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

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

**Installation of New Officers**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

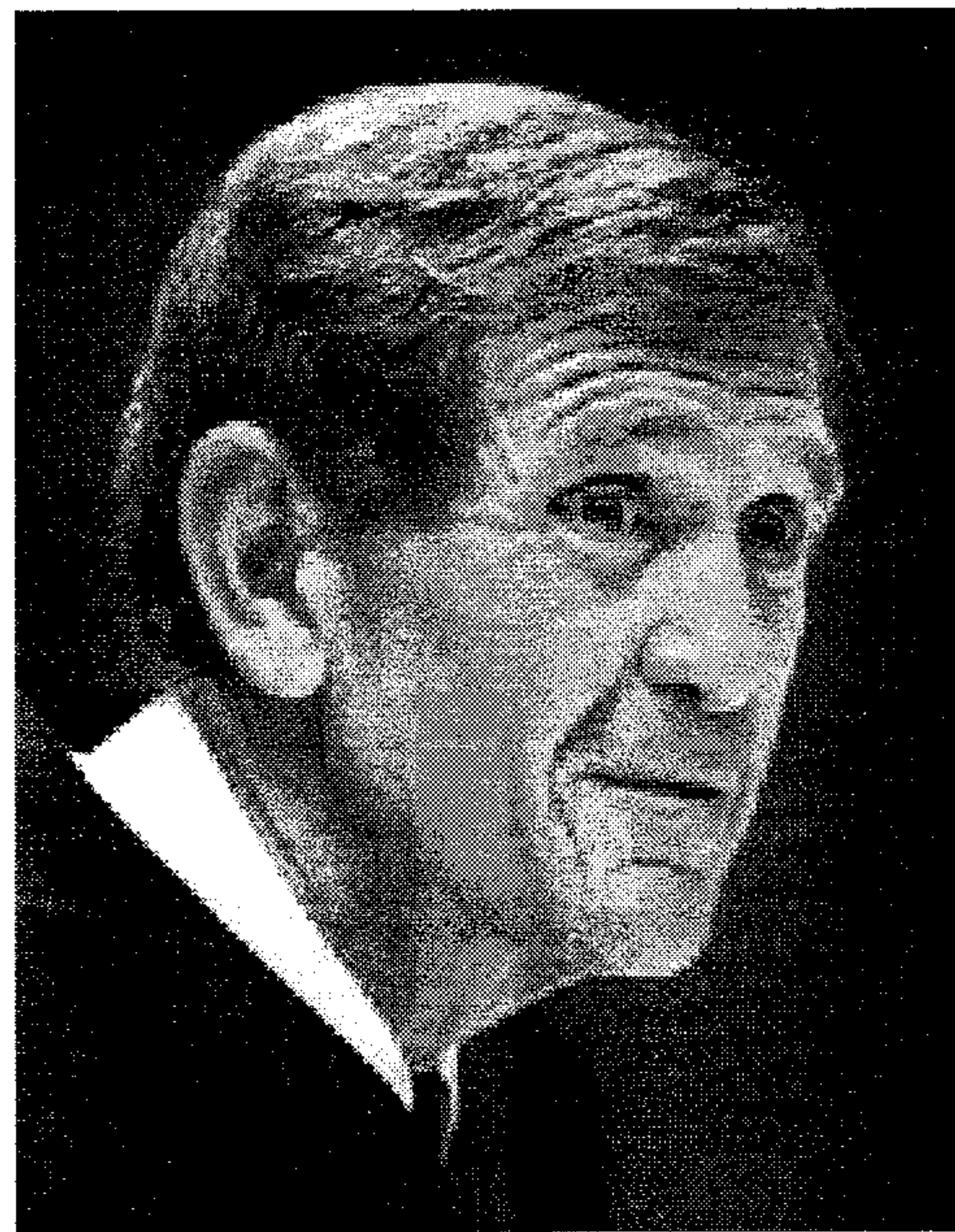
### GREETINGS!!!

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

As 2011 draws to a close, so too does my tenure as Board member and President of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County. It has been an honor to serve the Association and a pleasure to work with Board members on important and meaningful duties.

This year has been a bit more stressful than normal as former grand jurors around the state worked tirelessly against proposed legislation that could have been devastating to the grand jury system. AB 1133, which requires grand jurors who have had associations with a government entity under investigation within the preceding 3 years to recuse themselves from all deliberations related to that entity, becomes law on January 1, 2012. All efforts to blunt that bothersome rule were fruitless. The good news/bad news about an even more onerous proposal, AB 622, is that the most troublesome parts of the Bill were removed before the Senate and Assembly approved

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## DECEMBER LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Federal Court Judge David O. Carter will be the featured speaker at the year-end holiday luncheon meeting of the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Median Club, 1535 Deer Drive in Fullerton.

Judge Carter was appointed to the Federal Bench in

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

it but, despite our best efforts to kill it, Governor Brown approved the Bill at the eleventh hour. Fortunately, the only clause that remains in the Bill is the allowance for legal counsel to be present in the jury chambers when a witness testifies under oath. The Bill also contains a sunset provision and will require further legislative action to continue beyond January 1, 2017. Many of us are concerned that the author of the original legislation, Assemblyman Dickinson from Sacramento, will reintroduce the bill next year. Stay tuned....

I am very pleased to report that the Board approved a contract with a consulting firm to design and initiate a web site for the Association. It is my hope that the new web site will improve communication among our members and provide a forum for exchange of ideas. An added benefit will be broader public exposure which, hopefully, will enhance our recruitment efforts.

Speaking of recruitment, we are already full swing in this year's recruitment process. The deadline for submitting applications to serve on the 2012-13 Grand Jury is January 13, 2012. One significant change in the process is the requirement that applications be notarized before submission. While this new requirement may discourage some from applying, the O.C. Sheriff's Department will provide free notary service to anyone who asks. Having nota-

rized applications will expedite background checks and simplify the process. If you know anyone who might wish to serve on the Grand Jury, this would be a good time to give them a nudge. As always, I encourage you to take advantage of your membership in other organizations to spread the word about your experiences while serving on the grand jury. There is no better recruitment tool than former grand jurors letting potential applicants know what an honor it is to serve.

I hope all of you can attend the luncheon on December 1, 2011 when the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter swears in the new Board. He has also agreed to again regale us with tales from the bench. His presentations are always entertaining and informative.

Thank you again for your support.

- *Joe A. Moreland, President*

*Luncheon Speaker (contd. from p.1)*

June 1998 by President Clinton after 17 years on the OC Superior Court. He presently sits on the U.S. District Court- Central District, Southern Division located in Santa Ana. He will provide an update from his recent case load as well as being a representative for the U.S. State Department. In past years, he worked on jurisprudence projects

with the governments of Armenia and the Republic of Georgia. He also has traveled to Brazil, Bosnia, China, the Philippines, Malawi and Mexico on similar assignments.

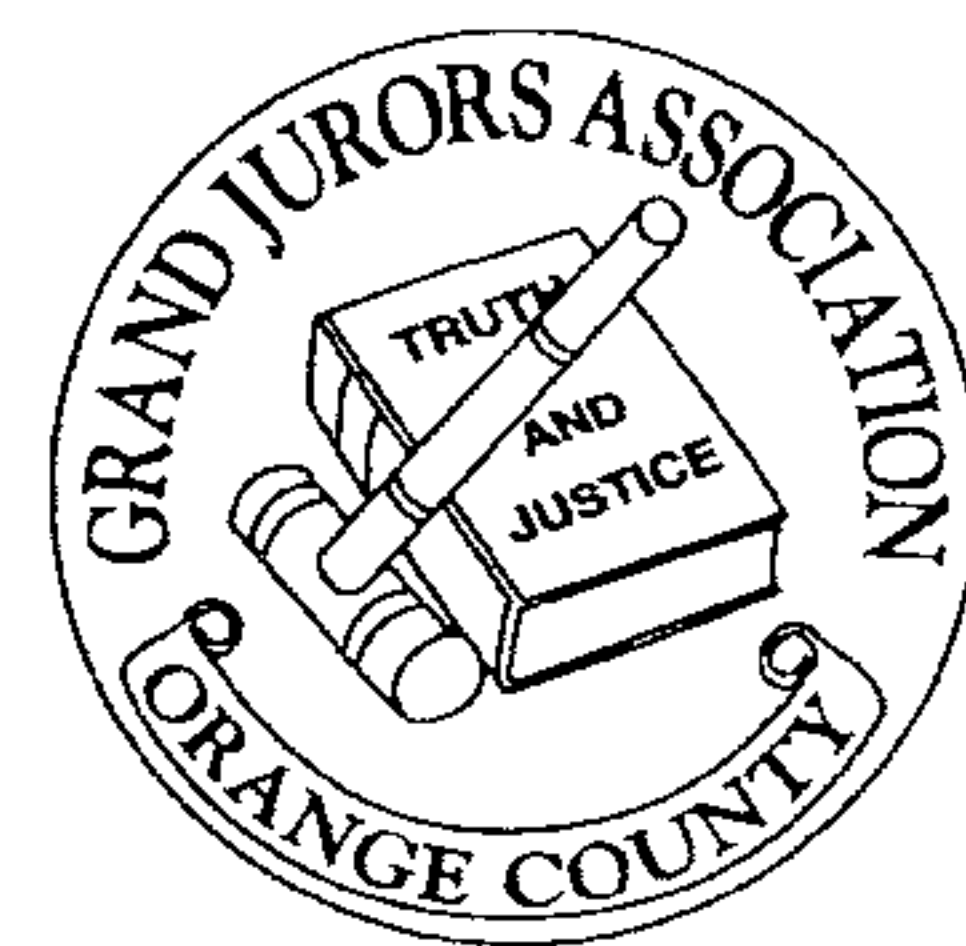
The meeting is open to the public and starts at 11:30 am. For reservations and meeting information contact Joe Quiros at (949) 651-0113 or [jmquiros@cox.net](mailto:jmquiros@cox.net).

- *Bob Fauteux*

*2012 Board Officers*

At the November board meeting, returning and new members selected the following officers for 2012:

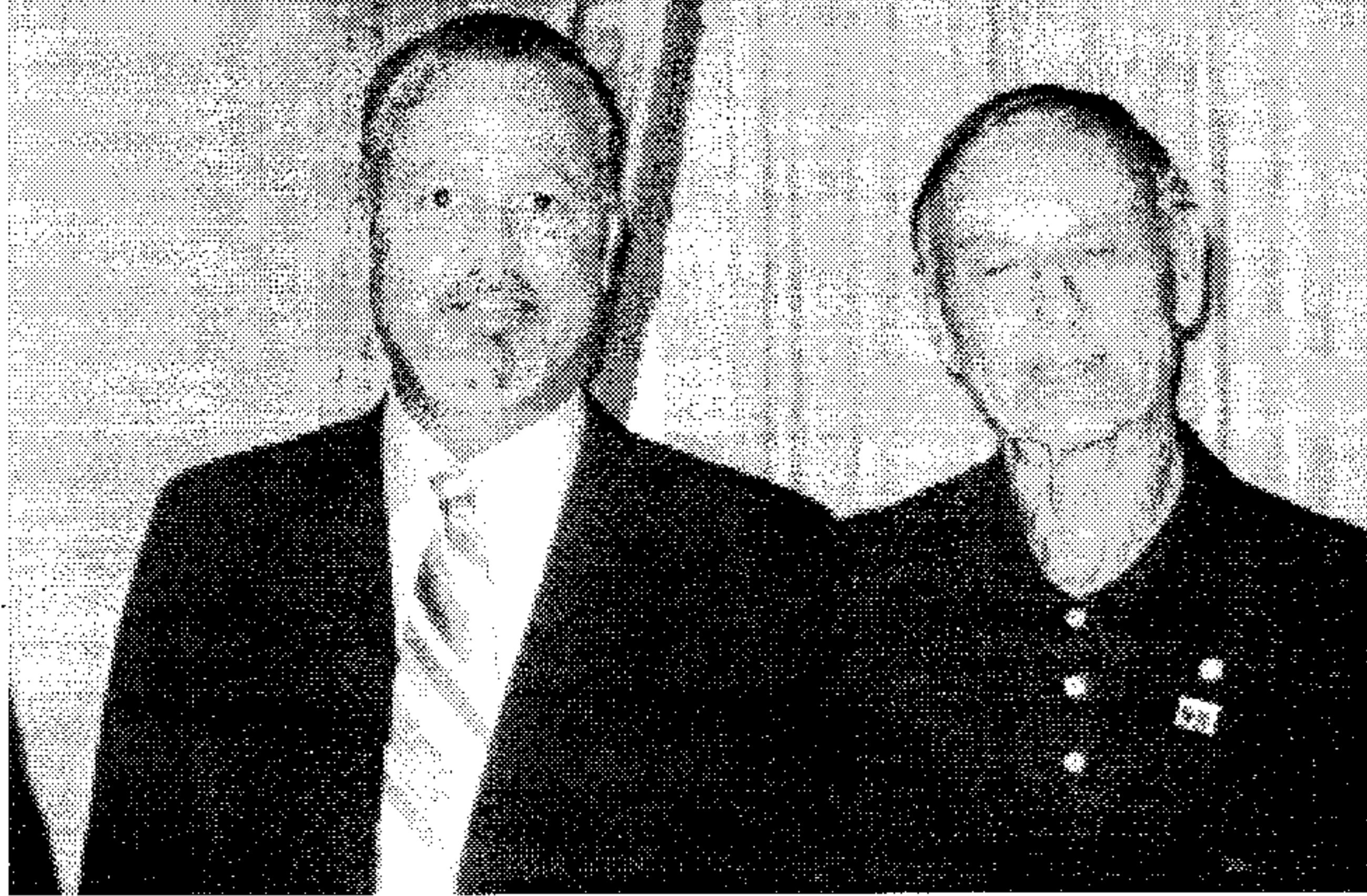
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# NOTES & MISCELLANY

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of Oct. 30, 2011  
Orange County Credit Union  
Business Checking Balance  
\$5,700.42  
.Certificate of Deposit  
\$8,875.15  
Total  
\$14,635.57  
Joe Quiros, Treasurer



September speaker Neale Kelley. OC. Registrar of Voters with Bob Fauteux

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You have likely received a letter from Charlotte Fox, our membership chairperson reminding us that our 2012 membership fees are due in January. Your dues will remain the same affordable \$15. You may mail a check and renewal form to Charlotte or pay at the lunch meeting in December. Please include your email address if you have one.

### IN MEMORIAM

Wanda Lee Irwin  
1991-92 Panel

Gale Pattison  
1988 - 89 Panel

## BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

- The Association bylaws call for term limits of 3 consecutive 2 year terms on the board. Three of our board members have served for six years and must go off the board for at least one year. They have all served us well and done a great job:
- Joe Moreland has been our Association President for his last 2 years, and the legislation chair.
- Joe Quiros has served as President in 2006 & 07 and Treasurer since 2007.
- Bill Nelson has been on several ad hoc committees during his term.
- Charlotte Fox has served for 2 terms as our 2nd Vice President in charge of membership and chose not to run for a third term.

We thank them all for their dedication and service to the Association. They will be greatly missed as board members, but I hope they will stay with us for years to come. The following incumbents were returned to the board for a new 2 year term of office:

- Carol Duensing
- Bob Fauteux

Four new names are added to the board of directors following the election at the September meeting:

- Robin Bowen - 2009/10 panel
- Connie Buenaventura - 2009/10 panel
- John Moohr - 2009/10 panel
- Ed Wylie - 1997/98 panel

*See p. 2 for list of new Board Members*



**COUNTY IT CONTRACTING  
Grand Jurors Association  
Providing "Layperson"**

The County requested that our Association assist them in procuring a multi-year contract for IT services including Data Center Services and Voice and Data Network Services. This multi-million dollar procurement is intended to consolidate countywide IT services (with a few exceptions) to control costs, improve productivity, and enhance Voice and Data systems throughout the County. Several members of the Board including Joe Moreland, Viola Sadler, Terry Dancey, Glen Stroud, and John Moohr have agreed to participate in the oversight after clarifying to the County that our efforts would not infringe on any current or future Grand Jury's prerogative to investigate and report on any aspect of the IT procurement process.

A preliminary meeting was held on October 14 with the IT procurement team to gain insight into the purpose and scope of the effort. One of the team members attended a meeting of County technical experts tasked with rescoring vendors following oral and written updates of initial submissions. It is evident that County employees involved in the procurement process appreciate our presence and have been very supportive of our participation.

**OC BAR ASSOCIATION  
VOLUNTEERS**

The OCBA is taking applications for non-lawyer appointments to the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee. Carol Morales (GJAOC board member) has application forms and more information if you are interested. She has been doing this for several years and said she works about one day a month. This is an unpaid volunteer opportunity to participate as a lay-person for attorney fee arbitration. The application includes the statement: "I am not an attorney, paralegal, legal assistant, or law student. I have never been to law school. I believe I have the necessary qualifications to serve as a neutral non attorney arbitrator and I agree to volunteer for this committee."



**SENIOR GUIDE 2012**

The 2012 Senior Guides have been published and are ready for distribution. Copies will be available at the December luncheon. This guide should be of special interest to members of the Association since it contains reference to grand jury service on pages 147, 148 and 154. All such items are in keeping with the Association's mission to educate and recruit the public for grand jury service. Please be sure to take a copy. Feel free to take more than one. However, if you want one or more bundles, please contact Marilyn Fedorow at 714-479-0107 (ext. 230) for pick up times and place. Regrettably, the Council does not have the funds to provide delivery service other than that provided by volunteers.

The outreach emphasis for the coming year is on medical offices and church groups. Please help by taking a copy to your doctor(s) and to your place of worship. The Council would like every senior in Orange County to know that such a resource exists.

- *Rose Moreno*

