

## Greetings from the CGJA Membership Relations Committee

Veterans of a year or more on the Grand Jury:

As the Chair of the Membership Relations Committee of the California Grand Jurors' Association and on behalf the statewide Association and its chapters, I extend our most heartfelt thank you for a JOB WELL DONE.

If you are like most retiring grand jurors, you are probably coveting a little R&R and return to normalcy. That is both prudent and highly recommended by us all... ENJOY!

The reason for this note is to follow up on an email you received from your CGJA instructors a few weeks ago, inviting you to join CGJA.

You may not have given it much thought during your year of intense investigations, deliberations, and report writing, but hundreds of us at CGJA and in our local chapters are at work behind the scenes to make every grand juror's year a success. Some people are involved in year-round outreach to the citizens of California - alerting them to the value of grand jury service while others focus on helping the court recruit and screen prospective jurors. Others participate in our statewide training program. Still others keep a wary eye on our legislators to assure that this most democratic grand jury institution of ours stays strong and healthy. Opportunities for continued service to the grand jury system abound.

We are in dialogue with civic organizations and news media to keep open lines of communication. Our chapters have started a new initiative of teaching grand jury classes in local high schools We sponsor quarterly regional chapter meetings around the state to address on-going issues and make sure our governments are paying attention to our reports AFTER our year of service is completed.

It you want to maintain this high degree of satisfaction that came with your grand jury service as well as expand your interaction with people of like mind, please consider joining CGJA at Membership Join/Renew.

Or contact me personally and I will provide you with more information regarding specific ways you can continue to make a difference in your community locally and/or around the state of California. Please pass this note on to other jurors you think might want to maintain their service (in case they are not presently on our mailing list.)

Once again, a warm THANK YOU from us all, and I look forward to meeting all those of you who want to maintain that satisfaction you have earned from your grand jury service.

Sincerely,

Michael Chernock, Chair Membership Relations Committee of the California Grand Jurors' Association

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