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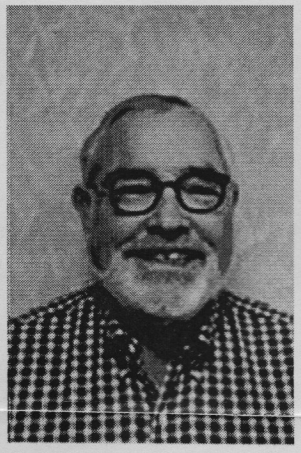
JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Thursday, Dec 4
at
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson Ave
Anaheim

Speaker:

Richard King
Superior Court Judge



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the year is drawing to a close it is a good time to look back on our activities. The 2013/2014 Grand Jury panel finished its term on June 30, 2014. It produced 14 reports with subject matters ranging from the mandatory Annual Report on Jails and Juvenile Detention Facilities to Revisiting Orange County Restaurant Food Safety: Improving Placard Visibility for the Public's Best Interest. If you would

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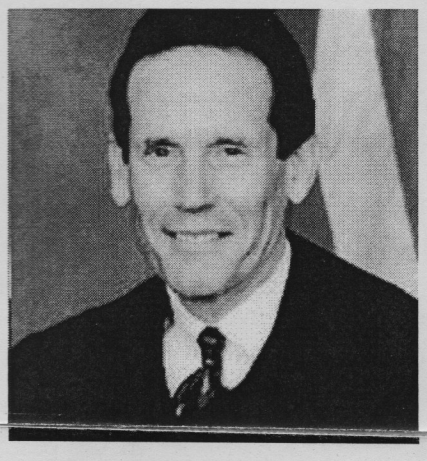

DECEMBER SPEAKER

The speaker at the December luncheon is Richard King, Judge, at the Orange County Superior Court. Judge King has served the county for 33 years, first as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's office followed by his appointment as judge by Governor Davis in 2000. He is now assigned to the Felony Panel.

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like to read any of their reports they can be found at ocgrandjury.org Our speakers this year were Ben DeMayo former County Counsel; Assistant Sheriff Steve Kea; Mike Loaralos Waste Not – OC; andSuperior Court Judge Richard King. At our December luncheon Judge King will swear in the new board of directors including two new directors Virginia Zlaket and Fred Gebhardt of our association. Projects that were accomplished this year include: Applicant review for membership on the Tax- payers Oversight Committee of the Orange County Transportation Authority. Spoke to the Board of Supervisors arguing against the proposed reduction in the daily grand jury fee before the Board of Supervisors. Donated $400 to the California Grand Jury Association to offset the costs to train the current panel in June. Your board is currently collaborating on how we can be more involved with the sitting panel

You have my best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

-John J. Moohr, president

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS / AREAS FOR GJAOC

Re: The Superior Court:

1. Propose to the court the use of holdover jurors from one jury to the next.

This would permit an extension of the expertise developed by one jury to a new jury, and limit the time it takes the new jury to get acclimated and function effectively. It would also allow for continuation of extended review of the responses to the previous jury's reports.

2. Propose to the Court that the GJAOC assist in screening applications of proposed jurors to arrive at the 90 jurors to be interviewed. This would be similar to what the Assn. does for OCTA.

3. Offer to the Court that members of the Assn. might be available as speakers at civil, religious and educational forms, or to assist in other activities, to promote the Grand Jury and assist in the recruitment.

4. Invite the Presiding Judge, or other Justices to an Assn. luncheon to discuss ways in which the Grand Jury/Court relationship can be enhanced.

TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

A GJAOC Board subcommittee under the guidance of President John Moohr plans to discuss the reactivation and staffing of a GJAOC Tracking and Implementation Committee (TIC). Several have already expressed interest to find out more. If interested, send an expression of interest to *jmoohr1@verizon.net* or tell him at the December luncheon meeting of your interest.

In the past, TIC has been charged with reviewing and reporting the implementation of those OC grand jury recommendations with which the subject organizations have concurred. There are process and scope guidelines from both the California Grand Jury Association and the OC Board of Supervisors.

NOTES & MISCELLANY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balances as of 10-31-14
Checking Account $5,463.82
Certificate of Deposit $8,982.60

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

respectfully submitted,
- Bill Underwood, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal letters were mailed in October.
As of this date. there are 72 paid members for 2015.
Association members will be at the sign-in table at the December luncheon, and will happily take a check for your renewal.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON - PROGRAM AND PRIZES

The Honorable Richard King will be presiding at our December 4th luncheon. He will administer the oath of office to the returning and new 2015 board of directors: Roy Baker, Robin Bowen, Stu Fuller, John Moohr, Joe Quiros, Helen Alberts, Lynn Bonas, Carol Duensing, Carol Morales, Bill Underwood, Fred Gebhardt and Virginia Zlaket.
Long time board members Carlos Olvera and Cheryl Brothers have for a second and third time reached the maximum number of years as directors on the board (6 years is a gull term) and will be termed out once again in December. Both have served in many capacities on the board including President.
Newsletter editor, Cheryl Brothers and the surviving committee members, Margot and Jim Burton, and Mike Harris will retire after this edition. We began with a committee of 7 and it has been our honor to put together this newsletter since 1995. Bill Underwood will pick up with the next news in February 2015 - who knows? There could be some changes.

MORE CHANGES

Bill Underwood will turn over the task of Treasurer to Stu Fuller who has been assistant treasurer in 2014. They will be trading hats for 2105 and Bill will continue as assistant treasurer as he takes on the newsletter. The board will formally elect new officers in January at their first board meeting.
Ron Harris has done a ***fabulous*** job of setting up our web page. His life has taken a turn onto a busy highway and he is looking for someone to take on the updates. He assures us that the task is simple and only involves posting what is sent in. If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about this, please contact John Moohr or Ron Harris. Both members are in our directory.
Our holiday custom continues with a drawing for the table centerpiece. The lucky winners will take home a fresh poinsettia.