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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday June 2
at Phoenix Club
1340 Sanderson Ave, Anaheim

Speaker - John Moorlach
Orange County Treasurer

"Pension Plans and
Underfunded Liability"

JUNE SPEAKER

John Moorlach, Orange County Treasurer will be our luncheon speaker on June 2 at the Phoenix Club. His subject is "Pension Plans and Unfunded Liability".

With the current interest in traditional defined benefit pension plans, such as the recent United Airlines bankruptcy, and President Bush's proposals to fix future shortfalls in the Social Security system, Moorlach's message will be most timely.

RECRUITMENT VIDEO

The Association is contemplating updating the 1996 recruitment video. Please submit any photos of interesting places you visited on your tours of Orange County. Please label subject of photo, your name, address and your phone number. Also, please include the date your photo was taken.

If you have expertise in producing visuals (it most likely will be a DVD) and would like to provide contacts and/or advice, please see Rose Moreno 714-846-3219.

LEGISLATION AND THE GRAND JURY

Our ever-vigilant legislature has introduced, as of 1 March, 2836 new bills! Only one, SB 416, appears to have any impact on future Grand Jury activities. Senate Bill 416 was introduced 17 February by our Senator Dick Ackerman.

SB 416 acts to amend Section 904.6 of the Penal Code. Section 904.6 is that portion of the code that would *require* presiding judges of every county to appoint an additional grand jury upon the request of the DA or the state Attorney General. SB 416 now would provide that the presiding judge now *may* empanel an additional panel when requested or *upon his or her own motion*. The new panel would be drawn from the petit jury rolls. The new grand jury would be empaneled to inquire into any matters subject to grand jury inquiry and shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to return indictments except for any matters which the regular grand jury is inquiring as of the time of its empanelment.

We feel that the GJAOC should take no position or action on this pending legislation because the changes to PC 904.6 are minor and make the empanelment of a new jury largely discretionary by the presiding judge.

- Bob Geiss

CONTINUING COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Members of the Grand Jurors' Association have an opportunity to use their knowledge of the Criminal Justice System to provide a great community service to 8th and 12th graders in Orange County public and parochial schools. How, you ask?

The Orange County Superior Court, Court Tour Program, with the "blessing" of Presiding Judge Fred Horn is a group of volunteers who take these students on a 3-hour tour of the Central Court. What an eye opening experience these children receive as they visit Drug Court, Traffic court and/or Arraignment Court. Following this, the tour participants put on their own Mock Trial. The morning ends with a visit to a Felony trial. Interspersed with the Court visits, the guides tell the students about our Bill of Rights guarantees, the structure of the court, the types of trials held in Central Court and the "players" in the court system along with other related information. The volunteers are citizens who enjoy sharing their knowledge. Their background varies. Housewives, retired businessmen, some past Grand Jurors, spouses of judges and attorneys and some retired attorneys participate. Two mornings a month during the school year are set aside for this program. No heavy law knowledge is required. The Court Tour Committee provides all the orientation you will need to get started.

Mr. Peter Carter will give a brief overview of this program at our next meeting. Interest Forms will be available should you desire to participate.

VOLUNTEERS SAVE COUNTY MORE THAN \$22 MILLION

Most people know that the County of Orange is the second largest employer in the county. That's true. Surprisingly, it is the County's good fortune to have even more volunteers than full-time employees. Last year, 19,223 volunteers donated their time to County programs. The volunteers contributed 984,423 hours of service which represents more than \$22 million in avoided costs for County government. In honor of these valuable volunteers, 36 individuals, four groups and one corporate partner were honored at the ninth annual Volunteer Recognition event on April 20, 2005.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are involved in a volunteer program that you would like other members to know about, please send information to the newsletter address for publication as space allows. - *Ed.*

A FORUM OF FOREMEN

GJAOC president Sheldon Singer, who himself was a panel foreman (1998 - 99), is forming an informal former Foreman Forum. Singer hopes to call on the experience and judgement of other previous O.C. Grand Jury forepersons to act in an advisory capacity to help resolve current issues.

If you are a past foreman and are interested in this project, please call Singer at (714) 530 - 7255.

GRAND JUROR TRAINING

The California Grand Jurors' Association has implemented a training program for incoming Grand Jurors. To date, they have presented training to more than 2100 grand Jurors in 49 California counties. The charge for the two day training session is \$75.00 per person.

Your Board of Directors has discussed the value and justification of bringing this program to Orange County and adding it to the existing training currently performed by the sitting grand jury to future members prior to their installation. Also discussed was whether or not the OCGJA should subvent part or all of the tuition involved.

The final decision of the Board was to suggest that the sitting jury present at least a portion of the CA GJA training to the future sitting grand jury.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

TREASURERS REPORT

As of April 30, 2005 Checking account balance:
\$5,797.39
Certificate of Deposit
\$3,407.64
Total Reserves:
\$9,205.03
R. H. Fauteux, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

As of the end of April, GJAOC has 179 paid members. When the 2004-05 jury finishes its term on July 1, these jurors will be given Complimentary membership for the remainder of the year. Our total then will be 198.

CONGRATULATIONS DR. SINGER

Sheldon Singer was recognized as the 2005 Achievement Award Honoree by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for his dedicated service to his community. A gala dinner event was held in his honor. Congratulations.

CA-GJA

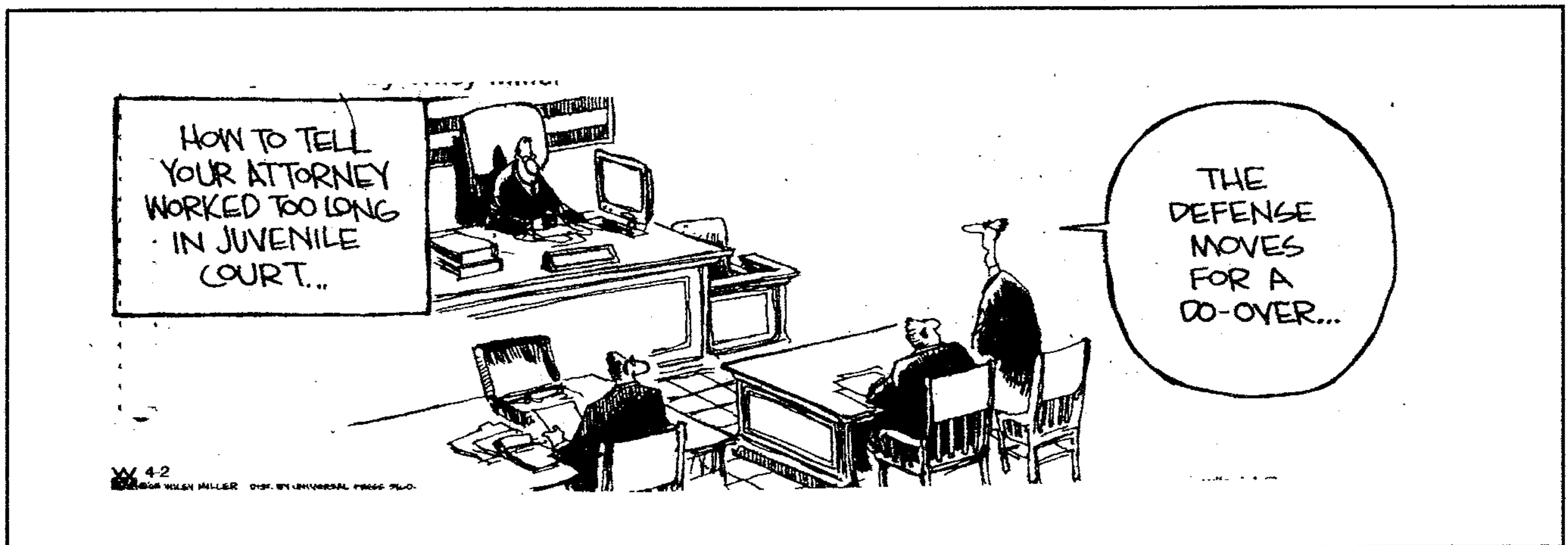
The California Grand Jurors Association has called a meeting of their board in Vacaville this May. As members of that board, Rose Moreno, Bob Geiss and Jack Zepp will attend and represent Orange County.

MEASURE M OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The GJAOC committee has begun the work of reviewing applications and conducting interviews for prospective members for the Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee. Two representatives from Districts 3 and 5 will be selected by the Orange County Transportation Association Board of Directors as soon as this process is completed.

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Dick
1979 - 80 panel
died January, 2005



Grand Jurors Luncheon

program

John Moorlach re: Pension Plans & Unfunded Liability

Thursday, June 2, 2005

Luncheon served promptly at 11:45

Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim

menu:

~ ~ Chefs Salad ~ ~

OR

~ ~ Yankee Pot Roast ~ ~

\$ 15 w/ Reservation --- \$ 20 at the Door

For reservations, please contact:

Joe Quiros (949) 651-0113

or email: JMQuiros@PacBell.net

Call for reservations by Mon., May 30th -OR PAY THE "AT THE DOOR" PRICE

Reservations not canceled by 5/30 will be billed

*Please
leave your*

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

&

MENU SELECTION

*when making
reservation*

DIRECTIONS: Ball Road Exit from 57 Fwy.
Go East to Phoenix Club Dr.
Turn South on Phoenix Club Dr.
Turn Right on Sanderson Ave.

