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Happy Holidays!

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Holiday Extravaganza Catamaran Resort Hotel On Mission Bay

3999 Mission Blvd. San Diego (858) 488-1081.

Wednesday, December 18, 2002

Happy Hour 5:30–6:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30, Raffles/Entertainment/VP Awards 7:30

Entertainment by “The Mind-to-Mind Show” by Dave Winston.

You will be talking for a long time about this compelling, thought-provoking entertainment. Dave Winston reads minds and will describe the character of our group (uh-oh) in an entertaining and hilarious way. This show will be about us Surveyors!

Winston progressively proves the incredible power of the mind. We become the stars by demonstrating the ability to communicate telepathically while Winston talks about our talents, abilities and goals. This event brings people together – if we do not know each other before the show, we will after!

Also on tap for the evening will be DJ Ed Lavato taking your requests.

We will have a bar set up in the room and we ask that everybody please make their way to the room before buying drinks so that we can make the \$350 minimum bar tab.

Special Raffle Prizes donated by San Diego Firms and Members

Donations of raffle prizes by firms and/or individuals encouraged.

Bring your spouse and/or a friend and enjoy the evening!

Choice of the following Menu Items

Sautéed Salmon marinated in olive oil and tarragon served on a bed of spinach with a cream saffron sauce and parmesienne of potato;

Broiled breast of chicken with sun-dried tomatoes, pine nuts and basil sauce with wild rice pilaf and fresh winter vegetables;

New York strip steak with roasted shallot, red wine and lemon thyme sauce served with garlic mashed potatoes and fresh winter vegetables.

The Salmon and Chicken dinners are \$30 and the Steak is \$35.

All selections include Mixed season greens with choice of dressing. Ice cream truffle on a painted plate with fresh fruit garnish. Rolls and butter, Coffee, Decaf, & Tea. Cocktails & bar beverage service on cash & carry basis.

Reservations must be made in advance!

Please RSVP by Email to Steven.Martin@sdcounty.ca.gov no later than 12:00pm Monday December 16th. Include your choice of Entrée. (858) 694-3161 for the Email impaired.

Please note that parking at the Catamaran is \$2 per hour, \$10 maximum.

As is our custom, we will be having a holiday raffle. Hit your boss up for donations, gift baskets, bottles of wine, the treasured Hunsaker T-shirt whatever your office can do. If you are the boss, think big!

See you all there, it should be a fun night!

GENERAL MEETING – November 20, 2002

The November meeting was held at The Raintree Bar & Grill in Carlsbad. After dinner, Allan Wake called the meeting to order. He thanked Dave Viera for his heartfelt words in the newsletter for Dana Sequin. Allan took note of the picture of Dana in the newsletter. The picture showed Dana's joy for life sparkling in his eyes. Allan held a moment of silence and then initiated 3 cheers for Dana. Dana, you will be in our thoughts each and every day.....you were a very well respected surveyor and friend!!!

Steve introduced our guest speaker, Paul Cuomo, who actually didn't need an introduction. We have all attended his seminars. Paul's topic, "Decisions that affect the way we survey", started with reserving and excepting - fee or easement. He reminded us that 'reserves' indicates that the grantor keeps a right (or an easement) for themselves and 'excepting' indicates the grantor is granting in fee except the 'exception'. The two terms have been commonly used in descriptions over the years and most of the time, denotes that an easement is being granted. However, it is not always apparent. Interpretation of the meaning of the terms may be found in the acts of the grantor or from extrinsic evidence. An easement should be reserved initially, and then subsequent descriptions/conveyances should state 'subject to' rather than reserving or excepting. He discussed a survey that involved the confusion caused by these terms. The fee interest was finally determined by using extrinsic evidence. Paul researched court cases after he made his professional opinion and was satisfied to find cases that backed up his opinion. He did state that we should research before we survey.

His next subject was 'senior rights'. Paul demonstrated how case law from other states affect our practice and a junior deed line may control. The east line of the senior parcel was described as 'south' from the north line of the 1/4 section and the west line of the adjoiner's deed, written on the same day, was described as 'parallel with the east line of the section'. His task was to determine the location of the line. Once again, he used extrinsic evidence to prove the location of the line and found court cases to justify his professional opinion. And once again, he emphasized that we should research prior to surveying. As always, we enjoyed Paul's presentation and look forward to more.

President's Report

-Allan thanked Servco for the door prizes and James Yaccino for additional raffle items and hosting the happy hour.
-He introduced and congratulated one of our new PLSs - John Mieling of Caltrans.
-He addressed the concern of the LS review class - will there be an exam in April? Yes, there will be an exam in April! The rumor of budget problems effects the civil engineering exam, **not** the land surveyor's exam. However, the national exam will be required.
-A scholarship in Dana's name is being drafted and will be brought forward for a vote by the general membership. In addition, Dana's wife, Lisa, is thinking of something 'really cool' for us to commemorate Dana.

Vice-President's Report

-Steve Martin thanked Dave Viera again for his words of Dana. He mentioned that he had just spoke to Dana a few weeks ago just like business was usual and Dana was 'full of life'.
-He stated that the Christmas meeting will be at the Catamaran, 18 DEC. He solicited raffle prizes for the festivities.

Treasurer's Report

-Dave Ambler reported that the general fund has \$5861 and the education fund has \$2026.
- We had 70 attend last months meeting and 50 attending this evening.
-He read a thank you letter from Roxanne Belle, the scholarship recipient at Cal Poly. – see her letter further in the newsletter.

Secretary's Report

- Annie reported that the next executive meeting is 4 DEC at The Olive Garden at 5:30.

JPPC Report

No report

Education Committee

No report.

Chapter Representatives

-Lonie Cyr inquired on the interest for one payment for state and local membership. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to leave the payment of dues 'as is'.

Legislative Committee

-Mike Butcher stated that SB 497 may be revisited. 'Horror stories' are needed to document and substantiate reasoning to revisit SB 497.

NEW BUSINESS

-Allan thanked everyone for his opportunity to be president and gave the reigns to Steve.

OLD BUSINESS

-None
Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne L. Hoppe, PLS
Secretary 2002

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Dec 4, 2002

The meeting was conducted by email as there were only two items of concern: 1. Holiday Party expense approval – funding approved. 2. L.S. Review seminars – We are disappointed about the low turnout for the mini-seminars, especially the last session on GIS opportunities, which our Profession is so woefully neglect in. Thanks to Jas, Don Wooley, and all involved for their hard work on this. The LS Review seminars are in progress. All help on this is greatly appreciated. Contact Jas with any ideas or able assistance.

President's Report

Paul Cuomo's discussion at the November general meeting was very good. For me it reminded me of things to consider in boundary/deed conflicts, particularly about bona fide occupation rights being a primary consideration in conflicting property rights. Paul will be conducting LS review workshops in Feb and March. Check out his web-site www.pacificland.com for other upcoming workshops. For more information and to join their mailing list call 949-642-0335 or fax request to 949-548-4472. You can also e-mail to: paul@pacificland.com

I appreciate everyone's involvement the past year. My aim when accepting nomination to the Board was to increase interest in our Chapter. During this time, meeting attendance has increased, so it looks like we have created something of interest and value to our members. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Vice - President's Report

There has been a problem with no-shows on dinner reservations. We paid a couple of hundred dollars last meeting for meals where people did not show up after RSVP'ing. The Chapter usually breaks even on the dinner meetings, sometimes a slight gain, several times a big loss. Please honor your RSVP as that is what the restaurant plans for on the amount of food and cost – we are still charged for no shows

Treasurer's Report

Dave Ambler showed up at Giovanni's for the Exec meeting before reading that the email meeting was adjourned. He missed seeing the Exec Board. I don't know how many pitchers he had in our honor, but he did report that the general fund has \$4545.70 in it.

Letter from Roxann Belle CLSA SD Scholarship Recipient

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship in the amount of \$750.00.

Over the years, I have given my future plans a great deal of thought. It has taken long deliberation due to my varied talents and interests. I have been blessed to have the constant encouragement and support of my family, teachers and clergy in all of my endeavors. They have taught me "what matters is not to know the world, but to change it." I know through my education in civil engineering and surveying that I will actually be able to change the world.

Thank you for giving me a stepping stone towards the continuation of my education. I would like to accept your invitation to attend your CLSA chapter meetings. Please forward the dates of your upcoming chapter meetings to me.

CLSA San Diego Survey Student Stipends:

The Stipend program's goals are to: provide funding for local students working towards a degree in a surveying related field at a Junior College in San Diego County. They will receive \$100 for an A, \$75 for a B, \$50 for a C. It will be limited to one survey class per student per semester.

Applicants need to mail in a copy of their grade (of a surveying class) and address to: CLSA San Diego, P.O. BOX 85152, MAIL BOX 261, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92186-5152

CLSA Education Foundation

- see attached PDF file. For those not on the Email distro contact the Central Office: P.O. Box 9098 · Santa Rosa ·

California 95405 Telephone 707/578-6016 for Foundation scholarship information and applications.

EMPLOYMENT

Pasco Engineering

A medium size civil engineering and surveying firm in coastal North County has an opportunity for a surveyor looking for a balance of field and office work. Ideal for an L.S.I.T. looking to acquire the skills to take the L.S. Contact Joe Yuhas @ 858-259-8212

Walsh Engineering & Surveying

Is looking for a qualified Survey Crew Chief with a broad range of experience in the Land Surveying Profession to join our team.

The right candidate would possess local knowledge of Boundary and Construction methods, ability to work and grow in a team environment, good communication skills, and a desire to expand their Surveying abilities.

Motivated individuals interested in this position can fax their resume to (619) 588-6477 or E-mail them to ken@walsh-engineering.com

County of San Diego

Junior Surveyor: Entry level position. Performs a variety of land surveying tasks. Requires a bachelor's degree in Land Surveying from an ABET approved college or university, OR possess a valid L.S.I.T. certificate AND two years of professional land surveying work. Ann. Sal: \$43,451-\$52,811

Assistant Surveyor: Performs a variety of technical office and field land surveying work. Requires a bachelor's degree in Land Surveying from an ABET approved college or university, AND one year of professional land surveying work after graduation; OR possess a valid L.S.I.T. Certificate and have three years of professional land surveying experience after obtaining the L.S.I.T. Ann. Sal: \$50,190 - \$61,027

Land Surveyor: Performs complex land surveying and has responsibility for a projects and programs and may supervise staff. Requires California registration as a licensed Land Surveyor. \$59,114 - \$71,864

Apply immediately for these positions; open until further notice. Apply to Dept of HR, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 207, San Diego, CA 92101. Phone: (858) 694-2203, or e-mail

howard.hicks@sdcounty.ca.gov or see web site at www.sdcounty.ca.gov. No resumes; application required. EOE

San Diego based progressive civil engineering firm, **MAYGroup, Inc.** has opportunities for qualified individuals for the following position: **LAND SURVEYOR:** Calif. LS registration. Fax or e-mail resume: (858) 505-0441/ mail@maygroupinc.net.

ProjectDesign Consultants, one of San Diego County's largest engineering/surveying firms, has a career opportunity for an experienced **SURVEY MANAGER** to join the management team of a 45+ person Survey Department. Must have CA Land Surveyors license and 10+ years experience. Position will require excellent communication skills, broad experience in all aspects of land surveying, ability to form solid client relationships, manage staff and contract accounts, and be a team player. Business development and marketing skills desirable. careers@projectdesign.com 619-234-0349 fax. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

- CLSA/NALS 2003 Conference

March 9-12

Silver Legacy, Reno, NV

[Registration Information](#)

- California State University Fresno 42nd Annual Geomatics Conference January 24-25, 2003
www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/gme_con_42.htm

Or call Eric Sage (559) 436-0821 or (530) 682-1976

-ACSM and Arizona LS Assoc Conference and Technology Exhibit March 29-April 1, 2003 at Phoenix, Arizona. <http://www.acsm.net/>

NOTICES

Thanks to Mike Hart for the following info:

-Riverside County Flood Control had 3 pieces of equipment stolen on Sept. 19, 2002 from a survey truck in a parking lot in Riverside.

1 Sokkia Set 3010 Total Station Ser. # 011333

1 Sokkia B2-C first order level Ser. #41833

1 Motorola HT100 Handie Talkie

-If anyone comes across this equipment please contact David Stone at 909.955.1235 or 909.645.0677.

From the CLSA Web-site:

-Stolen GPS Equipment - Huitt-Zollars (Irvine Office) had GPS equipment stolen on Sat. November 30, 2002 from a location along the Santa Ana River in the City of Orange:

1 Trimble 5700 receiver #0220294090

1 Trimble Zephyr antenna

1 Trimble "cowbell" battery

-If anyone comes across this equipment please contact John Duquette at 714-734-5100. Thank you

Editors Note

Thanks to Dave Viera for the front page design.

Newsletter

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

- Members are encouraged to receive email newsletters in lieu of mailings. Because of your help with this, the hard copy mailing costs have been significantly reduced. To request an email newsletter only contact Jas Arnold at jarnold@rickeng.com.

-The advertising policy approved by the Board: 1) full page one time in newsletter \$150.00 charge. 2.) ½ page one time in newsletter \$100.00. 3) Business card size ad one year in newsletter \$150.00. 4) Employment offers by a member free for 3 months, extended if needed. 5) Web-site banner \$100.00. Other Web-site advertising charges to be determined.



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