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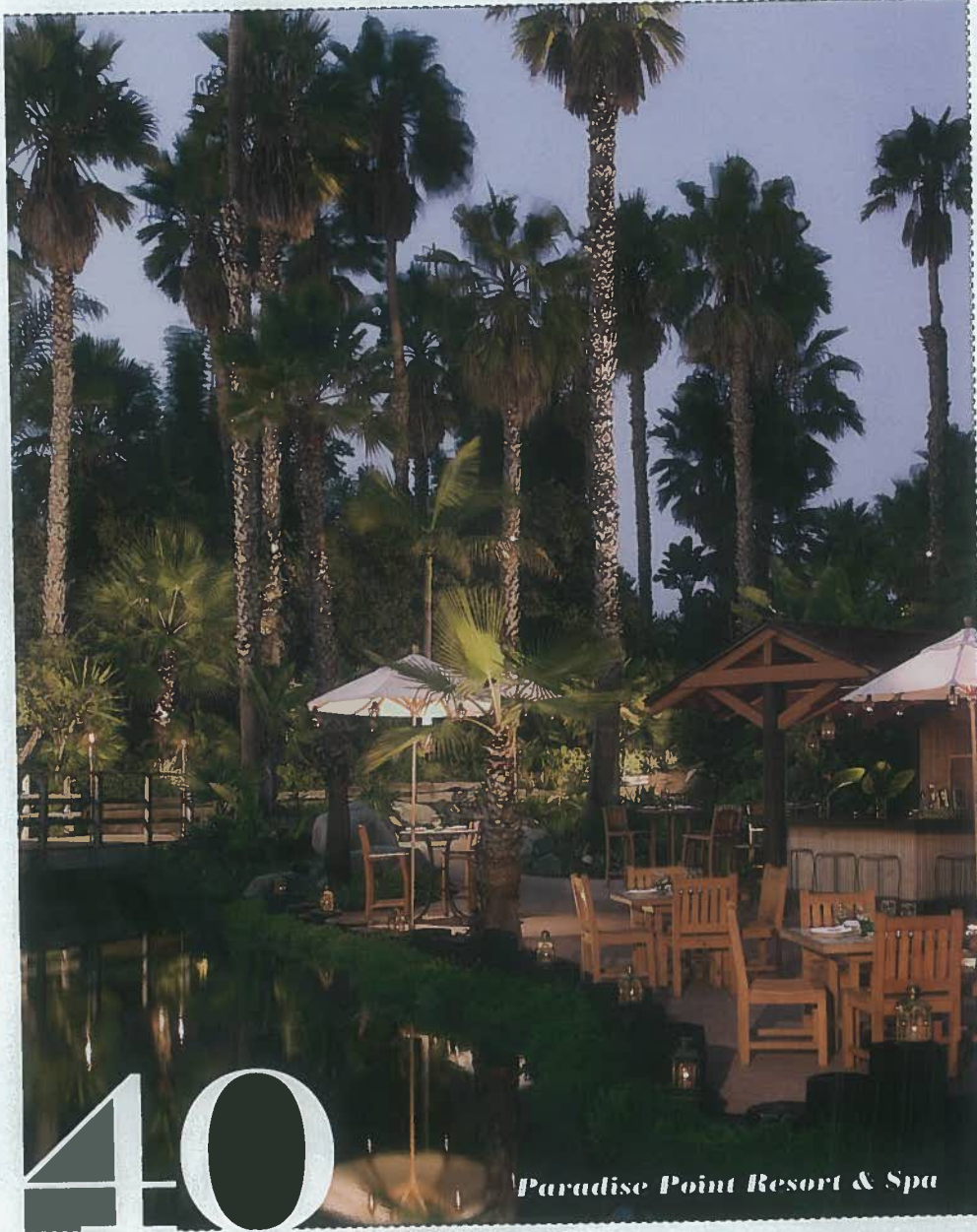
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Innovative technology and the meetings industry converge in San Jose



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Paradise Point Resort & Spa

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New Group Activities at Paradise Point

San Diego's Paradise Point is even more like paradise with the introduction of two new tropical-themed team-building experiences. Island Origins is a two-hour wellness service that includes a private botanical tour of the 44-acre island, which is home to more than 600 types of exotic foliage, followed by a 50-minute massage, botanical foot scrub and scalp treatment using indigenous ingredients. The other new activity, Salt of the Earth Blend Bar, allows groups to mix and design their own all-natural body salts and scrubs with scents like toasted coconut and white ginger lily. Nestled among 44 acres of gardens, lagoons and private beaches on Mission Bay, Paradise Point, by Destination Hotels & Resorts, has 65,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. paradisepointmeetings.com

{NEW VENUE}

New Rooftop Venue at San Diego Marriott Gaslamp

Perched 22 stories above street level, ALTITUDE Sky Lounge at the San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter lays claim as the West Coast's tallest open-air venue. Now groups can enjoy that space year-round with the opening of City Sights, a glass-walled indoor space inside the lounge. With nearly 360-degree views of downtown San Diego, City Sights' amenities include a 75-inch flat-screen television, blackout shades and modular furniture that can be reconfigured to accommodate lunches and dinner parties of various sizes. sandiegogaslamphotel.com

{CONGRATS}

Sacramento-Sierra Nevada MPI Names 2013-2014 Award Winners

Five major awards are conferred each year by the Sacramento-Sierra Nevada Chapter of Meeting Professionals International.



Taking honors as Planner of the Year is **Robin Rinehart**, CTSM, of Rinehart Design and Consulting. Rinehart started her professional career in the food service industry and moved on to corporate sales, marketing and conference management before starting her own company in 2008.



Supplier of the Year honors went to **Paula Higgins**, CMP, CTA, director of group sales for Sonoma County Tourism. Higgins also serves as a Certified Tourism Ambassador for the county's tourism outreach program.



Jeff Dougherty, convention sales manager for the Sacramento CVB, was named Chapter Leader of the Year, while **Jenn Wheaton**, marketing and program director for the California Association of Bed-and-Breakfast Inns, received the Rena McDonald Rising Star Award.



The Crystal Platter Award, recognizing the most outstanding venue to have hosted a chapter meeting in the past year, went to the Sacramento Association of Realtors' **Mack Powell Event Center**.



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