

# THE NEWSLETTER

## GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday June 5**  
**at Phoenix Club**  
**1340 S. Sanderson Ave Anaheim**  
**Speakers**

**Webster Guillroy**  
**O. C. Assessor**

**Chriss W. Street**  
**O.C. Treasurer - Tax Collector**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### What's Happening

At our March luncheon Orange County Fire Authority Chief Chip Prather spoke to us about the fire storm we had in October 2007. The presentation was very informative and concluded with a very impressive video of the action scenes throughout the fire.

The Superior Court of Orange County is seeking volunteers for their court tour program. We will have flyers for this program at the luncheon, so be sure to pick one up.

Many of us participated in the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Old Court House on May 14, 2008. The event was for the benefit of over 300 eighth-grade students from Orange County Schools as part of their full Law Day program.

Our Measure M efforts continue to fill the openings on the Taxpayer's Oversight Committee. Applications are now being received and the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County Selection Panel will make recommendations to the OCTA . From there, new members are selected by lottery. Approximately fifty



*Webster Guillroy*



*Chriss W. Street*

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applications have been received. Orientation for the 2008-2009 Grand Jury will begin the middle of June.

All of this leads us to consider next years board of directors. Our nominating committee is Joe Quiros and Jim Nolan. Six seats are up for reelection. Four incumbents are eligible for reelection. Two directors have termed out according to the by-laws. We will be announcing the need for nominations at the luncheon.

*-Carlos N. Olvera, president*

## **JUNE SPEAKERS**

### **Webster Guillroy**

Webster J. Guillory is Assessor of Orange County.

With a population of over 3 million people, and with 1.05 million units of property in the county, the Assessor provides business, fiscal and technical management to the valuation of over 408.7 billion dollars of property annually. Prior to his county work, Guillory had a distinguished career as a project manager for engineering, construction, technical and computer systems development projects. His experience is varied and brings together the successful applications of business, financial and technical management. He has an M.S. in Civil Structural Engineering and a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering.

Join us to learn of the current status of the Assessor's Office at the June meeting.

### **Chriss Street**

Chriss W. Street was sworn in as the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector on December 5, 2006. Having worked for thirty years as a Money Manager, Investment Banker and Corporate Restructuring Expert, he brings extensive private sector experience to elected office.

Mr. Street has served as Chairman and CEO of two New York Stock Exchange listed companies, as a Trustee for the United States Justice Department and as a member of the Board of Directors for several corporations. He has authored articles for financial publications such as Barron's, Institutional Investor and Forbes, and been interviewed as a featured analyst for televised news programs on CBS, ABC and National Public Television.

Chriss's association with the Treasurer's office dates back to 1994, when he and John W. Moorlach sounded the alarm on risky investments. When Mr. Moorlach was appointed Treasurer by the Board of Supervisors, Chriss remained one of his closest advisors.

A native of California, Mr. Street earned his Bachelors Degree in Economics from the University of California and is a graduate of the Stanford University School of Business. Chriss has been involved in numerous charitable, professional and civic organizations such as; The Homeland Security Advisory Board, Books for Freedom, the American Bank-

ruptcy Institute and the Orange County Employee's Pension Plan.

Chriss has been married for 29 years and is the proud father of three adult children.

## **BOARD ELECTIONS**

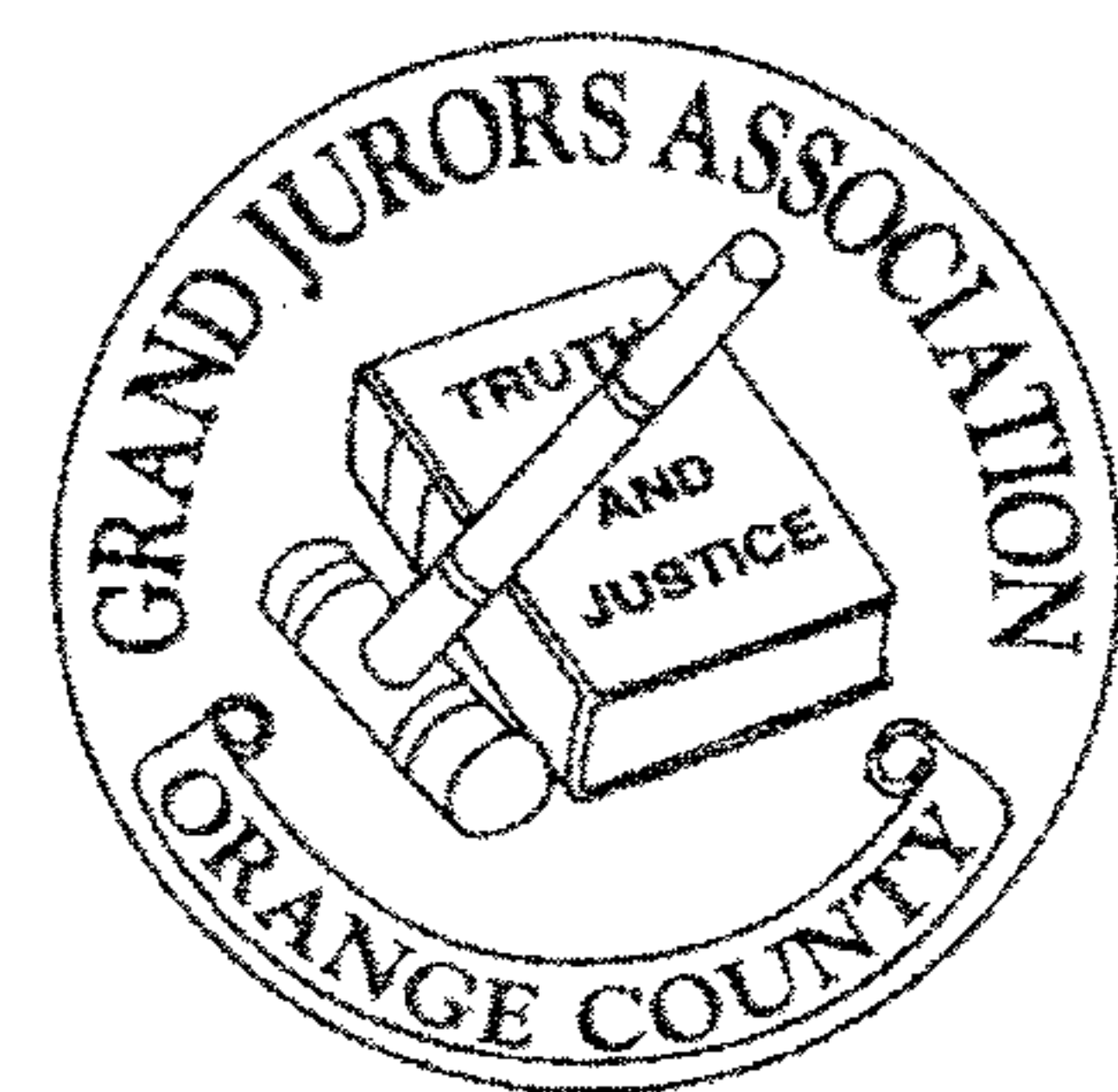
It is time to start considering who you want to serve on the GJAOC Board of Directors next year. Six members will be elected, per the By Laws. Two of the sitting members will be retired at the end of this year in accordance, again, with the By Laws, so we need your input to at least replace them. The election will take place in September.

Nominations should be mailed to the Nominating Committee, Joe Quiros, or Jim Nolan. The nomination must have the written consent of the nominee to be accepted by the committee.

It is never too early to consider who will direct the Association. You may nominate yourself.

Mail your nominations to:

Joe Quiros  
5385 Strasbourg Av.  
Irvine, CA 92604





# NOTES MISCELLANY

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of April 30, 2008  
Orange County Credit Union  
Business Checking Balance  
\$3,522.33  
Certificate of Deposit  
\$6,957.91  
Total  
\$10,480.24  
Joe Quiros, Treasurer

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### IN MEMORIAM

**BOB MORRISON**  
*1992/93 panel*

## DOCENTS WANTED

*Volunteers Wanted for Court Tours.*

Overview: The Superior Court of Orange County invites students and their teachers to learn more about the justice system by participating in its Court Tour program. This educational opportunity is geared for students in grades 8 through 12. Trained volunteer guides conduct the three-hour tours. A minimum of 20 students with a maximum of 45 will be accepted for each tour.

Tours include:

- An overview of the justice system, juvenile laws, and court careers.
- Observing court hearings such as Arraignments, Drug Court, or Small Claims Court.

- Participating in a scripted Mock Trial in which students enact various courtroom roles such as judge, court clerk, bailiff, attorney, witness, etc.

- Observing an actual criminal or civil trial.

Dates: October through May (no tours June through September)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location - Superior Court  
West Justice Center  
8141 13th Street  
Westminster

Please call Emily Robles at (714) 934-4620, if interested in volunteering.

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## CIRCLE THE DATE

Thursday, July 10, 2008 1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Mackey Auditorium - OLLI California State University - Fullerton

Lew Avera, Director and Training Committee Chair, and members of the California Grand Jurors' Association are presenting an educational program at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUF (OLLI). The presenters are former members of an Orange County grand jury. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Orange County Grand Jury in describing the details of grand jury service and functioning. Please plan to attend and help promote understanding of our grand jury system. This meeting is free and open to the public, although there is a \$5.00 parking fee. For further information, contact GJAOC board member, Charlotte Fox at foxchar@roadrunner.com or Lew Avera at lewavera@cox.net.



## *Attorney General's Advice Revalidates Grand Jury Investigative Reach*

In an important advice, dated October 4th, 2007, the State Attorney General released an answer to El Dorado Grand Jury's query regarding possible need that the grand jury has to negotiate procedures with government (city or county) counsel for the purposes of investigating the conduct of a peace officer or custodial officer and agency or department that employs these officers.

The Attorney General concluded that..."so long as the grand jury is duly investigating the conduct of a peace officer or custodial officer, or an agency or department that employs that officer, the grand jury has the right to review all documents located in personnel files, including those listed in Penal Code § 832.8, without negotiating a procedure with government counsel."

This conclusion is consistent with provisions of the Evidence Code § 300, and a prior conclusion to a question brought before the AG's office by San Luis Obispo County counsel in 1996 (Citation: 79 Ops Cal Atty Gen 185) which asked three questions:

"1. When a grand jury is conducting a civil "watchdog" investigation of local police agency, does it have the right to examine peace officer records, including citizens' complaints, or information compiled from such records, without obtaining issuance of a subpoena or court order?

2. Must a grand jury be investigating a specific case or citizen's complaint in order to examine such records?

3. May a grand jury require that such records be provided without the elimination of officers' names or statements or other alterations?"...

Three conclusions drawn at that time for San Luis Obispo were important precursors to the El Dorado advisory and stated:

"1. When a grand jury is conducting a civil "watchdog" investigation of a local police agency, it has the right to examine peace officer personnel records, including citizens' complaints, or information compiled from such records, without obtaining issuance of a subpoena or court order.

2. A grand jury need not be investigating a specific case or citizen's complaint in order to examine such records.

3. A grand jury may require that such records be provided without the elimination of officers' names or other alterations."

As the chief law officer of the state, the California Attorney General provides legal opinions and advice upon request from designated state and local public officials and government agencies on issues arising in the course of their duties. AG advisories do not have the force of appellate court or Supreme Court decisions. However, in the AG's words, "the formal legal opinions of the Attorney General have been accorded 'great respect' and 'great weight' by the courts."

Orange County grand juries conducting peace officer investigations should be aware of these advisories and their positive impact on their investigation's reach.

*-Bob Geiss*

