



# THE NEWSLETTER

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**  
**Thursday June 2**  
**at Meridian Sports Club**  
**1535 Deerpark, Fullerton**

**Speaker**  
**Jim Ellis**

**"Security**  
**at John Wayne Airport"**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*A letter re: AB 622*

Dear GJAOC member,

Our Association and the California Grand Jurors Association are working feverishly to stop AB 622 from reaching the floor of the Assembly. Offered by Roger Dickinson of Sacramento (who was the subject of several Sacramento County Grand Jury investigations while serving as a County Supervisor), the bill would literally gut the grand jury system as we know it. Despite efforts by the California District Attorneys Association and the California Grand Jurors Association, the bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary by a 6 to 4 vote. The bill is now awaiting action by the Committee on Appropriations. If we are unable to block this bill in the Committee on Appropriations, a state-wide effort will be required to defeat Dickinson's attempt to neutralize grand juries.

In a nutshell, the bill would require grand juries to make reports available to agency heads 45 days prior to release of the final report—effectively shortening grand jury terms by 6 weeks. It also would allow witnesses to have legal counsel in the grand jury room

### JUNE LUNCHEON MEETING

The Grand Jurors Association of Orange County will hold its quarterly speaker and luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the Meridian Sports Center in Fullerton. The featured speaker will be Jim Ellis, Manager, Emergency Preparedness for the John Wayne Airport.

Ellis will present an overview of the security and emergency organization program at JWA. He will describe how all the involved parties, from the airlines to the station's fire department, plan and prepare for various types of extraordinary events at the facility.

The Sports Club is located at 1535 Deerpark Drive in Fullerton, off the 57 Freeway at Yorba Linda Blvd. Doors open at 11:00 am. Lunch is served at 11:45 am. Reservations are recommended by contacting Joe Quiros at (949) 651-0113 or [jmquireos@cox.net](mailto:jmquireos@cox.net).

*-Bob Fauteux*

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*President's Message (contd. from p.1)*

during testimony—substantially increasing cost of operation and threatening confidentiality. The most damaging part of the legislation is wording to require all sworn testimony (with some limited exceptions) to be conducted in public hearings--reversing centuries of grand jury tradition of conducting confidential investigations.

Why is this important to you? Four of the Assembly members assigned to the Committee on Appropriations represent parts of Orange County. You have an opportunity to express your concerns about this problematic bill and, hopefully, convince our representatives to kill it in their Committee before it is offered for consideration by the full Assembly.

If you would like additional information about the problems future grand juries would have to deal with, please visit this California Grand Jurors Association web site.... <https://sites.google.com/site/assemblybill622/home>. The site contains editorials, letters of opposition, and detailed analysis of the bill.

I have written letters of opposition to the four Assembly members from Orange County who serve on the Committee of Appropriations (Diane Harkey, Vice Chair of the Committee, and members Chris Norby, Jose Solorio, and Donald Wagner). I strongly urge you to add your voice in opposition. Call your Assembly member's office, send them email, or write a letter right away. Now is the time for action. Thank you for your support and help,

- Joe. Moreland, President

For additional information on this subject, visit the California Grand Jurors Association website:  
[google.com/site/assemblybill622](https://sites.google.com/site/assemblybill622)

### **AD HOC RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee has met and come up with a list of 10 recruitment / awareness ideas for the Association to act on in 2011-12. The board of directors reviewed that list and agreed on 2 areas for investigation into cost and effort required to be successful.

- They have narrowed (by popular vote of the board) that list by combining items 1-3 as one related item: develop a GJAOC web site, facebook and twitter account as a way to engage the current members with timely items of interest and providing information on recruitment for grand jury service.

- By unanimous vote, \$1,000 expenditure for a 1/8 page ad in the 2nd edition (2011) of the OC Senior Resource Guide. 75,000 copies will be distributed throughout OC at senior centers, city halls and libraries to name a few. Contact Rose Moreno regarding copies of the 2010 guide.

- Coordinate and facilitate a OC judges candidate forum. We all want to know more about those names on the ballot. This would be a regional forum open to the public. A committee will investigate logistics and election

timelines.

- If you are interested in lending your expertise and interest in any of these proposals, please contact committee chair: Glen Stroud [gmstroud@aol.com](mailto:gmstroud@aol.com) (714) 835-7691.

### **BOARD ACTIONS IN MARCH / APRIL**

- As is our custom, the 2010/11 panel will be invited as our guests to the June lunch program; and a 6 month association membership will be offered for the remainder of 2011.

- Grand jury staff (2) will be offered a complimentary lunch at all quarterly meetings.

- An ad hoc committee was formed and chaired by Glen Stroud to consider recruitment and awareness efforts by the Association.

- Bob Fauteux has filed all required tax and non-profit forms.

- The board will meet in July (sometimes dark)

- Continue to investigate possible recruitment suggestions.

### **GJAOC AUDIT**

In the climate of full disclosure, as in every year, the Association financial records have been reviewed by committee. Bob Fauteux and Pat Coakley found the bookkeeping "well organized and triple-redundant". We thank Bob and Pat for their effort.



# NOTES & MISCELLANY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Apr 30, 2011  
Orange County Credit Union  
Business Checking Balance  
\$3,963.87  
.Certificate of Deposit  
\$8,851.07  
Total  
\$12,814.94  
Joe Quiros, Treasurer

## IN MEMORIAM

Bob Geiss  
1998-99 panel

Eiko Nomura  
2003-04 panel

Alan Friedman  
2003-04 panel

## IN MEMORY OF BOB GEISS

The CA association will be naming a state-wide award for 'Excellence in Reporting' in Bob's name as recognition of his work with the state association.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE LUNCHEONS?

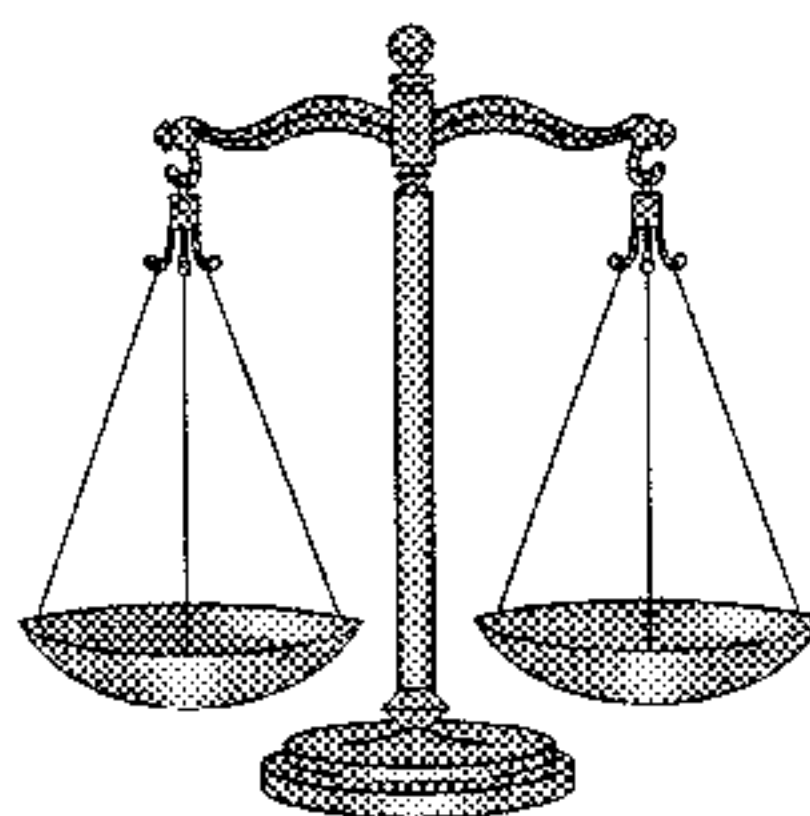
The question has come up: Do you like the luncheon location? Is this too far north? We have heard: The menu is not varied or interesting. Do you like the menus? Do you have suggestions for other venues? Please let us know and we will happily look into other locations. Upcoming 2011 programs are tentatively scheduled for Sept. - ~ Registrar of Voters; Dec. - Officer installation and judicial updates from Judge Carter. If you have suggestions for future programs - please contact V.P. Bob Fauteux (714) 998-2868.

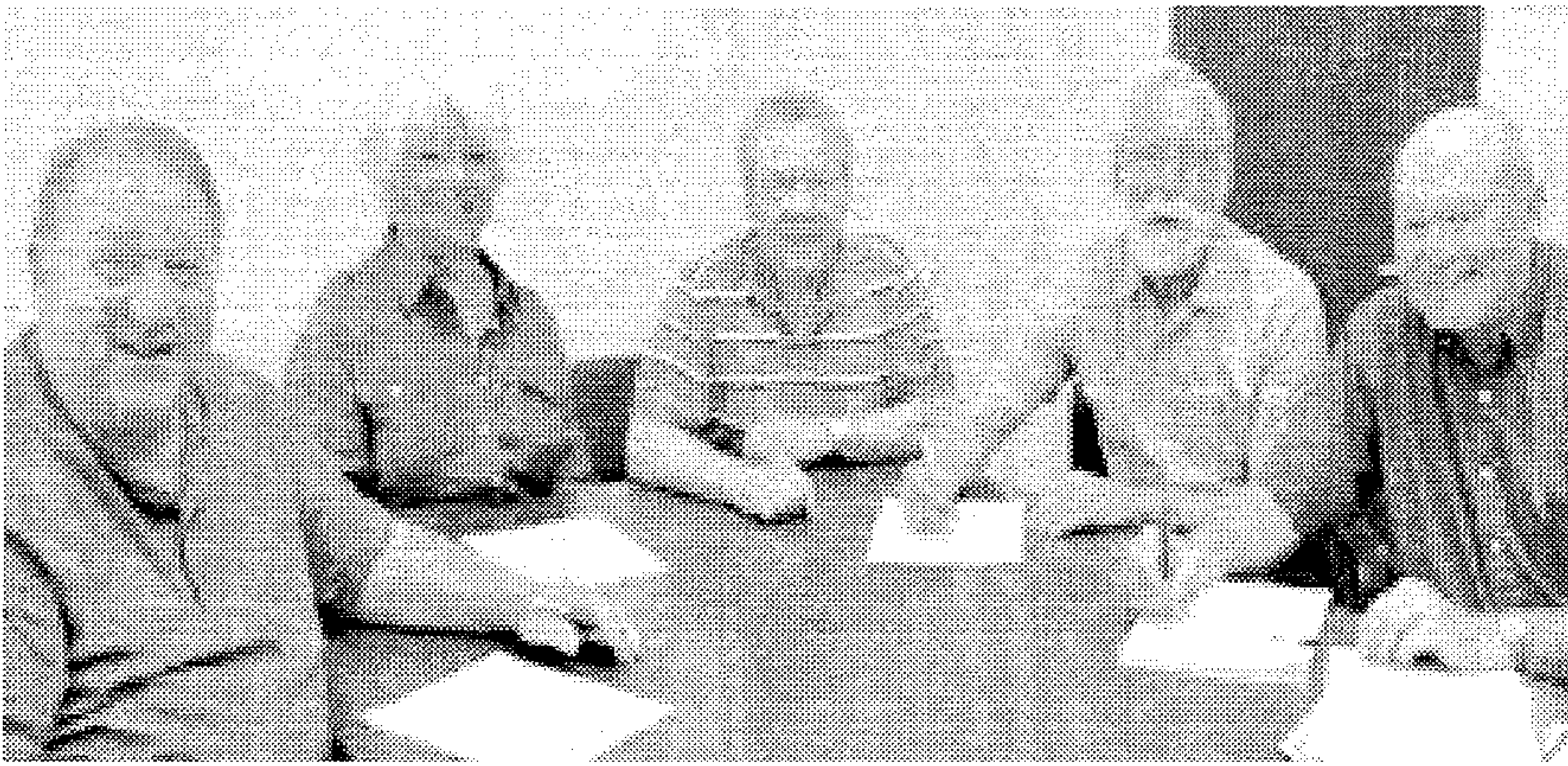
## PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS

Say, "Cheese!"

The Council on Aging of Orange County will be publishing a senior guide annually. In anticipation of such publications the staff is starting a digital photo file. The categories being considered are: seniors in action, seniors interacting with the younger generation(s), OC landmarks with or without seniors, and any other photos you think should be included.

Photos should be clear, be fairly close-up, and limited to a few subjects. Photos will be filed under your name and your e-mail address. Please identify all subjects. Photos should be no larger than 4 x 6. This will be an ongoing collection, so send in your future shots as well. While we understand seniors are in every situation in the county, please no mug shots! Send photos digitally to Rose Moreno at [rsmoreno35@verizon.net](mailto:rsmoreno35@verizon.net).





Glen Stroud, Charlotte Fox, Joe Quiros, Joe Moreland, Dave Kalb

### **GJAOC CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Committee Glen Stroud, Charlotte Fox (Chair), Joe Quiros, Joe Moreland and Dave Kalb have begun the process of application review and interviews for candidates applying for the Taxpayers Oversight Committee (OCTA Measure M). Residents from the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts are eligible to apply. Interviews will take place during the month of May, with the most qualified names submitted to the OCTA Board of Directors for a lottery selection on June 27.

The responsibilities of the 11-member Measure M Taxpayers Oversight Committee are to:

- Ensure all transportation revenue collected from Measure M is spent on the projects approved by the voters as part of the Plan;
- Ratify any changes in the Plan and recommend any major changes go back to the voters for approval;
- Participate in ensuring that all jurisdictions in Orange County conform with the requirements of Measure M before receipt of any tax monies for local projects;
- Hold annual public meetings regarding the expenditure and status of funds generated by Measure M;
- Review independent audits of issues regarding the Plan and performance of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority regarding the expenditure of Measure M sales tax monies;
- Annually certify whether Measure M funds have been spent in compliance with the Plan.

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### **RECRUITMENT**

Parliamentarian Carol Duensing has been working on a booklet to be placed in petit jury rooms in all OC courthouses. The booklet will inform petit juries on the grand jury system and how to apply for service.

### **REMEMBERING BOB GEISS**

Mariel Geiss is organizing a luncheon meeting to remember the life of the late Bob (Robert) Geiss. It will be held at the Phoenix Club, the German American Club, to share memories, recognize his German heritage and honor his memory on Saturday, May 21, 2011. A no-host bar will be available beginning at 11 AM. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon. The event is to continue until 2 PM.

Reservations are required. Please call Mariel at (949) 472-9762 (e-mail mail4mariel@cox.net) or Bette Flick (714) 434-3865 (e-mailwflick321@ca.rr.com

When you call, you can choose your entrée: Either Cobb Salad or Sauerbraten with Spatzle.

Please make your reservation no later than May 11.

### **2010 BYLAWS BOOKLET**

If you have not gotten a 2010 by-laws edition at a luncheon or in the mail and you are an association member in good standing - books will be available at the registration table at the June 2 luncheon.

