



Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County

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

President Pro Tem Message August 9, 2021

The Board Meeting of August 5th was a hybrid of both in person and Zoom, and worked well. Members are always invited to attend board meetings as observers.

We will have our next luncheon on **September 9th at 11:30 A.M., at the Phoenix Club**. There will not be an outside speaker. We've asked members of the 2020-2021 to say a few words about their experience, as we have in the past. This year we've invited the current panel to be our guests and they'll receive their lapel pins at the luncheon.

September 9th MENU CHOICES

Option 1

Garden Green Salad with Julienne Carrots and Roma Tomatoes, choice of dressing

Homemade Sauerbraten Slow cooked Marinated Sirloin Roast topped with Homemade Ginger Snap Gravy, Rosemary Red Bliss Red Potato, Green Beans Almandine

Option 2

Soup du Jour

Salmon Salad Spring Mix w/Blueberries, Black Berries, Raspberry, Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese Crumbles, topped with a 5oz. Grilled Salmon and Drizzled with a Pomegranate Vinaigrette Dressing

Vegetarian

Garden Green Salad with Julienne Carrots and Roma Tomatoes, choice of dressing

Herb Grilled Vegetable Skewers with Mixed Wild Rice & Baked Tomato Stuffed with Bread Crumbs, Herbs, Parmesan Cheese.

Dessert

Apple Strudel

PLEASE CONTACT ALF LYLE TO RSVP WITH YOUR MENU CHOICE:
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ACTION ITEMS:

The board approved a motion to add a specific amendment to our bylaws. The bold text is current, and the BLUE text 7, is the additional wording. A vote will be taken at the meeting on this change:

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

A. The purpose of the Association shall be to:

1. **Promote the resolution/implementation of recommendations made by previous grand juries to increase the effectiveness of the grand jury system;**
2. **Study and make recommendations to appropriate entities regarding local, civic, governmental, and institutional issues/concerns;**
3. **Become involved in such other activities deemed by the Association to be in the public interest;**
4. **Encourage the participation of past grand jurors through outreach and opportunities for interaction at Association meetings and activities;**
5. **Encourage and promote participation in the grand jury process; and**
6. **Serve as a resource/consultant to the current Orange County Grand Jury.**
7. **Fund other non profits that promote the resolution/implementation of issues identified in Grand Jury reports and recommendations.**

B. Function

The Association is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit organization. Officially, it neither engages in, nor lends its influence to, prohibited political issues, candidates, or legislation. The Association may take a position on proposed legislation affecting the grand jury system.

DISCUSSION: This amendment is being made to specify that donations and support adhere to the purpose of the association. The non profit could receive a framed certificate along with a donation for their service to the community that is promoting recommendations made by previous Grand Jury panels. It is a means to promote the Grand Jury system through publicity/social media to the general public. It also gives

recognition to former panel members and lets future Grand Jurors know that they will be supported by the association.

ELECTION

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please email Tim Ogata, Nominating Committee tjogata92756@aol.com with a short bio, and what years served. Keep in mind that we may continue hybrid meetings with in-person and Zoom so that it will be easier to be involved.

Nominations may be made from the floor, per our bylaws; however, that person must be present and must accept or decline the nomination verbally in order to be added to the ballot.



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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
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