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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday December 5
at
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave
Anaheim

Speaker:

Frederick P. Aguirre
Superior Court Judge



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be meeting in the separate building in the back at the Phoenix Club for our December lunch program. I hope that you can come and catch up with old friends and hear from Judge Aguirre on what will be in store for our court system in 2014. We will have our table centerpiece drawing as usual, please look for the yellow envelopes on your table and draw out a number. Good luck.

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DECEMBER LUNCH SPEAKER

We have the pleasure of the Honorable, Frederick P. Aguirre, joining us as our December luncheon speaker. Superior Court, Judge Aguirre has been a guest at many of our quarterly meetings and has been a friendly adviser to our organization for years. Along with administering the oath of office to the incoming 2014 board of directors, he will be speaking on the "Current State of the Orange County Superior Court". He will have a video message from the Chief Justice and will comment on next year's financial challenges posed by a reduction of the state allocated funds which will mean drastic changes in the way they conduct the court's business.



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Myself, our treasurer- Bill Underwood and board member, Roy Baker attended the California Grand Jurors Association in San Luis Obispo this month. It always amazes me how different each county grand jury can be and how many similarities there are. We came away with intriguing ways to assist the courts on jury recruiting and screening of applicants. These efforts in other counties have saved the courts time and money, and contributes to a smoother, better selection of new panel members. The other hot topic was from chapters that are making the 'Implementation and Review' (IR) of previous year's reports work for them. We do have a system in Orange County that has worked the same in the late 90's, but the resent panels have taken on the task as one of their own by checking on implementation of the previous year's recommendations. Our board of directors will be discussing this more in depth in 2014.

You should have gotten a membership renewal letter in the mail recently. Reminder that you may pay your dues at the December check in table. Our thanks to Carol Duensing and Carol Morales for taking over this duty after the resignation of our membership chairman. We have managed again to keep the dues at the same rate of \$15 for 2014. This amount is intended to cover a few miscellaneous association expenses and the cost of your newsletter. Besides our current membership list of 150 members (on average), we mail the newsletters to all Orange County offices, department heads, all CA sitting grand juries, CA Grand Jurors Association board members, Panel selection judges, all city halls, and a few others who have expressed interest in the past – or about 400 pieces of mail in all.

Some members of the board are looking at converting the newsletter and lunch flyers to electronic mail only. If you have an opinion on that, I would be happy to hear from you: cherylbroth@aol.com subject: GJAOC NEWS.

The Phoenix Club has raised the price for lunch. The Association has been off setting the cost for each lunch by several dollars over the years. The cost has gotten to be more than we can absorb in our budget. The board will be working with the Club to see if we can make some reductions, or we will have to raise the price, or look for other venues. Any suggestions or comments are welcomed.

- Cheryl Brothers, President

FLU SHOTS IN OC

If you do not have a medical provider, or if you do not have health insurance coverage, you may obtain your flu shot free of charge from the Health Care Agency 17th Street Public Health Clinic, located at 1725 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, 92706. Clinic start date and hours are listed below.

Start date: Thursday, November 7, 2013 and every Thursday thereafter through January 30, 2014.

Hours: 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

NOTE: Closed Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28, 2013.

The flu shot is available for everyone ages 6 months and older.

The flu nasal spray (limited supply) is available for healthy people ages 2 – 49 years who are not pregnant and do not have certain health conditions.

You should delay getting a flu shot if you are sick or have a fever.

Walk-in Clinic—No appointment is needed.

Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

If you have any questions, please call the Health Referral line at 1 (800) 564-8448, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

Board Meetings here
On the First Thursday
Jan/Feb Apr/May
July/Aug Oct/Nov



Santa Ana
Ross St. Branch

(10th Street)
856 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(888) 354-6228



IN MEMORIAM - MARIO LAZO

Mario Lazo, 1994/95 OCJG Foreman. passed away sometime in September 2013.

You may recall the 94-95 panel was confronted with the County's declaration of bankruptcy December 1994. We then voted to stay for an entire 1995 so the DA could investigate and bring case to GJ for indictments. Many of us started and stayed the entire 18 months. Mario was a good foreman. He was born in Cuba, but raised in New England. He had great educational and business background. He worked for Coca Cola and went all over the world. Being fluent in both English and Spanish, he and I shared our love for the romantic boleros, and we would see who remembered lyrics to the songs. What sweet memories of singing songs in Spanish with Mario.

- *Viola Sadler*



GRAND JUROR PINS

The Association still has souvenir GJAOC lapel pins available. They will be on sale for \$ 5 at the December lunch meeting. Ask at the sign in table if you are interested in purchasing one.

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If you have photos from our lunch programs, or from your year of jury service – you can email them to Ron Harris, at ron.harris@cox.net and he will post them on our web site, please identify the parties.

A reminder that Ron has scanned years of newsletters onto the site for review. You can visit the web site and sign up for new postings by following the prompts to “subscribe”. We will happily post appropriate GJAOC business, but this is not an opinion page or a blog.

IN MEMORIAM - LECIL SLABACK - 1976/77 PANEL

Slaback, Lecil Joel 1912-2013 Lecil (Lee to friends) passed away the morning of Saturday, June 22, 2013 in Anaheim.

He followed in his father's footsteps, becoming an Official Court Reporter in 1936 for the Orange County Courts, serving for 36 years in that capacity. He was the first to use mechanical shorthand in Orange County.

While working as a court reporter Lecil also served on the City of Santa Ana Cultural Heritage Commission, served 2 terms as trustee on the Santa Ana Library Board, and was appointed by Governor Reagan to 2 terms on the California Consumer Affairs Board, representing the Board in investigations of court reporting schools throughout the State. Following retirement he was appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to the newly created OC Historical Commission, serving for 21 years. At the Commission's first meeting it was voted to make the preservation of the Old Courthouse their number one project. He chaired the Commission's sub-committee to save the structure from the wrecking ball, turning it into a museum. He was a founding member of The Old Courthouse Museum Society. The Old Courthouse Library was recently named in his honor. Lecil was also proud to have worked on the Commission to save some 250 large, ancient live oak and sycamore trees in Irvine Park from being cut down to make way for road building. He served as master of ceremonies at the Commission's first placement of a monument commemorating historical sites, held at the old mining camp of Carbondale in Silverado Canyon. Lecil was a member of the Silverado-Modjeska General Plan Committee. The plan created the Foothill Corridor Advisory Committee, on which he served.

Lecil chaired the Justice Committee while serving as a member of the 1976-77 OC Grand Jury. At the same time he served on the OC Cable TV Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the OC Bicentennial Committee of the United States Constitution and the Committee to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the County of Orange, contributing an article on court reporting to the time capsule buried in front of the Old Courthouse in 1989.

Lecil was interred next to his parents in Fairhaven Memorial Park on June 28. No services were held "pursuant to expressed wishes of the decedent."

-Orange County Register

