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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday March 3
at Phoenix Club
1340 Sanderson Ave, Anaheim

Speaker
Kim R. Hubbard
Orange County Bar Association

"Elder Abuse"

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Kim R. Hubbard is an attorney who has been in practice for 26 years and who has specialized in Elder Law for the last 15 years. Ms. Hubbard chaired the Elder Law section of the Orange County Bar Association in 1995 and is the immediate Past-President of that organization as well as a Past-Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Delegation to the Conference of Delegates of the State Bar. She also serves on the board of CSP (Community Service Programs), LASOC (Legal Aid Society of Orange County) and ASAAPS (American Society of Adult Abuse Professionals and Survivors). She teaches a portion of the Professional Fiduciary credentialing program at Cal State Fullerton and was on the Advisory board that established the program. She has been a frequent lecturer for the Orange County Bar Association, the Public Law Center and CEB. Her practice concentrates on conservatorship (probate and LPS), probate guardianships, small estate planning and vulnerable adult abuse. She became the Coordinator of the FAST (Financial Abuse Specialist Team) for Orange County through the Council on Aging in January 2003.

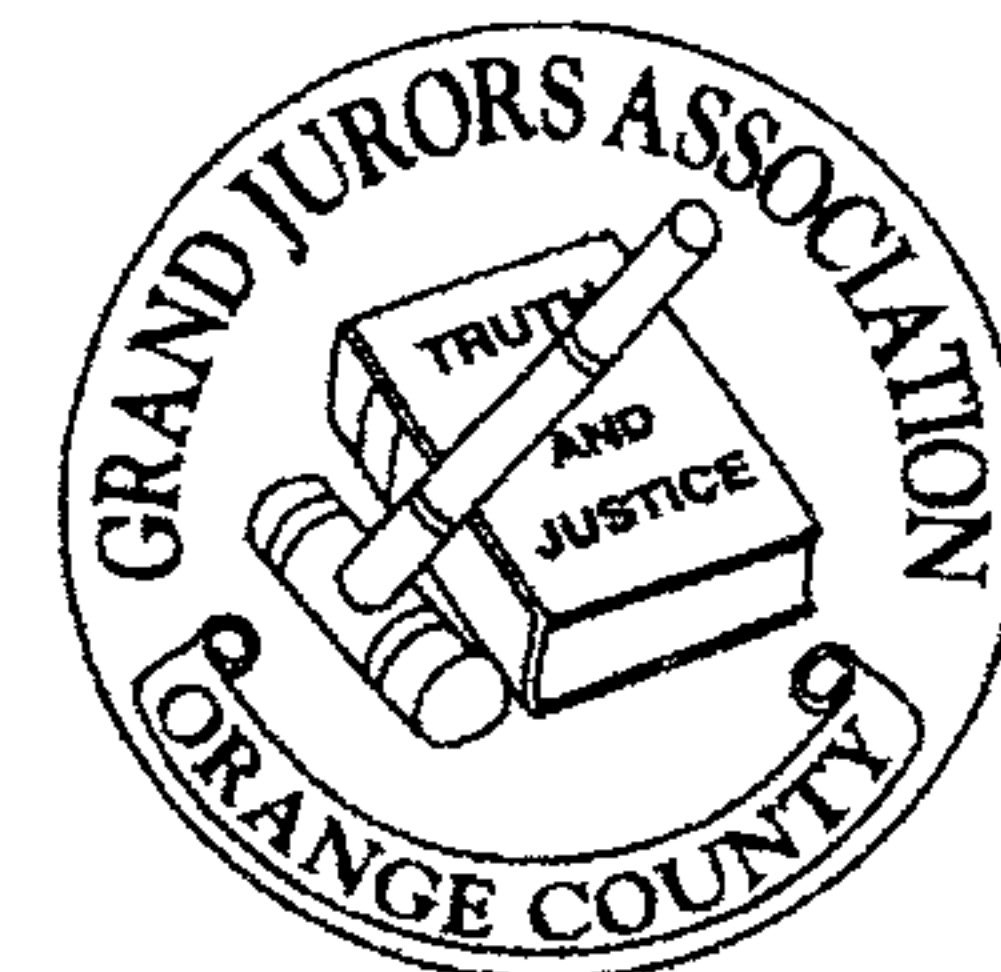
- Rose Moreno

MARCH MEETING PLACE

If you read the flyer you will know that we won't be in the main building of the Phoenix Club in March. There will be another group meeting in our usual room. We will meet in the Pavilion.

The Pavilion is in back of the restaurant building. Enter the parking lot as usual but continue on past the usual meeting room, bearing to the left. The Pavilion. is in a separate building with more than ample parking for our group.

We'll see you there on March 3rd about 11:30 AM.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE *(as of 28 Feb 05)*

Our ever busy state legislature has proposed in the Assembly since the end of January: 198 new bills, and 9 constitutional amendments. Not to be outdone, the state Senate has proposed 124 new bills and 4 constitutional amendments. In the grand total of 322 new bills, we are fortunate that none apparently affect the grand jury system.

Since each bill's introduction, no matter what its fate, costs about \$50,000 for printing and administrative costs, the cost to date is over \$16 million.

- Bob Geiss

MEMBERSHIP

We have over 150 paid members for this year in response to our first solicitation letter. Jim Nolan, our membership VP will be sending a second letter this month to those of you who have not yet responded. Again we want to remind you that our "clout" is measured by the number of people we represent. The more members we have, the more influence we have in the legislative process.

Membership dues are only \$15.00 per year. You can pay by mail or at our general meetings at the Phoenix Club. Please "stand up and be counted" and stay informed.

NEW GRAND JURY APPLICANTS

The Orange County Superior Court received 173 applications from prospective jurors to serve on the Orange County Grand Jury. The average age of the applicants is 66 year old.

Approximately 15% of the applicants are minorities: 11 Hispanic, 7 Asian, 4 Black, 2 Native American Indian and two who identified themselves as other than Caucasian. The number of female applicants is 51.

An orientation for grand juror applicants has begun. Following the orientation, the first step in the selection process, each qualifying applicant will be interviewed by two Superior Court judges and background investigations will be conducted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Judges of the Superior Court will then submit the nominations of qualified applicants into random drawing from which 19 individuals will be selected to serve on the Grand Jury.

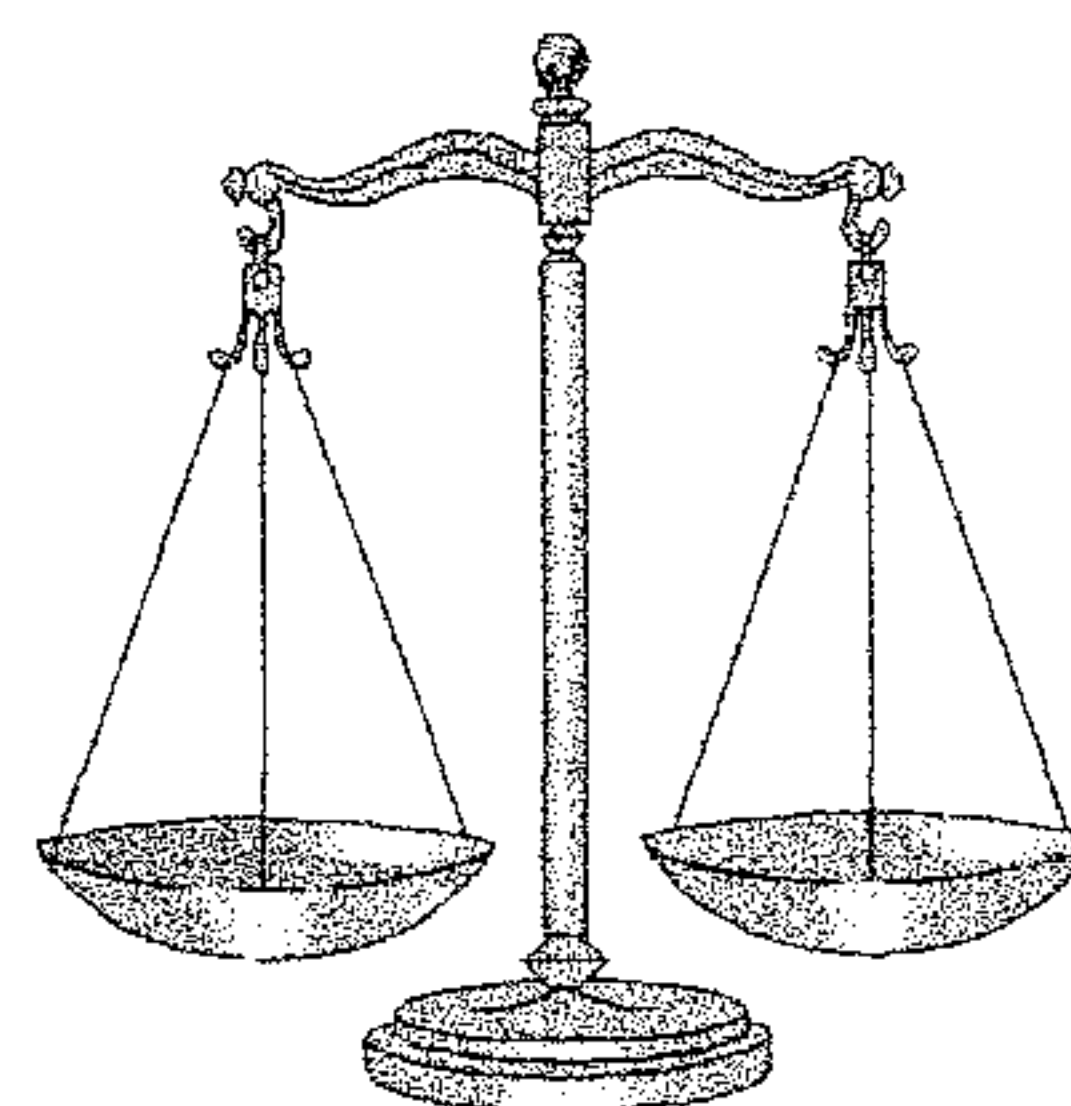
STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 25th annual conference will be held in Burbank, CA, in October, 2005. Our own Rose Moreno will be spearheading part of the conference planning. If you would like to be part of this effort, please call Rose 714-846-3219.

TRAINING DAY

In January, 2005, the sitting O.C. grand jury benefitted from one day of training regarding the role of Grand Juries and final reports. This instruction has been put together by an expert panel of past grand jurors throughout the state. They found this to be a valuable experience and will be recommending to future panels that they contract for this earlier in their year.

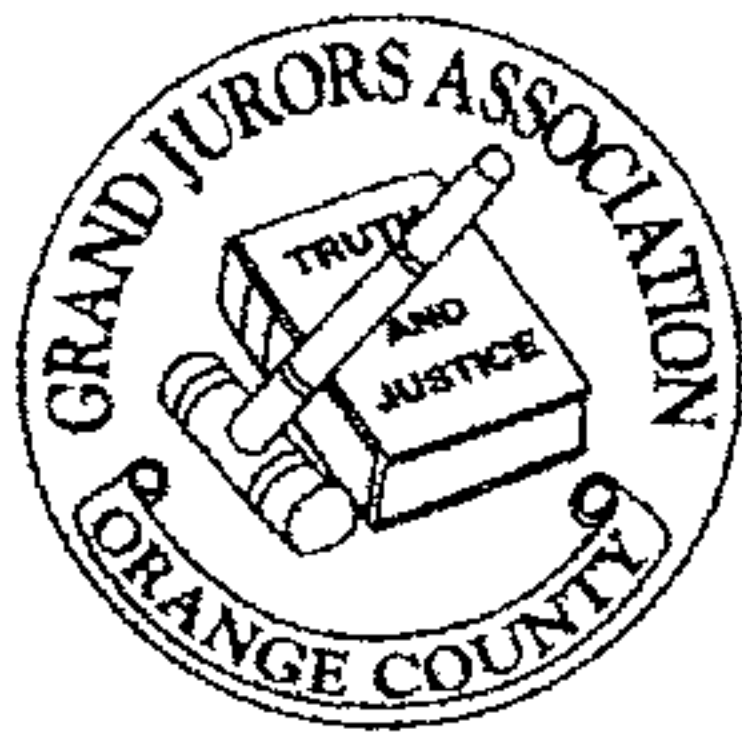
They have been refining their sessions for several years and travel to all CA County grand juries that request their services.



NOTES MISCELLANY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of January 31, 2005
Checking account balance:
\$6,070.00
Certificate of Deposit
\$3,407.64
Total Reserves:
\$9,477.64
R. H. Fauteux, Treasurer



HAIL MARY - FULL OF CHUTZPAH

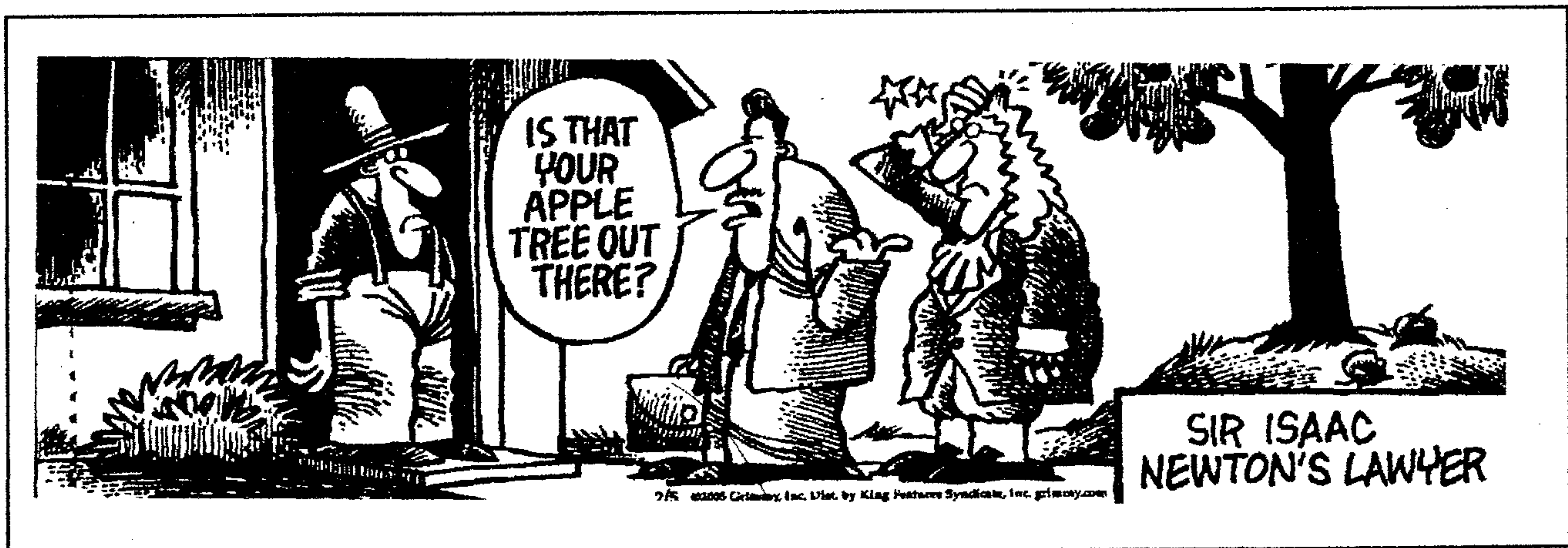
Almost all of you know Mary Hennessy, our Grand Jury Administrator for many years. What you may not know is that Mary put together scrap-books all of these years.

Mary brought them to our General Meeting in December, 2004. They are outstanding! The Board of Directors has asked Mary to bring them to future luncheons so we can all see them when you come to our next luncheon meeting.

Providing information to members at quarterly luncheons requires approval. Contact a Board member with your request to distribute hand-out material or to speak.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Howe 1991-92
Alfred Rachman 1986-87
Janet Stopher 1989-90
Beth Spencer 2002-03
Irvin Wagner 1984-85



FORMER GRAND JURORS MAKE THE NEWS

Kingdon Lou, 1996-97 panel member, is profiled in an anthology published by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. An awards banquet was held where each profiled individual received a copy of the anthology, a medallion and a certificate from LA Mayor James Hahn. The book, titled *Portraits of Pride*, will be in public libraries shortly.

Kingdon, who now lives in Campbell, California, was chief author of two 1996-97 reports on the prevention of HIV-AIDS. These reports, which were highly praised by supervising judge David O. Carter, led to Kingdon's interests as a research scientist.

John Beddow, 1996-97 panel member, has been active as a Red Cross volunteer. He has traveled far and wide in response to disasters. His work resulted in his being honored as Red Cross Volunteer of the Year at a Diamondbacks game in Phoenix.

John, who was chair of the Criminal Justice Committee during his term, now lives in Prescott, Arizona with his wife, Linda. They are both active in Big Brothers and Sisters as well as with the Red Cross. Although John experienced a bout with cancer early in 2004, he is doing well. He and Linda are both continuing their activities, travels and family fun.

- Rose Moreno

