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Some old friends were back with us tonight ...

Some Familiar Faces at Tonight's Club Meeting!

Tonight's **Kiwanis Club** meeting had some familiar faces in attendance tonight. **Don Nielsen** brought his good friend **Dean Torrence** (from the 1950's **Jan & Dean** singing duo and one of our Programs last year) with him to visit. **Jay Mastroianni**, **Rick Glasby** and **John Leeb** were in attendance after a bit of an extended hiatus and were a sight for sore eyes. Along with the usual band of brigands who make up the **Club**, it was good to see so many old friends back with us.



Tonight's Program told us about the different ways SC Edison has to help us be more energy efficient.

Announcements

- **President Brent** reminded everyone that the **Valentine's Dinner** will be held on February 11th. And invited **Club** members to bring their favorite sweetheart to come share the evening at the **Park**. The sign-up sheet was again sent around so we can get an accurate headcount for the event. If you just can't seem to get your name on the list and are interested in attending, give **President Brent** a call.
- The date for our **Club's Pancake Breakfast** to benefit **KiwanisLand** has been set. It will take place at the **Park** on Sunday, April 18th. So make sure to keep the date open and mark your calendars. The **Club** unanimously voted to name **Efrain Davolos** as **Pancake Breakfast Chairman** (that will teach you to miss a meeting **Efrain**...) due to the fantastic job he did last year. More information will be forthcoming!
- We received a \$100 donation to **KiwanisLand** from the **Orange County Speaker, Inc.** in **Garden Grove**. The reason for the donation was not passed along to me, but I know that the **Orange County Speaker** company is a great supporter of the **Park** and it may have also been for an event they had during the recent holidays. Coincidentally, it just so happens that the check is signed by the boss of the head of **KiwanisLand** (Thanks **Sharon** and **Gary Sunda!**).

Program

Our **Program** this evening was **Eddie Marquez**, who is Public Affairs Region Manager for **Southern California Edison**. His duties include being the primary legislative, political, business, and community liaison. He also serves as the manager of charitable contributions; public safety and emergency response contact; and company spokesperson for this region. **Eddie** once worked for **Leon Panetta** (former **U.S. Congressman** from **California**; Chief of Staff for **President Bill Clinton** and the current Director of the **Central Intelligence Agency**). **Eddie** spoke to us about **Edison's** many energy efficiency programs which includes their Lamp Exchange (where they will exchange an older incandescent lamps with compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) which use up to 75% less energy). They also have rebate programs for purchasing energy efficient appliances; solar energy programs where they will actually pay you if you put more electricity into the system than you use; rebate and reduced rate programs for Energy Star air conditioning and Energy Efficient evaporative cooling systems. **Edison** also has many business related rebate and reduced rate programs. **Edison** is mandated by the PUC and the state to be energy efficient. Additional information can be found at the **Edison** website at www.sce.com.

Happy/Sad

RC - Happy \$ for **Jack W.** working so hard on getting the old walk-in refrigerator removed.
Don N. - Happy \$ to be here with his friend **Dean Torrence** tonight. **Bob M.** - Happy \$ to be here and for Program.
Dean Torrence - Happy \$ to be here with **Don** and get to visit with us again.
Peter C. - Happy \$ to be here tonight. **Jack W.** - Happy \$ for **Don S.** help to haul away the old walk-in refrigerator.
Ed H. - Sad \$ because he has nothing to say tonight. **Walt D.** - Happy \$ because he is just happy tonight.
John L. - Happy \$ to see all of our old faces. Happy \$ to see the **Club** got a new fine bucket.
Jay M. - Happy \$ that he liked the chicken dinner we had tonight. (He knows the cook!)
Rick G. - Happy \$ to be back at **KiwanisLand** tonight. Very Happy \$ that there were no arguments tonight.
Don S. - Happy \$ for the Program. Happy \$ because he uses a lot of LED lighting in his business.
Will S. - Happy \$ to see a lot of familiar faces tonight who have been missing for awhile.
Tom P. - Hopeful \$ to have a good vacation in **Panama** and on the **Amazon River** cruise.
Craig H. - Happy \$ for the Program. Happy \$ **Don N.** helped **Gabby** out. Happy \$ to see everyone here.
Bruce B. - Happy \$ to see **Dean Torrence** here. **Brent H.** - Happy \$ for to see old faces here tonight.
Gerry N. - Sad \$ that he missed last week. Happy \$ to see **John L.**, **Rick G.** and **Jay M.** here tonight.

Upcoming Events

Feb 11th	Valentines Day Dinner (bring your favorite sweetheart)
Feb 18th	Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards Ceremony
Feb 25th	Scott Malone from Poseidon Resources to speak on their water desalinization project
Mar 4th	Speaker from Merrill Lynch to talk about tax law changes .

Thought For The Week

"The reason a golf pro tells you to keep your head down while you swing is so you can't see him laughing."

Gerry Newlark