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the citizens, the media and particularly the public officials. I quote, **“The most effective way to do this is for grand juries to undertake meaningful, useful investigations; to make factually supported findings; and to offer needed, feasible recommendations to their local government”**. It appears that grand juries all over the State are doing just that which means implementation of their recommendations will be more likely and the grand jury system will be preserved and perpetuated.

A CGJA chapter in your county is also important support for the grand jury system as, among other positive things, it provides a continuous grand jury presence in the eyes of public officials. Our Membership Relations Committee is continuing its quest for more chapters and more members. We have 26 current chapters and over 325 voting

members. The growth in chapters and membership has been spectacular over the past few years as former and current grand jurors continue to offer support for their courts and sitting grand juries. This includes, but is not limited to, implementation follow-up on report recommendations, public distribution of grand jury reports, and interview, selection and orientation of new grand jurors.

CGJA’s Annual Conference has been moved to San Luis Obispo on October 28-29, 2013. So mark your calendar and plan to attend. Please see additional information elsewhere in this issue.

Finally, we have director elections coming up soon. So voting members watch for your ballots and be sure to vote within the deadline.

My email is always open to hear from you, *trautman17@sbcglobal.net*.

SAVE THE DATE

CGJA 32nd Annual Statewide Conference 2013

“Rolling with Realities”

October 28 & 29, 2013 San Luis Obispo, California

Better late than never...get your erasers and calendars and *save the date*. There has been a change of venue and dates of the 2013 Annual Conference.

The San Luis Obispo Chapter of the California Grand Jurors’ Association is pleased to announce the 32nd Annual CGJA Conference – 2013, Monday, October 28, and Tuesday, October 29, [check-in Sunday, October 27] at the Embassy Suites Hotel, San Luis Obispo, California.

This year, the San Luis Obispo County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors’ Association is looking forward to hosting the statewide conference. The Program Committee headed by Dan Mufson, Beate Boultinghouse, John Monaco, Jim Ragan and Bill Trautman along with representatives from the San Luis Obispo Chapter, is hard at work. The search for a keynote and featured speakers has begun as well as creating a unique “theme” for the event. Bonnie Kenk has once again graciously offered to coordinate registration.

Embassy Suites Hotel San Luis Obispo, will be offering super discounted hotel rates (the same as last year) available only to CGJA conference attendees. The Hotel will also establish a special webpage just for our conference registration. Registration forms will be forthcoming ASAP to all CGJA members.

More information to follow shortly regarding how to register, panels, featured speakers and local activities outside of the conference.

Admidst California’s spectacular scenery on the Central Coast – miles of beaches, challenging golf courses, sensational wineries, quaint shopping, and historical landmarks – the Embassy Suites Hotel San Luis Obispo is the perfect location for CGJA next annual conference.

See you in October!

Diane Shepp, Conference Chair

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California Grand Jurors' Association

32nd Annual Conference

"Rolling with Realities"

October 28th and 29th, 2013

San Luis Obispo, California

Recent Annual Conferences have highlighted the increased scope of CGJA activities. This year we will focus on how environmental factors (fiscal issues) are influencing our communities and the operations of grand juries necessitating our "Rolling with the Realities". There will be an in-depth look at chapter regulatory compliance and implementation review measures.

Sunday, October 27, 2013

1:00-4:00 pm	CGJA Board Meeting
4:00-6:00 pm	Early registration
4:00-6:00pm	CGJA Chapter Officers Meeting
6:15-7:30pm	CGJA Chapter President's No-Host Dinner

Monday, October 28, 2013

9:00am	Conference Convenes
9:15am	Keynote Speaker [To be announced]
10:20am	CGJA Teller's Report /Swearing In New CGJA Board of Directors
10:30am	<i>The Effect of Realignment on the Condition and Management of County Detention Facilities-Pros and Cons (excuse the pun)</i>
1:30pm	Excellence in Reporting (EIR) Awards
2:00pm	<i>How to Increase Grand Jury Effectiveness with Shrinking Grand Jury Budgets</i>
3:30pm-4:45pm	<i>Behind the Scenes—In Front of the Lights: Showcasing the 2013 CGJA Grand Jury Training</i>
6:00pm	CGJA Reception
7:15pm	Dinner
8:30pm	Awards Presentations

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

8:30am	CGJA Annual Meeting State of the CGJA
9:30am	<i>Implementation Review</i>
11:00am	<i>Chapter Regulatory Compliance</i>
12:00 noon	<i>Open Forum</i>
12:30am	Meeting Summary and Close

2014- See you in Los Angeles!



CGJA Chapter News from Around the State *News for You and by You*

By Beate Boultinghouse, Vice-president and President, San Francisco Chapter

At the end of June the 2012-2013 juries ended their year of service. Numerous excellent reports were issued. Jurors breathed a sigh of relief and many are moving on to other activities; some have elected to serve another year on the jury; and some have joined the chapters in their counties and are anxious to contribute to the preservation of California's grand jury system. Several chapters have elected new officers – see page 11 for the current list of chapter presidents. In reading the news from various chapters, I perceive a lot of energy and enthusiasm, applaud it, and wish you the best in all your endeavors for the upcoming year. I hope to see you all at the annual conference October 28-29 in San Luis Obispo. Look for more details in this issue.

Fresno

On July 11th members of the Fresno Grand Jurors' Association held a two hour orientation in the grand jury room for the 2013-14 Grand Jury. The orientation was presented by three FCGJA members, Medsie Bolin, Dr. Rod Coburn and Gary Greenberg. All three were very impressed with the 2013-2014 Fresno County Grand Jury. On Wednesday, July 17th FCGJA had their annual meeting. We elected a board slate and added three new board directors. Our guest speaker was Charlotte Tilkes, Senior Administrative Analyst for Fresno County. Her presentation was regarding the Fresno County budget and how the Grand Jury's budget fits into the total Fresno County budget.

Humboldt

On July 14, the Humboldt County Chapter hosted a thank you for outgoing jurors and welcome for new jurors at Lolita Cheese Factory. The weather was beautiful and their garden was the perfect place to gather and we feasted on locally-made cheeses and wine. We are also planning a Regional Mixer on Aug 17 and will be using webex so those who live far and want to participate can join us without a long drive.

Kern (By Lynn Runyon)

Yes, as of July, I (Lynn Runyon) am now the President of the Kern County Chapter.

We have a meeting tomorrow (my first as President.) at the Black Bear Diner at 11:30. In addition to the regular Kern County Chapter members, we also anticipate 11 of the new 2013-14 Kern County grand jury to attend. Our guest speaker will be the new 2013-14 Foreperson, Terry Wolf. We're working on getting all of those folks to join - some already have!

We will be discussing the Regional meeting on July 26th in Fresno and hope to learn how the chapter can help with the upcoming CGJA annual conference. As promised we will give the Kern County Chapter a copy of our 2012-13 KCGJ Final Report.

We will address the need for everyone on the 2013-14 KCGJ to attend the Visalia training on Aug. 1-2 (there is funding budgeted for ALL of them to attend!). I hope Terry is pushing attendance!

Also, one of our members is designing a KCGJA logo (we have never had one and really like Fresno's!). We hope to be able to submit a design to the CGJA for approval by Sept.

In addition, we are trying to get our almost non-existing web site re-formed and functional. We have a couple of members willing to take on this task.

Napa

The Napa Chapter recently elected new officers and added members to the Board of Directors. Diane Dame' Shepp is the new Chapter president, a role she is familiar with. Mid-May we celebrated the "almost" completion of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury service in Napa County. The wine and appetizer

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event was held at the Napa Valley Yacht Club on the Napa River.

The Chapter will welcome the 2013-2014 Napa County Grand Jury members with coffee and various breakfast pastries each day of the training sessions conducted by the CGJA in Napa. We hope to use this opportunity to introduce the new Grand Jury to the work of the local CGJA chapter. It should be interesting.

I wanted to note that 11 members of the new panel have become Introductory Members in the Napa Chapter!

San Diego

San Diego Past Grand Jurors Association had its annual election of officers. The new president is Mike Hall, who can be reached at hallmikep@gmail.com.

Santa Cruz

The newly minted Santa Cruz Chapter continued to work on defining their role and mission and had a recent opportunity to interact and assist the newly seated 2013-2014 Grand Jury. We also attended the press conference for the release of the 2012-2013 Grand Jury annual report to provide silent solidarity for our sitting Grand Jury. We are making gradual progress at defining our individual roles and determining the logistics of interacting with the public. All in all, a decent start for a new association chapter, as well as for a new group of people.

San Francisco

On July 11, the chapter held its annual meeting / wine and cheese party to welcome the incoming jury and thank the 2012-2013 jury for its dedication. Members of that jury presented the chapter with a synopsis of their reports. They shared with us the attention reports have received from the media and some changes which have already occurred

as a result of the recommendations made.

Scott Wiener from the Board of Supervisors was the keynote speaker. This was the last meeting President Beate Boultinghouse will preside over as her term is ending after six years of service to the chapter. The board wrote a poem about her contributions to the chapter, the jury, and the CGJA; and then presented her with a very special gift. They asked their senator to fly a flag over the Capitol Building in Washington DC on June 14, Flag Day, and dedicate it to Beate for her service to the civil grand jury, the San Francisco Chapter of the CGJA, and the CGJA. The flag and certificate are now in a place of honor in Beate's home.

Sutter

The Sutter County Chapter just attended empanelment of the 2013/2014 Grand Jury. They had seven holdovers and we are hopeful this is an indication they will have a strong jury moving forward. We have a few reports they released that we will be following to make sure things progress as they should. We met tonight to discuss what our next project should be and have about five topics we will be discussing at our next meeting in order to decide, as a group, on which one we should focus.

San Mateo County Chapter

By: Barbara Arieta, President

In its continuous effort to help increase public awareness of the valuable role that the grand jury plays in our democratic system of government, the San Mateo County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA) has been awarding college scholarships to deserving high school seniors for the past several years.

The criteria for receiving the San Mateo County Chapter's scholarship was not only based upon the

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student's academic achievements, but, most importantly, on the contents of the essay that each student submitted to the Chapter's Evaluation Committee. Each scholarship candidate was asked to write an essay on the roles and functions of today's civil grand jury and why the civil grand jury is so important.

On Wednesday evening, May 15th, the 2013 San Mateo Chapter's \$500 scholarship award was given to Oceana High School student, Graham Birks, by San Mateo County chapter president, Barbara Arietta, who also delivered a speech to the Oceana High School student body and its faculty about the merits and mission of the grand jury system in the State of California. This year's scholarship recipient will be attending the University of California in Davis, California, in September.

Additionally, on Sunday, June 30th, the San Mateo County Chapter threw its annual "Garden Party" for past and current grand jurors. The event was held in the beautiful San Mateo garden of chapter members, Lois and Ted Everett. Attendees at the afternoon affair included members, not only from the outgoing grand jury and the incoming grand jury, but also, members from grand juries from the past

FAQ of the Month

By Beate Boultinghouse

Annual conferences of the CGJA are held so that its members may meet each other in person rather than just via email or phone. Panels and discussions are presented that will be meaningful to its members that they may return home saying, "Wow, what a meeting! I learned so much, met so many people, and feel that others are experiencing the same successes as well as trials and tribulations I am! *And I had a lot of fun!*"



This month, chapters were asked what topics they wish discussed at the annual conference to be held October 28-29 in San Luis Obispo. A number of

contributors had similar ideas, so yours truly took the liberty to consolidate them. Here is what came across the hotwire:

Protocol for conducting multi-county agency investigations: Though this has been kicked around in various forums, there has been nothing definitive codified, as was done for chapter Implementation Review guidelines.

The authority and responsibilities of Grand Jury Judges: Why? We would like to see the results of a survey that describes each chapter's relationship with the court and how it evolved.

How to improve inter-chapter communications: In my own case, I have been much more effective as president of my chapter as a result of input from other chapters. Clearly, regional meetings are a part of that solution but perhaps we could create a system of inter-regional representation to expand our communication between regions, etc. The column FAQ of the Month is also an excellent methodology. But what else can we do?

Increasing membership: How can we develop a relationship with sitting juries/forepersons, not only to help them in their "jobs", but also to develop possible members for future years?

Computer illiteracy: Every year we hear complaints about jurors being computer illiterate, yet our judges will not screen them out because there's nothing in the law that specifies this as a criterion.

Implementation Review: Have a session with an explanation of exactly how we should be implemented and then have some examples from those who have already executed it. I know there is a lot of energy around this topic throughout many chapters, and this has the potential to give the jury reports more "teeth".

How is the decrease in funding for juries affecting the chapters and juries? Is there anything we can do to mitigate the potential for diminishment of the juries or the CGJA/chapters?

We asked, you told, and we listened. Come to the annual conference to see which of these topics has been included in the program. I am betting on most

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if not all of them. Anyone want to take me up on that?

Also, congratulations to the new chapter presidents. (See the updated list on pg 11 and www.CGJA.org) Do not hesitate to reach out to any of us to ask questions, learn various practices, and attend regional meetings to meet others and make new friends.

Committee Reports

2013 Training Mid-term Report

By Jerry Lewi



By the time you read this, training for 2013 will be just about complete, but at press time we're slightly more than half-way through. Bill Trautman's President's message provides some details. Here are some of my observations, augmented by Training Chair Marsha Caranci's

mid-term report to the training staff.

We have completed 12 of 20 on-site training seminars at which we train one, two or three juries in their own county. The four regional seminars are just getting started. The difference in on-site seminars is striking. For example, we train the full panel of 30 jury candidates in San Bernardino before the panel of 19 is selected. So those candidates attend the training not knowing whether or not they will serve. They all are very attentive and seem not to be bothered by that circumstance. The seminar is attended by their legal advisor, Deputy District Attorney Charlie Umeda, whom some of you recall participated in a panel discussion at last



Historic Lake County Courthouse,
site of grand jury training July 18, 2013

year's Annual Conference in Napa; and Grand Jury Assistant, Melonee Vartanian.

By contrast, in Monterey County, we trained the jury and many alternates after they had been selected and sworn, but the training seminar was their first meeting as a sworn jury. So they had lots of questions that could only be answered by their Assistant County Counsel, Leslie Girard (their legal advisor) and his assistant, Sandra Ontiveros (See photo on page 8 to see how Sandra provided a unique form of support).

These two counties are good examples of a growing trend to have legal advisors attend our seminars. We believe this is a valuable experience for them, the jury and us, as we learn from them about their views which will likely influence ours going forward. Marsha reports that, "Our decision to invite legal advisors to attend our training has been widely successful. We have had legal advisors in attendance at many of our on-sites so far, and we have several who will be attending the Sacramento and Redding regionals. This is a great way to make sure lines of communication are open and that we are all working towards the same goals -- better educated and functioning grand juries. And we have been able to get our training manual into the hands of lots of the

County Counsels and District Attorneys in the state."

It appears we will have an all-time high of trained jurors, exceeding 1,000, including being able to train the jurors in Lake County for the first time. Also, a quick review of comments received indicates our revised curriculum is working well. As most of you know, we take trainee feedback seriously and it appears to have paid off.

We'll provide a full report as well as our usual Ask the Trainer article in the next Journal.



Monterey County Counsel Assistant Sandra Ontiveros and her children, Dan, Desiree and Danny, helping the CGJA Training team set up the room for training the Monterey County Grand Jury in Marina, CA. (See Training article page 7.)



D. Roger Loper, a long time CJGA member who served on the Board of Directors and filled several officer and committee chairs, died on June 23, 2013, after a long illness. Roger's service was acknowledged in the April 2010 *Grand Jurors' Journal* when he was made a Life Member.

Awards <http://cgja.org/cgja-awards>

Excellence in Reporting –

Best Grand Jury report (Geiss award) and best media coverage

Angelo Rolando Memorial --

For outstanding service to CGJA

Local Achievement –

For chapter members advancing Grand Jury in the region

Grand Jury Achievements

Please look for grand jury reports that made a difference and submit to our [Grand Jury Achievement](http://cgja.org/grand-jury-achievement-2) data base <http://cgja.org/grand-jury-achievement-2>.

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Public Relations Report

By Keath North Chair

This issue of the *Grand Jurors' Journal* will be the first one to be distributed electronically to all our former IMs (Introductory Members). Since we began the IM program three years ago, it has resulted in the organization seeing a steady growth in regular voting membership.



Although a growing membership is desirable, the reality is that many former grand jurors simply aren't "joiners." We believe that just because a former grand juror doesn't become a dues-paying, voting member of CGJA, doesn't mean he or she isn't interested still in what our citizen-led 58 county grand juries are doing, or how our organization is expanding its support and resources to those juries.

We want to keep our former grand jurors "in the loop." Offering them the opportunity to receive the *Grand Jurors' Journal* every other month via email is a cost-effective way to achieve that goal. To that end, and in order to comply with email rules and regulations, we've contracted with ConstantContact.com to manage what will be an ever-growing list of email Journal recipients.

In addition to offering the journal to our past IMs, we have added to our website, www.cgja.org, the ability for interested members of the general public to sign up to receive the journal via email. This extension of our outreach is meant to improve our public image and to increase public awareness of California's county grand jury system in its civil role; its potential for doing good, its opportunity for service, and the importance of the watchdog role our county grand juries play in improving local governance in our cities, counties, school districts and special districts.

If you would prefer to receive your copy of the journal by email rather than snail mail, please send an email to editor@cgja.org and you will be added to our growing list of Journal recipients. Stay tuned in!



Board of Directors Actions

By Jim Ragan, Secretary

June 25

Approved the Constant Contact email service, August through December 2013, at a cost of \$30/month (\$150 total).

July 11

Approved the ballot of candidates for the member election to six Board member positions for two year terms:

North region:

Karen Jahr, Keath North.

Central region:

Michael Chernock, Karin Hern, Bill Trautman.

South region:

Dianne Hoffman, Jim Ragan.

Vote for two directors for each region.

July 22 (Executive Committee)

Approved moving the site of the 2013 Annual Conference to San Luis Obispo on October 28-29 with the San Luis Obispo Chapter as host.

JUNE 2013 NEW MEMBERS

- William Selditz**
Los Angeles
- Grace Nichols**
Los Angeles
- Robert Willhite**
San Diego
- Mark Murray**
Plumas
- Dave Chapel, Ed.D.**
Orange
- John Rhein**
Butte
- Bill Salisbury**
Placer
- Shirley Boracci**
Glenn
- Martha Whittaker**
Contra Costa
- Nene Casares**
Fresno
- Larry Brandon**
Shasta
- Robert Bianco, Sr.**
Napa
- Jon A. Hartz, Sr.**
San Luis Obispo

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

- Stuart H. Brown**
Marin





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****Associate membership** is open to persons who are interested in the association but have not served as a grand juror. Such persons may enjoy all benefits of membership except the right to vote or hold office.

Please continue on to the membership volunteer form—support our important work with your time!!!!

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