

PMI-OC CHAPTER IS NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE OC PROJECT MASTERS

Toastmasters Club



How often are project managers required to be not only leaders, but effective speakers? All the time!

Last March, one of the PMI-OC members, **David Shostak**, approached the chapter leadership on the possibility of PMI-OC helping to form a Toastmasters Club. David, an active Toastmaster himself, realized that there were many benefits to project managers utilizing their program.

Toastmasters International was started in 1924 at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California. Toastmasters has grown to become a leading organization for helping people become more competent and comfortable speaking publicly, in both large and small group settings. This non-profit organization now has over 260,000 members in over 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. The group gives its members both leadership opportunities and tools and techniques to improve their public speaking skills.

On July 19, 2010, the Orange County Project Masters Club (OCPM) was officially chartered by the Toastmasters International. The club had a big celebration that was attended by both Toastmasters International dignitaries, as well as by **Stephen June**, the PMI-OC president. And, on August 2, 2010, PMI-OC became an official affiliate of the OCPM Toastmasters Club by donating \$1,000 to help the club obtain equipment needed to run the meetings.

The OCPM focuses on project management related topics. There are 28 members who are given the opportunity to lead, speak, and volunteer for various meeting

duties in a comfortable setting. And, as an added benefit, club members who are also PMPs may earn PDUs (varying depending on the activities the member is involved in).

If you are interested in learning more about the OCPM group, feel free to be a guest at a future meeting. Meetings are held on Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at Carrows Restaurant, 16931 Magnolia Avenue in Huntington Beach. Meetings are open to all. There is a nominal semi-annual fee to become a member of the club.

*Submitted by **Lori Shapiro, PMP**. Lori a member of both PMI-OC and also the newly formed OC Project Masters Toastmasters Club.*



Stephen June presents check to David Shostak



OCPM Charter Members