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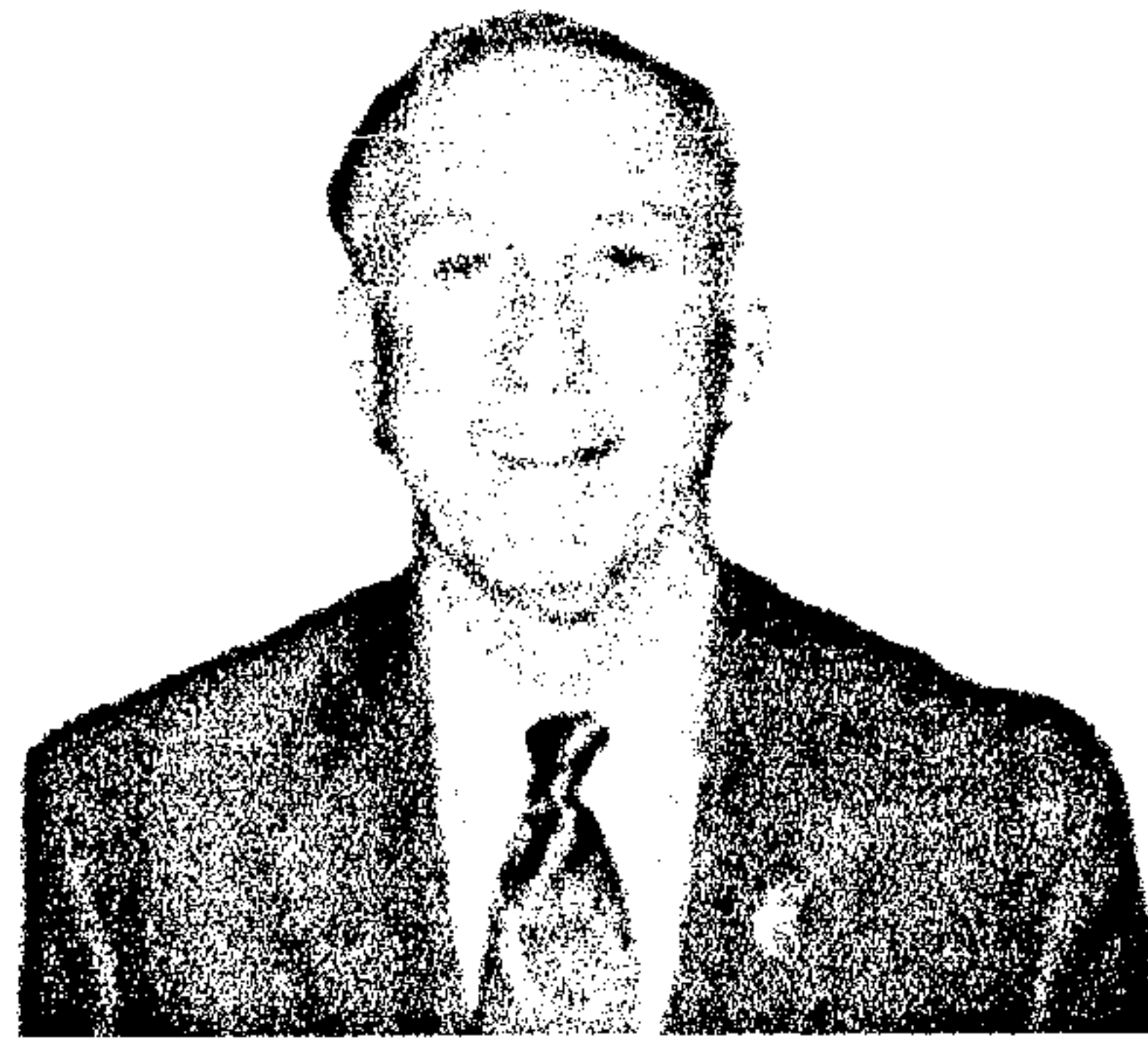
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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday, December 5
at Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim

Special Holiday Program

Judge David Carter
will swear in 2003 officers



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! Already another year has nearly passed and we are again in the holiday season. First, I would like to thank the membership and the hard working and dedicated members of our Board of Directors. Through their efforts we, here in Orange County, enjoy one of the most dynamic Grand Jurors Associations in the state. Our newsletter and our quarterly luncheons with informative speakers are the best. The Membership Chair and Legislative Chair, our dedicated Secretary and Treasurer all work together to make this a great organization in which to participate.

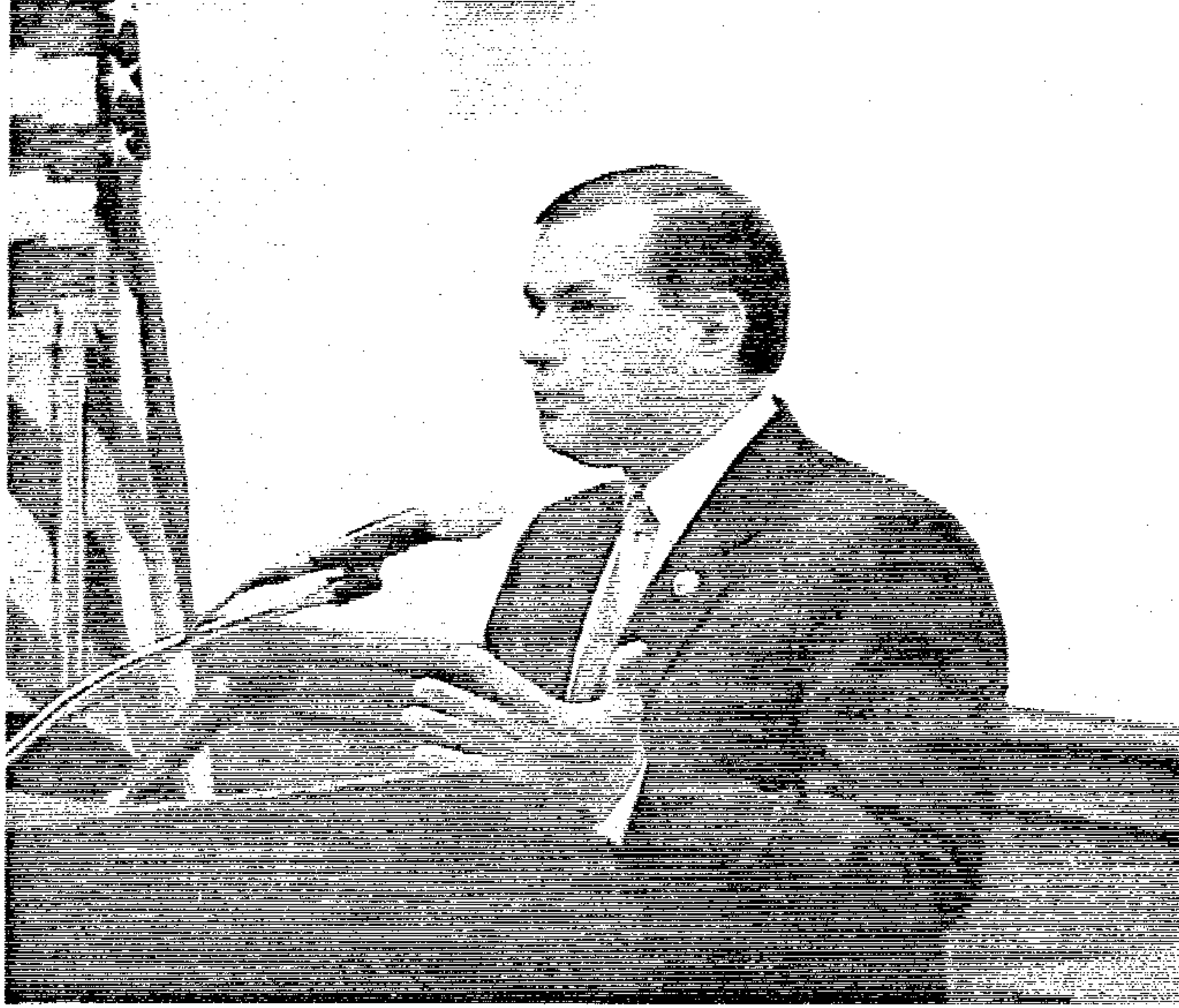
OBITUARY

We are very sad to report that our friend, Jodie Harrod died October 27 after a long illness. Jodie served as a Grand Juror for two terms and was Past President of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County and a member of the Board of Directors of the California Grand Jurors Association. She served as an organizer of the California Grand Jurors Association annual meetings in Orange County last year, and also in San Diego three years ago. In her spare time, she was active in many civic and charitable organizations.

Can any of us forget her strong leadership, dynamic presence and overall sweet, outgoing demeanor? GJAOC has lost a wonderful friend.

It is our understanding that a memorial service may be planned after the first of the year. We will do our best to keep you informed.

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER, GADDI VASQUEZ - PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR

"You've got the best job in Washington, D.C.": That's what his new colleagues in the federal government told Gaddi Vasquez last February when he was confirmed as Peace Corps Director. With roots in Orange County, Vasquez is a familiar face to many GJAOC members. He was 3rd District Supervisor in the late 1980s - early 1990s.

His new "best job" is a big job: Vasquez runs an agency with 7,000 volunteers working in 71 countries and with a budget of \$320 million. Begun in 1961 by President Kennedy, over its 41 years the Peace Corps has attracted 165,000 Americans to serve in 135 different countries as advisors at the grass roots level to improve the lives of millions of people and make friends for the United States. Gaddi cited several instances of how the seeds of good will planted years ago by volunteers, are bearing the fruit of goodwill today: In Afghanistan, a newly appointed minister-level official told Vasquez that Peace Corps volunteers who had taught her English also helped her form favorable opinions of America. And in Peru, the new president learned to like Americans as he practiced his English with volunteers.

The Peace Corps is not part of the State Department or any other cabinet agency: Vasquez reports to the president. He told of a "renaissance of voluntarism" which produced an increase of 42% in applications for volunteer appointments this year. There's plenty for new recruits to do: HIV/AIDS, which has become a disaster in Africa, is now running rampant in the Caribbean; A quarter of newborns in Afghanistan will not reach the age of 5; Population is growing at an alarming pace in a Third World which is not equipped to cope with it.

Want a job? Vasquez invited anyone to join him as a volunteer and take on "the toughest job you'll ever love."

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With deepest regret I must tell you of the passing of Jodie Harrod. Most of you knew her and her abilities and leadership in the California State Grand Jurors Association as well as our local association. Just last year she was the chair of the State Grand Jurors Association convention here in Costa Mesa. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She will be a great loss to us.

I want to extend holiday greetings to everyone. I hope that regardless of your personal religious persuasion, you enjoy the spirit of the season. We are, after all, the most fortunate people on the earth. To all of you, have a wonderful, loving holiday with all of your family and friends.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

A report from Bob Geiss, our Legislative Chair, continues to work with the State Grand Juries Association on proposed reforms and suggested changes to Penal Code verbiage for Grand Juries throughout the state.

This hard working group communicate through periodic meetings, teleconferencing and e-mail. They have compiled a list of thirty technical suggestions for existing penal code statutes. For those of you interested in the details, please contact Bob Geiss (e-mail rcgeiss28@aol.com) for a copy of this report.

NOTES MISCELLANY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of October 29, 2002
Checking account balance:
\$6,058.31
Custom Time Deposit:
\$3,325.22
Total Reserves:
\$9,383.53
Joe Quiros, Treasurer

CREDIT UNION

At the November meeting, Board members approved up to a \$50.00 gift to the friendly folks at the Ross branch of the Orange County Credit Union as a "thank you" for their hospitality and for providing a free meeting room for our monthly meetings.

CALIFORNIA GRAND JURORS' ASSOCIATION

A conference November 15 - 16 held in Marin County and Orange County will be attended by President Royal Lord; Rose Moreno, Secretary; Sheldon Singer; and Bob Geiss, Legislative Chair. GJAOC will be subsidizing conference expenses for our official representatives.

2003 DUES DUE

GJAOC membership dues are due in January. A letter reminding you is on its way stating that the dues, which have not increased for several years, will remain at \$15.00 this year.

A membership table, behind which will be standing Smilin' Jim Nolan, will be conveniently placed in order to receive your cash payment, or check made out to GJAOC for Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), at our December 5th luncheon.

Please join us for lunch and a festive holiday party. We thank you for your continuing support. Currently 197 Orange County past Grand Jurors enjoy membership in our exclusive organization.

IN MEMORIAM

Jodie Harrod
Grand Jury 1987-88
1988-89

Seth Oberg
Grand Jury 1994-95

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Judge David Carter, a member of the Federal bench and a good friend of the GJAOC has graciously agreed to install the new members and officers of your Board of Directors at the December meeting. At the November special meeting of the 2003 Board of Directors, the following Directors were elected as officers for the year:

Royal Lord, President
Sheldon Singer, VP, Program
Jim Nolan, VP, Membership
Rose Moreno, Secretary
Joe Quiros, Treasurer
Carol Morales, Parliamentarian
Karen Evarts, Sgt. at Arms

KUDOS

It is time to acknowledge the great job that your Officers of the Board of Directors do each year. These people spend much time and effort to insure that this organization adheres to its mission statement and keeps you informed.

Certainly one of the hardest working members is Sheldon Singer, Program Vice President, who spends many hours arranging for speakers who inform and entertain us at our general meetings. This job is often frustrating and always time consuming and requires a great amount of service to the group. If you have any suggestions for future speakers, please call Sheldon and let him know. He always appreciates the assistance offered.



OUR NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 5
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE BEGIN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**CALL
YOUR
FRIENDS**