

## CGJA Candidates Northern Region

**Shirley Boracci**



My goal would be to make the public aware of what the Grand Jury does, time requirements, commitment to completing a full term and enjoying the attention put into each final report. I am currently president of the Glenn County Alumni Chapter of CGJA. We recently organized our Chapter and received our Certificate of Affiliation at the annual conference in October 2019. Our goal for the Chapter is to educate our community on the workings of the Grand Jury. We put together a PowerPoint which we take to service groups, churches, schools, etc. relating to the workings of the jury, time commitment etc. We have also created a PowerPoint for new jury members. It is a follow-up to the CGJA training that includes local/county department heads names and contact information and it will be up-dated each year. Previously I have been on five Grand Juries, most recent was in 2018-2019 of which I was foreperson. I am currently on CGJA Program Administration Subcommittee where I am learning more and more valued information. I enjoy community volunteering.

**Bernadette Cheyne**



I served on the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury for two years, from 2016-2018, the second year as its foreperson. It was a very worthwhile experience where I learned a great deal about

local governments and the positive impact the grand jury can have on their operations. These experiences led to my ongoing involvement with the CGJA, including my work as a CGJA trainer. My interest in serving on the CGJA Board stems in part from the importance of the grand jury system in providing oversight for and recommending improvements to our local governments. Equally as compelling is the collaborative element. I have spent much of my life working in theatre and as a teacher in the California State University system, both of which involve engaging in effective teamwork to accomplish something of value. Serving as a member of the CGJA Board would provide a continuation of the collaborative experience through working with others to further its mission “To promote, preserve, and support the grand jury system through training, education, and outreach.” Areas of importance where I believe I can make useful contributions include my continuing participation in the training aspects of the organization, working on strategies to increase public awareness of and participation in the grand jury system, and promoting initiatives to increase the accountability of government agencies in responding to and implementing recommendations from grand jury reports. I look forward to my continued involvement with CGJA in whatever capacity best serves the organization.

### **Lynn Plew**



It is my great pleasure to share important goals for the CGJA. In all areas of the professional sector, training is considered of greatest importance. Training for members of the CGJA is no different. By providing training in local areas, it allows volunteer grand jury members to attend while keeping the cost of the training to a minimum. In addition, it provides for discussions and questions specific to the area, making the training more valuable and meaningful to the attendees and the trainers. At this point in my life I am able and more than willing to travel throughout the state to help in trainings as needed.

Reviewing the CGJA purpose and goals statements I believe that I can support and help with statement number 6 in its relation to informing, recruiting, and retaining grand jury members. As a past school board member and longtime PTA member, I know the importance of providing information to our youth so that they can make meaningful connections to their community. After all it is our public education’s duty to grow and support productive members of our society. As a past and current active participant with my school community, I believe that I can help build a bridge between the school administration and the grand jury to

integrate curriculum, workshops, guest speakers and potential fields trips to increase the awareness and importance of local grand juries. Thank you for considering me for the position of directorship.