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# Grand Jurors' Journal

## President's Message

By Keath North

**A special message to our nearly 400 Introductory Members:** I know you are especially busy at this time of year writing and vetting reports to get them through the process. As former grand jurors, most of us involved in CGJA came away from our year of service with a desire to help support the grand jury system. We do all we can to improve its effectiveness as a citizen's watchdog over local government. Your help is needed. I challenge you to stay involved by joining CGJA as a voting member. Please consider taking advantage of the offer of three months FREE to get started on your CGJA membership.



**Robert C. Geiss**  
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Let me issue a hearty welcome to our newest Board member, William (Bill) Trautman, of Napa County. Bill will fill a special one-year term to help in the development of reference content (FAQs) for our new website, among other chores. His legal expertise has been very evident during his service as Chair of CGJA's Legislative Affairs Committee, and his input will be invaluable as we move forward this coming year. I know Bill will also be heavily involved in planning and implementing the program for our 2011 Annual Conference to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel – Napa Valley on November 7 & 8.



In recent weeks, I've been receiving bound copies of grand jury final reports from many counties. It is humbling to contemplate the amount of work going into these important documents. Unfortunately, due to two primary factors: the sheer size of the bound reports and budget limitations, most grand juries cannot distribute reports in printed form to the general public. Forcing citizens to seek out final reports and responses on the Internet is deleterious to public awareness of the important work of our grand juries. To overcome the limitations mentioned above, the San Francisco Chapter of CGJA is publishing a "Gazette" or condensed format of the final report of their jury. Read more about it in this edition of the Journal. This model would be a great project for any Chapter or Association to undertake.

It was a pleasure visiting sunny Southern California during my trip the first week of March. As I told the assembled group at the San Diego Association, and Orange County Association luncheon attendees, Joyce and I lived in the great Southland when we were first married. I have wonderful memories of working with people from all walks of life. Part of the California Promise was our state's diversity.

We must ensure that everyone is more aware of the opportunity to serve. Many citizens look at the grand jury as a "closed shop." We can change that misconception through education, Public Service Announcements, the power of the Internet, and the phenomenon of social media. Please share with me any ideas you have to help build public awareness. California's grand jury system is worth our efforts to preserve and protect it, but it

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## Meet Our Director Darrel Petersen



Darrel Petersen, a resident of Northern California's Humboldt County for the past 46 years, was born and raised in South Dakota. He and his lovely, energetic spouse, Patricia, have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Darrel brings to CGJA's Board of Directors a perspective of common sense, put into practice. That perspective emanates from his long and successful career as the Founder/Owner/Operator of a well-respected, medium-sized construction firm. He is accustomed to analyzing plans and budgets for small, medium and large commercial/industrial projects. His firm has been the lead contractor for the construction of lumber mills as well as shopping centers. According to Darrel, the principles involved are the same. His approach to each project, or challenge, involves careful planning coupled with the follow-through necessary for a successful completion. He is proud of the fact that he is known as a "doer."

Darrel served on the 2008-2009 and the 2009-2010 Grand Juries of Humboldt County. His work as a Director and active member of the Humboldt County Chapter gives him the background to help lead new members in the Northern Region into active local participation. Not one to settle for the status quo, Darrel is looking forward to helping build membership in CGJA. He hopes that his style of effective, personal communication will serve him well during his term as a Director.

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needs our promotional support as well. Donations gratefully accepted.

Finally, our colleague and Trainer Extraordinaire, Bob Geiss, has passed away. All who worked with Bob grew to appreciate him and will never forget his inimitable style. His good humor and succinct, often pithy, wit are the stuff of legend. We wish his family comfort and peace in this difficult time, and honor his commitment and sacrifice for the furtherance of our mission. Godspeed, Bob.

## Committee Reports

### Membership Relations Committee *By Dan Mufson, Chair*

**A Note for Sitting Jurors:** Some good reasons to join the CGJA. There are many reasons that people join CGJA individually and/or as a chapter. The primary reason to join is that the CGJA is a statewide organization with an important goal – the support and improvement of the California Grand Jury system. **Please see our special offer at the end of this article.**

You have served as a grand juror and have given your time and talents to make their county run more effectively. You can continue to serve your community by joining the CGJA and getting involved with our programs. We need your support and involvement in order to make sure the Grand Jury system in California continues to be effective and continues to grow. The CGJA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with no paid officers or directors. We are an all-volunteer organization; all monies received are directed directly to the betterment of the California Grand Jury system.

Essentially the CGJA operates at two levels: statewide and locally through its affiliated chapters. The primary service we provide is to train most all of California's grand jurors. We also have a Legislative Affairs Committee that responds to sitting jurors' questions and monitors and responds to legislative activities concerning grand juries. These activities are most effectively performed at the statewide level.

Most of us begin our membership and organizational activities within our local chapter. If you don't have a chapter in your county, we can help you organize—just let us know of your interest. Several sitting jurors (Introductory Members) have already done so and have initiated their organization activities.

Last year we began to hold quarterly Regional meetings for the seven Bay Area chapters. It is a great opportunity for chapter members to meet and exchange ideas on common issues and programs. We now have other regional meetings in the planning stage.

#### CGJA Scope of Activities – includes the following:

**Individuals:** support the association via dues and volunteer activities

**Community/Chapter:** joining a chapter gives you a chance to continue relationships with former colleagues; to stay in touch regularly; to stay involved with community issues; to have a unique outlet for socialization and to continue your service to the community by activities such as:

- Public outreach to aid recruitment of new jurors
- Grand Jury Awareness month activities
- Update/refine the grand jury procedure manual
- Continuity/implementation review
- Provide the CGJA educational/recruitment DVD to Courts
- Work with the Court to hold an informational meeting for the grand jury applicants
- Local training/mentoring of jurors
- Social activities

## Bob Geiss

By Jerry Lewi

One of our most valued members, Bob Geiss of Orange County, passed away March 11 after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. Bob served on the 1998-99 Orange County Grand Jury. He chaired the Special Issues and Continuity Committee, was secretary for the Environmental and Transportation Committee, and served on the Editorial Committee. During his term, he authored five reports that were approved and published by the Grand Jury on a diverse series of topics relevant to county governance.

Bob served on the CGJA Board from 2002 to 2007, and has been a member and Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee (quite an honor for a non-lawyer). In addition to being a trainer for many years, he also has served on the Training Committee. During his time as a Director, he initiated the move to reduce the size of the board from 24 to 12. Bob's service to CGJA was acknowledged as the recipient of the Angelo Rolando award in 2007. He was Treasurer of his local Friends of the Library organization and was a member of its executive board. He was also involved in transportation issues for California and served as a director of the Drivers for Highway Safety, an Orange County transportation forum.

Bob was a retired USAF officer and aerospace engineering manager. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from M.I.T., the Air Force Institute of Technology, and California State University.

On a personal note, I met Bob at the 1998 Annual Conference in San Diego when we were both new grand jurors. I spotted him because we were both wearing the same college class ring. We discovered we had graduated the same day in 1950. We joined the Board about the same time and were trainers for many of the same years. As trainers, we became somewhat interchangeable as we both taught Continuity and Report Writing. Bob had a way of cutting quickly to the key point in any discussion and bringing everyone quickly to a consensus, with humor and without offending anybody. He must have been a great grand juror with those qualities. It is ironic to me that I, along with many of us, last saw Bob at the recent Annual Conference in San Diego, the city where we met.

From Dianne Hoffman, Director and Treasurer of CGJA from Orange County

He was a devoted aviator flying Grumman Tigers. He flew solo across the US from CA to the East Coast and back at least once. He often flew to training venues. He served on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Grand Jurors Association. Bob was instrumental in activating a dormant Tracking and Implementation Process for Responses to Grand Jury Reports in 2000. I met Bob during an election of CGJA in 2003 and he, Jack Zepp and I became close. Jack and Bob were just a couple of passionate flyers and they had the most amazing stories to share with a newbie.

Comment from Bill Trautman, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

We lost another icon in the Grand Jury world. Bob was an immense fountain of knowledge about Grand Jury law, lore and experience which he was always so generously willing to share. He participated in our LAC (and training) activities literally to the end. See page 5 for an example of his work. We will be forever grateful for having Bob with us for so long and his legacy will live on in the excellence of the work we continue to do for the California Grand Jury system.

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- Public outreach to aid recruitment of new jurors

**Regionally:** We have begun to meet regularly to share ideas and solve common problems.

- Training of new jurors in most California counties
- Publications such as *Grand Jury Law Compendium*, procedures
- Web page with focused Google search engine and grand jury news
- Social media
- Legislative Affairs committee to monitor legislative activity and provide the help-desk
- Excellence in Reporting Awards and the Grand Jury Achievement Report
- Coordination of support activities

**CGJA Committees for state service:** for those who want a broader experience there are committees and activities to support the CGJA Mission and purpose:

**CGJA Board of Directors:** those members who are completely out of control, and who can't get enough abuse at home, can serve on the CGJA Board of Directors and have the opportunity to deal with their fellow Directors who are usually cranky and otherwise set in their ways!!

**An April Membership Special:** The CGJA is offering a special opportunity for you to join as a Voting Member NOW! This offer is open to any juror currently serving on a grand jury in any of the 58 counties, including those who had already registered as IM. If you join within April, we will offer an extension of your membership from April 2011 until September 2012.

*This is another in a series of articles aimed at current jurors, especially those who have taken advantage of our new Introductory Membership (IM). We will attempt to remind you of key issues on a timely basis. Please remember the following: Any trainer is happy to try to answer specific questions in their area of expertise and may be contacted by using the information in Tab 10 of the training manual; you may not take any response as legal advice; and frequently you should contact your local legal advisors to answer questions. Please submit questions to me or the Journal Editor for future responses*

*Marsha Caranci  
CGJA Training Chair*

## **Final Report Approval** *By Jerry Lewi and Bette Flick*

Hopefully, by now your grand jury has released some final reports. June 30 is looming on the horizon when you will be finished with your year of service and will not be able to release any more of them. In the last issue we reminded you of some report writing tips. To assist you in taking the final draft to a fully-approved, released report, here is a check list of all the steps required to do that:

1. Draft completed by Investigative Committee
2. Final Verification Review (FVR) with subject of investigation – not required but highly recommended. You must have interviewed the subject of the investigation, but the FVR is optional
3. Fully reviewed by Editorial Committee
4. Review by full panel with minimum of 12 votes approving for release (8 in 11-member body)
  - Note:** Some juries take the above two steps in reverse order which is fine as long as it conforms to your own rules of procedure
5. Legal review by County Counsel (or your primary legal advisor) and Presiding or Supervising Judge
6. Release of report to any entity for which a response is required (must be two business days before release to public)
7. Release to public and press. As a minimum, copies should go to at least the county, local libraries and other forums for public distribution. Consider using a press release.
8. Arrange for the report to be posted on your grand jury website

Now the fun starts: watch for comments from agencies and officials in the press and be prepared to take appropriate follow-up action per our article on Continuity in the September 2010 issue.

## **Mid-year Review of Grand Jury Budgets**

*By Karen Jahr, Retired Shasta County Counsel & CGJA Trainer*

Spring is when most County Administrative Officers (CAOs) are reviewing this fiscal year's revenues and expenditures in order to prepare next fiscal year's proposed budget. Because the counties depend to a large extent on state funding, and the state coffers are pretty well depleted, it is likely that most, if not all of California's counties will be cutting their budgets for this coming year, and many of them will be making across-the-board cuts.

It is important for the grand jury to find out as soon as possible what its budget outlook is for next year; this information should be available from the CAO's office or

the Auditor's office. If a budget cut is contemplated for your grand jury, you should review your jury's expenditures over the past three years or so to determine if, with the proposed cuts, there will be sufficient funding for next year's grand jury to conduct its business. If it looks like the cut will be too great, you will need to persuade the CAO that your budget should get special consideration. The grand jury should think about consulting with the County Counsel (or the deputy who provides legal services to the grand jury) and the presiding or supervising judge about how to talk to the CAO about increasing your budget; these advisors could be of real help in pleading your case to the CAO.

Your conversation with the CAO should take place as soon as possible. Paying for government services is a zero

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sum game and any additional money for the grand jury has to come from some other county program, so you want to make sure the CAO has the grand jury's needs in mind when the proposed budget is being drafted.

If, despite your best efforts, the CAO's recommended funding for the grand jury is inadequate, you can appeal your budget to the board of supervisors during its

budget hearings, which usually are held in August. But keep in mind that the board usually follows the CAO's budget recommendations, so your best bet for getting adequate funding for next year's grand jury is to get to work now with your CAO.

This activity is a good example of one version of the CGJA Golden Rule of Continuity, which is: Do unto your successor as you wish your predecessor had done unto you.



*Editor Note: As a further tribute to Bob Geiss, we are reprinting a memo he wrote February 26, 2009 to members of the Training Committee. The memo is self-explanatory.*

### **Subject: Findings in Grand Jury Reports**

I have been asked to help define "Findings" as pertains to grand jury reports. Fortunately, the California Supreme Court has helped in this regard by presenting their view of findings in the McClatchey Newspapers decision rendered in 1988 (I'll omit the cite but trust me on this). The Supremes went to some length describing the difference between facts (evidence) and findings and the rule about disclosing raw evidentiary material. I am in debt to Jack Zepp for some of this discussion.

For the purpose of coming up with a standard "definition" of findings, we more or less hit on it last year when we defined findings first as: " 'findings' refer to statements which bridge the analytic gap between raw evidence and the ultimate decision". In this case I assume that the ultimate decision is the recommendation(s) the grand jury derives from the findings. The Court went on, "...mere recitation of evidence does not constitute a finding". The Court held that Penal Code §933 implicitly calls for a grand jury to distill conclusions from the evidentiary materials gathered during its investigation before it by determining credibility of testimony, drawing inferences, and resolving conflicts.

The Supremes were very specific in stating that grand jury secrecy is the rule and openness the exception when it comes to raw evidentiary materials. The Supreme Court recognized in 1988 that the Legislature's intent was to permit the disclosure of raw evidentiary material in three instances: 1) by court order; 2) when an indictment is returned; and 3) data gathered by one grand jury may be disclosed to a succeeding grand jury. There is a lot of discussion as to what actually is considered "raw evidentiary data" in a grand jury investigation of civil (*versus* criminal) matters. But that's a topic for another paper.

So, for the purposes of training seminars I submit that our definition of Findings be used as "statements which bridge the analytic gap between raw evidence and the ultimate decision (recommendation)". Further, "Mere recitation of evidence does not constitute a Finding."

Bob Geiss

## **CGJA Committee Reports, Chapters Reports and Chapters in the News**

### **2011 Training Schedule**

*By Marsha Caranci, Chair,  
Training Committee*

The 2011 Regional Seminar Training Program has been set and posted on the CJGA website. This year will see a revised curriculum that we believe will provide better, more comprehensive training. A number of on-site training sessions will also be conducted from mid-June to early August. Please visit our

website for more information or contact me at [Caranci@aol.com](mailto:Caranci@aol.com) for more information.

### **Angelo Rolando Memorial Award**

*By Joann Landi, Committee Chair*

Each year the CGJA honors a member for outstanding service to our organization. The award is presented at the Annual CGJA Conference. This year the Conference will

be held November 7-8 in Napa. It is now time to begin the "search" for the person to be nominated for the award.

We look to the members of CGJA to nominate members they consider worthy of receiving this prestigious award. Nominations will be accepted for consideration by the Angelo Rolando Memorial Award Committee until August 30, 2011. Nominations may be submitted via postal mail or email.

In arriving at a decision to nominate some-

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one you believe deserving, please consider that this award is for past service and not for anticipated service in future years. Some factors you may wish to consider:

- Substantive participation at both the state and county level in support of CGJA goals and objectives.
- Has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and is unusually effective in accomplishing projects.
- A nominee must be a current member of CGJA. There will be no multiple awards.
- The currently serving CGJA president is not eligible to receive this award in that year.
- Past recipients are not eligible for re-nomination.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, feel free to call or email me:

[Joannelandi@aol.com](mailto:Joannelandi@aol.com) or 650-365-4184.



## News from the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County

By Joe A. Moreland, President

After a rather bleak recruitment period for the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury, the Court extended the application deadline by 30 days. The additional time (and redoubled recruitment efforts) produced positive results and more than 190 applications were received.

The Associations Quarterly luncheon attracted over 60 attendees including representatives from the San Diego and San Bernardino Grand Jury Associations. Also in attendance were CGJA President Keath North and Public Relations Director Jerry Lewi. The guest speaker, Reed Royalty, President of the Orange County Taxpayers Association, discussed California budget problems and proposed solutions.

With regret, I report the passing of Bob Geiss on March 11, 2011. Bob was a well-known advocate and spokesperson for the California Grand Jury System and served on the 1998-1999 Orange County Grand Jury. His expertise and boundless energy will be sorely missed.

## Grand Jury Achievements By Jerry Lewi

To stimulate all to submit entries for the Grand Jury Achievement Report, following is a submittal by Victoria Draper, Foreperson of the 2009-2010 San Diego Grand Jury and a new CJGA trainer. From time to time we will print good examples in the Journal, hoping you may find even better candidates. We believe documenting all effective grand jury reports is important to keep the important work of grand juries before the general public.

Date of Report	5/30/07	County	San Diego	Title of Report	Replace Las Colinas Now!
<p><b>Beneficial Outcome:</b> The 2006-2007 Las Colinas Report brought into view a long overdue need for a new women's prison to be built. We only have one in San Diego County. The conditions were not good and with extreme overcrowding. There was a huge negative reaction from the community of Santee where the prison was located and will remain because of the availability of land owned by the County via eminent domain. The 2007-2008 Jury did a follow up report. The end result of these two Juries' work is that construction of a new women's prison will begin in January, 2011. This decision to move forward was a courageous one given the angry response from the community.</p>					

This format is the new, simple, format that can be downloaded from our website by clicking on the box marked **Download Grand Jury Achievement Forms** on the home page, and then clicking on **Short Form**.

## Look to Your Left; Look to Your Right By: Beate Boultinghouse

Look to your left. Look to your right. I am sure you see at least one member of your local CGJA chapter who would be an excellent person to represent you at the state level. Or maybe that person is you.

Each year, the two year term of six members of the twelve member board of the California Grand Jurors' Association expires. The only qualification the person(s) you nominate must meet is that they be a member in good standing with the CGJA. Please take time to seriously consider who could best represent you and others on the board and then submit their name--all nominations must be received by July 1. They will then be approached by the Nominations-Elections Committee (NEC) and if they are agreeable, their names will be placed on the ballot to be voted upon.

Under the guidance of NEC committee chair Dan Mufson, the committee members Lew Avera, Meredith Avery, Beate Boultinghouse, Ray Frisbie, Darrel Petersen, and tellers Wilda Davisson, Joe Moreland, and Irene Stidston are prepared to gather the names you suggest be placed on the ballot as nominees. It will prepare ballots and mail them to the voting members of the CGJA. To be eligible to vote you must be a member in good standing on July 31. Completed ballots will then be mailed to the League of Women Voters for the official tally.

The results of the election will be announced to the membership at the annual conference to be held in Napa November 7 and 8 this year.

What can you contribute to this process? Again look to your left, look to your right ... give the names of people you would like to represent you to any of the members of the NEC committee. Your job is done. Done that is, until the ballots come to your mailbox. It is then your opportunity to say who you wish to speak for you and represent you in the CGJA.

Thank you all for doing your part in making the organization the best it can be.

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## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GRAND JUROR'S ASSOCIATION

By Burrel Woodring, President

Assemblyman Col. Paul Cook (R-65<sup>th</sup>), last year sponsored AB 1906, a bill that would empower San Bernardino Superior Court Judges to impanel a second county civil grand jury if the need arose. I think this legislation started out to solve a problem, but its intent was sidetracked. Even though AB 1906 is chaptered and has some good sections, it is still basically a duplication of authority the courts always have under Penal Code Sections 888-945.

Unfortunately the general public does not fully understand the powers and limitations of a civil grand jury. Their first rule is that a civil grand jury operates under a veil of complete secrecy. For example, what would happen if under AB 1906, that second civil grand jury investigates the same case as the other regular civil grand jury? The existing code states that each civil grand jury sets its own agenda and AB 1906 does not address this. Also, the AB 1906 civil grand jury has no indictment powers and is appointed by the superior court from the regular jury rolls. What is different is that an AB 1906 civil grand jury "my serve for a term as determined by the presiding judge. . ." and may be discharged at any time.

In my opinion, this second civil grand jury will cause more problems than it will solve. Col. Cook has stated that current civil grand jurors "are often outgunned with complex cases, etc." How does he know this? After all the civil grand jury agendas are supposed to be confidential. In his defense, and he really doesn't need a defense, I understand that he introduced this legislation at the request of the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors. Remember, this is the same board that has consistently ignored the reform recommendations that several civil grand juries have presented to them. Unfortunately he did not, to my knowledge, consult or request the suggestions of any past or present San Bernardino County Grand Juror. That's kind of like the fox asking how to get into the chicken house.

A civil grand jury can only make public recommendations in its reports to the Board of Supervisors. However, these are only recommendations. The Supervisors have no obligation to follow up on those recommendations. Granted the Board has to make an official response within 90 days, but they can then file the recommendations away and forget them. A regular civil grand jury can also make

accusations about public officials to the District Attorney and unless it is an official accusation, they can also be ignored. If Col. Cook wants to make some more changes, I suggest that he look into this section of the criminal codes.

For better or worse, AB 1906 is now the law of the land. Its success will be determined by how it is used. Col. Cook's concerns about the problems in San Bernardino County are justified. He is to be commended for using his legislative powers in an attempt to help solve them.

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With much sadness, we must report the untimely death of Brad Kuiper. Brad was a member of the 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2009-2010 and a holdover for the 2010-2011 San Bernardino County Grand Juries. Brad was Foreman in 2005-2006. I think one of the one things Brad was most proud of was the 2005-2006 Interim Report on the air ambulance service problems in Apple Valley. As Foreman, he was instrumental in investigating and writing about that medical transportation problem.



### Getting the Word Out

By Beate Boultinghouse

When they write stories about topics the San Francisco civil grand jury has investigated, local papers such as the *Chronicle*, the *Examiner*, and the *Bay Guardian* often give credit to the jury for having addressed the matter in a report, occasionally citing the specific report. The *New York Times* in its Bay Area section will do the same. However, none of these mentions explain the Civil Grand Jury (CGJ), what its function is, the difference it makes in our communities, and how to become involved.

In 2009 San Francisco's sitting CGJ decided to take matters into their own hands. They published a tabloid sized newspaper and had 80,000 copies inserted in the Sunday *Examiner* here in San Francisco. Numerous applicants for the subsequent jury told us that they learned about the jury when they read *The Gazette*.

The success and reach of this publication far surpassed expectations. We in the San Francisco Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association (SFCCGJA) saw the opportunity to use this as a vehicle for education, recruitment, and informing the public of what it is the jury does. If this effort was

left to future juries, they might not be able to find the time with everything else on their plates. The SFCCGJA decided to take the task on.

What can you find in the annual publication of the *San Francisco Grand Jury Gazette*?

- A page explaining California's grand jury system and how the jury works.
- A letter from the president of the SFCCGJA giving an overview of the works this organization does.
- The outgoing CGJ foreperson's letter about her experience and the benefits of serving on the civil grand jury.
- A recap of each of the reports published by the previous sitting grand jury with links to find each of the entire reports on line.
- An article about the effects of previous reports on the citizenry of the city.
- Quotes and historical tidbits about the civil grand jury
- Who qualifies to serve and how to apply?
- A request for investigation form that anyone may submit to the CGJA

### How does it get funded?

Based on the success of the original publication in recruiting applicants to the grand jury, I, as president of the local chapter of the CGJA, went to the CEO and the Presiding Judge to explain the efforts put into the publication, the outreach results, and the benefits to the courts and jury. They agreed to pay the \$4500 in printing costs.

### Who prints and publishes it?

The *Examiner* is a local tabloid-sized daily paper with a circulation of about 200,000 in the San Francisco area. At no cost to us, they inserted the *San Francisco Grand Jury Gazette* in 130,000 Sunday papers distributed in San Francisco in January during the kick off of our outreach program.

### Who writes the materials in the *San Francisco Grand Jury Gazette*?

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**California Grand Jurors' Association  
Balance Sheet (Unaudited)  
As of December 31, 2010**

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Accounts	
1000 General Fund	
1001 Checking	10,700
1002 Savings Account	30,000
1009 Restricted Funds	-30,000
Total 1000 General Fund	\$ 10,700
1050 Reserve funds	
1051 Training Reserve	25,000
1053 J. Zepp Fund	5,000
Total 1050 Reserve funds	\$ 30,000
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 40,700
Accounts Receivable	
2000 Accounts Receivable	0
Total Accounts Receivable	0
Other Current Assets	
Total Other Current Assets	0
Total Current Assets	\$ 40,700
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
2900 Property and Equipment	
2910 Equipment	
2911 Fixed Assets	13,800
2951 Accumulated Depreciation	-10,100
Total 2911 Fixed Assets	\$ 3,700
Total 2900 Property and Equipment	\$ 3,700
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 3,700
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 44,500</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Total Accounts Payable	0
Total Credit Cards	0
Total Current Liabilities	0
Total Liabilities	0
<b>Equity</b>	
2310 Retained Earnings	37,500
Net Income	7,000
Total Equity	\$ 44,500
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 44,500</b>

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2011 (Figures rounded to nearest \$100)

**Summary of Board Action By Joann Landi**



**February 20, 2011**  
Ratified Presidential appointment of Bill Trautman for a one year special term on the Board of Directors.

**March 22, 2011**  
Amended Bylaws to accommodate Introductory Membership.  
Amended Bylaws to allow ex-county counsels, district attorneys, and judges who have a role in advising grand juries to be voting members of CGJA.  
Approved MRC recommendation to offer 3 month extension to Introductory Members who convert to voting members.  
Engaged mailbox service in Sacramento for grant application and other limited use.  
Approved Journal article regarding how CGJA can assist grand juries.

**California Grand Jurors' Association  
Budget vs. Actuals: APPROVED 2010 BUDGET - FY10 P&L  
January - December 2010 (Unaudited)**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Total 3000 Administration Income	642.96	600.00
Total 3200 Finance Committee Income	1,478.63	1,200.00
Total 3400 Membership Committee Income	6,590.00	6,500.00
Total 3600 Annual Conference Income	11,640.00	13,579.00
Total 3700 Public Relations Income	410.00	0.00
Total 3800 Publications and Merchandise	5,004.00	5,695.00
Total 3900 Training Income	77,202.62	76,000.00
Total Income	102,968.21	103,574.00
<b>Expenses</b>		
Total 4000 Administration	4,898.14	5,456.00
Total 5000 Finance Committee Expenses	2,194.67	1,686.00
Total 6000 Membership Committee Expenses	547.40	1,845.00
Total 7000 Other Work Groups Expense	43.57	30.00
Total 7500 Annual Conference Expenses	10,133.21	11,500.00
Total 7800 Publications and Merchandise Expense	4,299.81	4,727.00
Total 8000 Public Relations Committee	3,117.42	4,283.00
Total 9000 Training Committee Expenses	70,169.65	76,000.00
Total Expenses	96,003.87	106,107.00
Net Income	6,964.34	-2,533.00

*Getting the word out continued from page 7*

A committee of six including the foreperson from the previous jury gathers synopses of the reports from the outgoing jury which are to be included in the paper. The foreperson and the president of the SFCCGJA each contribute a piece about their experience. The information about the history of the grand jury, how to apply, how to submit a complaint are all obtained from the web. Two editors then comb through the writings to correct any spelling, syntax, or grammatical errors as well as to fact check.

**Who formats the paper?**

We are fortunate to have a person in the publicity department of the Superior Courts in San Francisco who has the software to lay out the paper before we submit it to the *Examiner*.

We are grateful to the 2008-2009 Civil Grand Jury for coming up with this idea, and to the *Examiner* for working with us. We appreciate that the CEO of the courts, the Presiding Judge, and the Chair of the Judges Committee have supported our efforts in educating the people of San Francisco about the Civil Grand Jury. We look forward to working with even better informed citizens of the City and County of San Francisco.



**Kern County Chapter** *By Larry Walker, President*

The Kern Chapter has been slowly trying to reinvigorate its membership and is actively recruiting new members. In January we held elections and downsized the board of directors from 12 to 9; a new slate of officers was then elected to serve until January 2013.

Larry Walker	President	Margaret Mooney	Treasurer
John Mainland	Vice-President	Arlitta Norman	Secretary

At the CGJA State conference in October I talked to several individuals about ideas on how to get the media involved in the recruiting of new Jurors for the 2011-2012 grand juries. I have been very busy making appearances on local radio and television programs. On one conservative talk show I was given the opportunity to speak about the grand jury for twenty minutes and was also on one of the more popular morning shows for one hour. Each time the presentation prompted questions from the listening audience. We are presently working with a newspaper columnist on an article for the *Bakersfield Californian*. Hopefully, all of this will aid recruiting. We'll keep you posted.



California Grand Jurors' Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference

EXPANDING HORIZONS

November 7 & 8, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Embassy Suites Napa Valley, 1075 California Blvd, Napa, CA 94559

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKScyQDkBTs>

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Affiliation: CGJA Member  CGJA Associate Member  Introductory Member  Chapter Member

Association Member  Sitting Grand Juror  Court Representative  Other-Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	Conference Attendance:	\$98.00*		
	*Inc: Lunch on Nov 7, Break service, special reception with wine			
	**please note: full breakfast each day included with hotel reservation			
	Total per person	\$98.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
	Guest Lunch	\$38.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
<b>DINNER</b> on November 7, 2011 (inc: complimentary wine at table)		\$45.00 x _____	=	\$ _____
Dinner Choices: Herb Garlic Roasted Prime Rib au Jus # _____				
Northwest Potlach Salmon with Pinot Grigio Sauce # _____				
Risotto with Gorgonzola Cheese, Forest Mushrooms & Green Asparagus # _____				
YES, I want to make an additional tax-deductible donation to help underwrite conference posts*** in the amount of: _____ \$ _____				
***will be listed in conference program if received by October 10, 2011				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b> (excluding hotel room, which attendees book directly with hotel) = \$ _____				

Check enclosed payable to CGJA

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## EXPANDING HORIZONS

NOVEMBER 7-8, 2011

The Napa County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association is pleased to issue the official registration form for the 2011 California Grand Jurors' Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference titled "Expanding Horizons".

Our Chapter is working to make this the best conference to date. We have arranged for an extra special discount rate for hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites Napa Valley. In addition we have arranged for a discount on your Hertz car rental to get you to the conference. Rates are available from all northern California locations for rental start dates October 31 – November 15, 2011 (this includes airports).

Information on the workshops, panels, featured speakers and local activities outside of the conference to come in future newsletters. However, the most important thing at this moment is as simple as 1,2,3.

1. Register NOW for the conference
2. Make your reservations NOW at Embassy Suites Napa Valley as room availability is limited

Reserve your discounted car rental (if needed)

Early November is the perfect time to visit the Napa Valley. The wineries are busy with late harvest; art galleries, museums and the theater fall season is in full swing; crisp fall mornings are the perfect time for a round of golf, bicycling through the vineyards or balloon rides above the Valley; and a mid-day or evening excursion on the Wine Train is a must. Of course you can relax at one of the many spas throughout the Napa Valley. If that is not enough of an enticement then surely the super discounted hotel rates (available only to you) should be sufficient motivation to register NOW.

See you in November!

Diane Dame'Shepp, Conference Chair

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Embassy Suites Napa Valley, 1075 California Blvd, Napa, CA 94559

Make room reservations directly with the hotel 1-800-EMBASSY or [www.napavalley.embassysuites.com](http://www.napavalley.embassysuites.com) or go directly to the hotel webpage for the conference

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/N/NAPVLES-CGJ-20111106/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/N/NAPVLES-CGJ-20111106/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

- Mention California Grand Jurors' Association Annual Conference code #CGJ for \$109.00 rate
- Conference rates: \$109.00/night (single or double) good during & post conference Nov 6,7,8,9,10

Reservations must be made by October 17, 2011, otherwise no guarantee of room availability

### RENTAL CAR RESERVATIONS:

The Napa County Chapter of CGJA has made special arrangements with Hertz Rental Cars for a special rate for conference attendees. To reserve your special meeting rates, please provide your CV# to your corporate travel department, or your travel agent, when making reservations. You can also make reservations online at [Hertz.com](http://Hertz.com) or call Hertz directly:

- In the U.S. and Canada: 1-800-654-2240
- Other: 1-405-749-4434

At the time of reservation, the meeting rates will be automatically compared to other Hertz rates and you'll be quoted the best comparable rate available.

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### What do 25 Former Jurors Talk About When They Get Together?

*By Beate Boultinghouse, President, San Francisco Chapter*

Exciting things are happening in Southern California and in the north country. Meredith Avery (San Diego) is spearheading a gathering for chapters in the south scheduled for May 21, 2011. Several members are combining forces to do the same for CGJA members in Northern California. This is such a valuable experience. The amount of information that is shared is invaluable to making us all better than we already are both on an individual member basis and as individual chapters.

On February 25, the Bay Area enjoyed its *third* regional CGJA get together. The morning discussion was around how the courts and CGJA chapters interface. The CEO of Marin County, Kim Turner, was the guest speaker.

Kim opened by saying that what grand juries do is very important. She serves as a member of the California Judicial Council which sets policy for the court system. She spoke about the workings of the courts; an entity which cannot be examined by grand juries. She praised the accomplishments of former Chief Justice George on bringing the judicial branch into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The new Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye is in the midst of a steep learning curve.

The information Kim presented was invaluable in our understanding of the court system and will be reported on more extensively in a future issue.

Beate Boultinghouse then talked about the relationship the San Francisco Chapter of the CGJA has with the court. Two-way, open communication is one of the most important things for any relationship, and that applies to this one as well.

Beate said that she meets with the supervising judge to keep her apprised of what the Chapter does, its accomplishments, and its forward plans. She presents a budget proposal for the Chapter and asks what the

Chapter can do for the court. She also meets with the Court CEO biannually. Two years ago San Francisco printed a *Gazette* covering reports issued that year and it was inserted in the San Francisco Examiner as described in a separate article in this issue. This turned out to be such a good recruitment tool, that the Court agreed to fund its publication for a second year. She said that since the Chapter was formed in 2004 it is her understanding that the chapter has always received some level of support from the Court.

During the afternoon session of the meeting, a panel with representatives from Marin and San Francisco discussed their programs for interviewing prospective jurors. CGJA chapter members conduct the interviews in a prescribed manner to be able to share their recorded impressions of candidates with the judges who ultimately make the final decision as to which applicants will be jurors for the upcoming terms. This process makes a timely process less burdensome for the judges. It allows a face to face meeting with candidates to inform them of the commitment they will make for a year. Interviewers are able to assess the credentials of an applicant and advise the judges with better information than a simple application can do.

Overall the outcome seems to be that jurors are better prepared and informed and the court values the assistance. It is also a rewarding experience for the interviewers. If you wish to know more about these programs, feel free to contact me at [beateb4@aol.com](mailto:beateb4@aol.com).

The next Bay Area Regional Meeting will be held May 14, 2011. The timely topic will be the state training program and individual county orientations. If you are interested in attending, you may contact me at [beateb4@aol.com](mailto:beateb4@aol.com) and I will send you the registration form and meeting details.

### Sonoma Chapter picks New President

Congratulations to Rich Klein, new President of the Sonoma Chapter. Rich can be reached through [kleinmain@gmail.com](mailto:kleinmain@gmail.com).

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