Where there’s smoke there’s barbeque at the Probation Department’s Little Hat Barbeque event.

Little Hat Barbeque Tradition

Rodeo time means plenty of western wear around county offices and the Probation Department’s traditional Little Hat Barbeque.

This year’s event took place Wednesday, July 20th and had a great turn out for those picking up lunch or enjoying a delicious barbeque meal under canopies with colleagues and friends. The department sold 450 tickets – that’s a lot of lunch!

This was the 32nd year for the Little Hat event, and it shows no sign of slowing down.
“It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort and very dedicated employees to put this together year after year,” says Probation Chief Marcia Parsons. “Every year I think maybe this will be the last one, but then – hope to see you at the 33rd annual Little Hat in 2017!”

The Little Hat is a way for Probation staff to bring together its many partner agencies and organizations, county departments and court representatives which work with the department for lunch and camaraderie. Among those in attendance this year: District 2 Supervisor John Phillips; former Supervisor Butch Lindley; Honorable Judges Vanessa Vallarta, Julie Culver, Bob Burlison, and Tim Roberts. Also in attendance were Sheriff Steve Bernal and his command staff, Congressional candidate and Deputy District Attorney Jimmy Panetta and former Chief Probation Officer Manuel Real.

Loved the lunch? Give a well-deserved shout out to those who worked so hard to make the event a success:

**Little Hat Food, Set Up Team:**

Marcia Parsons
Isabel Anderson
Melissa Fanning
Michelle Lim
Yvette Sarmiento
Debra Perez
Pascuala Rios
Desiree Saldana
Allison Riddle
David Graham
Dawn Allen
Janis Barber

Meredith Gonzales
Elizabeth Crooks
William Miller
Marisela Morales
Liliana Garcia
Lourdes Rivas
Nancy Bruno
Miriam Gonzales
Geraldine Bravo
Tony Finnegan
Debbie Martin
Esmeralda Valadez
Benny Espiritu

Jeff Johnson
James Landy
Kurt Matthews
Charles Coleman
Julie Kenyon
Jose Ramirez
William Sims

**BBQ Team:**

Leo Salas
David Sims
Celeste Jimenez

**DJ:**

John Nava

Roger McRae
Robert Tamayo
Alex Torres
Tom Hall
Chester Nakatani
Noel Estrada
Omar Ramirez
Gil Meza
Manny Gonzáles
Combined Giving Coming Soon – ‘Bee’ Ready!

It’s nearly time for Monterey County’s Combined Giving 2016! This year’s theme and logo certainly represent the sweet feeling of giving to our community – ‘Bee-ing Charitable.’

Department Coordinators got together this week to celebrate last year’s successes and learn about the 2016 campaign, which will run from August 15th through September 12th. You’ll be hearing a lot more from these folks in the weeks to come.

This year’s campaign will again include a Picnic in the Park on September 11th. Last year’s picnic was a blast so you won’t want to miss it. Department Heads and Managers will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers this year, and more activities are in the planning stages, so ‘stay tuned.’

Here is some big news to share even before the campaign gets under way. The United Way has provided the County with two general admission tickets and an event program to the 2016 Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. This will be the 65th Annual Concours and thanks to the generosity of United Way, two lucky employees will be attending! This is an elegant and exciting, world-class event, and the tickets are valued at $650.00!

Raffle tickets will be $5.00 each, so buy early and buy often! The Department Coordinators will be provided tickets to sell and for those Departments currently without a Coordinator, your Department Head will be able to obtain tickets from Dianah Neff.

Watch for more information as events unfold!!

Auditor Controller Welcomes New Systems Division Chief

Corinna Martinez has joined the Auditor-Controller’s Office as the Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller over the Systems Division. She comes to the County after having been a Senior Project Manager for TurningPoint Global Services Inc., in Rockville, Maryland, and is happy to return to California.
“Corinna brings a skill set that fills a gap that has existed for decades,” says Michael Miller, Auditor-Controller. “I am excited that she is joining our team of professionals.”

Prior to her work in Maryland, Corinna’s worked for a variety of government agencies in the State of California. Her previous employers include the Department of Fish and Game, Department of Corrections, CalPERS and the Department of Health Services.

Corinna has a bachelor’s degree in Education and is a professionally certified Project Manager.

Welcome Corinna!

Corinna Martinez.