



Ramblings

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We had some special visitors with us tonight ...

Morning Kiwanis Club Comes For A Visit!

There was a high concentration of **Garden Grove Kiwanis** members in the **Clubhouse** at tonight's **Kiwanis Club** meeting. No it wasn't just because of our normal group of members, but because we had a large contingent of morning **Kiwanis Club** members visiting us tonight for an Inter-Club meeting. From the morning crew we had in attendance **President Phil Carter, Dennis Malugian, Saimi Hayes, Bill and Gloria Pickerill, Steve and Pam Meislahn, and Dianne McGranahan**. Rumor had it that they were not really here for an Inter-Club, but because it was our **President Brent's** Birthday today and they wanted to spend his Birthday dinner with him (and us). For his birthday present, the **Morning Club** stole **President Brent's** gavel and bell! **President Brent** started tonight's meeting off by thanking **Vice President Will Swanstrom** for standing in for him last week at the **Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove Awards** event.



Today was President Brent's Birthday! And his birthday wish came true - he got to have his birthday dinner with us and his wife...

Happy Birthday Brent!

Program

Tonight's Program was **Scott Maloni, Vice President of Development** from **Poseidon Resources**. They are a privately held company based in **Stamford, CT** that specialize in developing and financing water infrastructure projects, primarily seawater desalination and water treatment plants. He spoke to us tonight about his company and their two local projects, the water desalination plants that will be built in **Carlsbad** and in **Huntington Beach**. There are about 1200 water desalination plants in operation in the **United States** and about 12,500 desalination plants around the world in 120 countries. Desalination is not the cheapest method of producing drinkable water, but it is now cost competitive to other methods. The planned **Huntington Beach** plant will produce 50 million gallons of drinkable water a day when it becomes operational in early 2014. Ground breaking is scheduled for 2011 and it will be built behind (just inland of) the current AES steam generation power plant located at **PCH** between **Newland St.** and **Magnolia Ave.** The desalination plant will tap into the steam generation power plant's seawater discharge pipeline (that it uses for cooling) to draw off seawater that will be turned into drinking water through a reverse osmosis filtering process. It takes 2 gallons of seawater to make 1 gallon of drinking water. The higher salinity excess water will be mixed back in to the power plant's seawater discharge pipeline to dilute and be sent back out to the ocean off the coast of **Huntington Beach**.

Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for his upcoming date with **Will S.** to go to **Vegas** and see **NASCAR** race.
- RC** - Happy \$ for **Jack W.** and all of his hard work on getting the walk in refer built. Happy \$ for the Program.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ for Program and for the **Morning Club** being here tonight with us.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ because he is glad to be here tonight. **John L.** - Happy \$ for **Ed. H's** brevity.
- Walt D.** - Sad \$ because he missed the **Boys & Girls Club** Program last week. Happy \$ for the Program tonight.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for good Program and Inter-Club tonight. **Efrain D.** - Happy \$ to be here and good Program.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight. **Will S.** - Happy \$ to get to go to **Vegas** because he hasn't been in a while.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ for the Program tonight and for **Morning Club** visiting. He didn't know they had that many members.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for the **Morning Club** being here and to thank them for their donation and all they do for the **Park**.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ for **Morning Club** here tonight. **Brent H.** - Happy \$ for **Jack W.**, speaker and **Morning Club** here.
- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ that he miss next week while up in **Seattle**. Happy \$ for **Morning Club** and all they do for us.
- Dianne M.** - Happy \$ for for **Jack W.**, the good Program and a good meeting.
- Dennis M.** - Happy \$ for Program. Happy \$ for **KiwanisLand** and it keeping **Jack W.** off of the street.
- Phil Carter** - Happy \$ for the great Program and for **President Brent**. Happy \$ for the good dinner.
- Saimi Hayes** - Happy \$ for **Brent's** Birthday. Happy \$ for the good Program tonight.
- Bill P.** - Happy \$ for the Program, the good dinner and for getting to visit wit hall of us tonight.
- Steve M.** - Happy \$ for the dinner tonight, the Program and for **President Brent's** Birthday.

Upcoming Events

- Mar 4th** Speaker from Merrill Lynch to talk about tax law changes.
- Apr 18th** KiwanisLand Pancake Breakfast

Thought For The Week

"Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway." ~ John Wayne