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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday December 6
at Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave Anaheim
Speaker -**

**David O. Carter
Federal District Judge**

**Installation of New Officers
and Christmas Program**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fast approaching the end of another successful year. Successful in the light of having new and interesting events and membership accomplishments. At the June luncheon meeting, the GJAOC Board presented a forum dealing with illegal immigration and some ensuing law enforcement issues. Even though there remain vastly differing opinions — even the Congress of the United States cannot agree on any solution, this forum was informative and well received.

•We continue work with the Measure M Citizen's Oversight Committee selection panel. Prospective members are interviewed by our panel and the most qualified names are submitted to the OCTA for fi-

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DECEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

David O. Carter, Federal District Judge

Our last 2007 quarterly meeting on December 6 will feature the Honorable David. O. Carter. As well as conducting the swearing in for the newly elected officers and board members, he will apprise us of his activities during 2007.

Judge Carter graduated from UCLA in 1967 and served as a Marine 2nd Lt. in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his combat encounters. He graduated in 1972 from the UCLA Law School and joined the OC District Attorney's office as a prosecutor. He was appointed as a judge to the OC Municipal Court in 1982 and was elected to the Superior Court in 1984.

Judge Carter was the Grand Jury advisor during the 1994-96 County bankruptcy. Nominated by President Clinton to the U.S. District Court, he received Senate confirmation in Oct. 1998. Many of us attended his swearing in ceremony at the new Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse.

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nal selection through a lottery drawing, similar to the final Orange County jury selection.

- We continue the work of educating the public regarding the role and function of the California grand jury system and support the California Grand Jurors' Association in their comprehensive training course for new grand jurors.

- The directory of the 2007 Membership is being published and there will be a copy for everyone at the December luncheon.

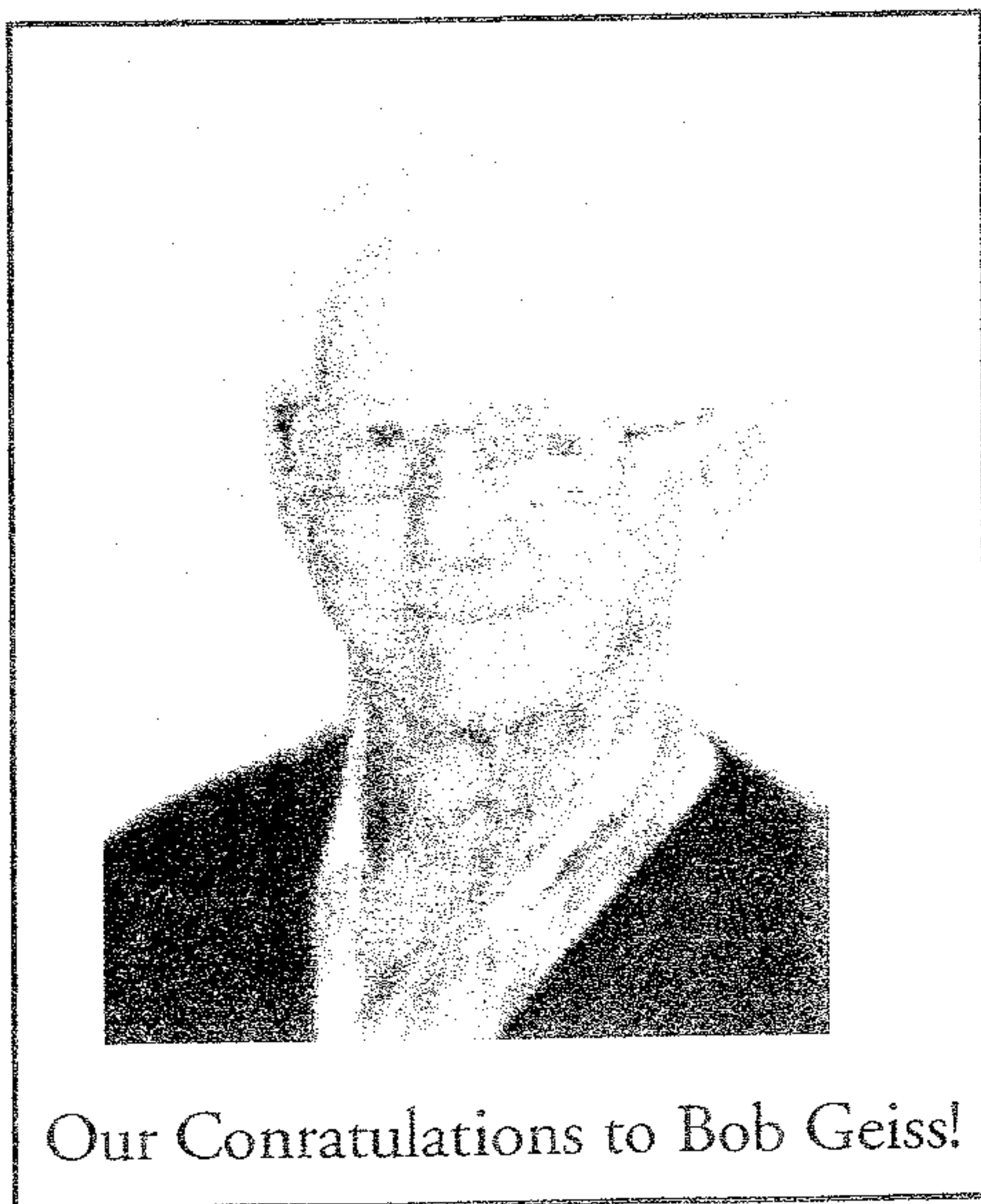
- We are working on the GJAOC Bylaws and will publish them in the near future.

- The Board of Directors welcomes two new members to the Board this year and thanks all committees for their excellent work.

The board-elect will be introduced to the membership at the December luncheon and will be sworn into office by Judge David Carter.

Enjoy the holidays and plan to join us at the December 6th luncheon.

—Joe Quiros, president



Our Congratulations to Bob Geiss!

Luncheon Speaker (contd. from p. 1)

Our Dec. meeting closes a year when we had several notable speakers: Reed Royalty of the OC Taxpayers Assn. gave us the bad news about the huge public service employee pension obligations facing California taxpayers. The June meeting had speakers representing two sides of the undocumented worker situation. Our Sept. meeting had a review of water resources scarcity by Art Kidman, Esq., a water issues attorney.

Judge Carter remains a stalwart friend of the county Grand Jury and his year-end appearance at our luncheon meeting is always an entertaining and informative session. His many personal and judicial activities promise a lively meeting to finish up our 2007 quarterly meeting schedule.

- Bob Fauteux

KUDOS TO BOB GEISS

State Grand Jurors Association Confers the Rolando Award

Every year, the California Grand Jurors Association selects one of its members to receive its highest distinction - The Rolando Award. The honor is named for Angelo Rolando, a 1979-80 member of the San Diego county panel, who is credited as the founding father of the CGJA and its early organization. After his death, a memorial award was established in his name to be given each year to one member who performed outstanding service.

The 2007 winner is Bob Geiss.

Geiss was a member of the 1998-99 Orange County Grand Jury. During his term on the panel he set a pattern for tireless and creative service to the county which he has taken with him to the work of the GJAOC and the CGJA. He has served as a member of the board of both organizations and has specialized in Legislative Affairs, training, report preparation, and editing.

In addition to his contributions to the jurors associations, Bob is active as a leader of the El Toro Library, his home owners association, and a highway safety program.

Bob took his undergraduate and graduate college work at M.I.T., the Air Force Institute of Technology, and Cal. State. He completed a 20 - year career as an Air Force officer, followed by 22 - years in the aerospace industry. He lives in Lake Forest with his wife, Mariel, and has four children and six grandchildren. He's a busy boy.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of October 31, 2007
 Orange County Credit Union
 Business Checking Balance
 \$4,494.95
 Certificate of Deposit
 \$6,788.95
 Total
 \$11,283.90
 Bob Fauteux, Treasurer

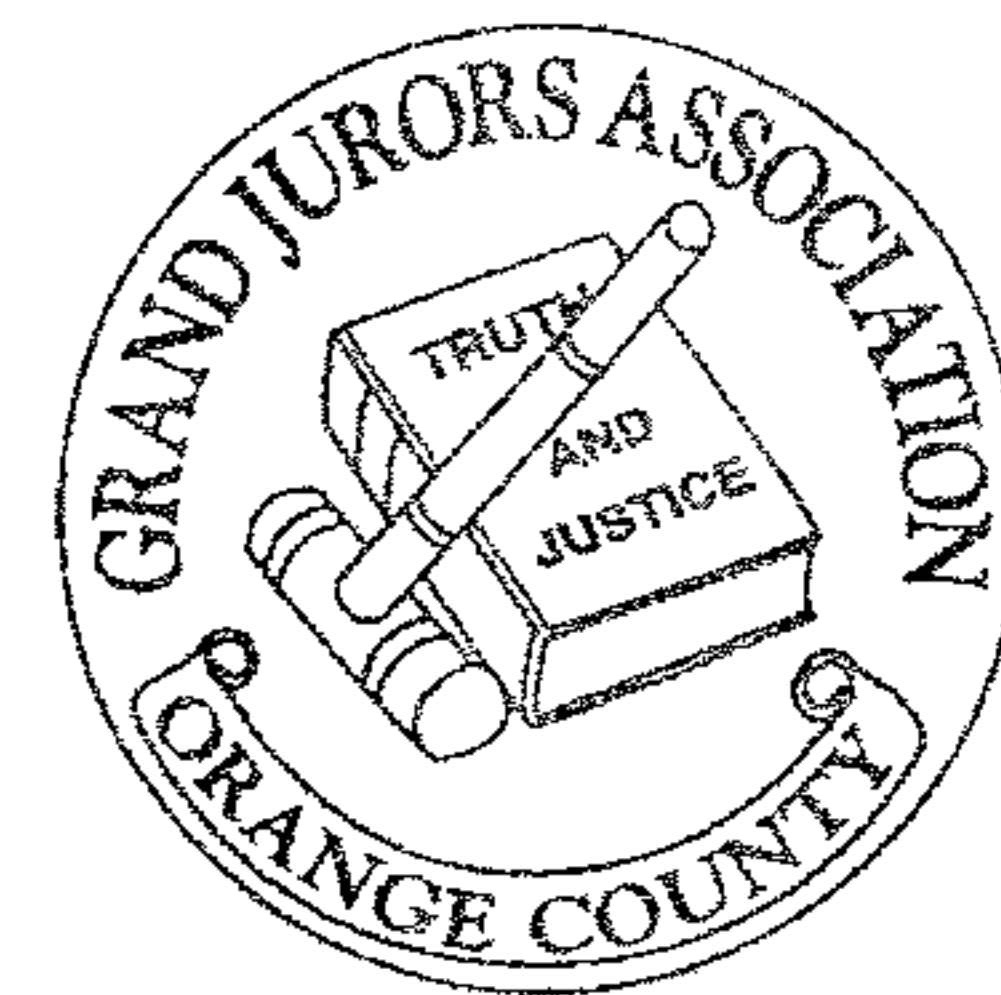
FLU SHOT INFO

The county Health Referral Line at (800) 564-8448, and Web site: ohealthinfo.com/public/flu/index.htm have a calendar posted listing the dates and locations of all flu clinic sites where vaccine will be available.

Flu shots may also be available through Community Clinics, physician offices, urgent care centers and other private health care providers.

For general information about influenza, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov.

Maxim Health Systems' <http://findaflushot.com> provides a search by zip code feature for available flu clinics in your area.

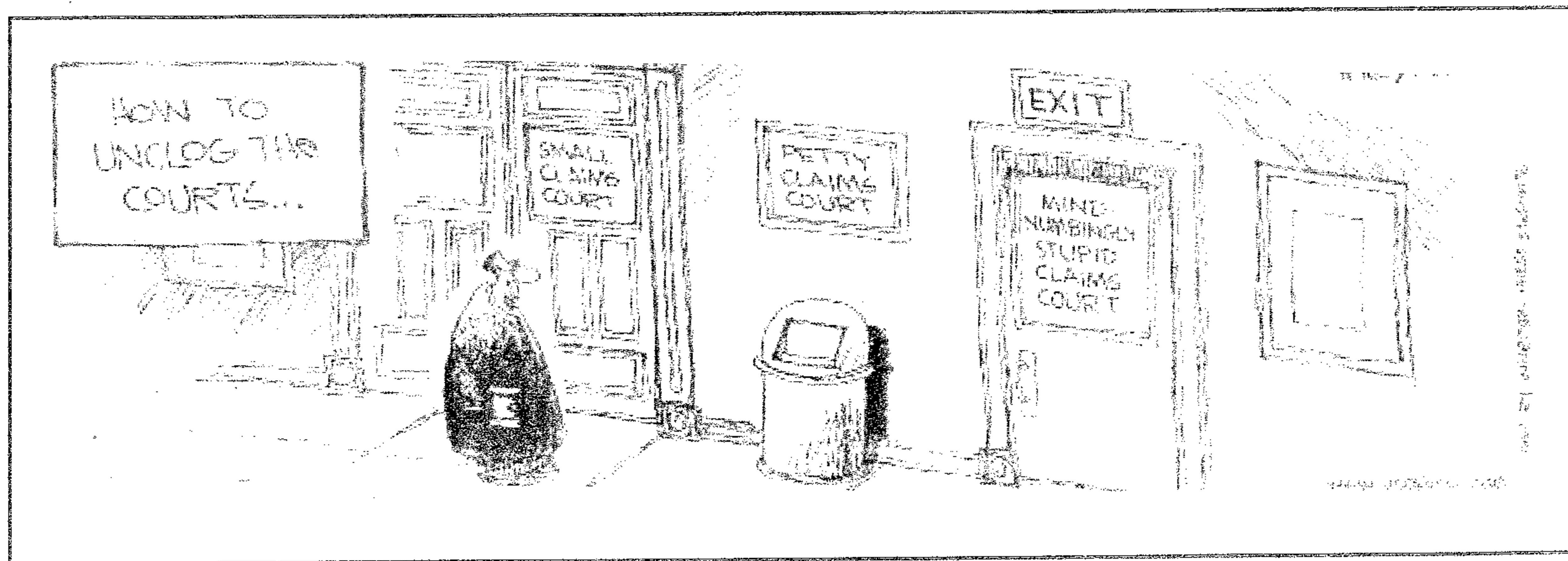


MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Margot Palmgren (1993-94) has published her memoirs, *Anneliese: A Child of War*. She is working on her second book, *Breaking Ties*.
- Bob Geiss (1998-99) was honored with the prestigious "Rolando Award" for his contribution to the California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA)
- Rose Moreno (1996-97) worked with the CGJA to publish the novel idea of a county reports/cookbook.

IN MEMORIAM

Dalton Newland
 1988-89 Panel



OLLI FOR SHORT!

There are a number of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs throughout California. These programs all promote continuing education for retired and semi-retired persons. In October Rose Moreno made a presentation for Seniors Against Investment Fraud to the OLLI group at California State University at Fullerton.

The program at Fullerton offers study groups, educational lectures, physical activities, special events, social activities, and travel opportunities. Both self-governing and self-determining, it is maintained by volunteer members, low membership fees, and donations.

For more information call the OLLI office at 714-278-2446. For in-person information speak to Charlotte Fox, a newly-elected director with GJAOC. She is a past president with OLLI.

There is also an OLLI at U.C. Irvine.

- Rose Moreno

CALL
YOUR
FRIENDS

**SEE YOU AT THE
DECEMBER LUNCHEON**



Counting the Votes - October 4, 2007
L-R, Carlos Olvera, Bob Fauteux, Mike Harris, Joe Moreland

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

For the first time since 1995 the nominating committee received more than six candidates for the next two-year term on the Board.

Carlos Olvera, chair of the committee sent ballots to all paid members listing the names of the candidates. Almost 75% of the ballots were returned within the time limit set by the bylaws.

The six members who received the most votes were (in alphabetical order) :

Carol Duensing, Charlotte Fox, Joe Moreland, Bill Nelson, Jim Nolan, and Joe Quiros.

The Association thanks all of the candidates for their interest and willingness to donate their time and experience to further the goals of our Grand Jurors Association.

The following is a reprint of a letter to the editor of the Orange County Register. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the GJAOC.

Dear Editor:

As a past member of the county Grand Jury, I must take exception to the statement in the letter from Michael Flynn (A Witch Hunt? Register Nov 1, 2007) that indictments by grand juries are not founded on sufficient evidence. I have actually participated in denying District Attorney criminal indictments because of insufficient evidence.

As an integral part of our justice system in both federal and state courts, there can be no grounds to accuse grand juries of not making fair and impartial decisions in such an important act of finding probable cause when any citizen is accused of breaking the law.

Simply put, grand jury members have shown they are not easily led into unjust or agenda driven indictment decisions. To state otherwise has no factual basis.

Robert H. Fauteux