



**THE MISSION INN HOTEL & SPA'S OWNER AND COO KELLY ROBERTS
HONORED WITH THE "WOMEN IN LODGING CONNECT LEADER OF THE
YEAR" AWARD**

*Roberts wins the recognition presented by the California Hotel & Lodging Association's
annual Stars of the Industry Awards*



The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa Owner & COO Kelly Roberts

(RIVERSIDE, CA; Nov. 18, 2016)—The California Hotel & Lodging Association (CH&LA) bestows [The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa's Owner and COO Kelly Roberts](#) the **"Women in Lodging Connect Leader of the Year"** award. The award is given to a female hospitality professional who serves as a leader and role model within the hotel community with an emphasis on the candidate's noteworthy accomplishments, leadership roles, volunteer positions, and personal initiatives. Roberts will represent the CH&LA member hotels and by winning this award will be nominated for the American Hotel & Lodging Association Woman of the Year award.

Roberts oversees the daily operations of all aspects of the hotel including the award-winning [Kelly's Spa](#) where she has launched a new botanical, anti-aging line of products and hotel amenities. The awards were presented at the CH&LA Annual Meeting and Stars of the Industry Luncheon held on November 18 at Terranea Resort.

“I feel incredibly honored to have been chosen for this distinction as a female leader in the hospitality industry,” said Roberts. “Since my husband and I purchased this historic hotel in 1992, we’ve worked diligently to restore the property, returning it to its place as one of the premier destinations in Southern California.”

The Women in Lodging Connect Leader of the Year is one of many awards bestowed by the CH&LA during their Starts of the Industry awards program. This program was created more than 40 years ago by the American Hotel & Lodging Association to recognize outstanding accomplishments in the lodging industry.

Recently, the hotel itself was awarded the 2016 “Best Historic Hotels (201-400 guestrooms) by the Historic Hotels of America, the “Best Historic Hotel” in America by *USA Today’s* 10Best.com, and placed #5 in *Condé Nast Traveler’s* 2016 Readers’ Choice Awards “Top Hotels in Southern California” category.

About The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa

Originally opened in 1903, The AAA Four Diamond, Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa incorporates design elements throughout the southwestern United States, Mexico and several Mediterranean countries. A AAA Four Diamond property, the hotel features 238 guest rooms, including 27 suites and 4 restaurants: Duane’s Prime Steaks and Seafood, a AAA Four Diamond restaurant and Wine Spectator’s 2016 “Best of Award of Excellence” for 20 consecutive years; Bella Trattoria Italian Bistro; Las Campanas Mexican Cuisine & Cantina; and The Mission Inn Restaurant and Spanish Patio. The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa also features 54° at Duane’s, Casey’s Cupcakes, and The Presidential Lounge. The hotel is a recipient of the 2016 Historic Hotel Awards of Excellence “Best Historic Hotel”, “Best Historic Hotel” in America by USA Today’s 10Best.com and placed 5th in Condé Nast Traveler’s 2016 Readers’ Choice Awards’ “Top Hotels in Southern California” category.

In addition, the hotel offers a serene swimming pool and Jacuzzi surrounded by lush gardens; a fitness center; a historic museum offering daily docent-led tours; Kelly’s Spa, a luxurious Tuscan-inspired spa founded by visionary Kelly Roberts who also serves as COO of The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, a National Historic Landmark. The historic hotel is situated on an entire city block of the quaint Mission Inn District of Riverside, CA., features Mission-Revival style architecture inspired by the state’s 21 missions, and is home to a one-of-a-kind art collection. For more information or reservations, please call 1-800-843-7755 or visit www.missioninn.com.

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