



# THE NEWSLETTER

GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday March 7**  
**at**  
**Phoenix Club**  
**1340 S. Sanderson Ave**  
**Anaheim**

**Speaker:**  
**Bill Hunt**  
**Executive Director.**  
**Orange County**  
**Groundwater Authority**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Connie Buenaventura is stepping out of her position on the GJAOC board of directors. After a bumpy start, Connie served as our treasurer in 2012. Her yearning to travel will take her away more often in 2013, so she has resigned. This opens a director's position on the 12 member board.

The remaining 11 members have elected officers for 2013. I will be returning as President, John Moohr will assume 1st V.P. duties and will make arrangements for our quarterly lunch meetings. Glen Stroud will continue as 2nd V.P. and manage the membership duties and chair the Measure M Oversight Selection Committee for a second year. Robin Bowen will remain our scribe, and our newest member – Bill Underwood will take over the responsibilities as Treasurer. We are fortunate that Carol Duensing continues as Parliamentarian; and Terry Dancey as Sgt. At Arms – they work together to keep us on track. Our directors: Lynn Bonas, Carlos Olvera, Joe Quiros, and Carol Morales offer valuable support.

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## DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

At the December meeting each year, the new Board members are sworn in by a distinguished judge. This year the ceremony was conducted by Superior Court judge Richard M. King.

A business item was the passage of bylaw amend-

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As we move into 2013, we have one vacant position on the board. According to our bylaws, these 11 members will make an appointment to fill this vacancy. If you are interested in this one year term, please contact any board member by the close of the March program. We will make an appointment at our April board meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting in a NEW ROOM at the Phoenix Club. Please park on the opposite side of the main building at the Phoenix Club and enter thru the main lobby and go to the Lori Lei Room.

- Cheryl Brothers, President

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*(December Meeting cont'd)*

ments that include modification of the procedures for nominating and electing Directors.

Speaker King delivered a well-received background on the history of the death penalty and the three strikes law. - both topics of propositions on the recent General Election ballot.

On a more personal note, judge King noted his appointment to the California Interagency Council on Veterans. The Council was created in 2011 to help coordinate veterans services across local, state, and federal lines. King is a US Navy veteran and his first job as an attorney was with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington.

**BOARD MEMBER  
OPENING**

For personal reasons, Connie Buenaventura has had to resign her position on the board of directors of the Association. Her position as treasurer has been filled by Bill Underwood. All current board members are acting as the nominating committee. Our bylaws allow the board to make appointments to fill vacant positions. If you are interested in filling the remaining one year of Connie's term as a director, please talk to any board member by the close of the March lunch meeting and your name will be considered at the April board meeting.

**GJAOC CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

In May, Committee members Robin Bowen, Glen Stroud (Chair), Joe Moreland, John Gallie and Bill Underwood will begin the process of application review and interviews of candidates applying for the Taxpayers Oversight Committee (OCTA Measure M). Residents from the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts are eligible to apply. Interviews will take place during the month of May, with the five most qualified names from each District submitted to the OCTA Board for a lottery selection in June.

Responsibilities of the eleven member Measure M Taxpayers Oversight Committee are to:

- Ensure all transportation revenue collected from Measure M is spent on projects approved by the voters as part of the Plan;
- Ratify any changes in the Plan and recommend any major changes return to the voters for approval;
- Participate in ensuring that all jurisdictions in Orange County conform with the requirements of Measure M before receipt of any tax monies for local projects;
- Hold annual public meetings regarding the expenditure and status of funds generated by Measure M;
- Review independent audits of issues regarding the Plan and performance of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority regarding the expenditure of Measure M sales tax monies;
- Annually certify whether Measure M funds have been spent in compliance with the Plan.

# NOTES & MISCELLANY

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## MEASURE M SELECTIONS - 2013



GJ lapel pins are available at our quarterly luncheon meetings. They can be purchased for \$5 at the registration desk.

-Glen Stroud

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

GJAOC's net balance is \$14,640 as of Feb 1, 2013

- Bill Underwood, Treasurer

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

In accordance with Article VI of the by-laws, John Moohr and his committee did an audit of the finances for the year 2012. Their report stated that the records show that the finances are in order and correct

Joe Moreland and I met with Alice Rogan (OCTA) to identify dates for 2013 interviews...

- Application deadline Monday April 22
- Application reviews Wednesday, April 24
- Interviews May 6-17, Monday -Friday
- Candidates to Alice Rogan Monday, May 20
- Candidates to the OCTA Board June 24 for lottery selection
- Our 5 year contract with OCTA expires this year...
- At the conclusion of our interviews (May 17), the committee will review and discuss any changes
- Will present recommendations to our Board at the June meeting
- Contract will be presented to the OCTA Board as "sole source"
- Any contract changes must be to Alice no later than September
- Will be presented to the OCTA Board in January, 2014 for vote

- Glen Stroud

## CA GJ ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and other dignitaries filmed a Public Service Announcement on the benefits of Grand Juries. The PSA may be downloaded on the following website: <http://archive.org/LtGov.GavinNewsomCivilGrandJuryPSA30>.

You might want to approach your local media to run this audio and video PSA in Orange County, courtesy of the California Grand Juror's Association.

## **CA GRAND JUROR'S ASSOCIATION**

Your Association board is still investigating the terms of membership as a California Association chapter. We will keep you posted on our progress.

In the meantime, any GJAOC members may join the California Grand Jurors' Association as an individual. Membership information and registration forms may be found on their web site -[www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org)-.

## **SUBSCRIBE TO GJAOC.ORG'S POSTS**

In addition to informative content, the Association's website, <http://GJAOC.org> contains timely news posts. The news posts appear in the Recent Posts block at the top right of the Home page.

To be notified by email of a new post, subscribe by entering your email address in the Subscribe via Email block at the lower right of the Home page and click on the Subscribe button.

Check your email inbox for a new message from the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County and click the Confirm Follow button on this email. You will receive a second email confirming your subscription and providing information on unsubscribing.

That's it. You will now receive an email each time a new post appears.

*- Ron Harris*



Shown in the photo above are the newly elected and returning Board members. From left to right: Bill Underwood\*, Connie Buenaventura, Carol Duensing, Carol Morales\*, Terry Dancey\*, Carlos Olvera, Lynn Bonas\*, Robin Bowen, Glen Stroud\*, Joe Quiros, John Moohr and Cheryl Brothers\* with the asterisk indicating a newly elected or re-elected Board member.