



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## YOUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

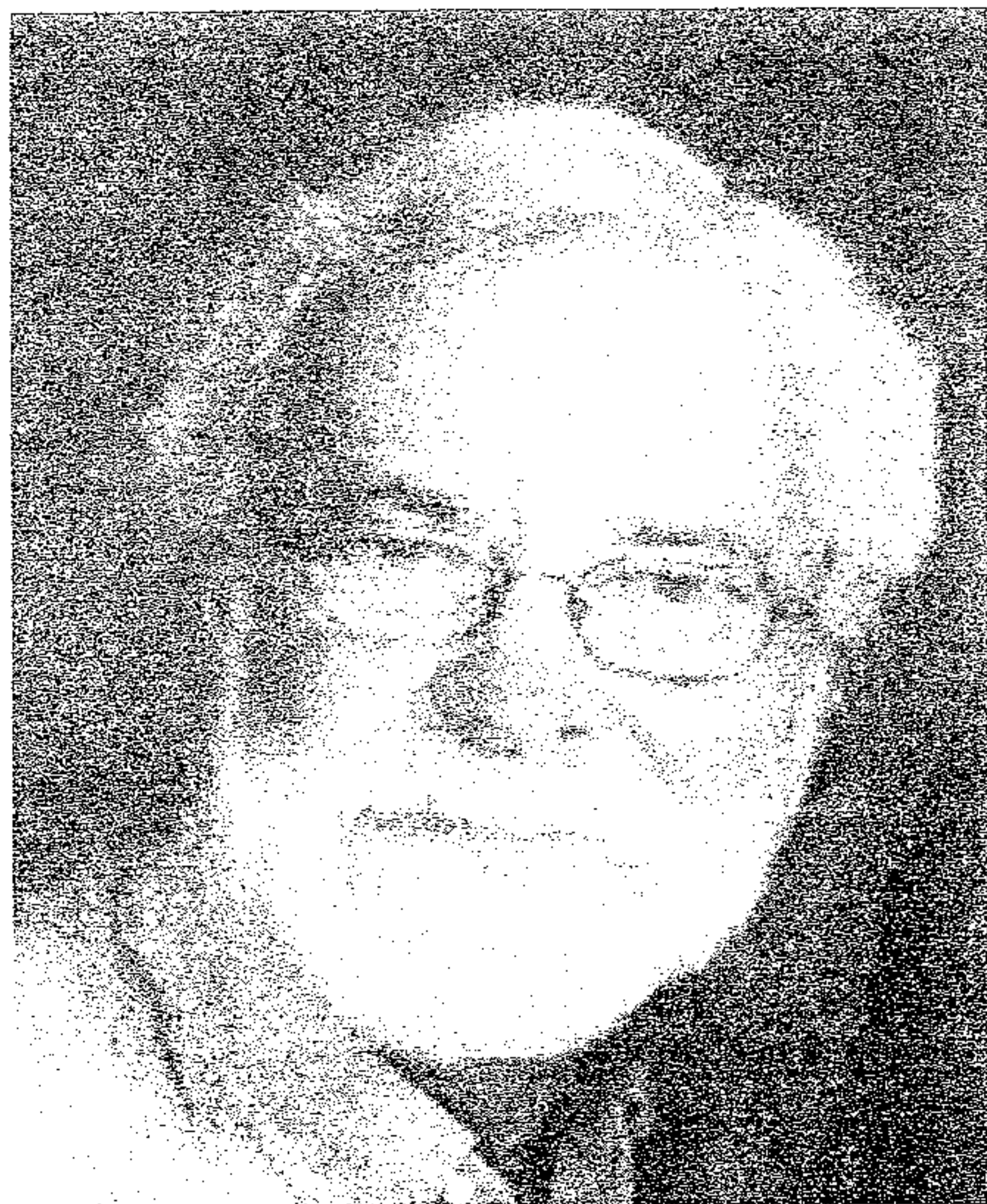
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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday June 3**  
**at Meridian Sports Club**  
**1535 Deerpark, Fullerton**

**Sheriff's Investigator Ruiz**  
**S.A. Police Det. Jeff Launi**

**"Gangs - A Situation Report"**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### GREETINGS!

#### *From the President's Keyboard*

This is a busy time of year for our Association. Every spring the GJAOC plays an important role in the selection of candidates to serve on the OCTA Measure M Taxpayers Oversight Committee. A five-person Selection Panel (comprised of Association members) reviews applications, identifies potentially qualified candidates, interviews and ranks applicants,

and submits a list of as many as five well-qualified candidates for each vacancy to the OCTA Board of Directors. New members of the Taxpayers Oversight Committee are chosen by lottery from our lists of well-qualified applicants which ensures that the Oversight Committee is truly independent, unbiased, and qualified. This year, the selection process has gotten off to a slow start. The number of applications received from Districts 1 and 4 has been sparse. This might be a good year to submit an application if you live in one of those Districts. If you know someone who might be interested, encourage them to apply. The filing deadline has been extended through May to increase participation.

Our Nominating Committee is also active during the first few months of the year. Rose Moreno, Carlos Olvera, and Joe Quiros are on the hunt for worthy candidates for the 2011 Board of Directors. Six positions are filled each year and two of the positions will be vacated due to term limits (Board members are limited to 6 years). Written consent from the nominee is required before their name can be placed on the ballot. New blood on the Board keeps our Association energized and vibrant. If you would

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*President's Message*  
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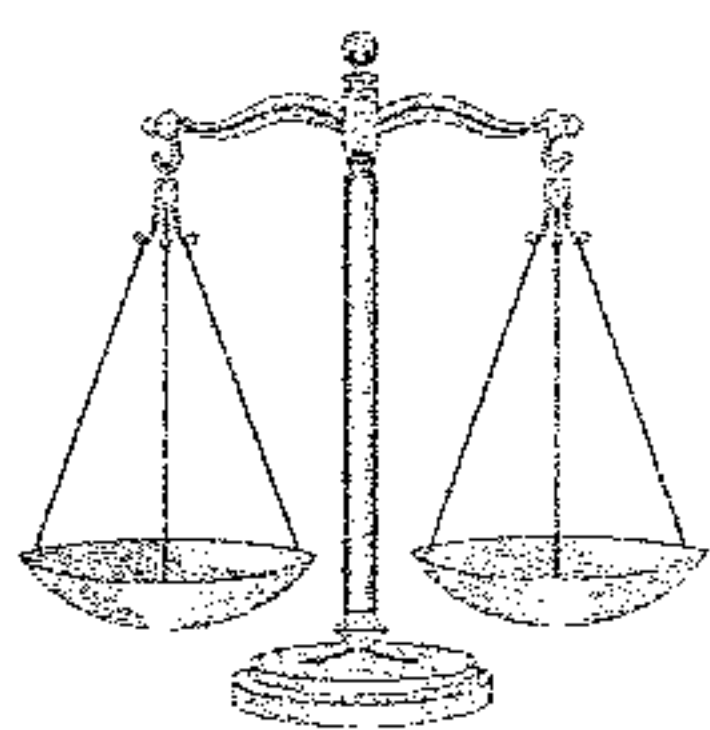
like to be considered, let the Nominating Committee know before July 15.

The 2010 Statewide Primary Election is scheduled for June 8. The Registrar of Voters is still recruiting volunteers for Polling Place Inspectors, Polling Place Clerks, Election Day Coordinators, Collection Center Workers, and Election Night Tally Center Crewmembers. Many Association Members perform valuable volunteer service on Election Day and the Registrar's Office always appreciates our involvement. If you'd like to join in the fun, you can sign up online at [ocvote.com/volunteer](http://ocvote.com/volunteer) or call 714 954-1901.

As always, I welcome your comments on any subject. Please feel free to share your thoughts or ideas by calling 714-328-3255 or emailing [morelandjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:morelandjoe@hotmail.com)  
- Joe Moreland, president

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE  
JUNE 8TH**

This is an important primary! In addition to selecting candidates for the November election, there are five important propositions on the ballot that deserve your consideration and your vote.



**JUNE MEETING SPEAKERS**

Our June meeting will offer an overview of the tactics used in the everyday conflict for controlling Orange County gangs. We will have two law enforcement officers with close-in knowledge with local gangs to tell us about their street-level experiences.

Over many years, Investigator Kevin Ruiz, now with the OC Sheriff Dept. and Detective Jeff Launi from the Santa Ana Police Dept. were longtime partners dealing with gang activities in Santa Ana and neighboring communities. They will give us information about:

- How much of problem are the gangs- increasing or decreasing during the last 5-10 years
- Ties to prison populations
- Where they are concentrated in the county
- Gang proliferation- age groups, school problems, adult gangs and their affiliations
- Programs in place- what kind, how effective, recidivism, manpower and funding

Since 1989, there have been five GJ reports published about gangs:

- "The Orange County Gang Challenge" (1991)
- "Gangs- Activity, Tracking and Control" (1993)
- "Youth Gangs Management" (1993)
- "Gangs, Drugs, Prevention, Early Intervention Through Education" (1995)
- "Meeting the Challenge of Gang Activity in Orange County" (undated)

We can expect to get a down-in-the-trenches view from our speakers. You can ask them some questions whether current authorities, at the policy level, are providing adequate real-world tools for protecting the public from today's gangs.

- Bob Fauteux

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Directions to the Meridian Sports Club (for the March luncheon): Exit 57 Freeway on Yorba Linda Blvd. Drive east on Yorba Linda Blvd to the second signal, which is N. Placentia Ave. Turn right on N. Placentia Ave. Drive one block and turn right on Garnet, which dead ends on Deerpark Dr. Turn left on Deerpark Dr. to the Meridian Club, which will be on your right.

**IMPORTANT!**

Park your car in the garage on the second level, and enter the club on the second level.

# NOTES & MISCELLANY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Apr 29, 2010  
 Orange County Credit Union  
 Business Checking Balance  
 \$8,476.40  
 Certificate of Deposit  
 \$4,288.87  
 Total  
 \$12,765.27  
 Joe Quiros, Treasurer

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Association owes a debt of gratitude to Robert Fauteux and Viola Sadler for their diligent review of the 2009 GJAOC financial records. They found all reporting to be in order. Thank you, Robert and Viola.

## NEW DIRECTORY

GJAOC will publish an updated membership booklet this summer. Paid members will be listed using all available contact information. Our membership chairperson, Charlotte Fox has gathered email addresses for many of you. Those addresses will be included in the booklet - UNLESS - she hears from you.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT your email address published in the members only booklet, please contact Charlotte and let her know: (714) 525-1957 or [foxchar@roadrunner.com](mailto:foxchar@roadrunner.com)

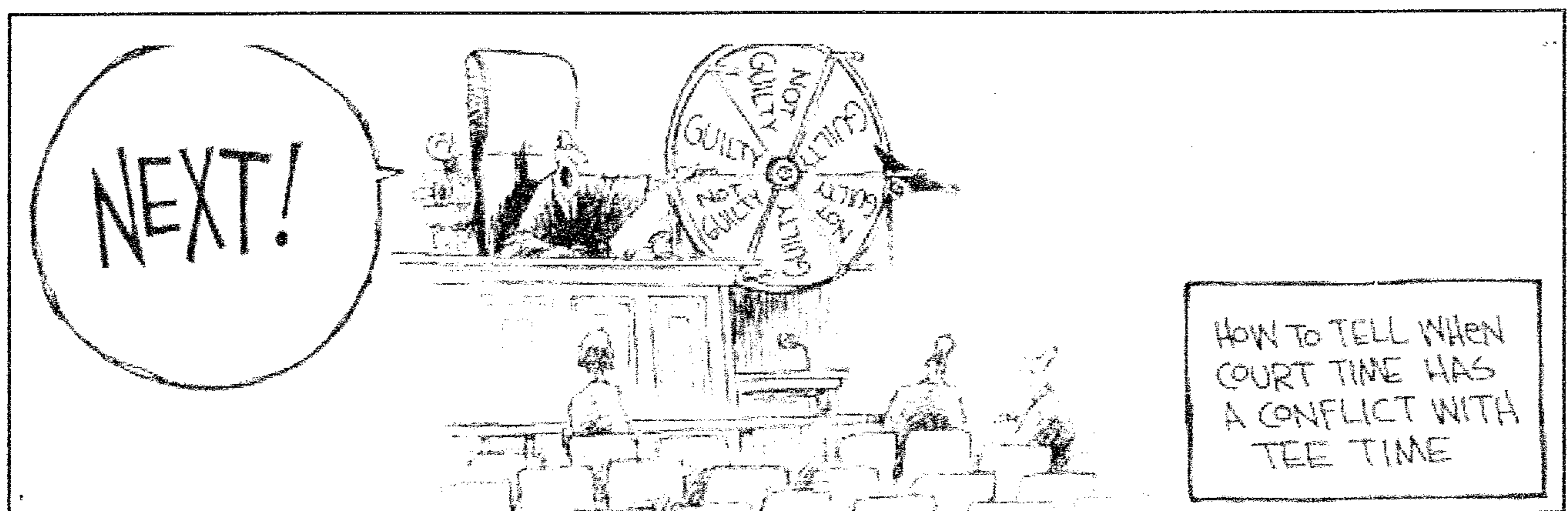
## MEMBERSHIP

We have, at present, 143 members. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year and due in January of each year.

If you have not paid your membership dues by June, according to the GJAOC by-laws, your name will be dropped from the mailing list. Payment of your dues after that time will reinstate your membership for 2010.

## MEASURE M TAXPAYERS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Response was low this year from all eligible districts 1, 3, 4, and 5. The deadline for applications has been extended. If you, or someone you know might be interested, you may contact Joe Moreland (714) 328-3255 or [morelandjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:morelandjoe@hotmail.com) for more information, or visit the OCTA website at [www.octa.net/toc](http://www.octa.net/toc). But hurry: Candidate selection will close soon.



## MARCH 2010 PROGRAM



L. Jerry Amante, R. Bill Huston

Tustin Mayor Jerry Amante and Tustin City Manager Bill Huston gave an informative, but depressing view of California's financial woes and how they are impacting city budgets today and for some years into the future.

City budgets already hit by this down economy, are being raided by the state to help balance their budget.

All this makes providing essential daily services to residents more difficult if not impossible in some cases. Our thanks to the Mayor and City Manager for their efforts to bring us this insiders' view.

*-editor*

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## GJAOE ELECTIONS

Six directorships will be up for election this year. Two positions will not have any incumbents. If you as a regular GJAOE member are interested in being considered for one of the posts, please notify Nominating Committee Chair, Rose Moreno. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, you will need to provide a written consent from that person.

*Election Process* • Submit nominations to Chair by July 15\*

- Nominations approved by Board in August

- <sup>a</sup> Nominations presented at September meeting

- Nominations from floor accepted at September meeting

- Election by voice if nominations equal open posts (Sept. meeting)

- <sup>a</sup> Election by secret ballot otherwise. Ballots out by Sept. 15 are to be returned by October 1 or before

\*Mail notification to:

GJAOE Nominating Committee Chair 4821 Los Patos Huntington Beach, CA 92649

or e-mail to [rsmoreno35@verizon.net](mailto:rsmoreno35@verizon.net)

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## NEW TRAFFIC LAW 2010

New Law: If a patrol car is pulled over to the side of the road, you have to change to the next lane (away from the stopped vehicle) or slow down by 20 mph. Every state except New York, Hawaii, and Maryland, and the D.C. has this law. In California, the "Move-over" law became operative on January 1, 2010. A friend's son got a ticket for this recently. A police car (turned out it was 2 police cars) was on the side of the road giving a ticket to someone else. He slowed down to pass but did not move into the other lane. The second police car immediately pulled him over and gave him a ticket. He had never heard of the law. It is a fairly new law that states if any emergency vehicle is on the side of the road, if you are able, you are to move into the far lane.

The cost of the ticket was \$754, with 3 points on your license and a mandatory court appearance. Please let everyone you know that drives about this new law. It is true (see details at the following web address <http://www.moveoveramerica.com/>)

*-Rose Moreno*