Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County Association Secretary's Notice for July to August 2021

Note: Due to no Board of Directors' meeting scheduled for the month of July 2021, this Secretary's Notice is in lieu of official minutes and instead is coverage of Board and Committee Member communications and activities during July for our records and will be made available to the General Membership.

President pro tem, Lynn Bonas, sent out a President's Message to the General Membership on July 14, 2021 via e-mail. (See Attachment #1)

[* Note: Following the posting of the above referenced e-mail the Association Treasurer, Joe Moreland, sent the below message to the Board of Directors.]

7/15/2021 8:01 AM

To: The Grand Jury Association of Orange County Board of Directors

I noted that election of Board Members is slated for September. I have been delaying this announcement for several weeks but it seems like now is the appropriate time to announce my decision to resign from the Board and Treasurer's position at the end of this calendar year. My health is deteriorating and I struggle with my hearing issues. I think some of the newer Association members who are more familiar with current issues should be recruited to keep the Board relevant. Thank you all for helping me with the duties of the Treasurer and I stand ready to help whoever wants to fill the position.

Sincerely, Joe A. Moreland

(**Note:** Several Board Members responded by praising Joe's contribution to the Association and his work as the current Treasurer, expressing everyone's feelings that he will be missed and that he should focus on his health.)

2020-2021 OC Grand Jury Final Report Posted

(The complete report may be found at):

https://www.ocgrandjury.org/pdfs/2020_2021_GJreport/2020-2021_Grand_Jury_Final_Report.pdf

Sent by:

Barton Harlan
Board Secretary

Attachment #1.



Grand Jurors' Association of Orange

To the Membership of the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

President Pro Tem Message

Hope everyone is enjoying summertime and our new found freedom as we're getting out and about with family and friends. The 4th of July was especially appreciated this year.

We have our next luncheon scheduled for September 9th at the Phoenix Club. Please make a note that it is the 2nd Thursday in September. Our December luncheon has been scheduled for December 2nd. The Phoenix Club's building has been sold, so it will be our final luncheon at that facility as we have known it for many years. They are looking for another building.

In the meantime, we may have a venue for our quarterly luncheons in 2022 at a restaurant that has great food, a bar, and free parking located in Orange. The restaurant is no longer open for lunch, but the owner is accommodating groups for lunch meetings.

Update on externship/intern: Judge Larsh and Judge Hernandez met with the ad hoc committee to discuss an intern for a law student to assist the sitting Grand Jury. Win for a law student to become familiar with the system, win for the sitting Grand Jury to have assistance in legal research on case law and public policy as well as access to legal articles and journals. Both judges expressed positive feedback in favor of this, and will be getting back to us in the next week or so. The court currently has a robust internship program, and this would add to their program in place. We would award a scholarship to the Grand Jury intern dedicated to assist the panel, and confidentiality issues would be in place.

Wanda Shaffer can no longer serve on the board for the remainder of her term. Wanda has so much energy, dedication and such a positive attitude, that we will miss all the skills she brings to any organization. Sandy Dunkin has agreed to serve out Wanda's term until December. We look forward to Wanda returning to active participation in the near future with a her usual zest and enthusiasm, and are so grateful to Sandy for stepping in with all of her many talents, and in good health.

Election for the board will be held on September 9. The Nominating Committee is actively seeking board members. Please contact us if you're interested in serving a two year term or would like to nominate a member.

The credit union conference room is unavailable for our first in- person board meeting on August 5th. The meeting will be held at my home at 10am and zoom. If you are planning to attend, please email lynn.bonas@gmail.com for the address and directions.

Stay healthy and safe,

Lynn Bonas Pro Tem 714.612.4677