

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

President Pro Tem Message

The May 21st social luncheon was last Friday at the Phoenix Club. We had 47 attendees, and the current Grand Jury members were able to finally receive their lapel pins.

There was no speaker, so we all had time to meet the 12 who were able to attend. There are currently 15 panel members.

The first report was issued on the County response to the pandemic, and their second on OCSD evidence handling was released this week. There are more reports in the pipeline.

This panel has to be commended for perseverance under difficult circumstances. The court has been very strict in following health and safety guidelines, they've had no tours, their desks are all over the area wherever they are able to have them, including the storage room. It's been more than challenging, and they've put out two well researched reports so far. According to coverage from the Register, they've also been involved in some interesting indictments.

Reminder : Volunteers for the ad hoc committee to consider donations to nonprofits that address issues identified in Grand Jury Reports are: Theresa Elders, Fred Gebhardt, and John Moohr has agreed to be Chair. Thank you John! If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact <u>lynn.bonas@gmail.com</u>. If you'd like to make recommendations, please do! Putting a spotlight on past reports that made a difference is a great way to promote the Grand Jury system and the changes identified that are being met by the community.

Bill Underwood, chair of the Measure M OC Go reported that the committee completed their work. Kudos to those who served on this with Bill: Virginia Zlaket, Robin Bowen, Sandy Dunkin, Bette Flick and John Moohr. Bill has been such an asset to chair this committee and recruiting the team. Many thanks, Bill for another year of a job well done!

We have scheduled a quarterly luncheon for **September 9th**, Phoenix Club. Note: this is the 2nd Thursday in September.

Our next zoom board meeting is June 3rd, 2pm. We are planning on meeting in person again in August (July is dark). Our meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 10am at the OC Credit Union, 856 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana. All members are invited to attend board meetings.

The San Luis Obispo chapter invited us to a presentation on redistricting. It was very informative. Cheryl Brothers, a past president of the GJAOC, sent me the following email. It provides a link to a similar presentation that she attended.

Hi Cheryl Brothers,	?
Thank you for attending We Draw the Lines – CA: Redistricting Update. We hope you enjoyed our event.	
To access a recording of this webinar, please go to <u>https://</u> vimeo.com/553040496	

Stay safe and healthy!

Lynn Bonas Pro Tem