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Wednesday, March 20th

Guest Speaker:

***Dan Harrison, Land Surveyor & Map Checker Extraordinaire
with the Department of Public Works, County of San Diego***

Mr. Harrison began his County career 29 years ago as a Chainman (some people say he took Jon Blake's old job). Approximately 25 years ago he agreed to a temporary transfer to the Map Processing section to check Record of Survey maps submitted to the County Surveyor for review per the L.S. Act. The rest is History. Dan will be presenting several interesting and unique problems in local Survey History. It should be an educational and interesting evening, so get you reservation in early.

Holiday Inn

Stadium / Mission Valley

3805 Murphy Canyon Road

San Diego (858) 277-1199

6 p.m. Social/Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program

Leave your name with Steve Martin

Email is preferred: smartipw@co.san-diego.ca.us

Or: 858 694-3161

no later than 11:00am Monday, March 18th so that we can give the caterers a guaranteed number of meals we will pay for. (At February's meeting we still had to pay for several no-shows.)

Dinner Buffet - \$23.00

Sliced Round of Beef au jus

Sliced Breast of Turkey with natural gravy

Seasoned Vegetables

Red Potatoes

Garden salad

Fruit Tray

Warm Rolls and Butter

Chefs Desert table

Coffee & Tea

Price includes tax & tip

GENERAL MEETING – February 20, 2002

The February meeting was held at Holiday Inn, Stadium/Mission Valley. Bob Elliot hosted the happy hour. After dinner, Allan Wake called the meeting to order.

Chuck Safford, Jr., PLS 3145 entertained us with his impressive surveying career which began in 1951. He obtained his license in 1961 and retired 30 years later. During his career, he spent the majority of his time working for Rick Engineering. He joined CLSA in 1973. In 1976, he hosted the first conference for CLSA. He set up the scholarship program and believes the scholarship should have been named after Joe Switzer, the first president of CLSA. Chuck set up the educational program for licensure through the Operating Engineer's Union. During his 40 year career, he witnessed many changes. He spoke of computers with vacuum tubes and punch cards to data collectors. He researched and acquired the first GPS equipment in San Diego County. Lastly, he advised us on retirement planning and thanked his son, Jeff for following in his footsteps.

President's Report

Allan reported that \$100 will be sent to San Luis Rey Mission in memory of Jack Sands.

Mike Pallamary's email concerning the customer service at the City Of San Diego Records Center was forwarded to Terry Marshall via Lee Hennes. Allan reminded us that the Chapter email list needs prior approval of the board prior to it being used.

Vice - President's Report

Steve Martin spoke of Jack Sands. Jack is greatly missed by our community. Many of us learned the altitude or hour angle method from Jack. He gave astronomy seminars throughout the state. He also taught astronomy in the local Caltrans license review classes. Steve passed around a picture of Jack, the way Steve will always remember him.

Steve announced that our guest for the next meeting will be Dan Harrison presenting 'Interesting Surveys in San Diego County'.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Ambler reported that the general fund has \$3287.69 and the education fund has \$4614.81.

We have 89 paid members and 5 lifetime members. Membership invoices are sent out.

We will donate \$500 for student assistants at the conference.

Secretary's Report

Anne Hoppe reported that the next executive meeting is 6 March at Hunsaker & Associates.

Chapter Representatives

No report

New Business

-Scott Hurst gave us the sad news that Dave Macy, PLS of PDC passed away. He was in a car accident in Mexico. He, too, is greatly missed by his fellow surveyors. – See the enclosed memoriam on Dave.

-Kelly Martin has resumes available for us. He is looking for employment in the SD area.

-Door prizes are requested for the conference in Tahoe. See the State CLSA website for further information.

-Mike Pallamary addressed his email (mentioned above). He apologized for using the email list and offered to buy us all a beer. Thanx Mike! Mike stated that the customer service issue is a good opportunity for the chapter to become involved with the City as a professional and respected organization. Mike's philosophy is that professionals should have the privilege to research. Allan suggested an ad-hoc committee to follow up with Mike's concerns.

Old Business

-Armand announced that he will be driving up to the Tahoe conference. He volunteered to transport donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6 FEB 2002

Attending: Allan Wake, Steve Martin, Dave Ambler, Dave Viera, and Anne Hoppe

Presidents Report

Allan called the meeting to order at Hunsaker's.

-There are vacant committee chair positions. We need assistance on the Education Committee. We need a volunteer for the mini-seminars and LS review class. Anne and Don may be able to fulfill the requirements this year.

-Allan received an email from Brian Laird in regards to a discussion group on the Topica website. The info will be published in the newsletter.

-Allan followed up with Mike Pallamary's concern. An appointment is needed in the City's records center only if assistance is needed, but you must check in. If no assistance is needed, research can be done on a self-help basis. The hours open to the Public are 8-4:00 M-Th, 8-3:00 Friday. Anyone wishing to form a Committee on this issue, contact Allan Wake or Mike Pallamary.

Vice President's Report

-The next general meeting will be 20MAR 02 at Holiday Inn Stadium/Mission Valley. Dan Harrison will discuss interesting surveys in San Diego County. There is a rumor that one particular survey may be Rancho El Cajon.

- Steve asked for ideas on future meeting places. Allan believes we need places with bigger bars. *Editor's note: not prison or monkey bars, and not topless bars, but kind of like the Long Bar years ago in Tijuana where – never mind.*

Treasurer's Report

- Dave reported that there is \$4114.81 in the Education Fund and \$4627.69 in the General Fund.

- Five hundred dollars was sent to Dorothy for the student assistants at the conference.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were approved for the FEB 02 general meeting.

Education Committee

- Allan reported on behalf of Armand's email. Jennifer O'Gorman will be awarded the CLSA Education Foundation scholarship of \$750.

- Jennifer was looking for a new career path in which she could put her education in mathematics to good use and enjoy it. She has her BS in Mathematics and MS in Education from Southern Oregon University, with 11 years of mathematics based teaching experience. As a Geomatics Engineering Honors Scholar, she was recognized as the best transfer student to the program this year. Jenny serves as a math tutor for the program, as she is easily able to communicate mathematical concepts to the applications oriented students. As an extraordinary student, she is the prospective surveyor that we need as we move into the future.

- The guidelines/criteria for the scholarships need to be updated. The education committee will update them; bring them before the board for recommendation of approval, and then to the general membership for approval. Within the scope of updating, a scholarship in the name of Joseph Switzer is recommended.

Chapter Representatives

- Dave Viera was concerned if the minutes were put out only by email with the emailed newsletter. But the minutes did make the snail-mail. It was discussed to modify the membership application to include the email option for receiving the newsletter.

GIS Committee

No report.

JPPC

No report. We will ask DK to please send us information on cases/status and general info.

Membership Committee

For 2002, there are 117 paid members and 5 lifetime members for a total of 122 members. There is a steady stream of membership invoices coming in.

Old Business

-see enclosed letter to Mission San Luis Rey in memory of Jack Sands

New Business

Brian Laird contacted us about an on-line survey discussion group at www.topica.com called SDSURVEY. This can serve as an open forum for sharing ideas, asking questions and raising issues. Brian has modeled this after Arizona's very successful discussion group also found on the Topica website. If you have further interest please check out the Web-site or contact Brian - bplaird@rickengineering.com. Thanks Brian for your interest in improving communication among Surveyors!

Newsletter

Articles are encouraged for publication in the newsletter. Send reports and articles are to Allan Wake by the first Friday of the month. Please email to awake@SanDiego.gov and at akw@cox.net

Letter mailed to Mission San Luis Rey

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Oceanside , CA 92057

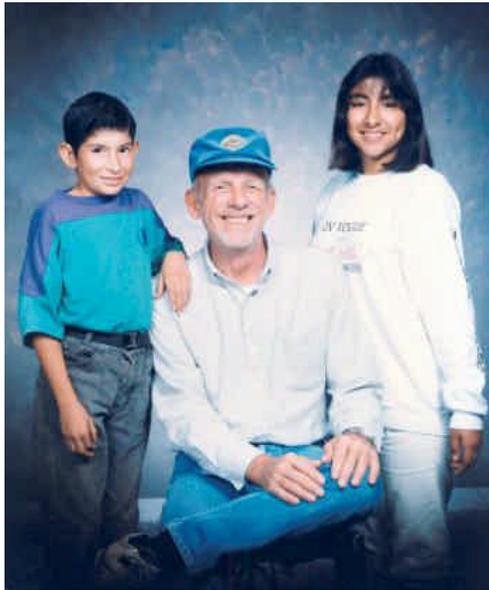
Dear Treasurer:

Enclosed is a check to the Mission San Luis Rey in the amount of \$100. John Langdon Sands has recently passed away and in respect for the family wishes we offer this donation to the Mission. Jack, as he is known among Surveyors, was well respected in the surveying community, has encouraged and helped many Surveyors in their career, and will be sadly missed.

Please accept this in memory of John Langdon Sands and the contributions he has made to the Surveying profession in Southern California.

Sincerely,

Allan K. Wake, President
CLSA San Diego



Dave Macy Remembered

Dave Macy, a land surveyor at ProjectDesign Consultants in San Diego, was an inspiration to everyone around him. For the past 10 years, Dave selflessly acted as a surrogate father for two impoverished children in Mexico, Brenda and Danny. After meeting the children begging on the streets, Dave immediately began providing financial and emotional support to them from that day on.

The children now live in an apartment with full utilities, appliances and even a computer. Dave traveled to Mexico almost every weekend to take the children to movies and help them with their homework.

Mr. Macy was born in Wayne, Michigan on August 10, 1946. Mr. Macy died February 16th, 2002 in an automobile accident in Mexico. A memorial service was held to celebrate Dave's life on March 1st at Eternal Hills Mortuary in Oceanside, California.

A dedicated land surveyor for the past thirty-five years, Dave moved from Oregon to San Diego in the late 1980's to pursue a career at SDG&E before moving on to ProjectDesign Consultants in 1997. Dave was responsible for overseeing SDG&E

contract surveying and right-of-way work while at PDC.

Dave with his "Children" Danny and Brenda

While Dave will be remembered for his accomplished career in land surveying, he will possibly be more remembered as a selfless, thoughtful, soft-spoken gentlemen who treasured his surrogate children, airplanes, pipe smoking and lemon pie.



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