



# NEWSLETTER

## Incoming President's Message - Lynn Bonas

I'd like to thank Doug Gillen for serving as President of the Association with so much dedication. Doug spent countless hours during his tenure working toward the goal of educating the public on the Grand Jury System and working with the court to involve our membership in community engagement.

Like Doug, I'm dedicated to supporting the Grand Jury. The Association has been fortunate to have members willing to preserve and enhance a system that puts a spotlight on government transparency and accountability.

After a career in advertising in production, media & market research, I became a community volunteer, special education advocate, and court mediator. I served on the 2006-2007 GJ. Joe Moreland recruited Bill Underwood and me to serve on the board, and that has kept both of us involved. I'm looking forward to 2025 with a great board of directors.

Our December Christmas luncheon was very social and featured the new Assistant Presiding Judge, Sheila Hanson. Judge Hanson administered the oath to the incoming board, and spoke about her background as a prosecutor before taking the bench in 2006.

We also honored Sandy Dunkin at the September and December meetings for her incredible service to the Association and more importantly to the citizens of Orange County.

## Outgoing President's Message - Doug Gillen



As I have moved to a new position on the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Association for their support. As we came out of the pandemic, I was elected to take the role of President. Many changes have taken place since then, and there is a renewed sense of what the Association can do. New opportunities to assist in recruitment, sharing information and promoting the work of the Orange County Grand Jury in the community have included a Tamale Fest, two days at the OC Fair, and presentations at OLLI events at UCI and CSUF. The Court Ambassador program is back in place, with former members of the Grand Jury taking on tour guide responsibilities.

The OLLI presentations were the inspiration of a very dear friend, Sandy Dunkin, who did the hard work securing a spot in the OLLI catalogue for in depth presentations of

what the Grand Jury is, does, and how each investigation and report has a positive impact on Orange County. I was blessed to work with her on many of these events.

I want to encourage all the members of the Association to continue to be involved in our work. You have skills, connections, and influence among friends and neighbors. Please use it to support the work of the Grand Jury.

Thank you again for opportunity to work with you and be of service to a great organization.

## Upcoming Events

### Luncheon, March 6, 11:00 am

At Santa Ana Elks Lodge  
1751 S. Lyon Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Speaker will be Bob Page, Orange County Registrar of Voters. Announcements where you can pick your lunch option and reserve a seat will be emailed shortly.

## Your New Board

GJAOC Board leadership positions were voted on at the January 9th Board Meeting, There are 11 Board members whose positions are as follows:

- President- Lynn Bonas
- 1st VP Programs- Chris Evans
- 2nd VP Membership- Greg Tetteimer
- Secretary- Doug Gillen
- Treasurer- Ken Blake
- Director- Terri Elders
- Director- Karen Kindschi
- Director- Lynette Fujitani
- Director- John Mohr
- Director- Lynn Fenton
- Director- Patti Whitman

## Membership

Annual Dues are \$20 per July-June year. If you haven't paid your dues for the 2024-2025 term, please do so soon. 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](http://gjaoc.org/membership). If you have any questions pertaining to dues, feel free to email the Membership Chairman at [membership@gjaoc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://gjaoc.org/ambassador) for further information.

## Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart of our organization.



Get Involved *contribute* Give *Inspire* Teamwork  
 help **VOLUNTEER at GJAOC** New Friendships  
 connect **Purpose** Make a difference DONATE Service  
 community



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

# 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](http://ocgrandjury.org) or call 657-622-6747

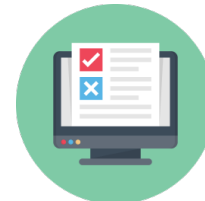
Apply Now!  
[OCGrandJury.org](http://OCGrandJury.org)  
 or scan



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 civil watchdog role with the remaining time spent in 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](http://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](http://ocgrandjury.org).

We can all help the recruiting effort by talking to friends, family, acquaintances and posting on your favorite social media sites.

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

# 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](http://gjaoc.org/calendar)  
Elks Lodge  
1751 S. Lyon Street  
Santa Ana, CA

## 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](mailto:programs@gjaoc.org)**

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