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JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday Sept 4
at
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave
Anaheim

Speakers:
Mike Learalos
Terri Schaeffer

"Waste Not - OC"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a nice summer. As your President, I had the opportunity to speak before the Board of Supervisors to object to their proposal to reduce the daily compensation of the incoming Grand Jury from \$50 to \$15. It is hard enough to recruit new members at the current compensation; reducing it by 70% would make it much more difficult. As you are probably already aware,

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKERS



Mike Learalos is the President of TJM, Inc. a broad spectrum foodservice company formed in 1993. TJM, Inc. operates Katella Grill & Catering in Orange, Ca. and provides consulting services to foodservice operators specializing in the area of guest service, systems management and facility design utilizing his 30 years of experience in the Foodservice industry.

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the proposal did not go forward. We will be soon electing new members to our Board of Directors. Please consider running for the Board by submitting your name as a candidate. Fresh ideas are important to keep our organization relevant.

If you do not have the time or interest in serving on the Board, please consider volunteering for one of our committees. Please see the accompanying article on the upcoming elections and committee assignments.

Every year in the fall, CGJA holds an Annual Conference/Membership Meeting at a different location. The conference provides an opportunity for members and grand jurors to meet and discuss experiences, ask questions, and otherwise engage in activities to enhance our understanding of the grand jury system. This contributes to CGJA's role in protecting and enhancing California's county grand jury system.

The 2014 Annual Conference will be held at the Marriot Hotel, Burbank, adjacent to Bob Hope Airport from November 12-14, 2014. Details to follow. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next general meeting on September 4th at the Phoenix Club.

- *John J. Moohr, president*

Speakers (contd. from p 1)

A lifelong resident of the City of Orange, Learakos along with his wife Joyce and son Ryan have carried on a 53 year family commitment to community service in Orange County.

In addition to serving on the board of multiple charities, he most recently joined 'Waste Not OC' (a coalition of food banks, health care leaders, restaurant operators, retail and foodservice distributors) chairing the Anaheim/Orange Pilot Project Task Force in an attempt to end hunger in Orange County by recovering excess food for distribution to food pantries throughout Orange County.



Terri Schaeffer

Terri is a co-owner of Carpi's Italian restaurant in Orange. She attended The Culinary Program at Orange Coast College, and completed the Meeting Planners courses at Cal State Fullerton.

Terri started Fleur de lys Events in 2009. Her company plans team building activities.

She has currently developed a program to train Food Servers, and also volunteers with 'IF Homeless' to help end homelessness in Orange County.

OC GRAND JURY PANEL TRAINING

The California GJ Association does training for sitting panels throughout the state for a fee. We agreed to pay a portion of the fee for the current OC panel. The Association board approved a \$400 grant in 2014 for training for our new panel members.

We will be asking for feedback from them regarding the effectiveness of this training and whether or not we will consider doing this in the future.

If you have an opinion on this, please contact any board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balances as of 7-31-14
Checking Account \$6,307.46
Certificate of Deposit \$8,974.70

2014 Budget
Budgeted Revenues \$13,490
Budgeted Expenses \$13,520

respectfully submitted,
- Bill Underwood, Treasurer

GREET OUR 2013/14 PANEL MEMBERS

Our custom is to invite the outgoing panel members to be our guest at our June lunch meeting. This year, they were not available on that date, so many of them will be joining us in September. Please make them welcome.

MEASURE M OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The GJAOC committee has completed the task of interviewing nominees to serve on the Measure M2 Oversight Committee. Top candidates were chosen and the OCTA board drew names to seat the new members. Our work is complete and will begin again in January for the 2015 committee.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Our treasurer, Bill Underwood has done a terrific job cataloging treasurer tasks and calendar. Our tax filing and other state requirements are up to date. Because this is such a critical job with specific due dates, he has recommended that the board appoint an assistant treasurer who will be copied on all treasurer business in the event that we need to have duplicate records. Stuart Fuller has volunteered to take on that role. Thank you Stu.

2013/14 GJ REPORTS

- Annual Report on Jails and Juvenile Detention Facilities
- Maximizing the Benefits of John Wayne Airport to Better Serve OC
- Dana Point Harbor Revitalization – 15 Years of Planning: What Has Been Learned?
- Community College Trustees: Responsibilities, Compensation and Transparency
- School Bonds – The Untold Story of Assessed Values
- Orange County City Pension Liabilities; Budget Transparency Critically Needed.
- Orange County School Districts: Dire Financial Futures
- Ethics and Campaign Reporting: Why and How to Implement Stronger Oversight, Transparency, and Enforcement
- Improving The County of Orange Government's Multi-Billion Dollar Contracting Operations
- Sustainable and Reliable Orange County Water Supply: Another Endangered Species?
- Juvenile Offenders and Recidivism: Orange County Solutions
- Orange County Information Technology Management: Good Job Overall; Disaster Recovery Must Be Addressed
- Domestic Violence: Help is Available
- Revisiting Orange County Restaurant Food Safety: Improving Placard Visibility for the Public's Best Interest

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership currently stands at 131 paid members. If you have not yet paid, we will accept your \$15 dues at the September meeting or by mail by that date. We will be printing a new Membership List booklet in October to have them ready for distribution at the December lunch meeting. If we have not heard from you by then, your name will not appear in the book, you will be dropped from our list and this will be your last newsletter.

SEPT ELECTIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Six seats on the Board of Directors of the GJAOC are up for election every year with 2 –year terms. Please send an email to lynn.bonas@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a director with a short bio. Nominations from the floor at the September Luncheon Meeting will be included on the ballot.

Please consider becoming a member of the following committees:

Audit Committee. We are required per our Bylaws to have two individuals from our General Membership on this committee.

Ad Hoc Committees

Taxpayer's Oversight Committee Selection Panel:Provides a Selection Panel to recruit, screen and recommend persons to fill vacancies on the Taxpayer's Oversight Committee, an element of the transportation initiatives Measure M and Measure M2. Contracts with Orange County Transportation Authority are negotiated every five (5) years.

Editorial/Public Relations CommitteeProduces the quarterly GJAOC Newsletter, conducts public relations for the Association and maintains the master mailing list.

Tracking & Implementation – TIC:Under the authority of the Board of Supervisors, reviews and reports to the CEO the implementation of those Grand Jury recommendations with which the subject organizations have concurred.

Legislative Committee:Reviews and reports on current and pending legislation pertinent to the grand jury system and recommends appropriate action.

Public Service CommitteeReports on openings on County Boards, Commissions and Committees. Maintains a directory of these activities, plus terms of membership.

Speakers Bureau:Fulfills the objective of public education about the grand jury system. Members are supplied with grand jury information materials and give presentations to county clubs and organizations.

2014- 2015 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY

1. Terrance Belanger
2. Michael Ernandes
3. Richard Newman
4. David Derby
5. Edgar Oglesby
6. Burnie Dunlap
7. Robert Breton
8. Raymond McCaffery
9. Paul Borzcik
10. William Lycett
11. Narinder Mahal
12. Dennis Chen

13. Thomas McCabe Jr.
14. Johnnie Hitt
15. Richard Gayer
16. Mary Laub
17. Sam Torres
18. Maxine Marcus
19. Saboohi Currim

ALTERNATES

- A1. Barbara Hunt
- A2. Michael Pinchot
- A3. Michael Harrison
- A4. John Rodriguez
- A5. Michael Verrengia
- A6. James Louis
- A7. Susan Ross
- A8. Virginia Baetiong
- A9. Sidney Spinak