

# THE NEWSLETTER

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday, September 3**  
**at Phoenix Club**  
**1340 S. Sanderson Ave Anaheim**

**Speaker**

**Brett Sagel**  
**Asst. U.S. Attorney**

**"Busting the Bad Guys"**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our past luncheon in June, our speaker was O.C. CEO Thomas Mauk. We had a very informative meeting on the current status and foreseeable financial challenges of the future. Tom and his wife were very gracious guests at our luncheon.

As you read herein, September's speaker will be very interesting as we hear more about the trial of former Sherriff Corona. I say interesting since many of us have had personal involvement with him.

Again, a new grand jury has been seated and another released. So we now welcome foreperson Jim Perez and his panel with free membership for the rest of the year. We continue to reach out to recruit individuals to apply for grand jury duty as the recruiting season is now upon us. So pass the word in your community and organizations you support and belong to.

Also, please read the time line for applying as a candidate to be on the board of directors. The deadline is nearing.. We welcome all who serve and all who belong.

- Carlos N. Olvera



## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

September speaker Brett Sagel is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California in the Santa Ana Office, where he recently was the lead prosecutor in the corruption trial of ex-Sheriff Mike Carona. Sagel has been at this office since 2004 and with the United States Department of Justice since 1999. In the ten years of being a federal prosecutor, he has successfully prosecuted numerous jury trials and federal cases, including prosecuting and

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### Luncheon Speaker

convicting in a Capital Murder case involving members of the Aryan Brotherhood prison gang, the prosecution of tax cheat Igor Olenicoff, which resulted in a criminal conviction and a restitution payment of \$52 million to the federal government and other complex white-collar cases involving public corruption, corporate fraud, bank fraud, and tax fraud.

Be sure and come to hear his stories about big time Federal cases in and around Orange County.

### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION**

The mission of the CGJA is to promote government accountability by improving the training and resources available to California's 58 regular grand juries, to educate the public about the local government oversight and reporting powers of these grand juries.

The association will hold an annual meeting in Sacramento on October 29th and 30th.

Two O.C. board members will attend. Additional information can be found at: [www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org)



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

Glen Stroud, two and a half year member of the Board of Directors, was selected for the 2009/2010 Grand Jury. Cheryl Brothers will take his place for the balance of his term. Jim Nolan was appointed to replace Hiroko Kranz in 2007. Jim resigned from the Board in September, 2008. His seat was filled by Bob Fauteux.

Six GJAOC directorships will be up for election in September for the 2010/11 term. Since there are currently seven candidates for the six positions, the process will be by mail. The seven candidates are:

Carol Duensing Charlotte Fox Charles Morse Joe Quiros  
Bob Fauteux Joe Moreland William Nelson

No additional candidates mailed in requests to be added to the list by the deadline of July 15, 2009. However, anyone wishing to be added or wishing to nominate candidates may do so at the September luncheon. In nominating any other member, please be sure that you have his/her permission to do so.

The election by mail involves the following:

- ballots will be mailed to all regular GJAOC members who are in good standing sometime after the September meeting;
- ballots must be returned by October 1st (envelopes will be provided);
- returned ballots will remain sealed until presented to the board at their October 8 meeting for tallying;
- results will be announced in the November newsletter and at the December meeting.

### **RESPONSE REVIEW**

Your Board has set up a process where we can review responses to grand jury reports. Often, after a panel has been released, the required response is submitted. If it is determined that the response is not forthright, the county CEO would like to know. A Board member or a committee chair, will revisit the report and present comments to the CEO for further review or action. The agreement is to review reports within the last two outgoing grand juries in order to address somewhat familiar material but we have yet to receive a candidate report. We suggest that the foreperson of the jury, who is a GJAOC member, submit the reports for review.



# NOTES & MISCELLANY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of July 30, 2009  
 Orange County Credit Union  
 Business Checking Balance  
 \$1,457.36  
 Certificate of Deposit  
 \$7,192.35  
 Total  
 \$8,649.71  
 Joe Quiros, Treasurer

## RECRUITING BOOKMARKS

The Association has printed recruiting bookmarks that will be available at the September luncheon. All members are encouraged to take a bundle to distribute wherever there are potential grand jury candidates: community centers, city halls, libraries, chambers of commerce, community organizational meetings. The recruitment period for grand jury members is October to January.

- Rose Moreno



## IN MEMORIAM

Clista Stephens  
 1990-91 Panel

Charlotte Cleary-Bell  
 1981-82 Panel

Sheldon Singer  
 1998-99 Panel

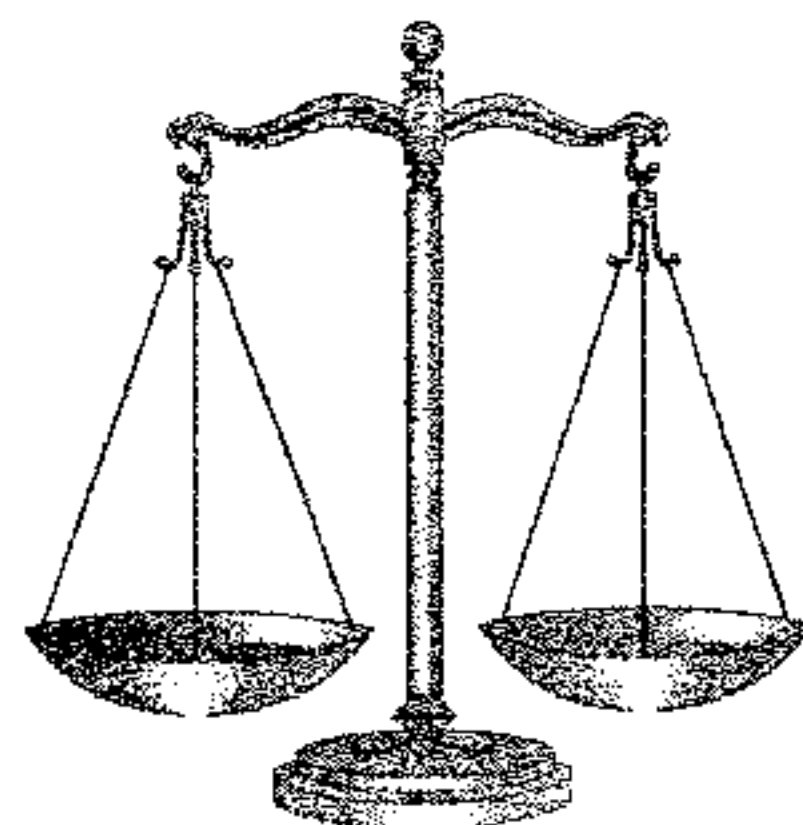
## CHARLOTTE CLEARY-BELL

*Requiescat In Pace*

Our dear friend Charlotte Cleary-Bell passed away in July. Her husband Bob Bell was with her at their home. Charlotte was a great friend, activist and volunteer on behalf of the Republican Party of Orange County.

She was a member of the 1981-82 Grand Jury.

- Charlotte Fox

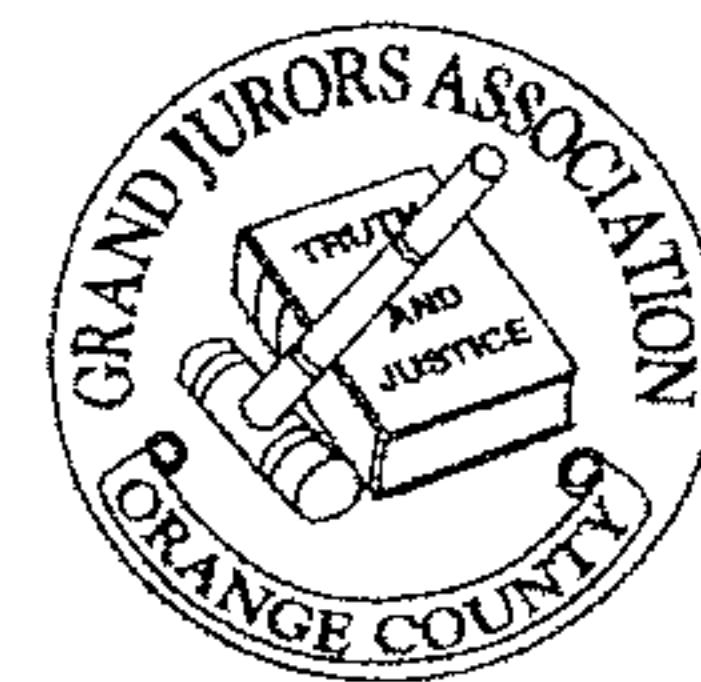


## SHELDON SINGER

Dr. Sheldon Singer (OC Grand Jury 1998-99) passed away in May 2009.

After WWII he returned to Ohio where he graduated from Ohio State University with B.S. and O.D. degrees. Moving to California in 1954, he opened his optometric practice in Garden Grove in 1956. He joined the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce in 1957 and became president in 1965 and later started the Women's Division of the Chamber. In 1958, he was chair of the committee that proposed the Strawberry Festival to the Chamber. He then served on the Festival board for 15 years and was president in 1965.

Since 1959 Dr. Singer was involved, in leading positions, with the Boys and Girls Club, the Valencia Shrine Club, Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove, and the Flying Samaritans of Orange County in addition to his membership in the OC Grand Jury.





## 2009-2010 OC GRAND JURY SELECTED

The 19 members and 11 alternates of the 2009-2010 Orange County Grand Jury were selected on May 12 from a drawing held in Dept. C1 of the Central Justice Center.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Robin Bowen         | 7. Dennis Evans - Foreman | 13. John Moohr        |
| 2. Bruce Brown         | 8. John Gallie            | 14. Terrence Moy      |
| 3. Connie Buenaventura | 9. Vena Garrett           | 15. Thomas Rolls      |
| 4. Alvin Coen          | 10. Erica James           | 16. Melvin Schwartz   |
| 5. John Cole           | 11. William Lycett        | 17. Felix Serna       |
| 6. Edwin Dahms         | 12. Richard McCarthy      | 18. Glen Stroud       |
|                        |                           | 19. Michael Verrengia |

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### LOOKING FOR A NEW LUNCHEON VENUE

*Members Have Spoken*

By a nearly 3 to 1 margin, members indicated that they would like to try other venues for the GJA Quarterly Luncheon. Although most have enjoyed the facility at the Phoenix Club, the limited variety of lunches available in our price range seems to have been a major factor in the voting. Pot Roast, Roast Pork, and Sauerbraten have been our only choices for a number of years and members are looking for something new on their plates. A committee has been formed to explore other options and is looking at potential sites which are conveniently located, are suitable for after-lunch presentations, have a variety of dishes available in our price range (members expressed a desire to keep lunches at \$20), and have free parking. Several sites have been identified but we urge

members to contact the Committee Chair, Joe A. Moreland at [joenkay@dslextrreme.com](mailto:joenkay@dslextrreme.com) or call him at 714 628-8701 if they know of any facilities that could satisfy our needs. One surprising result of the poll distributed at the June luncheon was the 4 to 1 vote in favor of including buffet-type service at our luncheons. Joe is also soliciting suggestions for future luncheon speakers.

*-Joe Moreland*

### COURTHOUSE FEATURES

For those of you who have been behaving and/or have been off the court circuit for a while, some welcome features have been added to most of the court houses in the county.

There is a **Self Help Office** at West Justice Center, Central Court, and Lamoreaux Center. One-on-one help is available for filling out court documents and/or understanding court procedures. At West Court the **Victims Assis-**

**tance Office** is housed in the same location. There, one can find information about crisis intervention, emergency assistance, restitution assistance, victim compensation, temporary restraining orders and other concerns of victims.

Now nearly all of the court houses have **Children's Chambers** which offer childcare services. Brightly-colored furnishings and toys invite children to spend time there while their parents attend court proceedings.

The **Mediation Program** at West Court which was initiated in 1999 continues to grow. Win-win mediation was introduced as an alternative to the win-lose solution in most trial cases. Mediation has resulted in a sizeable number of settlement agreements in contested cases. Members who are interested in becoming a mediator, please contact me.

*-Rose Moreno*