grant Research Assistant, Campus Clean Up events, skilled – pro bono volunteers, Dining Room host/wine pouring – see attached for details.  
- Donate Wine for the Friday night dinners- they need Cabernet, red blends, Syrah and Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and Riesling.

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The MCHA Health & Welfare Trust: The Monterey County Hospitality Association is now participating in the Monterey County Hospitality Association Health and Welfare Trust. The trust was established to provide our membership an additional benefit of an affordable health insurance solution for their employees. Through it, not only will you have access to high quality, large group health insurance rates, you will also have access to competitive dental, vision, and life insurance programs. [▶ more](#)

Member Highlight: The Crossroads Carmel - Discover a unique and unexpectedly sophisticated shopping experience in one of Carmel's most charming settings. Visit our website and delight in all our holiday festivities and opportunities.





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Members Spotlight:

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Union Bank
Pro Park
Colton Inn

Monterey Regional Airport
Hospitality Marketing Association
Leavitt Central Coast Insurance
Hilton Garden Inn

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