



# Grand Jurors' Journal

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## 2017 Annual Conference, Monterey Bay, Oct. 29-30



We have added an important event to the program -- a Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes exceptional and important work to further the goals and purposes of CGJA, performed over an extended period of time by a current member of CGJA. This is not an annual award, but is made only when such a person is acknowledged by the Board of Directors.

There will be a silent auction, and we have received a number of attractive donations worthy of your consideration. So plan to take part in this entertaining and rewarding event.

We look forward to seeing many old and new friends and encourage current grand jurors to sign up, as we will be sure to provide valuable information. See page 8 for the registration form and hotel information.

### LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Do you know someone local who has contributed to the Grand Jury?

The **Local Achievement Award** is designed to encourage local people to recognize, in some public manner, the contributions of local people or organizations that are making or have made a significant contribution to the achievement of effective service to their community by the regular grand juries within their county.

CGJA looks to chapters, associations, local veteran regular grand jurors, or a group of interested citizens to have an award prepared and to schedule the presentation. Upon request, the CGJA may participate in the presentation.

Past awards have been given to an individual who devised a marketing plan for juror recruitment and to a high school teacher for his support of a mock grand jury program.

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2017 CGJA Annual Conference  
Embassy Suites Monterey Bay

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

- 1:00–1:15 PM Conference opens: Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks  
Lloyd Bell, CGJA Vice President and Annual Conference Chair
- 1:15-1:35 PM CGJA Presidents Report on CGJA Activities and the State of the Association (and Q&A)  
Andi Winters, President, CGJA
- 1:35-1:45 PM Election Results: Jerry Kunkle, Chair, Nominations-Elections Committee  
Swearing in Directors: Honorable Steven Jahr
- 1:45-2:30 PM The Accusation Process in Action  
Jim Mellander, Foreperson, 2016-17 Contra Costa County Grand Jury
- 2:30–2:45 PM Break
- 2:45-3:25 PM Presentation of Excellence in Reporting Awards  
Barbara Sommer, Chair, Excellence in Reporting Subcommittee
- 3:25 PM CGJA Annual Conference adjourns (Barbara Sommer)
- 3:30-5:30 PM Chapter Officer/Member Meeting  
Rich Knowles, Chair, Membership Relations Committee
- 5:30-7:30 PM Complimentary cocktail reception
- 7:00 – 9:30 PM CGJA Annual Conference Dinner in a separate room  
Angelo Rolando Service Award presentation  
Joann Landi, Chair, Angelo Rolando Service Award Subcommittee

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

- 9:00 – 9:10 AM Annual Conference resumes (Lloyd Bell)
- 9:10-10:10 AM Keynote Address: The Grand Jury: A Judge's Perspective  
Honorable Steven Jahr, Judge, Shasta County Superior Court (ret.)
- 10:10-10:45 AM Introduction to the Public Education Committee  
Kathy Wylie, Chair, Public Education Committee
- 10:45-11:00 AM Break
- 11:00-11:45 AM Marijuana, the California Conundrum  
David Eyster, District Attorney, Mendocino County
- 11:45-11:55 AM CGJA Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation
- 11:55 AM-Noon Conference wrap up (Q & A) and closing remarks  
Andi Winters, President, CGJA

## News from around the State

### from Humboldt - by Tim Hafner, Vice President and Soup Chef



The CGJA conducted a Regional Training Seminar on August 2 and 3 in Orick, CA. Jurors from Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity counties participated in the two-day event.

As is our tradition, the Humboldt County Chapter of the CGJA hosted the seminar. The chapter provided coffee, tea, donuts, and fruit for the “wake me up” morning fare. Lunch on the first day was homemade soup and salad. On the second day, sack lunches were purchased from the “Snack Shack,” a local Orick eatery.

A huge “Thank You” to Chapter members Sara “Sam” Giannandrea (President and soup chef), directors Jim Glover (beverage guy and kitchen chief), Denise Daskel (adding class to the table settings and setup), and volunteer Sharon Hafner (maker of gourmet salads and fixings).

And, of course, many thanks the CGJA Trainers, Larry Johnson, Ray Frisbie, and our own Humboldt County John Heckel, for their time and the knowledge they imparted to the new and returning grand jurors. Once again, an excellent CGJA training seminar.

### from Tulare - by Ron White and Annette Jones

In July, the Tulare County Chapter helped host a CGJA two-day training session in Visalia for an estimated 100 jurors from over five counties.

In August, the chapter purchased and donated 60 backpacks with school supplies for local students heading back to school. Thirty bags each were delivered to George L. Snowden Elementary in Farmersville and to Washington Elementary School in Visalia.



The Visalia Chapter also donated two youth bicycles (one boy and one girl) with helmets to the Elks Night at the Rawhide Baseball Game – A Community Drug Awareness Event. The donation was in cooperation with the Tulare County Deputy Sheriff’s Association.



### from Madera - by Heather Kepler

The Madera County Chapter established the Regional Meeting Planning Committee to provide a framework for hosting a regional meeting in the fall of 2018. The committee welcomes suggestions for topics and speakers from other chapters and counties.

Some chapter members are planning to attend the CGJA Annual Conference in Seaside (Monterey County) in October as well as the November regional meeting in Bakersfield (see page 7 for more information).

The chapter’s Speaker Committee and Final Report Response Implementation Review Committee remain active, even though it is early in the grand jury season. Our efforts are continuous in ways to enlighten county residents as to the role of the grand jury and to encourage participation.

## Membership Relations Committee (MRC) Survey Results

The mission of MRC is to nurture good relations with chapters and members, thereby encouraging both existing members to renew their membership and others eligible for membership to join the California Grand Jurors' Association.

To help chapters in their recruitment, upon request by a chapter officer, we will provide a list of past and present members of CGJA that live in their county. This list would include Introductory Members (current jurors that have signed up with us for free non-voting membership).

We care about our chapters and their health. All of us are doing what we can to support the grand jury process in California, and a source of new members is our chapters. So, what is good for the chapters is good for CGJA. To better understand what our chapters are doing this year we did a quick survey asking chapter presidents if their chapter did the things we could think of that chapters do. We received responses from 20 of 26 CGJA chapters (representing 391 members, 172 of whom are CGJA members). A summary of the survey results is below.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Does your chapter do	
public outreach presentations publicizing the grand jury process?	85%
new juror recruitment?	80%
Is the CGJA website useful to your chapter?	74%
Does your chapter work with the court on new juror recruitment?	70%
Is your chapter interested in attending regionals?	63%
Does your chapter	
do prospective juror orientation prior to juror selection?	60%
have a strong relationship with your GJ Presiding/Supervising Judge?	45%
assist the court with interviews or other juror selection actions?	45%
Is your chapter interested in hosting regionals?	37%
Does your chapter	
do post-implementation review of grand jury report recommendations?	35%
do new juror orientation?	30%
have a contract with either the court or the county?	15%
assist the GJ with developing their Rules of Procedure?	10%

What does it all mean? That is the task that MRC will take on for its next project. How can we help our chapters be successful with those activities that they consider important? It is obvious what is working well for the chapters and what is less a part of their activities.

Attention Grand Jurors

See the World Premiere of

# The Exit Interview

Coming soon to a CGJA Report Writing Workshop near you!



## See the Sequel!

Will David get the message?  
Does Larry learn his lesson?  
Did the grand jury arrive at valid findings, supported by facts?  
Will they learn anything new?

**For tickets (to register) and show times (dates and locations).**

see [www.cgja.org](http://www.cgja.org) Report Writing Workshops)

or contact [cgjatraining@cgja.org](mailto:cgjatraining@cgja.org)

## Recent Board Actions

by Jim Ragan, Secretary

[jimragan@charter.net](mailto:jimragan@charter.net)

### Board Meeting, June 27, 2017

Approved the 2017 Director Ballots (north, central, south regions).

Ratified the president's appointment of Jerry Kunkle, Janet Clark, and Scott Law to the Tellers' Committee.

Adopted editorial corrections to paragraph C of Policy Manual section 12.50, Chapter Formation.

### Board Meeting, August 22, 2017

Ratified the president's appointment of Karen Jahr as chair of the Legal and Legislative Resources Committee (LLRC).

Approved the regular sending of timely messages to current IMs by the Training Committee as appropriate throughout the year.

Approved using up to \$3,000 from the Jack Zepp Fund for video production of training modules.

### Board Meeting, September 26, 2017

Approved a year-end tax-deductible solicitation of members.

All approved board meeting minutes are available on the CGJA website.

### A Note from the Editor



Having done the journal layout this year, I now am editing it, as well.

I look forward to receiving your articles, announcements, suggestions, and comments -- *Barbara Sommer*

[editor@cgja.org](mailto:editor@cgja.org)

**CGJA Election Results**



John Heckel



Joann Landi



Andi Winters



Travis Gibbons



Rich Knowles



Lou Panetta

Region	Candidate	Votes cast
North	John Heckel	39
	Andi Winters	32
Central	Rich Knowles	53
	Joann Landi	49
South	Travis Gibbons	37
	Lou Panetta	37
	Sandy Teague (write-in)	1

**The Life and Death of a CGJA Chapter by Audrey Lynberg**

During 1994-1995, the California Grand Jurors’ Association had been divided into two regions and there was discussion in changing the organization to a 501(c)3 status. A committee was formed to study the pros and cons of changing the organization from a 501(c)4 to a 501(c)3 status, as the organization activities were mostly educational and it would allow a tax exemption and tax-deductible contributions.

In 1996, the CGJA constitution and bylaws were revised for the new 501(c)3 by a committee and approved by the organization at the Asilamar Conference in August 1997. In the structure of the new 1997 bylaws, the California Grand Jurors’ Association stated that chapters could be formed in the counties with bylaws that were consistent with the CGJA Articles of Incorporation. In addition, the purpose statement of the organization was to establish a training program for grand jurors.

The first meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was in the fall of 1998, whereby the group that was functioning became the newly formed organization called the Los Angeles Chapter of the California Grand Jurors’ Association and adopted the constitution and bylaws of CGJA with a new focus of a training program for new grand jurors. There were 36 persons in attendance, and among those in attendance were former CGJA President Pat Yeomans and CGJA Director Les Daye. Of special recognition was State President Dan Taranto, who was instrumental in helping the chapter set up the first training program in 1999, at the University of La Verne Law School, for newly selected grand Jurors. There were 48 persons in attendance from surrounding counties, as a new state law passed requiring training of grand jurors.

Over the years, the Los Angeles Chapter, has met three to four times a year with a luncheon and outstanding speakers from the different departments. During the last few years, our membership declined due to the inability to have an address or phone record of those who had been participating during the last year because of the court’s protection of the grand jurors. However, we continued to send information yearly to 160 former grand jurors and keep them informed of the activities of the training committee.

Our board members have been honorably serving in the different roles to fulfill our connection with the state association. During the past 2-3 months, our board has suffered the loss of two long-time members who passed away, George Ackerman and Marilyn Reingold; and Yvonne White, director, is seriously ill and has been removed from her home. So, we are closing our chapter and will continue our support of the California Grand Jurors’ Association.

**Ask the Trainer** By Marsha Caranci, CGJA Training Chair



This regular column allows the CGJA Training Team to share with Journal readers our responses to some of the questions we receive from grand jurors. Please remember the following: our trainers are happy to answer questions in their areas of expertise and may be contacted by using the information in Tab 8 of our training manual; please do not take any response as legal advice; and contact your local legal advisors to answer any question that might divulge confidential information. Please submit your questions to me at [cgjatraining@cgja.org](mailto:cgjatraining@cgja.org). The Training Team’s response to your question might appear in a future edition of the Journal (without attribution).

*Q. Sometimes a grand juror reads a complaint or hears a committee report on an investigation before realizing that they will need to recuse from that investigation. And even after a recusal, the juror might have access to information through a shared drive by which all jurors access documents, or by reading minutes from plenary sessions. How much can a recused juror know about what is going on with an investigation?*

A. The purpose of a recusal is for the juror to have no influence over the other jurors or the investigation. Penal Code Section 916.2 states, in part, that the juror is recused from “... participating in any grand jury civil investigation of that agency, including any discussion or vote concerning a civil investigation of that agency.” Reading a document, whether inadvertently or intentionally, may not be considered “participating” as long as the juror does not discuss, react, or attempt to influence the investigation or the report in any way. The grand jury should consider adopting a policy that would require a recused grand juror to resist reading such shared documents related to the investigation once the recusal has been declared.

*Q. Our grand jury is looking at the responses to one of last year’s reports. Is it okay to ask one of the holdover grand jurors more about the investigation that took place last year?*

A. Every grand juror takes an oath that they will “... not disclose any evidence brought before the grand jury, nor anything which I or any other grand juror may say, nor the manner in which I or any other grand juror may have voted on any matter ....” This means that a grand juror should never discuss any information from an investigation that doesn’t appear in the grand jury report with anyone outside of that particular grand jury, including members of this year’s grand jury.

**COMING UP – Regional Meeting in Bakersfield**

**Friday, November 17, 2017 - 9:30am – 2:30pm**



Theresa A. Goldner

**CGJA San Joaquin Valley:** Kern, Kings, Fresno, Madera, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and Tulare.

Interested Grand Jurors from other chapters/counties are encouraged to register and attend.

Guest Speaker: Returning by popular request...

Honorable Theresa A. Goldner Kern County Counsel, Retired

For details and registration, see [cgja.org/Regional-Meetings](http://cgja.org/Regional-Meetings).

To register online, see [cgja.org/products/conference/2017-annual-conference-online](http://cgja.org/products/conference/2017-annual-conference-online)



California Grand Jurors' Association 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
 And Membership Meeting  
**“CGJA-Increasing our value to members, chapters, and grand juries across California”**  
**October 29 – 30, 2017**  
**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
 Embassy Suites by Hilton Monterey Bay - Seaside  
 1441 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Seaside, California 93955

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>Conference Attendance</b> \$144.00 <small>*Dinner on October 29, 2017, is included in your conference registration)</small>		
	Total per person	\$144.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
	Guest (Dinner Only)	\$55.00 x _____ =	\$ _____

\*Dinner consists of Embassy tossed greens salad, sliced grilled tri-tip with peppercorn brandy demi glaze, or pan seared Pacific salmon with truffle demi glaze; both entrees served with garlic mashed potatoes & fresh seasonal vegetables. A vegetarian option is available (Embassy vegetable tower). Chef's choice of dessert, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, and hot or iced tea

**Dinner Selection:** Tri-tip\_\_\_\_, Salmon\_\_\_\_, or Vegetarian\_\_\_\_.

**YES**, I want to make an additional tax-deductible donation to help underwrite conference costs\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*will be listed in conference program if received by September 8, 2017

**TOTAL PAYMENT** (excluding hotel room, which attendees book directly with hotel) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to Register for Conference: October 25, 2017**

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Information: Lloyd Bell, Conference Chair, [lloyd.bell@comcast.net](mailto:lloyd.bell@comcast.net)  
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**CONFERENCE HOTEL:** Embassy Suites by Hilton Monterey Bay Seaside, 441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside, CA 93955. The last day to secure reduced room rates at the hotel has been extended to October 3 or until our dedicated block sells out, whichever is first. If you have been waiting to book your room, you may wish to take action now.

You may make your hotel reservation in either of two ways:

- Call the hotel directly at 831-393-1115 and identify yourself as being with the California Grand Jurors' Association using group code GGJ, or
- Make your reservation [here](#) or from our website at [cgja.org/annual-conference](http://cgja.org/annual-conference), listing your arrival date, departure date, and group code GGJ.
- You will need to provide credit-card information to reserve your room.

The CGJA daily room rate is \$140.00 for either a king or a two double-bed room. The Embassy Suites is a smoke-free facility.

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