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AWARDS BESTOWED ON HOSPITALITY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Several members of the San Mateo County/Silicon Valley hospitality community s were honored with PROPs (Peninsula Recognition of Passionate Service) Awards last week at the Convention & Visitors Bureau’s annual meeting at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront. In addition, the coveted Margi Grant Heart of Hospitality Award was given to Cameron Palmer, owner of Cameron’s Pub in Half Moon Bay.

Moonstar Buffet Restaurant Manager Annie Chan earned the Behind the Scenes Service Award for her work in raising money for non-profits. Chan created a Moonstar variety show to raise additional money for area charities, working on the event on her own time.

Receiving the “Innovation in Hospitality” Award was Alysha Conner, Operational Resource Manager for the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport. Conner was recognized for volunteering to head the Service Team, branding and creating guidelines for the new Flight Service Team.

Guest Services Agent Vijay Kumar of the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Pacifica won the “Unsung Hero” Award for his revenue initiatives, boosting the property’s revenue significantly in just three months.

Palmer was surprised by the award given to him for his extensive volunteer work, including serving as chair of the Half Moon Bay Beautification Committee and the annual Half Mon Bay Pumpkin Festival , as well as his work chairing the Half Moon Bay Chamber’s Fourth of July Committee, his work on behalf of the Johnston House and his help with the Police Activities League.

Honorable Mentions were given to numerous high achieving hospitality community members, including: Rudee Asopardo, Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport; Rafael Camacho, DoubleTree by Hilton San Francisco Airport; Justin Goodwin, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront; Lisa Delasarte, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Pacifica; Kimberly Wong, Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport Waterfront; Hassan Rahimi, The Westin San Francisco Airport; Qu Hui, Moonstar Buffet Restaurant; Jose Erazo, Gateway Global; Carmen Morales, Hotel Focus SFO; Ulysses Pineda Fong, DoubleTree by Hilton San Francisco Airport; Michele Kearney, Half Moon Bay Lodge; Santino Navarro, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront; Stan Miranda Reyes, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront; Janet Bosshart, The Westin San Francisco Airport; Rowena De Mesa, Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport; Rudy Recinos, Hotel Focus SFO; Megan Lok, DoubleTree by Hilton San Francisco Airport; Rosa Portillo, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Pacifica; and Raul Laygo, San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront.

Inducted at the annual meeting was the Bureau's Board of Directors for 2018 Officers inducted were:

Chair: Clif Clark, SFO Marriott Waterfront; Immediate Past Chair: Dana Dahl, Beach House Hotel; Chair-Elect: Marty Cerles, Best Western PLUS Lighthouse Hotel; Secretary: Mitch Postel, San Mateo County History Museum; Treasurer: Jeff Bass, Hiller Aviation Museum; and Vice Chairs: Jim Rebosio , Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel; Irby Morvant, Hyatt SFO; John Hutar, Dinah's Garden Hotel; and Yakub Yakubi , Courtyard by Marriott San Mateo Foster City.

The keynote presenter at the event was Mike Dominguez, Senior Vice-President and Chief Sales Officer for MGM Resorts International. ###