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President's Message

By Asabi Goodman

Greetings, Golden Empire Section Members and welcome to November! Before we get down to business, I just want to thank those of you who came out to this year's annual picnic; a fabulous time was had by all!

And now, the business. The month of November marks our last dinner meeting of the year and it is sure to be an exciting one with a presentation on OSHA safety rules by our very own Mike Popichak and Clint Stewart! And there is a slight change in location - the November dinner meeting will be held at Marie Calendar's...we just couldn't resist their wonderful food and hospitality!

In addition to November being the last dinner meeting, it is also the time when we select our new board members. The slate for next year's board is as follows:

President	Amando Garza
President-Elect	Patty Banducci
Secretary	Dale Ducharme
Treasurer	Rob Elery
Director	Octavio Gonzalez
Director	Greg Wolf

You will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on the slate at the meeting.

November is also the time to start thinking about awards. If there is a particular employee or treatment plant that has made some remarkable accomplishments this past year, this is the time to get them

nominated for either a state or local award. Our Past-President, Clint Stewart is this year's awards chair and can be contacted for further information (email: cstewart@bvcsd.com or 661.821.4428) or you can find out more information by going to CWEA's awards website at www.cwea.org/awards. And speaking of websites, the GES website has finally been updated!! The new and improved website contains information on upcoming events and meetings, current board meeting agendas, past newsletters and (coming soon) a photo gallery! So, check it out at www.cwea.org/ges/ges.htm! And as always, if there are additional things you would like to see on the website, feel free to contact one of your board members.

Until then, see you at the meeting!

Asabi

Upcoming Events

Dinner Meeting - November 8, 2007

Location: Marie Callender's in Bakersfield. The address is 3801 California Avenue.

5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 Presentation

Dinner choices are: (1) French Dip Sandwich with Fries; (2) Lemon-Peppered Salmon; or (3) Chicken Pomodoro (Chicken Breast in marinara type sauce). All dinners include salad, cornbread, drink (coffee, tea, or soda) and pie (chocolate, lemon or apple).

Topic Overview: OSHA Safety Rules by **Mike Popichak** and **Clint Stewart**.

Costs are \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to Dale Ducharme (661) 854-2421 or dale.ducharme@veoliawaterna.com by Monday, November 5 please.

2007/2008 Calendar

November 8, 2007	Dinner Meeting, Marie Callender's (Speakers: Clint Stewart and Mike Popichak, Topic: OSHA Safety Rules)
January 10, 2008	Installation Dinner and Awards Banquet at Hungry Hunter

Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 3:00 p.m. at Boyle Engineering, you are welcome to attend!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!!!

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity...please let **Amando Garza** or **Angela Ward** know!! They can both be reached at (661) 321-3433.

DID SOMEONE SAY TRIVIA???

1. The wasting rate controls:
 - a. the amount of solids in the system
 - b. MCRT
 - c. MLSS
 - d. all of the above
2. True or False, A gray colored pond is overloaded.
3. Match the chemical formula to its name:

a. NaOCL	i. Salt (sodium chloride)
b. H ₂ S	ii. Bleach (sodium hypochlorite)
c. H ₂ SO ₄	iii. Hydrogen sulfate
d. NaCl	iiii. Hydrogen sulfide

(you can find the answers on the bottom of the back page)

Ideas & Suggestions

Do you have any new changes at the work place or have you found a more efficient way to do your job that you would like to share? We would like to hear from you! Please feel free to submit articles and industry related information to help populate the GES newsletter. Also, feel free to send us your feedback and comments.

With the new year around the corner, we will need your ideas for next years dinner presentation topics.

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Trivia Answers:

1. d
2. T
3. a to ii, b to iii, c to iii, d to i