



**Upcoming Events**


- January 17th, 2020  
Rancho Cielo  
Dinner
- January Education  
Seminar - Trends  
in Labor Law
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
Culinary Round-up
- March 13 - MCHA  
Annual Dinner - Inn  
at Spanish Bay

**Membership Lunches -**

- February 11<sup>th</sup>
- April 14<sup>th</sup>
- June 9<sup>th</sup>
- August 11<sup>th</sup>
- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- December 8<sup>th</sup>

In case you missed

[Monterey Herald](#)  
"Between the Sheets";  
it's published the first  
Saturday every other  
month beginning in  
February.

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

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**29th Annual Nick Lombardo Memorial Golf Tournament:** Congratulations to our [winners](#) who played on October 1st 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 Pinnacle Bank for being our Presenting Sponsor this year! They had great presence on the course, and we thank them for their support. Big kudos need to go to our hard-working golf committee, led by Janine Chicourrat and Brian Hein from Portola Hotel & Spa, 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! And new this year, was a Mystery Box on course raffle with prizes valued at \$3,500! It was an exciting reveal! Thanks to all those that contributed amazing prizes for these special raffles. Congratulations to the winners! It was a wonderful day of fun, friendly competition and camaraderie among our members and industry professionals. [Click for the day's photo journal.](#)



**31st Annual Hospitality Recognition Lunch:** was celebrated on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Conference Center. Over 500 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 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, Michelle Simpson from the Embassy Suites Monterey. 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 13, 2020 at the Inn at Spanish Bay. 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. They are also in the process of creating an internship program. 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:

- Attend a Friday night dinner at Ranch Cielo. MCHA has organized a dinner for members on January 17, 2020. Details to come in early January.
- Begin to collect gently used professional clothing at home and/or as a workplace project. The Clothing drive will be in May 2020.
- Volunteer as classroom tutors and mentors, Campus Clean Up events, skilled – pro bono volunteers, Dining Room host/wine pouring.
- Donate Wine for the Friday night dinners.

If you would like to participate on any one of our Committees, please contact Bonnie Adams [info@mcha.net](mailto:info@mcha.net)

**THE “HOSPY”, MCHA’s 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer of the Year award**, was awarded to Michael Troutman, DMT Imagining on December 10th, 2019.



Nomination for the Volunteer of the Year award is based on being a Member in good standing; Dedication and tireless effort in supporting the mission of MCHA; and enthusiastically supporting the events, functions and committees of MCHA.

Michael has been a member of MCHA since 2009. Since that time, he has become our official event photographer. He can be seen at all our major events, lunches, the Spotlight on Women event and others as requested.....all on a volunteer basis. This equates to 100’s of volunteer hours so our events can be recorded and enjoyed by all. In addition, Michael provides his photography services to many local chambers and nonprofits.

Michael always gives enthusiastically of his time and talent whenever asked and is supportive of MCHA, our industry and our employees. He is a dedicated team player and is a pleasure to work with. We are proud to honor him with “The Hospy”.

**Government Affairs:** The following is an update from various meetings on the hottest issues that touch hospitality throughout our community. [▶ more](#)



**Ambassador Club:** 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 monthly, often during the lunch hour. 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! Our next meeting is January 16, 4pm, at the Monterey Tides. We'd love to have you. Contact Vicki Tackett, [vickit@certifiedfolder.com](mailto:vickit@certifiedfolder.com) or Bonnie Adams, [info@mcha.net](mailto:info@mcha.net) for more details.

**Education Training 2020:** The 2020 Seminar Series is set. Budget now for the best deal! The Monterey County Hospitality Association is bringing important training opportunities to MCHA members in 2020, 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, 2020 and will be open until March 15, 2020. [Click here to begin](#). In addition, visit the MCHA website for information on [8 different hospitality scholarship programs available](#).

**Member Highlight:** As your partner in planning your wedding, we are dedicated to making your big day a success for you and your guests. Full wedding planning means I am will be there helping you through every step of the process, from the crucial first decisions until the very last guest leaves the venue (and after!). We make sure your wedding is a reflection of you and your partner; a unique celebration you and your guests will remember for a lifetime.

**POCKETFUL** WEDDINGS & EVENTS  
*of plans*

**Remember to think local!**

**Member Spotlight:**

1<sup>st</sup> Capital Bank

MPI Jet

Odonata Wines

Edible Monterey  
Bay

Monterey Jazz Fest

The Club @  
Pasadera

**Have a wonderful Holiday Season!**



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