

San Joaquin County Chapter – CGJA

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California Grand Jurors' Association

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

2022-2023 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

Summary of 2022-2023 Chapter Accomplishments:

- Grand Jury Education
 - Provided an Orientation to the 2022-2023 Grand Jurors
 - Provided training to 2022-2023 grand jurors on interviewing and report writing
- 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/>
 - Presentations were made to four different community organizations.
 - Initiated the Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker Program and had several members of our county leadership speak during the year.
- Grand Jury Recognition (Initiated by our Chapter)
 - Sponsored San Joaquin County (SJCO) Board of Supervisors Resolution declaring February Grand Jury Awareness Month – February 7, 2023 Board of Supervisor’s Meeting



Supervisor and Board Chair Robert Rickman, Grand Jury Foreperson Lou Meyer, and San Joaquin County Chapter of CGJA President Gary Cooper



GJ Awareness Certificate

- Chapter Membership and Information Technology
 - The new Chapter Website was updated on a regular basis 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 welcoming luncheon for the newly appointed 2022-2023 Grand Jury
 - Hosted a Retirement Celebration for the San Joaquin County Grand Jury Secretary, Trisa Martinez
 - Hosted a Juror Appreciation Luncheon with attendance including Chapter members, current Jurors, District Attorney, ADA and County Council

2022-2023 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
- 2022-2023 Accomplishments
 - Chapter members made a presentation on interviewing and report writing to the 2022-2023 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
- 2023-2024 Objectives/Goals
 - Meet with the 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury members and alternates

• Outreach

- Purpose
 - To bring knowledge about the Civil Grand Jury to all the citizens of San Joaquin County
 - To continue to make presentations to county-wide organizations and to use social media as a tool in recruiting potential Grand Jurors
- Members
 - Denise Snider & Ward Downs (co-chairs), Fran Block, Cynthia Faure, Judy Prima, and JoAnn Romero
- 2022-2023 Accomplishments
 - The chapter's website is continually updated with news of current events and photographs from our presentations and other events
 - The Chapter made presentations to the Lions Club of Lodi, Delta College of Stockton (their Political Science Department), The Rotary Club of Manteca and SIR (Seniors in Retirement) of Manteca

- A new, bright and vibrant CGJA banner was designed and created which has been used at a number of different activities. The banner was well received by our members and it is a great tool that can be used at any and all of our activities.
- Restarted the Chapter guest speaker program which includes members of our county leadership. Guest Speakers who have attended our meetings include Mr. Troy Brown (San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools), Dr. Maggie Park (San Joaquin County Health Officer), Mr. Ron Freitas (San Joaquin County District Attorney), Mr. Gabriel Chan (Deputy San Joaquin County Agriculture Commissioner), and Mr. Peter Ragsdale (San Joaquin County Housing Authority Executive Director).



Mr. Troy Brown



Dr. Maggie Park



Mr. Gabriel Chan



Mr. Ron Freitas



Mr. Peter Ragsdale

- Contacted the Chambers of Commerce in Lodi, Tracy, Stockton and Manteca to advertise their yearly events to make sure that some of these events are attended by our chapter membership.
- 2023-2024 Objectives/Goals
 - Establish a list of members willing to make presentations to the public.
 - Use the various social media sites such as Instagram and Next Door to use as a platform to attain more exposure about our chapter.
 - Update our own Facebook page.
 - Give presentations to various community organizations, including the following:
 - Leadership Stockton-early in 2024.

- The OLLI program at the University of the Pacific-Spring 2024.
- San Joaquin Delta College-Spring 2024
- SIR of Lodi-Spring/Summer 2024
- 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.

- **Membership & Information Technology**

- Purpose

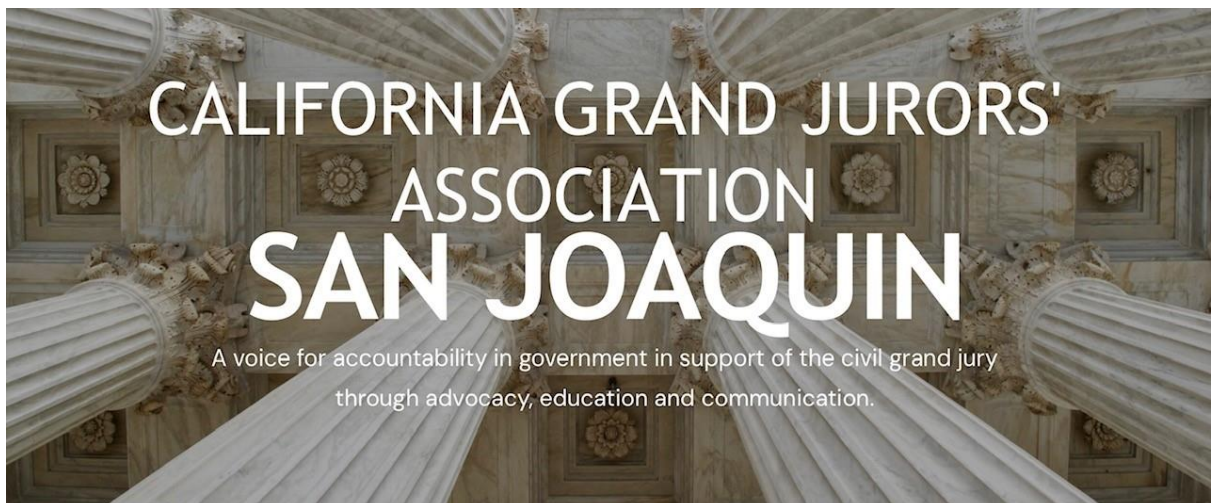
- Maintain an accurate Chapter membership roster
- Recruit former grand jurors to become members of the Chapter
- Retain current Chapter members to support ongoing efforts of the Chapter and the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury
- Provide Information Technology avenues for Chapter members to access 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

- 2022-2023 Accomplishments

- The Chapter Website was updated to provide ongoing information regarding the Chapter business and links to the San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury and the California Grand Jurors' Association





The Chapter awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to member Tom Horsley in recognition of his exemplary work on the Chapter website

- 2023-2024 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
- 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

- 2022-2023 Accomplishments

- Hosted a luncheon welcoming the newly appointed 2022-2023 Grand Jury on August 24, 2022

- Hosted a Retirement Celebration for the Grand Jury Secretary, Trisa Martinez, to celebrate her many years of working with the San Joaquin County Grand Juries



- Hosted Juror Appreciation Luncheon with attendance including Chapter members, current Jurors, District Attorney, ADA and County Council on May 24, 2023



○ 2023-2024 Objectives/Goals

- Host Welcome Luncheon for current Jurors (Late August/early September)
- Host year-end Holiday Gathering, if supported by Chapter membership, to celebrate the Chapter and its members
- Establish “Breakfast Q&A” with current jury during their term for continued education and socialization
- Invite prior and current Jurors to attend “brown bag lunches” which would segue to Chapter Meetings
- Continue to retain all current Chapter Members
- Continue to expand Chapter membership from current Jury pool
- Continue to host annual Welcome Luncheon for current Jury

● **2022-2023 Financials (7/1/22-6/30/23)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Tag</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BALANCE 7/1/2022						1,106.93
8/7/22		Deposit	2022-2023 Chapter Dues and Donations	Dues & Donations	Horsley, Thomas: Meyer, Lou; Prima, Judith: Bayley, John: Snider, Denise: Block, Fran: Mathews, Denise: Shibata, Gene	315.00
9/9/22		Deposit	2022-2023 Chapter Dues and Lunch	Dues & Donations	Nickison, Sharon: Koutsoulis, Katie: Romero, Jo Ann: Vistica, Bonnie	105.00
9/22/22	1037	Check	Fran Block	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-62.78
9/22/22	1036	Check	Denise Snider	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-27.97
10/4/22	1035	Check	Gary Cooper	Food & Dining	GJ Luncheon	-216.60
10/11/22		Deposit	2022-2023 Chapter Dues and Lunch	Dues & Donations	Faure, Cynthia: Lair, Richard: Longmire, Lina: Graser, Larry: Downs, Ward: Unknown, Cash	150.00
12/13/22	1038	Check	Fran Block	Food & Dining	Trisa Retirement Party	-382.18
3/21/23		Deposit	2022-2023 Chapter Dues	Dues	Pixler, Susan	30.00
5/9/23	1039	Check	Kenneth Buck	Office Expenses	Quicken Annual Subscription	-119.88
5/31/23	1040	Check	Fran Block	Food & Dining	GJ Appreciation Lunch	-247.75
6/20/23		Deposit	Lunch Donations	Donations	Longmire, Lina: Romero, Jo Ann	37.00
7/1/22 - 6/30/23						-420.16
BALANCE 6/30/23						686.77
Inflows						637.00
Outflows						-1,057.16
Net Total						-420.16



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1215023407 BUSINESS BASIC CHECKING

SUMMARY *****			
Previous Balance	5-31-23	649.77	
+ Deposits/Credit	1	37.00	
- Checks/Debits		.00	
- Service Charge		.00	
Current Balance		686.77	
Days in Current Period	30		

DESCRIPTIVE TRANSACTIONS *****			
Date	Tracer	Description	Amount
6-20	1	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	37.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY *****					
Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
5-31	649.77	6-20	686.77		

OVERDRAFT CHARGES/REFUNDS SUMMARY *****		
	This Cycle	YTD
Total Net Returned Item Fees	.00	.00
Total Net Overdraft Fees	.00	.00
Total Net Fees Charged	.00	.00

END OF STATEMENT

Enclosures 1