

# San Joaquin County Chapter – CGJA

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California Grand Jurors' Association

## ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

**2021-2022 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”***

**Chapter Purpose and Goals:**

**The purpose of the San Joaquin County Chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association is to tell the story of the Civil Grand Jury and to support the efforts of each year's Civil Grand Jury.**

- To accomplish this purpose, our Chapter will endeavor to:
  - Provide citizens of San Joaquin County with information on the Grand Jury system and its importance and benefit to the well-being of the community,
  - Assist in recruiting qualified candidates who are representative of the community for membership on the Grand Jury,
  - Work with the Court to provide support and training to each current Grand Jury, sharing our experiences and lessons we have learned, and
  - Promote greater awareness of Grand Jury reports, including meaningful responses by local government agencies.
  
- 2022-2023 Objectives/Goals
  - Continue to support the sitting Grand Jury by offering presentations and consultation
  - Continue to make presentations in the community:
    - to share the mission and accomplishments of the Grand Jury
    - to recruit additional applicants to serve on the Grand Jury

## Special Chapter Statement for 2021-2022

This year was a transition period coming out of Covid restrictions which limited our ability to function fully as would normally be possible. The focus of the Chapter was to rebuild leadership, membership, and our dedication to support for the Grand Jury system in San Joaquin County. As a result, we have mostly new and revitalized leadership and committees conducting the work of our 10-year-old organization. We have added new members to build the capabilities of our Chapter going forward. That membership currently stands at 42 members. Finally, a new strategic plan was developed and approved.

## Summary of 2021-2022 Chapter Accomplishments:

- Grand Jury Education
  - Provided an Orientation to the 2021-2022 Grand Jurors
  - Provided training to 2021-2022 grand jurors on interviewing and investigations
- Grand Jury Outreach
  - Added features in the new Chapter website to assist in informing the public about the work of the Grand Jury; the process for joining the Grand Jury; and the process for filing a complaint with the Grand Jury. <https://sanjoaquincountycgja.org/>
  - Fifty-eight contact letters were sent out to local businesses and organizations encouraging them to contact the Grand Jury Association to arrange for presentations.
- Grand Jury Recognition (Initiated by our Chapter)
  - Sponsored San Joaquin County (SJCO) Board of Supervisors Resolution declaring February Grand Jury Awareness Month – February 1, 2022 Board of Supervisor’s Meeting



Supervisor Chuck Winn, Grand Jury Foreperson Linda Bradshaw, and San Joaquin County Chapter of CGJA President Gary Cooper

- Chapter Membership and Information Technology
  - A new Chapter Website was designed and created to provide ongoing information regarding the Chapter business and links to the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury and the California Grand Jurors' Association
  
- Social Committee
  - Hosted a Holiday Gathering for Chapter members, a Juror Appreciation Luncheon and reunion with several past jurors, and a Welcome Luncheon for the 2022-2023 Grand Jury

## 2021-2022 Chapter Committee Reports:

### • Education and Training

- Purpose
  - Provide training and support for the Grand Jurors to compliment the education provided by San Joaquin County and the California Grand Jurors' Association
- Members
  - Larry Graser (Chairperson), Bert Brown, Gary Cooper, Ward Downs, Neal Fornacairi, Cynthia Faure, Katie Koutsoulis, Denise Snider, Gary Spaugh
- 2021-2022 Accomplishments
  - Chapter members made a presentation on interviewing to the 2021-2022 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury
  - Conducted an Orientation for the 2022-2023 Grand Jurors
  - Evaluations from each training demonstrated a high level of satisfaction and value for Civil Grand Jurors
- 2022-2023 Objectives/Goals
  - Meet with the 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury Foreperson and develop a year-long training plan for the Civil Grand Jury
  - Provide training on topics such as investigations, interviewing, and report writing
  - Offer support for individual committees including Continuity, Editorial, and Law and Justice
  - Conduct the Orientation for the 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury members and alternates

### • Outreach

- Purpose
  - To create interest and communicate knowledge to our citizens regarding the importance of the Civil Grand Jury system
  - To recruit prospective Civil Grand Jurors through organizational presentations and informative media coverage.
- Members
  - Denise Snider & Ward Downs (co-chairs), Fran Block, Cynthia Faure, Judy Prima, and JoAnn Romero
- 2021-2022 Accomplishments

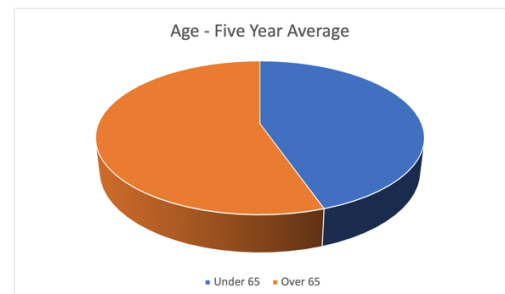
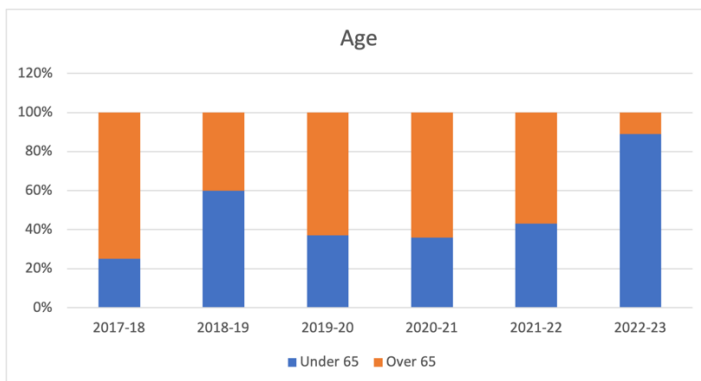
*(Note: due to the restrictions placed by Covid-19 interaction with the public was limited.)*

  - The chapter's new website is in part designed to inform the public. For example, it includes links to media coverage of published reports. It also explains how the civil grand jury system works. <https://sanjoaquincountycgja.org/>
  - New letterhead/logo was created to better promote our CGJA chapter.

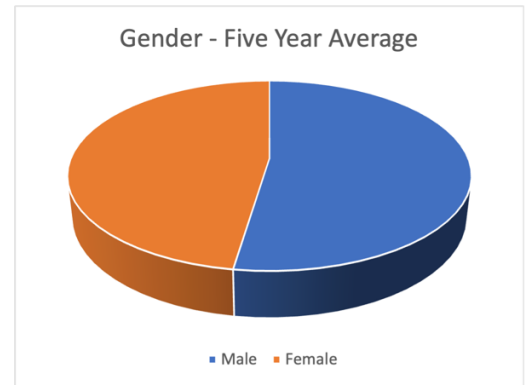
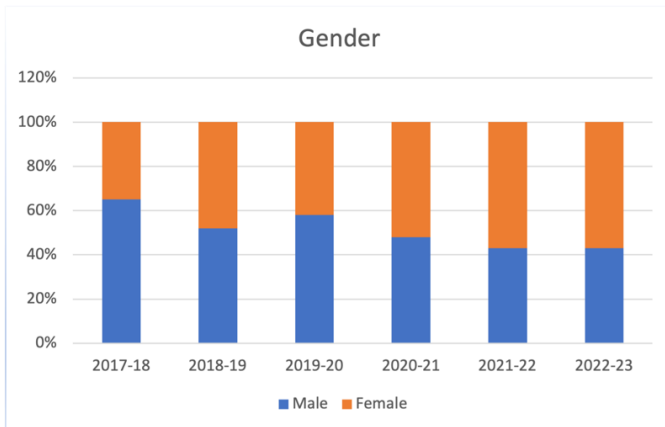
- 58 contact letters were sent out to local businesses and organizations. Follow up will be done with each contact in the form of a post card.
  - Leadership Tracy was contacted, and Grand Jury brochures were hand-delivered to the Tracy Chamber of Commerce. Follow up will be done in January 2023.
  - Manteca Chamber of Commerce was contacted. Follow up will continue with that organization.
  - Lathrop City Manager’s office was contacted. Information about our chapter was left and follow up will be ongoing with the City Manager’s office.
- 2022-2023 Objectives/Goals
- Contact all local media outlets to promote a story about the Grand Jury. The purpose of the publication would be to explain to the public what a civil grand jury is and does.
  - Establish a list of members willing to make presentations to the public.
  - Investigate social media sites such as Instagram and Next Door to determine if we would like to use this as a platform to attain more exposure about our chapter.
  - Update our own Facebook page.
  - Give presentations to at least ten community organizations, including the following:
    - Commission on Aging on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Leadership Stockton on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Leadership Stockton Alumni Association members will receive an email blast in February promoting the Civil Grand Jury.
    - Leadership Lodi on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | University of the Pacific (OLLI) in early February.
    - Political Science classes at San Joaquin Delta Community College, Fall and Spring semesters.
  - Promote age, gender and ethnic diversity of applicants to serve on the civil grand jury by collaborating with organizations representing the diverse make up of our county and recruiting via presentations to organizations or forums of opportunity. The following demographic data of the San Joaquin County juror pool has been compiled for the years 2017-2022:

## Profile of GJ Applicants

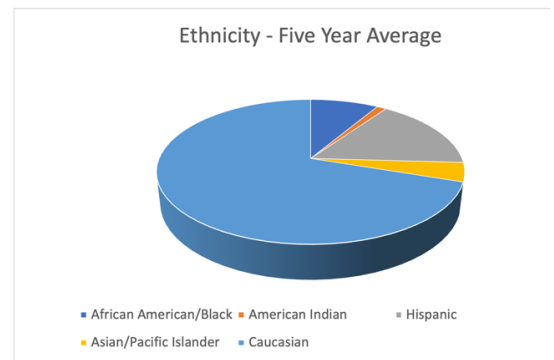
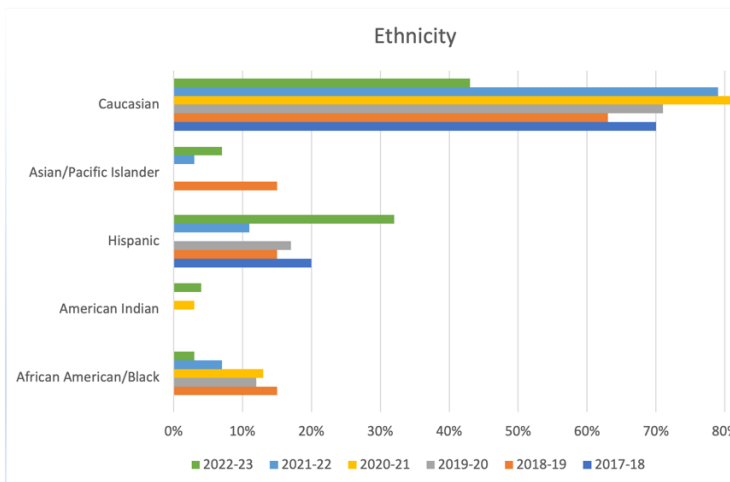
### Age



## Gender



## Ethnicity



## • Membership & Information Technology

### ○ Purpose

- Maintain an accurate Chapter membership roster
- Recruit new members to the Chapter
- Retain current Chapter members to support ongoing efforts of the Chapter and the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury
- Provide Information Technology avenues for Chapter members to access as they conduct Chapter business
- Maintain the Chapter website with information for interested citizen and organizations regarding the Chapter and the County Civil Grand Jury



- **Members**
  - Gene Shibata (Chairperson), Lou Meyer, Ward Downs, Ken Buck, Tom Horsley, and Larry Graser
- **2021-2022 Accomplishments**
  - A new Chapter Website was designed and created to provide ongoing information regarding the Chapter business and links to the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury and the California Grand Jurors' Association
- **2022-2023 Objectives/Goals**
  - Continue to maintain an accurate Chapter membership roster by member categories (Active, Inactive, and Honorary)
  - Continue to work with the Social Committee to recruit past members of the County Civil Grand Juries
  - Ensure with the Secretary/Treasurer that all members are in good standing by category in accordance with the Chapter bylaws
  - Continue to promote and expand the utilization of the Chapter website
  - Resume the Chapter Guest Speaker Program under the Membership Committee. Guest speakers will be invited to Chapter meetings for presentations on subjects of member interest.
  - Re-establish Chapter activities to promote members' interests i.e., guest speakers, brown bag lunch sessions and focused community issues for possible referral to the Civil Grand Jury
- **Social**
  - **Purpose**
    - Help recruit new members to the Chapter
    - Celebrate the Chapter's accomplishments throughout the year and support the efforts of the Grand Jurors
  - **Members**
    - Fran Block (Chairperson), Gene Shibata, Denise Snider, Jo Ann Romero, Sharon Nickerson
  - **2021-2022 Accomplishments**
    - Hosted a Holiday Gathering for Chapter members with invitations to the current grand jury on November 11, 2021.
    - Hosted a Juror Appreciation Luncheon and reunion with several past juries in attendance on May 11, 2022.
    - Hosted a Welcome Luncheon for the 2022-2023 Grand Jury on August 24, 2022

○ 2022-2023 Objectives/Goals

- Continue to retain all current Chapters members
- Continue to expand Chapter membership from current jury pool
- Host annual Holiday Gathering if supported by the Chapter membership
- Host annual Juror Appreciation Luncheon for the 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury

● 2021-2022 Financials (7/1/21-6/30/22)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Tag</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>BALANCE 6/30/2021</b>						<b>1,803.17</b>
10/4/21		Customer Deposit	2021-2022 Dues	Chapter Dues	Harless, Clinton: Longmire, Lina: Gibbs, Faye: Spaugh, Gary: Bayley, John	150.00
11/3/21		Customer Deposit	2021-2022 Dues	Chapter Dues	Shibata, Gene: Mathews, Denise: Romero, Jo Ann: Britto, John: Buck, Kenneth: Nickison, Sharon: Meyer, Lou: Graser, Larry: Cooper, Gary: Islas, Lorraine	300.00
12/8/21		Customer Deposit	2021-2022 Dues	Chapter Dues	Gresham, Ryan: Grunder, Eric	90.00
12/17/21	1027	Check	Fran Block - DeVinci's	Meals & Entertainment		-277.99
1/7/2022		Customer Deposit	2021-2022 Chapter Dues & Holiday Lunch	Food & Dining: Restaurants	Brown, Bert	220.00
2/7/22		Customer Deposit	2021-2022 Dues	Chapter Dues	Neil Fornaciari	30.00
2/7/22	1028	Check	Thomas Horsley - Projector & GoDaddy	Office Expenses (Business)		-838.72
5/1/22	1029	Check	Thomas Horsley - GoDaddy Web Security	Office Expenses (Business)		-83.88

5/7/22	1030	Check	Kenneth Buck - Quicken	Office Expenses (Business)		-103.99
5/17/22	1031	Check	Sharon Nickison	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-63.95
5/17/22	1032	Check	Denise Snider - GJ Lunch	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-30.95
5/17/22	1033	Check	Fran Block - GJ Lunch	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-362.50
5/17/22	1034	Check	JoAnn Romero - GJ Lunch	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-39.26
6/28/22		Customer Deposit	2022-2023 Dues	Chapter Dues	Harless, Clinton: Romero, Jo Ann: Gibbs, Faye: Spaugh, Gary: Britto, John: Buck, Kenneth: Neil Fornaciari: Downs, Ward: Faure, Cynthia: Lloyd, Diane	315.00
7/1/21 - 6/30/22						-696.24
<b>BALANCE 6/30/2022</b>						<b>1,106.93</b>
TOTAL INFLOWS						1,105.00
TOTAL OUTFLOW						-1,801.24
NET TOTAL						-696.24