



From left: Pablo Poticar, Electrical Tester and Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester.

Ruidera Retires

Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester, retires after approx. 25 years of City service.

Story by Rhys Pilapil and Jesse Ruidera; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Rhys Pilapil

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party Jan. 26 for Julian Ruidera, who retired as an Electrical Tester, DWP, after approximately 25 years of City service.

The event was held at the DWP's yard on Main Street.

Julian began working for the DWP in 1987 soon after he immigrated to the United States from the Philippines in 1985. He started as an Electrical Tester B in the Standards and Calibration Group. In 2000, he was promoted to an Electrical Tester A in the Distribution Test Group.

His family includes other City employees – daughter, Jennifer Ruidera, Systems Analyst, Personnel; and son, Jesse Ruidera, Programmer/Analyst, DWP. Other family members include his wife, Zunaida; daughter, Josephine; sons Joel, Jonas, and Julius; and grandchildren, Kyla, Caden, and Brianna.



From left: Matthew John Bryan, Electrical Tester; Mario Mosesman, Electrical Craft Helper; and Rhys Pilapil, Sr. Electrical Tester, representing the Distribution Tests Group.



Julian accepts memories, kind words, and treasured gifts.



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A tester helmet was signed by everyone for Julian.

Here are a few quotes from friends and coworkers:

■ “Julian is always fun to work with. Even when things aren’t going smoothly, he always finds a way to make everybody in his crew laugh. He has a very good sense of humor, but through his vast experience and knowledge he always figures out ways to do the job in a safe and timely manner. It’s an honor working with him for more than 20 years. I wish him good luck and happy retirement.” – *Rodolfo M. Salon, Test Laboratories*

■ “When I first got hired by the department, I soon noticed that, often when my business group got a new technical question, they would call a certain person named Julian for his advice. I was wondering who this guy is, but I already had a great respect for him, even before meeting him. Later, when I got the chance to meet him, I found him to be not only very knowledgeable, but also a very nice and friendly person, with a great sense of humor. Julian, I wish you the best of health, joy, and prosperity in your retirement life.” – *George Kiaman, Sr. Electrical Tester, Distribution Test*



From left: Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate, former Tester; Melvin Gorospe, Electrical Tester; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; and Chuan Wong, Electrical Tester.



Yummy food!

The Club congratulates Julian on a great career, and wishes him the best in his retirement.



The Test Lab group.



Leslie Abbott, union representative for the Electrical Testers.



Friends, family and coworkers gather for Julian.



Serving the food, from left, were: Martha Montoya Sr. Clerk Typist, Engr.; Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate; Candy Sanchez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Chien Nguyen, Sr. Electrical Tester; Ruth Fuentes, Sr. Clerk Typist; Rongzhan Chen, Electrical Tester; Cayle Martin, Electrical Craft Helper; and Javert Johnson, Electrical Craft Helper.



Front: Abdullah Karriem, Electrical Tester. Back, from left: Rhys Pilapil, Sr. Electrical Tester; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; Siming Tam, Electrical Engineering Associate; Alan Chen, Electrical Tester.



From left: Julian Ruidera Electrical Tester, and Rudy Salon, Sr. Electrical Tester, as Julian is presented with a retirement gift from the Testers Club.



Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester, Distribution Tests Group, DWP.



A Gold watch from the IBEW Local 18 is presented, from left: Jesus Asiain, Electrical Engineering Associate; Julian Ruidera, Electrical Tester; and Rolando Cruz, Sr. Electrical Tester.