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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday, Sept. 6
at Phoenix Club
1340 So Sanderson Ave, Anaheim**

**Barry I. Newman
Attorney**

**"The Kelso Report - Changes in
the Grand Jury System?"**

JUNE SPEAKER - BGEN WILLIAM BLOOMER

Our general meeting/luncheon of June 7 featured Brigadier General William Bloomer USMC (ret), who is serving as Executive Director of the Orange County Regional Airport Authority. General Bloomer comes down on the side favoring the development of the former El Toro MCAS as a regional airport to absorb part of the demand for air transportation in the county estimated to grow from 90 million passengers per year to 160 million in the next 25 years.

A new commercial airport at El Toro would occupy 46% of the former Marine Corps base, leaving 54% for open space. The Airport Authority recognizes the need to plan carefully for potential problems with community noise, surface transportation congestion, and air quality.

He calls the availability of El Toro a "once in a lifetime" opportunity, which, despite critics' comments, is safe and would contribute greatly to the growth of the economy, and generate new jobs and tax revenues.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER - BARRY NEWMAN

Mr. Barry I. Newman will be the featured speaker at our September 6th General Meeting. His topic will be the Kelso Report which could be the basis for sweeping changes in the structure and operation of grand juries in the State of California. There is an article elsewhere in this newsletter which gives a brief review of this report.

Newman, who received his JD from NYU School of Law, was Deputy Foreman of the San Diego Grand Jury in 1999/2000. He is an active member of the bar in California, New York and Ohio. He has been active in the posts of Chairman, President, CEO, Vice President and Chief Lending Officer in various banking organizations.

Besides his solo professional practice focusing on business, he is, at present, very active in San Diego County government offices and has served and supported numerous religious, civic, social and government oversight committees in San Diego county.

Conference Alert!

What: CGJA Conference

When: September 14 & 15

Where: Costa Mesa

Why: Meet current and former grand jurors; get the latest on pertinent grand jury topics especially the Kelso Proposal; discuss grand jury topics with others.

Deadline: September 1, 2001

CGJA CONFERENCE

All GJAOC members are encouraged to attend the California Grand Jurors' Association's Annual Conference that will be held for the first time in Orange County. This is an opportunity to meet current and former grand jurors from throughout California without having to travel out of the county. Last year's conference was held in Sacramento and next year's will be in Marin County. Since a concerted effort is made to rotate the sites of the conferences throughout California, it will be some time before the conference returns to Orange County.

Listening to grand jury members from other counties discuss their experiences, reports, problems, and solutions is never boring. We invite all of you to take part in exchanging thoughts with your counterparts from the various counties. Since we have one of the largest and most active associations there are many who would like to have a chance to engage in meaningful dialogue with you. We ask those attending to make an effort to sit at meals with participants from other counties. Please consider yourselves hosts at this event.

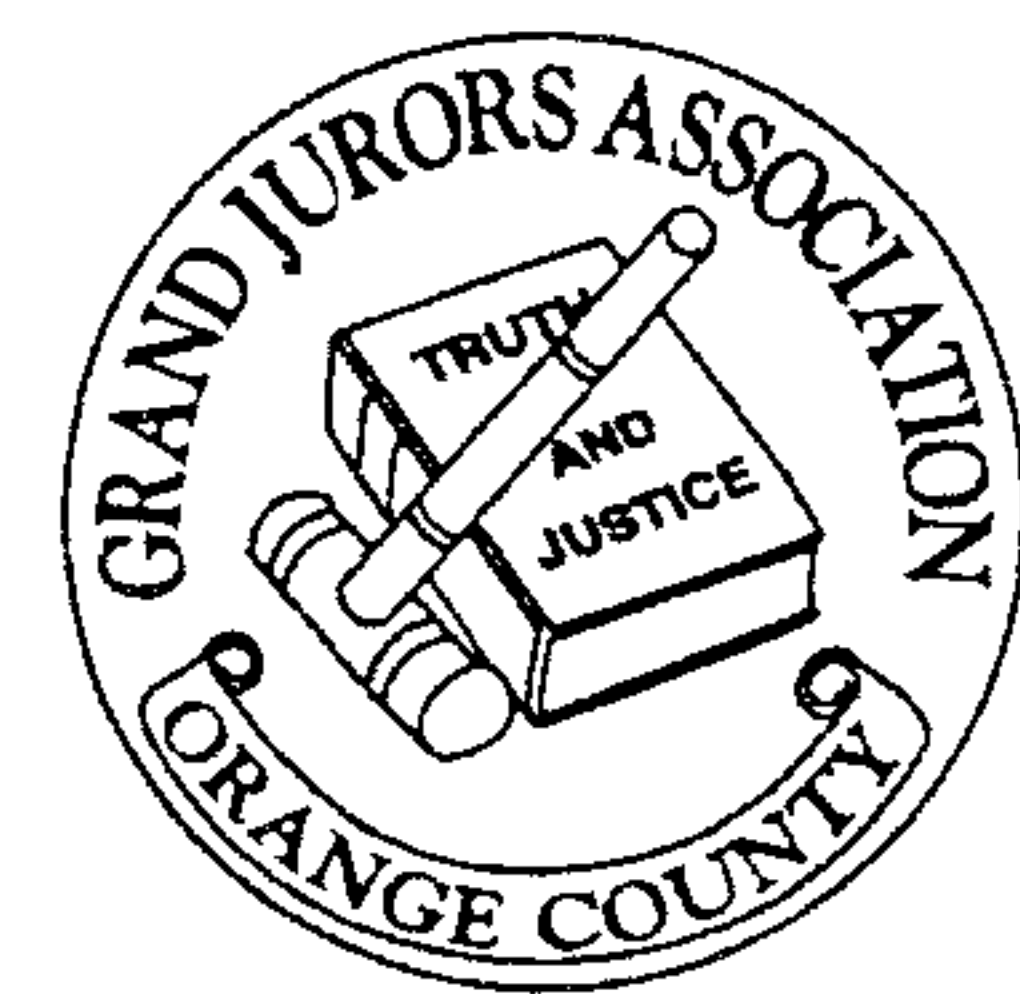
One of the most pertinent topics at this conference will be the Kelso Proposal which involves major grand jury reforms that may or may not be to your liking. Come and hear discussions first hand. Come and share your thoughts. Registration forms are enclosed. If you would like to serve a two-hour shift as a volunteer host, call Rose Moreno or Jodie Harrod.

DEPUTY SHERIFF RECRUITMENT PROCESS

One of the services our Association has provided to the community is assisting the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner in recruiting. Our responsibility is to participate in the "Oral Boards".

The Oral Boards are made up of two members of the Sheriff's Department and one civilian. Volunteers serve intermittently for one day at a time at the Sheriff's Headquarters on Flower and Santa Ana Boulevard. Applicants who have successfully passed various earlier examinations and tests are interviewed using a prepared list of questions. The purpose is to determine how well each applicant appears to be able to handle an unexpected situation.

If you are interested in participating, please call Deputy Belinda Lee at 714-647-6173. Let her know that you are a former Grand Juror and a current member of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County.



NOTES & MISCELLANY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of July 31, 2001
 Checking account balance:
 \$ 7,820.12
 Custom Time Deposit:
 \$3,244.76
 Total Reserves:
 \$11,064.88

Joe Quieros, Treasurer

2001-02 GRAND JURY

The new Orange County Grand Jury began its one-year term on July 2. From a total of 173 applications the final nineteen new members and eleven alternates were selected by drawing on May 16 at the Central Justice Center (Orange County Courthouse). This panel includes three Latinos, one Asian, and fifteen Caucasians. 13 men and 6 women were selected. They are:

George Carlson, Peter Carter, William Cook, Maryann Foote, Lawrence Freedman, Carol Hajney, Doreen Kushner, Kanda Marlin, Henry Marquez, Andre Nguyen, Robert Ring, Eric Ritchie (foreman), Mel Robles, Virginia Rue, Mary Ann Salamida, William Sanchez, Herbert Trumpoldt, and Francis Wood. GJAOC offers its congratulations and best wishes to the new panel.

IN MEMORIAM

Warren Davies
 1999-2000 Panel

Nancy Hupke
 1982-83 Panel

Eileen (Lee) Podolak
 1980-81 Panel

Shirley Modiano
 1977-78 Panel

WEB SIGHT

The California Grand Jurors Association has a website "WWW.CGJA.ORG" where they are posting updates on pending legislation and studies such as the Kelso/McGeorge grand jury reform proposals.

Get updates while they are still news!

MEMBERSHIP

Since our last news, total Grand Jurors Association of Orange County membership (counting the newly retired 19 sitting panel members), amounts to 200 members.



ELECTIONS

The Chair of the Nominating committee, Jim Nolan, will present a slate of nominees for your approval at the September General Meeting.

By the time you read this notice it will be too late, according to the By-Laws, to submit nominations by mail. You can, however, submit nominations from the floor at the September meeting. The By-Laws require prior consent of the nominee.

Six directors are to be elected for a two-year term. Any member in good standing (dues paid), including 2000/2001 former jurors, is eligible to become a member of the Board.

Be sure to attend the September meeting so that you may participate in deciding the direction of your Association.

NOMINATIONS

The following Board Members are up for re-election, not including Jodie Harrod who has faithfully served numerous terms and has earned a brief retirement. We thank all these dedicated Board Members for their past 2 years of service. It appears they are having so much fun they are willing to contribute again.

Keith Blunt
Bob Geiss
Carol Morales
Rose Moreno
Sheldon Singer
Jodie Harrod - termed out

Mike Harris has been nominated and is willing to resume (he never really left!) service to the organization. More nominations will be received at the September meeting. See you there. Since our last news, total Grand Jurors Association of Orange County membership (counting the newly retired 19 sitting panel members), amounts to 200 members.

THOUGHTS FOR FALL

- If you're too open minded, your brains might fall out.
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- A closed mouth gathers no feet.
- Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- A clear conscience is usually a sign of a poor memory.
- You only need two tools: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and it shouldn't, use the duct tape.
- No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

