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ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014

2014 Annual Report

San Joaquin County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA)

"Citizens for Positive and Ethical Government"

Chapter Mission Statement:

"A Voice for Accountability in Government in Support of the Civil Grand Jury through Advocacy, Education and Communication"

FY2014 Chapter Accomplishments:

- Chapter Formed August 2013
- Bylaws Adopted August 2013
- Board of Directors Elected: August 2013
- Committees Formed (Education, Training, and Recruitment; Community Outreach and Media Relations; Implementation Review) - September 2013
- Goals Adopted-February 2014
- Grand Jury Presentations (Conservative Republicans of San Joaquin-November 2013, Lodi Lions Club-February 2014, Linden Lions Club-January 2014, San Joaquin County Retirees Association-May 2014, Delta North Kiwanis-June 2014)
- San Joaquin County (SJCO) Board of Supervisors Resolution declaring April 2014 Grand Jury Awareness Month - April 1, 2014
- SJCO Senior Awareness Day Participant May 2014
- Excellence in Reporting Award (Case #0412 Youth Group Homes) and Media Award (The Record) Submitted - May 2014
- GAO Report on City of Stockton published in June 2014 CGJA Journal
- Chapter Membership Attendance at the last 4 Regional Meetings and 2013 CGJA Annual Meeting

FY15 Chapter Goals:

- Regional Meeting Host July 2014
- Training Guidebooks
- Recruitment
- Letters to the Editors
- Grand Juror Applicant Orientation
- Grand Jury Selection Screening
- Implementation Review Guidelines
- Messaging on Follow-Up
- SJCO Chapter Policy and Procedures Manual

FY14 Chapter Committee Reports:

• Education, Training, & Recruitment

- o Purpose:
 - Develop resources and organize support for the orientation of new grand jurors to compliment that provided by the county and CGJA
 - Provide active support to the Superior Court for recruitment of the most qualified candidates to strengthen the pool of grand jurors
- o Members:
 - John Britto, Chairperson, Jim DuClair, Don Romero, & Paul Wagner
- o FY14 Accomplishments:
 - Attended CGJA Regionals at San Rafael and Sacramento
 - Assisted with the planning/organization of Chapter CGJA Regional
 - Developed a juror Guidebook on Interviewing (100%)
 - Scheduled half-day Orientation session for new grand jury
 - Provided an informational/recruitment presentation to Linden Lions

o FY15 Objectives/Goals:

- Conduct an Executive Committee Retreat
- Design, create and publish a Chapter Informational Brochure
- Complete the juror Guidebook on Case Selection (75%)
- Complete the juror Guidebook on Committee Formation (75%)
- Schedule three guest speakers at Chapter meetings
- Assist with the implementation of a Chapter Master calendar
- Create an incoming Foreperson orientation program

Comments/Notes

 Continue with efforts to establish a viable Implementation Committee that will complete the Chapter mandate and fulfill the intent of the grand jury system

• Community Outreach & Media Relations

o Purpose:

- To create interest and communicate knowledge to our citizens regarding the importance of the civil grand jury system
- To develop prospective jurors through organizational presentations and informative media coverage

Members:

 Donald Romero, Chairperson, Ken Buck, Gordon Deckelmeier, and Chuck Walker

FY14 Accomplishments:

- Six presentations given by Chapter's Speakers Bureau to the following organizations
 - Linden and Lodi Lions Clubs, Association of Retired Employees of San Joaquin County, Conservative Republicans of San Joaquin, and the Delta North Kiwanis Club
- Outreach participation in Senior Awareness Day sponsored by Human Services of San Joaquin County

o FY15 Objectives/Goals:

- Presentation to San Joaquin County Women's League of Voters scheduled for September, 2014
- Continue to create interest and educate through scheduled presentations to various organizations within San Joaquin County
- Pursue and obtain more media coverage with the local press throughout San Joaquin County
- Develop and maintain a good base of prospective jurors for forthcoming grand juries

Comments/Notes

 As we are a new and developing chapter, special recognition should be made to those in our speaker bureau. Through their excellent presentations, we have begun to attract interest in the San Joaquin County civil grand jury system

Implementation Review

o Purpose:

The initial purpose of the Implementation Review Committee is to identify the purposes/goals of the committee; after which the committee will develop the functions, guidelines and procedures by which the committee will operate

o Members:

 Karen Migliori, Chairperson, Lou Meyer, Lina Longmire, Sharon Nickison, Gene Shibata, and Paul Wagner

FY14 Accomplishments:

- Four (4) goals/purposes have been identified and developed for recommendation to the general membership:
 - To review previous grand jury reports
 - To review actions taken by public agencies in response to previous
 Grand Jury reports and determine whether they have followed through with the action(s) they said they would take
 - To bring to the attention of the public those agencies that have or have not followed through with the action(s) they said they would take
 - To identify potential subjects for investigation by the Grand Jury

o FY15 Objectives/Goals:

- Presentation of proposed committee goals/purposes to the general membership for approval
- Drafting of a "white paper" identifying the functions, procedures and guidelines associated with each purpose/goal
- Development of an IRC Policy and Procedure Manual

Comments/Notes

None

FY14 Chapter Financial Report:

San Joaquin County Chapter of California Grand Jurors Association Statement of Financial Position As of July 1, 2014

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
x3407 (Chk1)	951.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$951.00
Other current assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other current assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$951.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$951.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	951.00
Net Revenue	
Total Equity	\$951.00
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Dual Membership List (CGJA and Chapter):

- Ken Buck
- Gary Spaugh
- Lou Meyer
- John Britto
- Don Romero
- Gene Shibata
- Jim DuClair