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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday June 7
at Meridian Sports Club
1535 Deerpark, Fullerton

Speaker
Steve Danley

OC Performance Audit Director

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You spoke and we listened – members of our board have been investigating new lunch venues. It would seem that there would be a vast number of locations in Orange County, but alas, there are only a few that can meet all our needs for our quarterly lunch meetings. We have narrowed the list down to a few that we are still working with and we should be relocating the lunch program before the end of this year. By the next newsletter, we could have a new location - I know you won't be disappointed.

The sitting OC grand jury has issued a report "Let There Be Light" Dragging Special Districts From the Shadows. I found it interesting that there is no consensus on the number of special districts in Orange County. Perhaps we could work on a definition of a 'special district'. Their report makes some far reaching recommendations and I will be looking forward to the district responses when they come in. You may read this report on the Orange

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JUNE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Steve Danley earned his BA in Political Science and MBPA in Business and Public Administration from UCI. For the past 30 years, Mr. Danley has worked for the County of Orange in several diverse and critical management assignments. Currently, after a nation-wide search completed in January 2008, Mr. Danley was appointed by the Orange County Board

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County Grand Jury website -

www.ocgrandjury.org/reports.asp

Our program in June sounds like a timely presentation. Steve Danley is the Performance Auditor for the County of Orange. His service to the county will be most valuable in light of the financial cut backs that are being made throughout the state at every level of government. I am looking forward to hearing from him regarding the accomplishments they have achieved and the challenges they face.

See you in June.

Cheryl Brothers

OUR NEW BOARD

With the sudden passing of Bob Fauteux, our long time board member and current 1st Vice President, we have done some reorganization. To fill vacancies on the board left by Bob, Ed Wylie and Larry Callahan; we appointed Charles Holt 2008/09 to a one year term, Carlos N. Olvera 2002/03, and Joe Quiros 1996/97 to two year terms of office.

The board elected Joe Quiros to serve as the 1st Vice President, handling our lunch program arrangements; Charles and Carlos will serve as directors for the remainder of this year.

Connie Buenaventura will take back her duties as Treasurer.

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of Supervisors to fill the newly created position of Performance Audit Director. In this assignment, Mr. Danley independently assesses the performance of Orange County government operations and programs. A sampling of prior county assignments include serving as: the Director of Administration for three county departments (OC Public Works, OC Waste & Recycling, Office of the District Attorney); Chief of Organizational Development/Assessment for the County Executive Office; Deputy Director over Regional Landfill Operations; and Human Resources Team Manager for several county departments. On the academic side, Mr. Danley has lectured at UCI for the past seven years, and given classroom presentations at UC Santa Barbara and Biola University. In his spare time, Mr. Danley has served as an NCAA basketball referee and a member of the board of trustees of a charitable foundation.



OC IT OUTSOURCING

GJAOC has three members on the OC Information Technology Outsourcing Review panel. At their most recent meeting, they agreed to go back to all RFP responders for more information in an attempt to level the playing field. Some bids kept existing computers, and some recommended replacing all existing computers, etc.

Slow progress, but an important process to get it right.

MORE MURPHY'S LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.
7. The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The board of directors has recommended the following change to our bylaws:

“Article III

Section 5 > For the purposes of this section, the six Directors serving their second year and the six newly elected Directors shall be called the “New Board.” The Nominating Committee shall recommend from among the New Board, candidates for the offices of the Association. The Committee shall present this slate of nominees to the New Board for consideration at a Special Meeting of the New Board in November December. Nominations for Officers of the New Board may also be made from the floor at this Special Meeting. Should there be but one person nominated for each office, the election may be by voice vote. Should there be contested offices, election for those offices will be by secret ballot.”

The object is to have new Directors at the November meeting as an orientation to the board process, however, since they cannot vote, they cannot elect their officers in November for the following year. The newly *sworn* directors, following the swearing in at the December meeting, shall call a special board meeting at the close of that general meeting and elect officers at that time. Those newly elected officers will take over their positions and make transitions through December.

This simple change in procedure requires a change to our bylaws. We will be voting on this change at the September meeting.

ALL PUNS INTENDED

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, “I'll serve you, but don't start anything.”

3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.

4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.

5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: “A beer, please, and one for the road.”

6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: “Does this taste funny to you?”

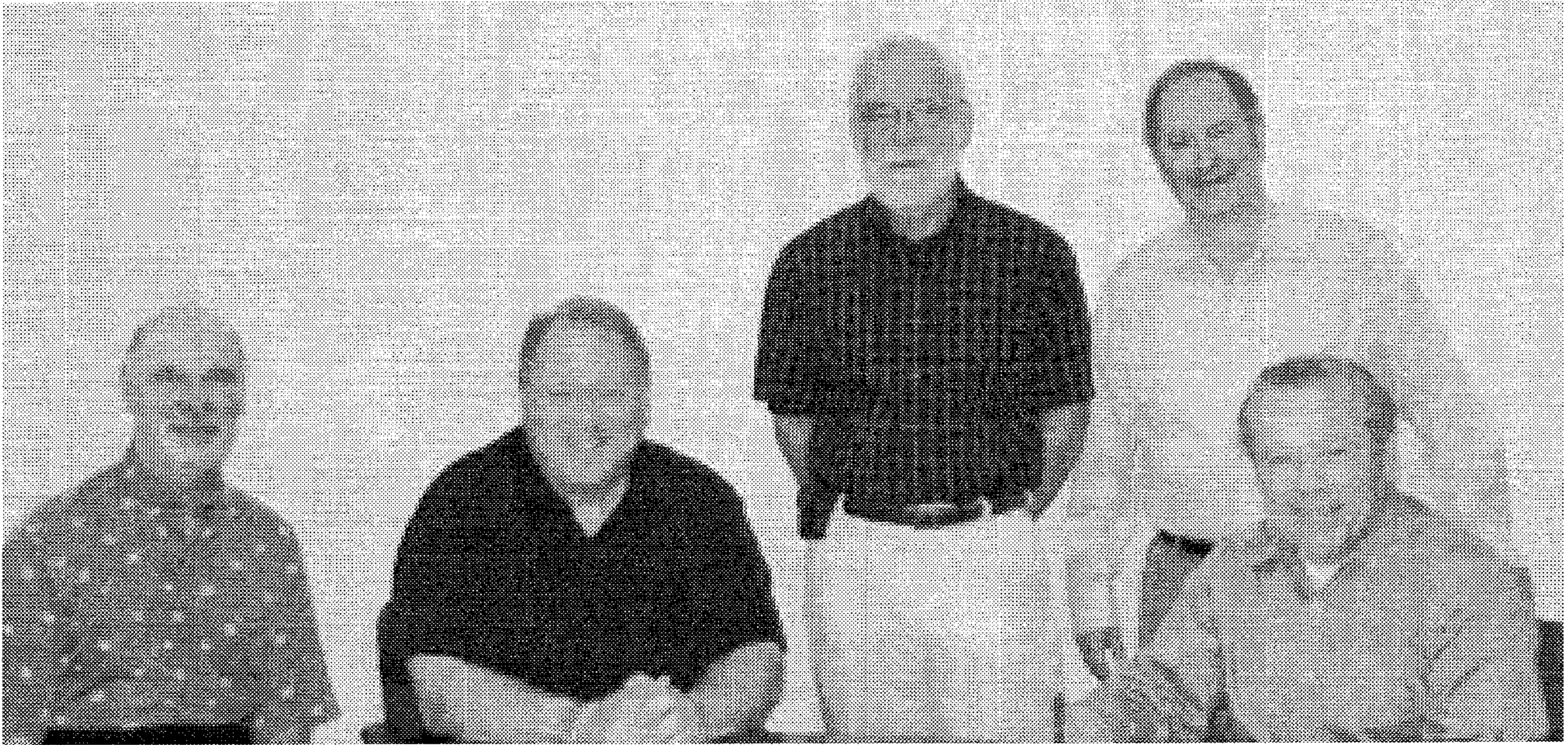
7. “Doc, I can't stop singing ‘The Green, Green Grass of Home’.”

“That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome.”

“Is it common?”

“Well, It's Not Unusual.”

8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, “I was artificially inseminated this morning.” “I don't believe you,” says Dolly. “It's true; no bull!” exclaims Daisy.



GJAOC CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Committee members Robin Bowen, Glen Stroud (Chair), Joe Moreland, John Gallie and Joe Quiros have begun the process of application review and interviews for candidates applying for the Taxpayers Oversight Committee (OCTA Measure M). Residents from the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts are eligible to apply. Interviews will take place during the month of May, with the five most qualified names from each District submitted to the OCTA Board for a lottery selection in June.

Responsibilities of the eleven member Measure M Taxpayers Oversight Committee are to:

- Ensure all transportation revenue collected from Measure M is spent on projects approved by the voters as part of the Plan;
- Ratify any changes in the Plan and recommend any major changes return 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.

