

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday March 20th

Bel Air Bay Club



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Hospitality  
Accountants

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### **President's Message**

Last month our chapter had an educational and entertaining evening with our featured speaker, Mrs. T of T's Enterprises. Speaking on her methods for helping hotels reduce telecommunication bills, Mrs. T reminded us that as hotel controllers and member associates, additional dollars are available to us if we only know where to look. Thank you Mrs. T!! And thank you also goes to Leila McNab who worked hard to create a wonderful atmosphere and make sure all went well at our gathering.

Currently, Don St. Hilaire of Cal Poly Pomona, and Eden Slegre our chapter Vice President, are working to revise the criteria for our Student Scholarship Fund. The criteria will become more specific to our association and will possibly include such requirements as having taken at least two accounting courses and a career objective in hospitality accounting or financial services. Don't forget to enter the raffle and contribute to this fund at each chapter meeting.

On the horizon...plans are currently underway to set up a fun-filled social event for us in June. At the February meeting, an informal vote was taken and our members decided that a

cruise was the most popular choice of events. We are now working with a potential sponsor who may help alleviate the cost of the event to our members. At the March board meeting, decisions will be made regarding the final details of the budget, the location of the boat, etc., and as always, members are welcome to join the Board at their meeting. The Board generally meets at 5pm on the day of our chapter meeting. And remember, this June event is for everyone. You are encouraged to bring friends, family and loved ones!! Look for more information to follow soon.

For our April meeting, we are planning to have a speaker discuss the changing IRS requirements and how these affect those of us who deal with the reporting of taxes for our workplace. As we all know, the IRS is looking for ways to reduce the massive amount of paper generated at tax time and these changes will definitely affect all of us, so this will be a meeting not to miss! The April meeting will be held at the beautiful Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills.

See you on the 20th at the Bel Air Bay Club!!

*Mary*

P.S. - Please join us at our next board meeting at 5pm on March 20th at the Bel Air Bay Club.

### **Bel Air Bay Club**

is located at  
16801 Pacific Coast  
Highway  
(310) 454-1391

**Doors open at 6:00 PM!**  
**Cocktails 6:00 - 6:45 PM**  
**Speaker 6:45 PM**  
**Dinner 7:30 PM**

**Our speaker will  
be  
JULIA RIDER  
from  
Jeffer, Mangels, Butler  
& Marmaro LLP  
speaking on:  
How to  
Maximize  
Recovery After a  
Major Disaster**

The price for all members  
and first-time guests  
**\$35.00 per person.**

All others pay \$45.00.  
Please make checks  
payable to "IAHA"  
("No Shows" will be billed)

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Call (818) 836-1222 for  
reservations or just fax the  
**enclosed RSVP form**  
by Tuesday, March 18th

## The IAHA Western Regional Conference is here!!

April 23rd - 26th at the Sheraton Newport Beach Hotel (the hotel will be providing a special rate of \$79 per night for conference attendees.)

Now is our chance to meet members from various chapters within California and from other Western states. We can network with our fellow IAHA members, attend informative seminars, and participate in educational discussions as well as enjoy fun-filled activities! The conference is scheduled as follows:

April 23:  
CHAE review

April 24:  
CHAE exam  
Golf and tennis tournaments

Reception  
April 25:  
"Management 2000"  
"Revenue Generators"  
"Software Solutions Today and What You Must Consider"  
Wine Tasting


April 26:  
"Attitude ... Does It Project Motivation"  
Afternoon at Disneyland

To get more information about this exciting event, or to sign up to participate, please call:

Ellie Warther, Vice President  
of the Orange County Chapter  
at (714) 574-9000

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 17-18  
Club Controllers Conference  
Westgate Hotel - San Diego  
(800) 856-4242

Session topics include:   
"Tax Update for the Private Club",  
"Embezzlements & Kickbacks",  
"Adding Dollars to Your Club's Bottom Line" and more!!

For information, call  
Connie Harris, Director of Education at (800) 856-4242

April 23-26  
Western Region Conference  
(see column to the left)  
contact: Ellie Warther  
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September 24-27  
IAHA Annual Convention  
The Palliser  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
(800) 856-4242



### IAHA WEBSITE

For those who have encountered some technical difficulties reaching this website; good news! It now works and is fully operational (at least when I checked this week!) For any questions, please call the IAHA national office.  
[www.iaha.org](http://www.iaha.org)

### HOTEL-ONLINE WEBSITE

IAHA member Dick Johnson (San Francisco chapter) has opened a great website for you to visit! In fact, this is "must" reading if you want to be current on who is buying who (or who bought your property last night!) He has daily satellite links to several news organizations and has many additional features which you will find valuable.  
[www.hotel-online.com/](http://www.hotel-online.com/)

## DO YOU LIKE WINNING RAFFLE PRIZES?

Of course, we all do! To keep the raffle going, we need prizes! Please donate logo items, a bottle of wine, or any fun item to represent your property! Proceeds go towards our scholarship fund.

Let

us know your favorite website and we will publish it in the next newsletter!

## Directions to the Bel-Air Bay Club

North bound - take the I-10 West, it turns into PCH. Pass Temescal Canyon Road and turn right at the first signal (there is no street sign). If you reach Sunset, you've gone too far.

South bound - From Sunset, turn left onto PCH. Make another left turn at the first signal (there is no street sign). If you reach Temescal Canyon, you've gone too far.

Parking - Free self-parking is available in the lot located in front of the club. Valet parking is not available for this meeting.

See Page 3 for a map to the Bel Air Bay Club

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## This month's speaker

This month, our speaker will be talking about a subject most of us do not like to think about...."The Disaster." Whether fire, flood, earthquake, or other Act of God, disasters are not pleasant to talk about. However, our speaker will show us how avoiding this issue could cost us in the end. This is especially true in our industry where any type of disaster means having concerns not only about customer and employee safety but also property damage, insurance claims and any possible financial devastation that may follow.

As a person with a financial responsibility to your hotel, would you know what to do or who to call after a disaster strikes your property? Does your property even have enough insurance if a disaster does strike? Do you have a designated emergency team?

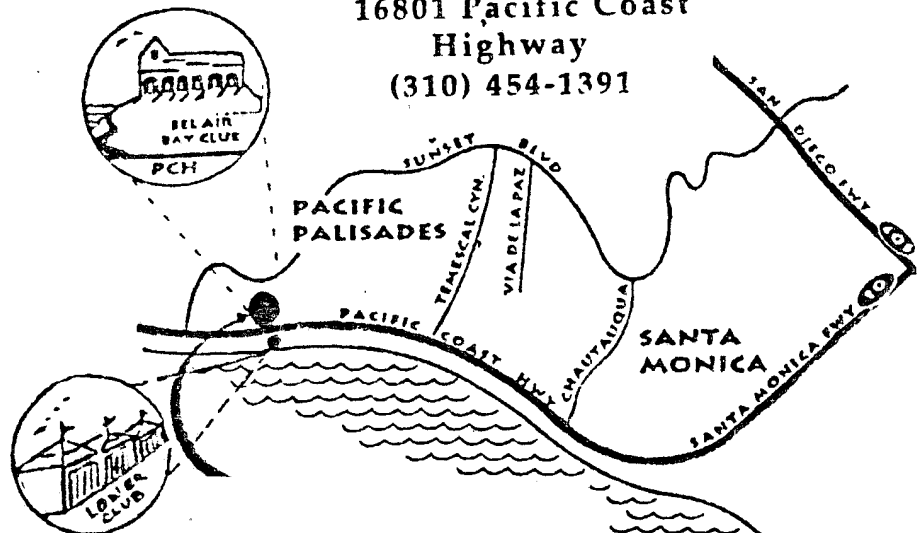
Did you know it is critical to have your team at ground zero within 24 hours of a disaster? The immediate response by your team could save your company millions of dollars ... no action plan and limited response could cost your company millions instead.

Our speaker will be Julia Rider from Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro LLP, "the premier hospitality practice in a full-service law firm." The JMBM Hospitality Group addresses virtually every area of legal services required in the hospitality industry. At our meeting, the speaker will help inform us on how we can legally be prepared for any disaster and avoid losing money after such an event.

In an earthquake-prone state such as California, no one has an excuse to miss this meeting!!

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**International Association of Hospitality**  
**Accountants - Los Angeles Chapter**  
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