



# THE PIPELINE

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## TANGUISSON GROUND BREAKING



Back row: Tony Quinata, Ed Aguon, Inos Mesngnon, Anthony Quidachay, Richard Scroggs, and Tony Chargualaf. Front sitting: Julie Shane, Berney Sadler, Ric Unpingco, Kevin Patrick, Johnny Lau

Approximately 50 people gathered at the end of the newly formed road at Tanguisson Beach Park for the historic ground breaking of the Northern Treatment Outfall and the Hagåtña Treatment Outfall Projects. The outfall projects will go out over a 1000 meters out to the ocean. This will help us dispose of sewage and treated water safer and more efficiently. GWA broke ground on the Hagåtña outfall extension project at the same time.

The purpose of both of these projects is to extend the ocean discharge outfalls for the Hagåtña and Northern District WWTPs in order to improve the quality of Guam's oceans and beaches as well as allow for projected future growth at the treatment plants.

The projects will use horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to minimize environmental impacts (in other words, drilling under the sea bed from the shore in order to avoid tearing up the sea bed).

## FIRST TIME EVER FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

Lisa San Augustin, Customer Service Representative (CSR) recently passed her certification here at GWA. She is the first CSR to do so. We congratulate and recognize her for her outstanding achievements. Here are some thoughts that Lisa noted about her experiences in taking this exam:

### What inspired you to do this?

After graduating from UOG last December and being used to running on fast forward for so long, I started to think that the certification test would be good way to keep my learning momentum going. I saw the certification training and test preparation as a means of learning something I could use daily in my interaction with other GWA employees and our customers. I also saw the certification as a good way to expand my knowledge of our water system.

### 2. How long did it take?

Mr. Kemp and Mr. Craddick taught several classes for a couple of months before the testing date. The test itself took about two hours.

### 3. What did you learn from it?

I have learned 3 primary lessons from

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## GWA VETERANS

*Standing:* Martin Roldan, Joe Punzalan, Pete Mendiola, John Paulino. *Sitting:* Elaine Cruz, Isabel Balajadia, Doris Young. *Not pictured:* Lourdes Sanchez, Jane Raphael, Pedro Mendiola, Rudy Seballos, Roque Calvo, Richard Daniel Scroggs, David Torres, Rose Mendiola, Wilfred Castro, Patrick Crisostomo, Jesse Leon Guerrero, Wilfred Apiag, Frankie Quinata, Ignacio Mesngnon, Loretta Cruz.

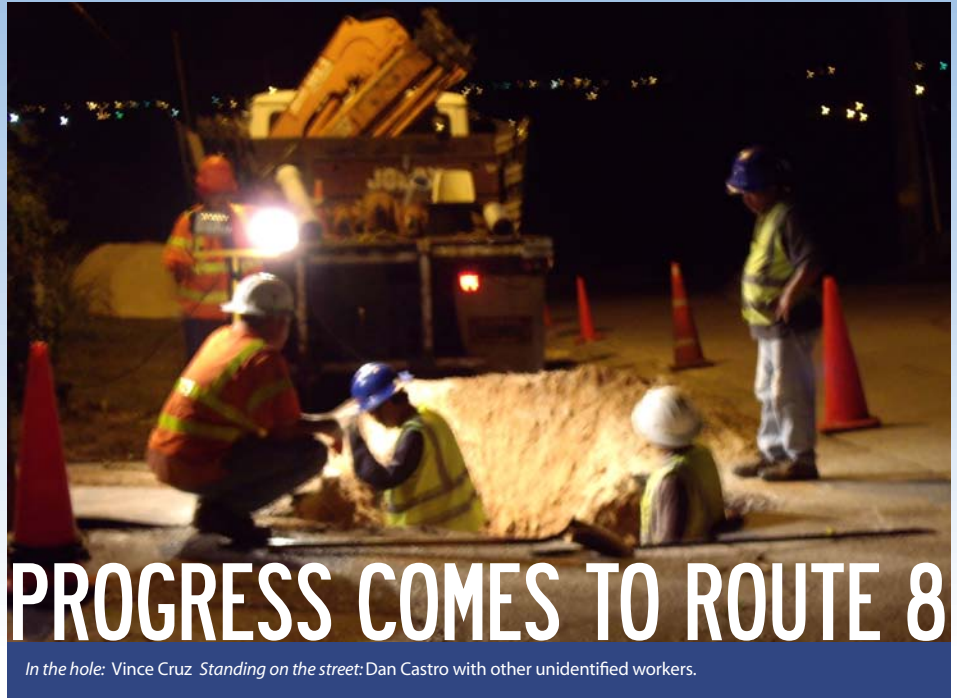
# THE FAMOUS CARBULLIDO LEAK

Under the ground and the fence of Carbullido elementary has been a leak that has grown into a small pond. If you drive by the school you may not even notice the leak as it has been there for so long. In fact living in the leak are turtles, frogs, insects and the favorite endangered species of Guam the Guam Moorhen. According to the Department of Agriculture the leak has been there for over eight years! Cause of the leak is old waterline in the school that is leaking. The crews are ready to go with backhoe and other equipment. However, due to the endangered Moorhen we must go carefully. The Department of Agriculture's Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources (DAWR) has put a watch on the area. Currently the Moorhen are nesting and so in order not to disturb their habits includ

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this experience: The entire experience has really taught me that we really need more women to enter this field of work. Today's woman is capable of many things and just because a field is dominated by men, doesn't mean that women can't succeed in a male dominated field. Women should not be intimidated. We can hold our own right along the men and even succeed if we put our minds to it. I also learned to respect the fact that there is so much that goes into treating and distributing water. I have a renewed respect for our entire GWA team and how each and every member of our GWA family plays a vital role in bringing water to each and every person on this island.



*In the hole: Vince Cruz. Standing on the street: Dan Castro with other unidentified workers.*

Progress comes to Route 8. People who have suffered for more than ten years with low water pressure or even no water in the area of Route 8 will soon have relief. We are hoping anyway, said Jon Quidachay, "Our crews have been working on changing out old sectional valves to control flow of water to the area for the last three months". For the people of Barrigada this has been a long time in coming. According to Mayor Palican, "For years people along Route 8 have been plagued with low water pressure or even no water even in peak hours," he went on to say, "its very difficult to not have water consistently during dinner time or shower time, or to have to take a shower with a bucket." GWA wants to have those folks living along Route 8 to have a standard of living that would reflect 2007.

The 3rd thing I learned is Mr. Kemp is a walking calculator. Formulas and chemical symbols are embedded in his brain. We are lucky to have him!

**4. How long have you worked at GWA.**

I have worked at GWA for 9 ½ years.

**5. What do you hope to accomplish with this certification?**

I must admit that my water distribution

Mayor Palican said "After Friday's final testing of the system we are hopeful that this will work and the people will have permanent relief," Palican went on to say, "If that works, we will host the crews of GWA with a small thank you barbecue for their heroic and diligent efforts on behalf of the people of Barrigada."

Quidachay, said "We hope that today's final testing of the opening of the 12 inch line from the airport will do the trick. It has been activated after three years." "We know its been long overdue", Quidachay added.

We know too, and we are keeping our fingers crossed at the GM's office that even though this final testing will be conducted on Friday, July 13th that it will do the trick and resolve the long standing issues.

certification will be short lived if I do not start getting some hands on experience with a water distribution system as this is required by Guam EPA for certification renewal. Still, I am very pleased with my experience and would do it again when the opportunity presents itself in the future. Gaining certification isn't easy but nothing worthwhile ever is.

## GWEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

GWEA's Membership Drive at Marty's was a success! A huge THANKS to the Engineering and Lab Departments for making the event a hit. Other departments present were the AMR Team, Data Processing, Chlorine, C&D, and P&T. The Board members and representatives worked equally hard to help make this event successful. All food donations were greatly appreciated.

GWEA has finally raised enough money to file with the Department of Revenue & Taxation for Non-Profit status. This will enable us to start payroll deduction. Employees who have signed up will be given advanced notice prior to the commencement of their payroll deduction.

GWEA holds their meetings the first Wednesday of every Month at 4:00pm -5:00pm at the Operation Conference Room, 2nd floor Warehouse. All employees are welcome to attend.

Future Fundraisers and Family Picnics will continue with the membership drive of the association to be forthcoming. Employees are encouraged to ask their department representatives for more details.

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ing nesting and mating we must wait to fix the leak until DAWR gives the nod. According to the Barrigada Mayor, Jesse Palican, "We are concerned about the continuing health hazard this leak poses to our residents. Not to mention the runoff of the water into other areas", Palican went on to say, "We are hopeful that DAWR will give the nod soon, the people of Barrigada have suffered enough". Hopefully by the time this newsletter is finished the leak will be fixed.

**Join Now!**

**GWEA**  
GUAM WATERWORKS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

**\$5.00 a paycheck**  
**\$10.00 Initial Annual Fee**

**Even if you are a GFT Union Member!**



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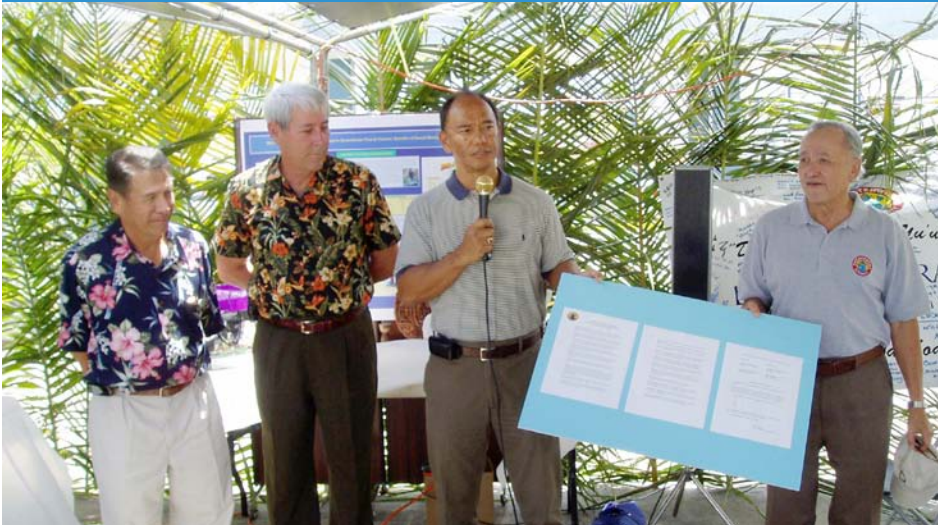
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# DAVID CRADDICK'S GOING AWAY PARTY



From L to R: Mayor Roke Blas (Sinajana), Vice Mayor Robert Hoffman (Sinajana), Mayor Frank Blas (Tamuning), Dave Craddick, Commissioner Benigno Palomo, Mayor Gumataotao (Piti), Chair of the CCU Simon Sanchez.

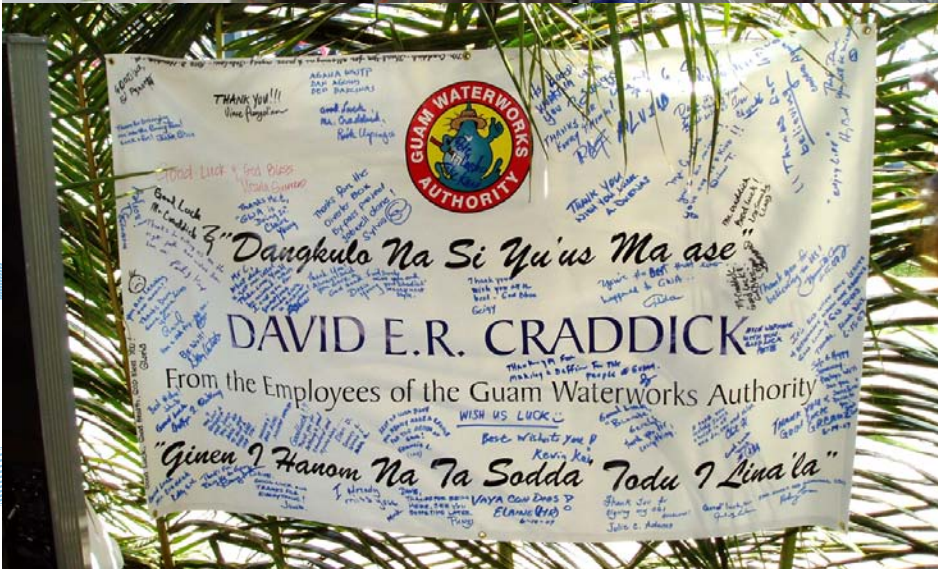
Above: David Craddick, Doris Young, Paul Kemp. June 15th at GWA premises.



Above Left: Former CCU member Frank Shimizu, David Craddick, Simon Sanchez, CCU Chair, Benigno Palomo

Above: Don Antrobus pictured with David Craddick.

Below left: Dave Craddick's Going Away Banner



**ANY QUESTIONS  
OR COMMENTS?**

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