



Grand Jurors Association
of Orange County



NEWSLETTER

Important Reminder of Future Events



Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 pm, November 7, 2024

At Ken Blake's Office,
Northpoint Tax Advisory
1661 E. Chapman Ave. #2-A
Fullerton, CA 92831
714-870-4542



General Membership & Luncheon Meeting

11:00 am, December 5, 2024

At Santa Ana Elks Lodge
1751 S. Lyon Street
Santa Ana, CA 92705
*(Reservations & Menu will be sent out in
the next few weeks.)*

President's Message - Doug Gillen

Agendas and Minutes can be found on the gjaoc.org website by clicking [here](#).



Wow, I used to think that Fall was a time for slowing down. You know, the days get shorter, there seems to be gradual calm settling over day to day activities. But not so for the Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County. With two OLLI presentations in the first half of the month, the Court Ambassador Program starting up, and Petit Jury recruitment, the month has been filled. The UCI OLLI event went very well with about 20 attendees and several more on ZOOM. The coordinator at UCI dedicated this presentation to the memory of Sandy Dunkin. The CSUF event had 35 present, and 15 or more on ZOOM. There were many good questions, and more fliers were passed out at both events, especially at CSUF, where an application pitch was made for those living in Supervisor District #4. Petit Jury recruiting started on October 7th, and in just eight opportunities to recruit at CJC, the current R&O crew passed out over 230 fliers. Court Ambassador program assignments are filling up. I had the pleasure of leading a tour of 24 eighth graders from Christ Cathedral Academy and 49 freshmen from J Serra's Law Magnet School. It will be interesting to hear from others leading tours at the other three locations. So, dear members and friends, there are numerous opportunities to recruit, inform, and promote the work of the Grand Jury. Let's be busy, and may our efforts prove fruitful.



The Civil Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA) of California is composed of current and former grand jurors from throughout the state. It is dedicated to promoting the understanding of the unique practices of grand juries in California and to educating the public and prospective grand jurors about the beneficial oversight function of the system. This dedication is embodied in the mission statement- To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach. The annual conference was held in Monterey on October 20 & 21. GJAOC Board Member and Membership Chair, Greg Tettmer, attended to represent our organization. The Keynote Speaker was Leon Panetta, former Monterey Congressman and cabinet member in the Clinton administration, who spoke on the value of public service. Among the many topics discussed was how each county grand jurors' association can better interface with the public. See the GGJA website at cgja.org for more information about the organization or contact Greg at membership@gjaoc.org for his thoughts on the convention.

Membership

Annual Dues in the amount of \$20 for the 2024-2025 term are now due. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or credit card at our next luncheon. If members prefer, they can mail a check to:

Grand Jurors' Association of Orange County
P.O. Box 354
Orange, CA 92856

Remember: only GJAOC members who have paid their yearly dues are eligible to vote and enjoy a discount on luncheon fees! Membership information can be found on the website gjaoc.org/membership. If you have any questions pertaining to dues, feel free to email the Membership Chairman at membership@gjaoc.org



Court Ambassador Tour

Interested in volunteering?

Contact April Lancaster, Ambassador Lead, at 714-865-2205 or by email at ambassador@gjaoc.org if you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving as an Ambassador tour guide. Visit the web page at gjaoc.org/ambassador for further information.

Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart of our organization.



Check out the many opportunities to become involved in the Grand Jurors' Association as described on the website Volunteer page at gjaoc.org/volunteer



Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Orange County provides a powerful voice and a meaningful connection for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and abandonment and are now part of the dependency system, traditionally known as foster care, in Orange County. There are over 3,250 children and young adults currently in foster care right here in our county. A volunteer advocate is a trained and committed adult who, by building a one-on-one relationship with a child, ensures that their individual needs remain a priority in an overburdened child welfare system. Learn more about becoming a volunteer by attending one of our upcoming information sessions, you can sign up by visiting our website www.casaoc.org, or contact Norma Mendoza for more information at nmendoza@casaoc.org.

Grand Jury Recruitment

Orange County Grand Jury



Volunteer for a Rewarding Year

You may be eligible to become part of a team of internal investigators who serve a one-year term to improve Orange County. **Apply to be a part of the Orange County Grand Jury!**

- Make a difference to your community
- Meet with top County leaders
- Get exclusive tours of jails, public works, and other key county facilities
- Work on a high-performing team
- ~\$1000 monthly stipend plus mileage with free preferred parking
- Serve as a watchdog entity, ensuring the performance of county, city & other local agencies are proper and ethical.
- Improve your government by making recommendations.
- Issue indictments for serious crimes

"Serving on the Grand Jury has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."
- 2024-25 Grand Jury Member

For information visit ocgrandjury.org or call 657-622-6747

Apply Now!
OCGrandJury.org
or scan



Only 19 Grand Jurors are selected for the panel.
Next Term July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from a trial jury. It is a full-time assignment. Approximately 80% of the time is spent in a clerk/watchdog role with the remaining time spent on criminal indictment hearings and investigation hearings, not jury trials. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.

To be eligible you must be a County of Orange resident, a U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age or older, have command of the English language, and possess sound judgement



Recruitment is year-round.

The ocgrandjury.org website has been updated to include on-line applications which can be filled out all year long. Check it out at ocgrandjury.org.

We can all help the recruiting effort by talking to friends, family, acquaintances and posting on your favorite social media sites. Recruitment materials are on the website at gjaoc.org/recruitment

CALENDAR

Mark your Calendars for future GJAOC Luncheons

GJAOC Luncheons are typically held quarterly at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. Generally, meetings start at 11:00 am while lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Dates and times, particularly many months out, may be changed, as needed, but will be updated in this Newsletter as well as on the website Calendar page at gjaoc.org/calendar

Elks Lodge

1751 S. Lyon Street
Santa Ana, CA

December 5, 2024, 11:00 AM
MEETING & LUNCHEON

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March 6, 2025, 11:00 AM
MEETING & LUNCHEON

June 5, 2025, 11:00 AM
MEETING & LUNCHEON

September 11, 2025, 11:00 AM
MEETING & LUNCHEON

December 4, 2025, 11:00 AM
MEETING & LUNCHEON

FUTURE PROGRAMS CORNER

Honestly, the GJAOC has been known for its excellent, high-caliber programs and speakers at the luncheons. While everything is subject to change, we thought we might share a couple program subjects that are being discussed for 2025.

Do you have a suggestion for a GJAOC speaker? If so, please email the contact information and why you think our members would enjoy hearing from this person/organization to Programs chair Karen Kindschi at programs@gjaoc.org

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