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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday Sept 6
at
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave
Anaheim

Speaker
Assistant OC Sheriff
Mike James

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOTICE: WE HAVE MOVED OUR LUNCH PROGRAM LOCATION. See the program flyer.

I had the privilege of speaking to the incoming 2012/13 Grand Jury panel during their orientation week. They seem like a bright and eager group. Seventeen of the 2011/12 panel who just finished their year will be joining our association with a free six months membership. Let's welcome them to our group and hear from them about their experience. They certainly served during an interesting time for local governments. They managed to get great press coverage on their reports and seem eager to follow up on implementation of their recommendations. Their members have contacted me regarding the authority afforded the GJAOC by the county to do follow up work. I suspect we are not done hearing from them. With the help of Joe Quiros, I will be working with the CA Franchise Tax Board to bring the Association into compliance for our tax exempt status. There seems to be some filing that is missing. I have some friendly expert help on this, and hope that the issue can be corrected without penalty. We will be imple-

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Assistant Sheriff Mike James has more than 27 years in law enforcement experience with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He currently serves as the Assistant Sheriff of Custody and Court Operations. During calendar year 2011, the three separate jail divisions within Orange County's jail system had the ability to house in excess of 7,000 inmates and the Courts dealt with 113,000 inmates and 4.7 million members of the public.

Assistant Sheriff James was also in charge of Field Operations and Investigative Services. He has primary oversight for five divisions responsible for a

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menting a set of policies and guidelines to assure that all filing is done in a timely manner in the future.

It hardly seems like a year has gone by since we had our election for board members, but, it is that time again. The following members have served a two year term and have agreed to run for re-election:

Cheryl Brothers, Terry Dancey, Carol Morales, Glen Stroud.

Chuck Holt was appointed to fill a one year term and will be running for the 2013 board.

Viola Sadler has completed a 2 year term and has decided to pursue other endeavors in the future. Among other contributions during her tenure, Viola set up our GJAOC web site. She will be looking for someone in the Association to take over this duty. The web master does not have to be on the board of directors, just someone with the interest and skills to keep the web page up to date.

Lynn Bonas has been a member of the Association since her panel service in 2006/07. She has been nominated to run for the open seat in the upcoming election. We have a full slate of names running for election and will have nominations from the floor at the September luncheon.

As promised at our last meeting, WE ARE MOVING OUR LUNCH MEETINGS BACK TO THE PHOENIX CLUB IN ANAHEIM. Please keep the lunch flyer handy so you don't forget to go to the new location. We will be back in the big ballroom for the September program and in the Pavilion for December.

I think that we have an interesting and timely program planned for

you. See you in September – wasn't that a love song?

Speaker (contd from p.1)

variety of functions and enforcement activities critical to the safety of the residents of Orange County. These divisions include Airport Operations, Homeland Security, Investigations, North Operations and South Operations. Within these functions and activities is the patrol of contract cities and unincorporated areas of the county including county parks, beaches, coastline waters, and harbors. He was largely responsible for the Orange County Sheriff's Department bringing two major information sharing programs to the law enforcement community.

From 1999-2005 he served as the Chief of Police Services for the City of Lake Forest Police.

Mike's breadth of experience makes him the perfect person to answer all your questions.

MEASURE M SELECTEES

The following finalists were selected at the OCTA Board drawing for the Measure M Oversight Committee:

- District 1 - Anh-Tuan Lee
 - District 2 - Jack Wu
 - District 4 - Philip La Puma
 - District 5 - Katherine Koster
- Cogratulations!

- Lauren Thompson



FOR LEXOPHILES (LOVERS OF WORDS):

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1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's two tired.
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- 2. A will is a dead giveaway
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- 3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
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- 4. A backward poet writes inverse.
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- 5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
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- 6. A chicken crossing the road is: "poultry in motion".
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- 7. If you don't pay your exorcist, you can get repossessed.
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- 8. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
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- 9. Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft, and I'll show you
"A-flat miner".
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- 10. When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
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- 11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

GJAOC WEB SITE

2011/12 GRAND JURY REPORTS

Our Website Is Up Now

Our association has its own website. Although in its nascent stage, the website can be whatever we want it to be. We have the main frame going, but would like to build on that. The “News” section will especially be one that can be updated for announcements from you the members. I can only place items that come to my attention, so please let me know what is going on with our former Grand Jury associates. The “Gallery” section is currently heavy with photos from my own stints on the Grand Jury. BUT, please send me photos in .jpg format that you think might be appropriate for the website. At this point, we will not identify people in the photos, but you know who you are. Website is: <http://GJAOC.org>

IN MEMORIAM

**David Kalb
2003/04 Panel**

**Jim Cooper
1993/94 Panel**

The following is a list, in chronological order, of the reports issued by the 2011/12 Orange County Grand Jury. The complete reports may be downloaded from the Grand Jury website: www.ocgrandjury.org

- [The Use of Government Influence On a Private Educational Institution](#) 7/5/12, 6MB
- [ARTIC- The Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center](#) 6/29/12, 438KB
- [Anti-Bullying Programs In Orange County Schools](#) 6/29/12, 376KB
- [AB 109: Public Safety Realignment: A Paradigm Change](#) 6/29/12, 514KB
- [City of Santa Ana Special Assessment District](#) 6/28/12, 385KB
- [Sex Trafficking of Girls](#) 6/22/12, 452KB
- [The Dissolution of Redevelopment: Where Have We Been? What Lies Ahead?](#) 6/22/12, 1M
- [Can the Consumer Price Index-Urban Keep Up With OCFA Wages?](#) 6/20/12, 451KB
- [Nesi-Ascon Site Study: The Saga Continues](#) 6/20/12, 513KB
- [Orange County Detention Facilities: Part I-Adult](#) 6/20/12, 663KB
- [Orange County Detention Facilities: Part II-Juvenile](#) 6/20/12, 883KB
- [Transparency Breaking Up Compensation Fog-But Why Hide Pension Costs?](#) 6/14/12, 1M
- [Elder Abuse: The Perfect Storm](#) 6/14/12, 627KB
- [Emergency Medical Response in Orange County](#) 6/5/12, 279KB
- [Orange County Vector Control District, “A Study in Little Known Services”](#) 5/16/12, 483KB
- [“Let There Be Light” Dragging Special Districts from the Shadows](#) 4/27/12, 843KB

2012 -13 OC GRAND JURY SELECTED

The 19 members and 10 alternates of the 2012-2013 Orange County Grand Jury were selected on May 15 from a drawing held in Dept. C1 of the Central Justice Center.

The composition of the 19 members of the new Grand Jury include 53% females and 47% males, and 26% minorities. The average age of those selected is 66 years old, ranging from 55 to 81.

. The names of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury members follow:

(source: OC Superior Court)

			ALTERNATES
1. Jeffrey Love	7. John Rodriguez	13. John Costello	
2. Sherrill Huebner	8. Robert Gene Kent	14. Christine Schaefer	A1 Loren Machart
3. Nilma Gupta	9. Hongyen Bui	15. Raymond Garcia	A2 Jim Kaczmarek
4. Dorothy Allen	10. Virginia Zlacket	16. Roger M. Prasser	A3 Charles Kish
5. Barbara Cleary	11. Ian Crockett	17. Dianne Senechal	A4 Morris Binaco
6. Linda Trent	12. Narinder Mahal	18. Fred Bennett	A5 Willard Garman II
		19. Kathleen Conwell-Doyle	

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The following has been taken from existing By-Laws: (parenthesis omits the existing word)

Insert underlined words.

Article III Section 5

For the purposes of this section, the six Directors serving their second year and the six newly elected Directors shall be called the "New Board." The Nominating Committee shall recommend from among the New Board, candidates for the offices of the Association. The Committee shall present this slate of nominees **(to) of** the New Board for consideration **(at a Special Meeting of the New Board)** in **December**. Nominations for Officers of the New Board may also be made from the floor at this Special Meeting. Should there be but one person nominated for each office, the election may be by voice vote. Should there be contested offices; election for those offices will be by secret ballot.

Argument/Clarification:

Objective is to invite new Board to the November meeting as guests. They cannot vote nor elect new Officers since the new Directors will not have been sworn **in until** the December general membership meeting.

Verbiage needs to be such that new Directors are to be sworn in at December meeting as we have done for years. At the first meeting in January **new** Officers shall be elected by the board members.

Suggestion:

Nominating committee recruit interested candidates by August w/info in newsletter

September GM = Newsletter recruitment info prior to September general membership meeting

October = contact nominated candidates

November = invite candidates to attend board meeting

December GM = present slate of candidates to general membership for vote

No *special meeting* after general membership meeting

January = elect officers

Section 4

...The slate of nominees shall be presented to the Board for *(approval) qualification* at the August Board Meeting and announced at the September General Meeting of the membership. ...