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2020 Awards Dinner: "A Night on the Nile"

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On February 8, 2020, the Orange County Chapter of CAI held its Orange County Excellence in Community (OCEC) awards and wine dinner to celebrate the volunteers who help make the chapter excellent. The event was held at Disney's Grand California Hotel, which was the perfect setting for the unforgettable night. The theme of the evening was "A Night on the Nile". The nearly 450 individuals in attendance were dressed in their very best and seem to be having a wonderful time. 2019 Chapter President, Jerry Storage opened the evening dressed as an Egyptian and greeted the crowd in Arabic, which got the everyone's attention.

The evening started with a cocktail hour complete with drinks and hor d'ourves, this was a great opportunity for everyone to mingle just before entering the beautifully decorated room for dinner and the awards ceremony. After the dinner, wine and award winners announced the crowd went to after party where the drinks continued as well as lively music complete with a dance floor.

Congratulations to the following individuals for their awards: Author of the Year, Roger W. Schlierkamp, Speaker(s) of the Year John MacDowell, Angie Adams and Loue Brown, Recruiter of the Year Kelly Bunnell, Community Association Board Member of the Year, Rookie Category Katie Jensen, Community Association Board Member of the Year, Veteran Category Patricia Ruiz, Community Association Board Member of the Year, Hall of Fame Category Mary Falcone, Committee Member of the Year Tina Neubauer, Committee of the Year Community Outreach Committee, Community Manager of the Year *in honor of John C. Kubas* Rookie Category, Lauren Baker, Community Manager of the Year *in honor of John C. Kubas*, Veteran Category Brandon Chen, Innovative Management Award, Wes McKay, Rising Star Award, Andrew D. Scoble, Outstanding Service Award, Scott Clements, Chapter Appreciation Award, Jacqueline D. Foster, Corporate Partner of Year – Runner ups, Business Partner, Fiore, Racobs & Powers, APCL, Management Company, Pacific Coast Management, Inc., Corporate Partner of Year, FirstService Residential, President's Award, Angie Adams, May Russell Lifetime Achievement Award, Pat Gummeson.

A huge thank you to the sponsors of the evening, who helped make this event possible. Also, a big thank you to the awards committee and chapter for planning and executing a truly wonderful evening. Congratulations again to the nominees and award winners. The evening was truly a fun night for all.