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Leadership Morgan Hill gives out Excellence Award

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Leadership Morgan Hill has announced that Sherry Hemingway will be honored with the 2008 Leadership Excellence Award on Aug. 23.

Hemingway was chosen, according to board chair Roger Knopf, because "she outstandingly represents the Leadership graduates who have fulfilled the promise of the program by making a difference in the community."

Hemingway is a marketing and public relations consultant. She has served on the board of Rotary Club of Morgan Hill and worked with various non-profit organizations in the community.

The award ceremony will be at Coyote Creek Golf Club.

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**Sherry Hemingway to Receive 2008
Leadership Excellence Award at Gala**

Leadership Morgan Hill Recognizes Longtime Volunteer

MORGAN HILL, CA – Leadership Morgan Hill announced today that community leader and volunteer Sherry Hemingway will be honored with the 2008 *Leadership Excellence Award* at a jungle-themed gala on August 23.

Leadership Morgan Hill Board Chair Roger Knopf said Sherry was their choice for the 5th year of the prestigious award and tribute because, “She outstandingly represents the Leadership graduates who have fulfilled the promise of the program by making a big difference in the community.”

Knopf also cited Sherry for saving the very existence of the program during challenging years, including founding the fundraising dinner where she will now be honored. Sherry not only saved the program, she increased its quality and effectiveness tremendously through the establishment of a highly committed independent Board of Directors that has taken a very hands-on approach to the program curriculum.

Hemingway will officially receive her award at the tribute dinner and benefit August 23 at Coyote Creek Golf Club. Honorary Chair for the event is Morgan Hill Mayor Steve Tate; Event Co-Chairs are Carol Carr and Connie Iobst. The event will have a jungle theme, acknowledging Sherry’s lifelong passion for visiting indigenous tribes in remote regions of the world. It will be a fun and festive event that successfully captures the spirit and success of Leadership Morgan Hill that Sherry has so strongly championed.

Sherry is a marketing and public relations consultant in Morgan Hill whose volunteerism includes being on the board of Rotary Club of Morgan Hill and work with numerous non-profit organizations. She holds a journalism degree from Kent State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University. She is married to John Hemingway and together they have five adult children and seven grandchildren.

The *Leadership Excellence Award* was established to recognize an individual or individuals whose vision and leadership advance the spirit of community and charity; reflect courage and insight; and inspire others to lead in a like manner. The award may cite a singular outstanding moment that manifests clear and defined leadership skills or it may memorialize a prolonged tenure of continuous and meritorious leadership activities.

Leadership Morgan Hill, organized in 1995, provides educational opportunities and experiences for citizens and employees in the public, private and non-profit sectors, who will become future leaders. Its mission is to provide insight and tools that enable and inspire its graduates to give back to the community through service.

To date, about 250 students have graduated from the annual, nine-month program and many now hold seats of great influence in the community.

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