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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday December 1st
at Meridian Sports Club
1535 Deerpark, Fullerton**

**Speaker
David O. Carter
Federal Court Judge**

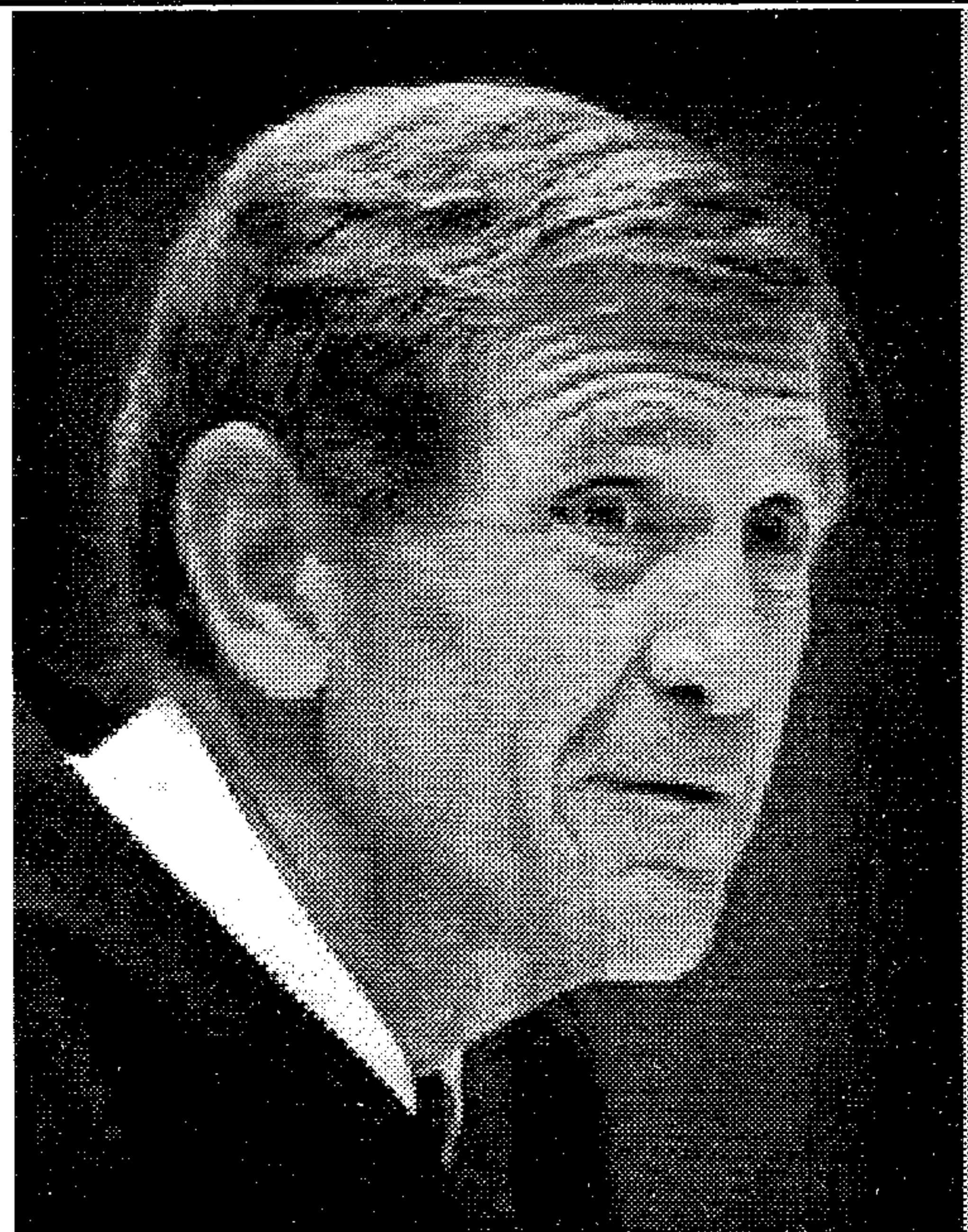
Installation of New Officers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS!!

From the President's Keyboard

As 2010 draws to a close, I've been reflecting on things that occupied my time during the year. Of most significance to me were the many opportunities I had to fulfill a personal commitment that I made while living and working in the United Arab Emirates (a patriarchal country with limited civil liberties) from 1995-2000. I swore that when I returned to American soil, I would never again take my citizenship for granted. Consequently, I rarely pass up a chance to contribute to our society and many such opportunities arose this year. I knocked on doors (and exposed myself to verbal abuse from angry citizens) while conducting field surveys for the 2010 census, served as an Election Coordinator in two statewide elections, served on the GJAOC Taxpayers Oversight Committee Selection Panel, monitored vote-counting for the California Grand Jurors Association election, and performed the many and varied duties of President of our Association. While time consuming and challenging, these activities were, nonetheless,
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DECEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Federal Court Judge David O. Carter returns as our featured speaker for the GJAOC year-end holiday luncheon meeting. For the past several years he has been our December featured speaker.

The Judge also conducts the swearing of new GJAOC officers and board members. Each year he provides us with an update from his recent case load as well
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less, personally satisfying and very rewarding. I look forward with anticipation for future opportunities to serve our Nation, State, County, and local communities.

I'm sure you are all aware that we are now in the recruitment period for the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury. The Superior Court is currently sending notices to a long list of agencies and community organizations soliciting applications to serve. You have probably received an application package by now because former grand jurors are considered to be prime candidates. If you've ever considered a second, third, or fourth term, now would be an opportune time to submit an application. We have provided copies of a short recruiting video prepared by the 2005-2006 Grand Jury to courthouses around the county to share with petit jurors. Our own Lynn Bonas has given presentations to petit jurors at the Fullerton courthouse which adds a more personal touch to the recruitment video. I hope other members will find time to share their grand jury experiences with civic groups and meetings throughout our community.

I solicited volunteers to serve on the GJAOC Speakers Bureau in an email message last month that went to members who have authorized us to correspond via that medium. I am very heartened by the overwhelming response. Lew Alvera, Carlos Olvera, Linda Rogers, Lynn Bonas, Howard Mirowitz, An Nguyen, Dianne Hoffman, Ann Andres, and Charlotte Fox volunteered to accept speaking invitations that may arise. Such invitations aren't frequent but when they come up, it is comforting to know that there are members willing and able to serve as public speakers. Having a stable of speakers proved its value when the Fullerton courthouse asked us to send someone to speak to their petit juror pool about grand jury recruitment.

Speaking of recruitment, the California Grand Jurors Association has asked me to extend an invitation to all of you to consider joining the statewide organization. The CGJA is probably best known for their excellent training program for newly appointed grand jurors. In 2010, they provided training to 889 participants from 50 counties. The Association is also actively involved in Public Relations, Legislative Affairs, and Membership Relations. Dues are \$30 per year which entitles members to a copy of their quarterly newsletter and an opportunity to learn about grand jury activities in other counties across California. While membership in both a local and state Association might seem redundant, it is important to bear in mind that the statewide organization provides a service that is beyond our means. I would encourage you to consider supporting the important work performed by the CGJA. You can learn more about the organization by logging in to CGJA.org.

We will be losing some valuable Board talent at the end of the year when Carlos Olvera, Jerry Kranz, Rose Moreno, and Charlene Clark step down. They have all served with distinction and will be sorely missed. Rose Moreno has been our institutional memory and motivator for more years than most of us have been members...hopefully she won't relinquish ALL of her duties when she leaves the Board.

At a special meeting of the new Board on November 4, officers for 2011 were selected. The new officers include: Joe A. Moreland, President; Bob Fauteux, 1st Vice-president; Charlotte Fox, 2nd Vice-president; Viola Sadler, Secretary; Joe M. Quiros, Treasurer; Carol Duensing, Parliamentarian; Terry Dancy, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Cheryl Brothers, Newsletter Editor. Installation of officers will be formalized at a swearing-in ceremony to be conducted by Judge David O. Carter at our December 2 luncheon.

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.

- Joe Moreland, president

NOTES & MISCELLANY

MEMBERSHIP

Charlotte Fox will be mailing the 2011 membership renewal letters any day now.

You may pay your dues at the December luncheon or drop them in the mail. Early renewal will guarantee that you continue to receive this newsletter.

WATCHDOG BOOKMARKS

Nearly 7,000 Watchdog Bookmarks were quickly gathered up for distribution by GJAOC members at the September luncheon. The bookmarks showed up at senior centers, community centers, libraries, court rooms, club houses and various other gathering places throughout Orange County. Members from seventeen cities participated in the distribution of this third printing of the bookmarks. Over 20,000 of these bookmarks have made their way throughout Orange County over recent years. It is one small way of letting residents know of the grand jury system. Thanks to all who so willingly participated.

A personal endorsement of the grand jury system appears to be

one of the most effective ways of encouraging residents to apply for grand jury service. If a recruiter is able to hand a bookmark which gives pertinent information to a prospective applicant at the same time, it is even more effective. It's okay if these cute bookmarks get into the hands of little kids. This is what we can refer to as "early education"!

- Rose Moreno

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR O.C. SENIORS

Orange County Council on Aging has completed the publication of a wonderful Christmas gift for the seniors of Orange County. A compilation of all the agencies that provide services to seniors and the various benefits available will be given out free of charge. Copies will be available at senior centers, community centers, clubs, service groups, churches and various other gathering spots.

Under the direction of Jacqueline Lauder, Director of Education with the Council on Aging, this publication is free because the cost has been absorbed through the sale of advertisements. GJAOC Director Rose Moreno who helped a bit

with the project hopes to have enough copies at the December luncheon for all attendees.

If you are interested in obtaining copies for any senior group see Rose at the luncheon.

A WORD OF THANKS

We have four members who have served on the Board of Directors for one or more terms. As they retire, it is time to thank them for serving the Association.

The Board meets monthly eleven times a year and is responsible for all of the activities of the Association including major endeavors such as: luncheon programs, Measure M Oversight Committee recruitment and selection, and O.C. Grand Jury member recruitment. Notably, Carlos N. Olvera has served two years as President during his tenure; Rose Moreno has been the Secretary for twelve of the last thirteen years, and Jerry Kranz and Charlene Clark have served faithfully.

We will acknowledge the dedication of these people, all of them, at the December luncheon.

Luncheon Speaker

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as his far ranging travels as a representative for the U.S. State Department. In 2010, according to his office, he continued work on jurisprudence projects with the governments of Armenia and the Republic of Georgia. In past years he has traveled to Brazil, Bosnia, China, the Philippines, Malawi and Mexico on similar projects.

He holds undergraduate and law degrees from UCLA. After serving as Marine Officer, earning a Silver Star and Purple Heart from combat in Viet Nam, he joined the OC District Attorney's Office. In 1981 he became a Municipal Court Judge on the OC Superior Court. He was an Advising Judge for the Grand Jury's reports and legal actions after the County's bankruptcy in 1994.

He was appointed to the Federal Bench in June 1998 by President Clinton and was confirmed by the Senate in October of that year. He presently sits on the U.S. District Court- Central District, Southern Division.

- *Bob Fauteux*

**ORANGE COUNTY REPORTS SEASON'S
FIRST INFLUENZA CASE**

The Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) has confirmed the first case of influenza signaling the coming influenza season. While flu season in Orange County usually peaks at the end of December or beginning of January, it is not unusual to begin seeing influenza cases reported early in the season and it is not too early to get vaccinated. The first reported case was Influenza Type A however it is not the pandemic 2009 (H1N1) strain of influenza.

Flu shots are anticipated to be widely available from private physicians, pharmacies and other retail businesses in the community. Information about these locations and dates is available at <http://findaflushot.com>. Beginning in October, flu shots will also be available for eligible individuals through the Health Care Agency's annual influenza vaccination program. For information about the County's flu shot program call the HCA Health Referral Line at 1-800 564-8448 or visit www.ochealthinfo.com.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that all persons 6 months of age and older be given flu shots every year and those in the highest priority groups should get their flu shots before the end of October. The highest priority groups include:

- Children 6-59 months of age
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People who are morbidly obese
- Children and adolescents who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- People with chronic diseases like heart disease, asthma, other lung disease or diabetes
- People with a health condition that suppresses their immune or respiratory system
- Residents of long-term care facilities that house people with chronic medical conditions
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children 0 to 59 months of age
- Health care workers.

-*O.C. Health Care Agency*

