

# Grand Jurors' Journal

## September 2003

### President's Message

This issue of the Journal provides you with the highlights of our very successful 2003 Training Seminars for new Grand Jurors. As you will learn from special coverage of our training events, CGJA trained over 1/3 of all new California Grand Jurors this year and we have plans to reach additional jurors by specialized training at the local county level.

A special thank you goes out to Sherry Chesny, Chair of CGJA's Training Committee, for her outstanding leadership and the many contributions of training presenters and volunteers, who provide support with creation of training manuals, registration processing, and important logistical assistance at our 2003 Seminars.

Ten new trainers this year more than doubles our resources and should allow for continued expansion and refinement to this major effort of the Association.

Our membership effort continues with normal flow of renewals and new members. Dues for 2003 should be sent directly our Treasurer Marilyn Maxner at 395 Del Monte Center, Box 138, Monterey, CA 93940.

I regret to report that three distinguished and highly supportive Directors have decided to not seek re-election to our Board of Directors and will be leaving Board service in October. Roger Loper, CGJA Vice President, Dr. Deborah Nagle-Burks, and Jack Friesen, Finance Vice-Chair, will all be missed for their valued contributions.

Nominations and ballots for 12 Director Positions are now being developed by our 2003 Nominations Committee lead by Clif Poole with assistance from Directors Chesny, Landi, and Lewi joined by Members Talley Wade, Al Armand, and Boyd Horne. I appreciate the assistance provided by this committee in arranging for Director Candidates to stand for election at our Annual Conference. Members submitting their annual dues by the mailing date for ballots will have an opportunity to elect 4 directors from each region.

At its August meeting, the Board of Directors approved my nominations for a 2003 Audit Committee composed of Jack Friesen, Audit Chair, Director Richard Ruth, Member Vit Eckersdorf, and Member John Hentz. All members have strong financial credentials and a special thank you goes out in advance to each member of this newly formed committee.

Our 2002-03 fiscal year closed June 30 with a strong financial position thanks to the many contributions of our members, memorial donations, and the efficient and cost-effective administration of our internal functions.

We will be implementing a change to our fiscal year on January 1, 2004 under the leadership of Kent Foster, Finance Chair, and our Treasurer Marilyn Maxner.

Grand Juries are being encouraged to send their 2003 Final Reports to Director Beverly Hill, who is doing an excellent job for us in collecting information on Grand Juries throughout the State of California. Please send the reports to CGJA, Attention Beverly Hill at 395 Del Monte Center, Box 138, Monterey, CA 93940.

Our Annual Conference scheduled for Ventura on October 17 and 18 is growing close and I encourage all Members to consider registering now. Jerry Lewi, this year's Conference Chair, has been active in obtaining a worthwhile selection of speakers for this year's conference.

When time permits, I invite you to view the impressive work of Angelo Carmassi and his team of supporters in our San Mateo Chapter, who have put together educational upgrades to their website at [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/grandjurorsassoc](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/grandjurorsassoc). An innovative "Teacher's Guide," containing a unit of study for Middle and High School Teachers and Students, is authored by Angelo at the website.

The Board of Directors continues to work diligently on internal challenges. As President, I am moving cautiously to

balance individual rights while preserving governance by our Board of Directors. I am most grateful to the counsel and support of many dedicated Directors and particularly want to thank Directors Dick Nichols, Jack Zepp, and former Director Barry Newman for their guidance and advice as we work to resolve our internal aberrations.

As always, if you have suggestions for improving CGJA or questions about our Association, I encourage you to contact our Officers, Directors, or Committee Chairs and always feel free to contact me directly.

*Elwood Moger*

August 30, 2003

### **2003 CGJA Conference Planning Right on Schedule!**

Our annual conference with membership meeting is being held in Ventura at the Pierpont Inn on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Please log on to our website to download a registration form and view the current program. We have added Eric McCormick, Associate Director of the California Special Districts Association to our program. Former Ventura County District Attorney Mike Bradbury will be our Friday night Banquet Speaker.

The conference will start at noon Friday with a luncheon, followed by the annual membership meeting at which the President and Committee Chairs will provide a status report of the organization.

Results of the election of new Directors will be announced at the conference.

### **Election of Directors**

The Nominating Committee has finished putting together a ballot to elect Directors and it is in the mail. (Trust me)

Every year we elect 12 of our 24 directors for a 2-year term. We not only elect half of our board each year, but we specify where they come from – 4 from the north, 4 from central and 4 from the south.

This year, after beating the bushes, we have 16 candidates running – 6 from north, 6 from south and 4 from central. I don't see why we don't have more volunteers to run for director – after all, you participate in 2 to 3 teleconferences per month, do the reading to be ready, and the best part is that you get to do this for free. No pay to you and we can't charge you anything for the fun you have. You also get to deal with 23 other stubborn people like yourself, which sometimes leads to healthy debates (my mother used to tell me she was not stubborn, she just had character).

Enough information and kidding around. I would like to thank one of the best nominating committees I have had the pleasure to work with, Al Armand, Sherry Chesny, Boyd Horne, Joann Landi, Jerry Lewi, and Talley Wade. They are the ones who beat the bushes and did the work. Thanks to all of you.

Clif Poole  
2003 Nominations Chair

### **Membership**

Time flies so fast after you reach the age of 25 and there seems to be no slowing it down. Here it is again, the last day to write an article for the CGJA Journal (8/31/03).

Membership renewal is going "normal", about half of our members have sent their annual 03/04 dues. It seems that if you don't mail your membership renewal back the day we get the first reminder, we forget to do it at all. We have new members and even old standbys still renewing through April the following year.

Most of us who read the journal have given at least a year of our lives to the grand jury system and its watchdog functions. With the knowledge we gain during our service as a grand juror, we realize how important the grand jury system is to our pocketbooks and our feeling that if not all, at least the government departments we looked at are following the laws. Hopefully we were able to make some suggestions that would save tax money, thereby reducing our tax bill, or at least preventing it from increasing.

We must all realize as more and more grand juries become more knowledgeable about what they can and can't do, and become more effective, we will have a larger effort by some politicians to diminish the effectiveness of the grand jury system. Most attacks are not going to state "we want to reduce your effectiveness", but will come at you with "we want to clarify the laws", or "we want to help you!". As an individual, you would have very little (if any) effect opposing such politicians and their efforts. As a chapter of CGJA or an independent association, your ability to fight such legislation would increase slightly if the politician proposing such legislation was from your county.

As you can figure out by the examples given (which you probably already knew) the only way to fight statewide changes to the grand jury system is to have a statewide organization willing to monitor new legislation and act if they believe it to be detrimental. The only thing well-intentioned politicians and the other type understand is number of votes represented. That is why CGJA's membership is so important and why we hope you will continue to support us with your membership and help on different committees if you have the time.

Please, if you haven't done so already, fill out the application in the journal, enclose it with your \$25 annual membership and mail it today. Remember, you can join even if you haven't served on a grand jury, as an associate member.

I will leave you with an alleged writing by a doctor on a hospital chart: "on the second day the knee (grand jury) was better, and on the third day it disappeared".

I inserted "grand jury" because without the constant vigilance of the CGJA or an organization like it, that is what could happen to our grand jury system.

Clif Poole  
Membership Relations Chair

### **CGJA Financial Statements**

Shown below are the California Grand Juror's Association's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. As most of you are aware, the Association has changed its fiscal yearend from June 30 to December 31. Although six month financial statements will be prepared as a result of this change for the period ending December 31, 2003, a budget for the entire year 2003 has been prepared and is also shown below.

The statements below show that at June 30,2003 the Association was in a sound financial condition. You will note that of the total Net Assets approximately \$ 11,700 were in funds that have been donated to the Association for a specific or designated use.

The summary financial statements and the summary budget were approved by the CGJA board on August 25, 2003.

#### Statement of Net Assets -6/30/2003

Cash in checking account	\$ 24,453
Cash in savings-restricted	5,698

Certificate of Deposit	5,146
Total cash	35,297
Prepaid expenses	1,817
Equipment less accumulated depreciation of \$600	6,060
Total Net Assets (including restricted amounts of approx. 11,700)	43,174

Revenues & Expenditures  
Year ended 6/30/2003

Revenues:	
Training	\$33,255
Conference & Retreat	10,410
Membership dues	7,460
Contributions-designated	8,000
Contributions-other	6,723
Publications sold	1,464
Interest earned & other	345
Total	67,657
Expenditures:	
Training	21,613
Conference & Retreat	10,317
Grand Jurors' Journal	4,027
Board packets	2,523
Teleconferences	2,497
Publications	1,615
Recognition	1,307
Fund raising	969
Supplies & postage	847
Credit card processing	465
Software purchases	446
Website	397
Other	1,343
Total	48,366
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$19,291

Budgeted revenues and expenditures  
for the 12-month period ended 12/31/2003.

Revenues:	
Training	\$29,280
Conference & Retreat	10,880
Membership dues	10,000
Contributions	3,000
Publications sold	1,500
Total	54,660
Expenditures:	
Training	26,482
Annual conference & retreat	9,848

Grand Jurors' Journal	4,200
Board Packets	3,000
Teleconferences	2,500
Publications	1,500
Supplies & postage	2,232
Insurance	1,570
Directories	1,000
Policies & Procedures Manual	545
Website	690
Software purchases	250
Other	800
Total	54,617
Excess of budgeted revenues over budgeted expenses	\$43

Prepared by Jack Friesen

## Training

The California Grand Jurors' Association (CGJA) training program is designed specifically for new grand jurors. Our main objective is to provide the new jurors with additional knowledge and skills for performing their basic civil oversight functions. Our training program is designed to complement the local training and orientations provided by individual counties.

CGJA's training seminars for new grand jurors have grown. In 2000, we had two seminars with just over 300 jurors attending. We added a third seminar in 2001 and attendance has grown to over 400 jurors in both 2002 and 2003.

The three seminars for 2003 have been successfully completed. At the Visalia seminar, we trained 68 jurors from 9 counties; at the Sacramento seminar, we trained 216 jurors from 20 counties and at Concord, we trained 124 jurors from 20 counties. Attendance per county ranged from 1 (Foreperson from Humboldt Co.) to 25 (Sutter Co. who sends their full panel plus the alternates).

The backbone of this statewide training effort is the combined work of many dedicated volunteers including:

- CGJA President El Moger and the Board of Directors for their continued, strong support to provide the training program.
- The nine members of the Training Committee who meet monthly all year long to plan the seminars, select the sites, develop the programs, review and approve every page of the Seminar Manual before it is printed, and
- develop and manage the seminar budgets.
- The nineteen CGJA presenters who present the five, basic core workshops: Grand Juries and the Law; Investigations; Interviewing; Writing Reports and G.J. Continuity and Independence.
- The guest speakers who travel to our seminars to give a presentation and share their expertise on some topic relevant to grand jury work.
- The many members of the CGJA County Chapters and County Grand Juror Associations who provide support staff at the seminars so everything runs smoothly from registration to packing-up at the end. For 2003, the Tulare Co. Chapter of CGJA provided support for the Visalia seminar; the Placer Co. Grand Jurors' Association provided support for the Sacramento seminar and the Solano Chapter of CGJA provided support for the Concord seminar.

The central, core component of our training program consists of five workshops taught in small group sessions with 20 to 35 jurors. The jurors rotate from one workshop to another until each juror has experienced all five. The smaller groups allow for more interaction and opportunity to ask questions. A basic description of the five workshops follows:

***Grand Juries and the Law*** – Trainers for this workshop (and the grand jury they served on ) are Jack Zepp (Marin Co.) Barry Newman (San Diego Co.) and Alan Parker (Placer Co.). This presentation addresses the relationship between the law generally and regular grand juries when they are performing their civil oversight function. Jurors find out what the law requires and what the law prohibits and what is the law and where is it found? They discuss statutes, judicial opinions, Attorney General opinions, county or city charters, ordinances, codes and regulations. Where to find the basic laws that pertain to grand juries and the laws that pertain to the agencies and officials subject to grand jury oversight is also covered. (Note: This workshop is taught by lawyers who have served one or more years on a grand jury.)

***How to Plan and Conduct Grand Jury Investigations*** – Trainers are Ron Miguel (San Francisco Co.) and Diane Hoffman (Orange Co.) This workshop includes:

- What is an investigation? Rules, restrictions and caveats such as the vote of twelve
- required to initiate an investigation, confidentiality, and objectivity. Deciding what topic(s) to investigate and determining it is within the grand jury’s legal jurisdiction.
- Planning and organizing the investigation. Defining the objective(s). Conducting
- the investigation. Importance of verifying information from at least three different
- sources and using different investigatory methods such as interviewing, researching documents, observation, monitoring, auditing, and surveys. Evaluating your work.

***How to Plan and Conduct Grand Jury Interviews*** – Trainers are Sherry Chesny, (Placer Co.), Barbara Dabul (San Luis Obispo Co.), Barbara Guzzetta (Nevada Co.) and Judi Lazenby ( Santa Cruz Co.) This workshop covers: The three purposes of an interview. The importance of planning to determine the objective(s) of the interview, who to interview, deciding when, where and the appropriate site arrangements. Review applicable background material. Importance of juror conduct, confidentiality, notetaking and guidelines for using tape recorders. How to develop your questions and use of open-ended and close-ended questions. How to conduct the interview, maintain focus and control. The importance of follow-up questions if the answer is not clear and/or complete. Ask questions to verify information and to develop new leads and sources.

How to handle problems during an interview – evasive answers, dead-end answers, defensive or uncooperative interviewee. Evaluating the information obtained and how you can verify it as factual. A video of a simulated grand jury interview is shown and critiqued with audience participation.

***How to Write and Effective Grand Jury Final Report*** – Trainers are Stuart Brown (Marin Co.), Bob Geiss (Orange Co.), Jane Hebler (San Francisco Co.), Clif Poole (Solano Co.) and Talley Wade (Placer Co.). This workshop covers: How to write an effective, appropriate final report. Write in a clear, concise style, using active voice and direct statements. Verify data and be specific in demonstrating your verification. Develop editorial committee strategy early and communicate with the full panel. Editorial committee should edit for logic, accuracy, order as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar. Guidelines for conducting a Final Verification Interview prior to release. Full panel must review and approve report by a vote of 12 or more jurors. Remember each draft report is the product of the committee, not an individual author. The Final Report is the product of the entire Grand Jury. Review of report by your legal advisors, usually the judge and/or county counsel. Publish, announce and distribute the report. A single final report can be issued at any time during the year. At the end of the year, all reports, including those released earlier, are consolidated into the Final Report.

***Grand Jury Continuity and Independence*** – Trainers are Ted Freeman (Marin Co.), Jerry Lewi (Ventura Co.), Ourania Riddle (Solano Co.) and Dan Taranto (Humboldt Co.) Each grand jury shall determine its own rules of procedure by vote and other elements of PC 916. The grand jury is a collegial body and fifteen elements of a collegial body including jurorship, chairmanship and foremanship. Developing and maintaining a grand jury handbook. Establishing and maintaining a grand jury library. Preserving copies of past grand jury reports and developing an index of grand jury reports and a chart showing grand jury investigation frequency by topic. Maintaining a log of complaints received by the grand jury. Monitoring responses to the grand jury report and compliance with 933.05 that covers criteria for responses.

Each seminar program also has a variety of special presentations by guest speakers. Some topics will vary somewhat from seminar to seminar depending on the availability of the guest speakers. At the 2003 seminars we had the following presentations:

***Untangling the Maze of Local Government*** – Presented at Visalia by Bernard Barmann, Co. Counsel of Kern Co. and at Sacramento and Concord by Cameron Reeves, Co. Counsel of Lake Co

***Inspection of Jails & Juvenile Facilities*** – Presented at all three seminars by Magi Work from the California Board of Corrections.

***What is a Special District?*** – Presented by Catherine Smith, Executive Director of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) at Sacramento, and by Neil McCormick, CSDA Assistant Director, at Visalia and Concord.

***Redevelopment Agencies*** – Presented by Chris Norby, Orange County Supervisor

***The Grand Jury Looks at Public Schools*** – Presented at Visalia by Richard Rutherford, a former Kern Co. grand juror and a retired school administrator.

***City Government*** – Presented at Concord by Charles Lamoree, a retired City Attorney for Vallejo and County Executive for Solano County. Presented at Sacramento by Anne Rudin, a former Foreman of the Sacramento Grand Jury who was a long-time Mayor of the City of Sacramento.

***Grand Jury Investigations of Law Enforcement Agencies*** – Presented at Sacramento by Phil Norton, a former Placer Co. Grand Juror (2 years); retired Lieutenant with 24 years on the San Jose Police Department, and a retired lawyer.

***Understanding Finances*** – Presented at Concord by John Hentz, a former San Francisco Grand Juror and the Vice President of Mission Bank in San Francisco.

***Department of Environmental Management*** – Presented at Concord by Brigetta Corsello, head of the Environmental Management Department for Solano Co. In addition she also talked on “The view from the other side” and gave the new jurors valuable insights and tips on how they could make their final reports more meaningful and useful to the department heads. This topic was well received by the jurors.

In addition to the guest presentations we also held two panel discussions at each of the seminars. Both panels were offered as “optional attendance” and ran concurrently from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. on the second day of the seminars.

***Leadership Panel*** - The panel is composed of some of the CGJA Trainers who have served as forepersons, pro tem, or committee chair along with other selected, experienced forepersons, pro tems and chairs from nearby counties. Topics discussed center on their role and responsibilities, leadership styles “be a facilitator not a dictator”, organization, communication and consensus, building a cohesive team, time and budget management and other leadership areas. Ample time is allowed for juror questions and answers.

**Panel on Grand Jury Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them** – As above the panel is composed of some of the CGJA Trainers and selected experienced jurors. At the beginning, each panelist is asked to give a couple of examples of a “pitfall” and how to prevent or correct it. Then it is opened up to the audience for questions about any of the pitfalls mentioned or on any other topic they choose. It provides a forum where 1) experienced jurors can pass on advice that will alert and save the new jurors from having to learn through trial and error and 2) an opportunity for open Q & A’s.

As you can see the CGJA Training Program is a large project that succeeds because of the combined efforts of many former jurors willing to volunteer and devote many hours of their time. While the family and friends of these volunteers may be wondering about their mental state for working so hard without any pay, I think their motivation and dedication can be explained by reading some of the comments written by jurors on their evaluation forms:

“ Overwhelming amount of excellent material. Thanks for the handouts and materials to review later and keep as reference. Good job!”

“Overall – Very Beneficial. “The fog was lifted.” Invaluable conversations with other grand jurors from other counties. Well done training book.

“I felt each and every one of the “workshops” were done well, some exceptional. This seminar was very well planned.”

“I served on a G.J. 12 years ago and wish I had had this training then – it would have made the job easier and more organized. Thank you!”

Very well organized. Very impressive for just a “Bunch of Volunteers”!

### **Build it and they will come!**

Angelo Carmassi had a dream back in 1999 of a web site for their county prepared by the San Mateo County Grand Jurors’ Association. It would be directed toward high school teachers and their students, and it would provide all a teacher or student would need to know about how the Grand Jury operated in San Mateo County.

After four years of the Web Site Committees’ hard work and with the aid of over fifty other dedicated people with diverse backgrounds the site is operational. Identified as “Friends of the San Mateo County Grand Jurors’ Association” the “friends” are too numerous to list here but are identified on the web site.

But don’t take our word for it, visit the web site < [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/grandjurorsassoc](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/grandjurorsassoc) > and click on “Teacher Guide” We are told that the web site has had a large amount of “hits” to date ... one of which was ours as we spent an hour going through all the factual data provided.

While we can’t list the fifty “friends” who labored many hours we certainly would like to identify the San Mateo County Grand Jurors’ Association Website Committee:

Al Armand, Chair  
John Belforte, Marketing & Finance  
Angelo Carmassi, Escript Coordinator  
Lois Everett, Editing Director  
Jean Johnston, Marina Kaiser, Joann Landi, Stan Wolf, Committee Members.

## **From the Nevada County *The Union* Newspaper.**

This article was posted on their web site, TheUnion.com and sent to us by Director Sherry Chesny.

By The Union staff

The Nevada County Superior Court announced it has recently overhauled the look and functionality of the grand jury reports page on its web site. David Schlothauer, information systems director for the Nevada County Superior Court and Diane Masini, business manager of the civil grand jury, collaborated to greatly improve the breath and efficiency of the web site.

The web site offers over six years of reports and responses, as well as a new searchable database to facilitate the process of finding reports. Now the public can seek out reports based on individual grand jury term, an agency name or category (i.e. all county government) or by report title ( i.e. foster care policies ). The prime objective of the Nevada County civil grand jury is to help improve the overall functioning of governmental entities within the county. To accomplish this, grand jurors review the day-to-day operational aspects of a program, organization, or entity and report on their findings.

The three main aspects covered in investigations are: efficiency, effectiveness, and economy. Penal Code Section 933 requires that a final report be released within one month of the close of the fiscal year. Jurors conduct numerous investigations from which the written summaries of their findings, investigation, conclusions, and also recommendations for improvements in procedures and processes. These reports are found on the civil grand jury web site. Few people realize each grand jury report is intended to be read by all interested citizens. It is not a confidential document meant only for government officials. The full reports are available for review at county libraries, but the revised web site makes it even easier for concerned citizens to retrieve this important information.

The Honorable Ersel L. Edwards, presiding judge of the grand jury, said, “The improved web site is a valuable service the court offers to the public. I believe it is better than any other grand jury web site on the Internet.”

## **Chapter Relations**

Appointment to the Membership Committee as my first assignment and then called on to steer the Chapter Relations effort was scary. I wasn't too sure of what was being asked of me. Well, I soon found out by just looking around. of the county grand jury's and figured it would be helpful to make contact with them.

Some time and the plan is to have a CGJA chapter representing each county. Each county has a unique contribution to make to the growth and success of the CGJA.

For all CGJA members I send out a call...it's personal contact that will make the difference, so talk up the CGJA and have former grand jurors that you know from counties without chapters send me an e-mail requesting a start-up kit. I will spend whatever time that is required to guide them through the process.

Richard Ruth, Chapter Relations  
< Rruth8592@aol.com >

## **Our Readers Read**

GJ Journal Staff note: Our membership probably reads books frequently Given our common interest it is likely that we read some books that can be expected to be of mutual interest to most of us. Send us a review of your recent, or

not so recent good "reads."

GJ Journal Staff member Bob DeQuattro recently flew round trip from SFO to JFK and thoroughly enjoyed this book en route.

#### MEDAL OF HONOR

By Allen Mikaelian with Commentary by Mike Wallace

Hyperion Books

A New York Times Bestseller, Medal of Honor portrays eleven recipients of the award, from each branch of the military, and examines what drove them to go so far above and beyond the call of duty.

We learned that of the millions of Americans who have gone into combat in the past century, fewer than 1,300 have earned the Medal of Honor, the highest U.S. military decoration, and many of those were awarded it for actions they did not survive.

Not that I only read at 35,000' ... my wife had given me a copy of Ghost Soldiers to read during a flight to Maui last fall ... truly a white knuckle flight.

#### GHOST SOLDIERS

By Hampton Sides

Double Day/Random House

A gripping, true story of an elite Ranger battalion during WWII that is sent behind Japanese lines in the Philippines to attempt to rescue American and British POWs. These were the last survivors of the Bataan Death March who had spent 3 years in a miserable prison camp.

The successful account of the mission of the 121 hand-selected men from the U.S. Army 6th Ranger Battalion had me up most of the first night that we were in the condo on Maui, further confusing my aging body clock.

#### **Director Jerry Lewi**

Jerry is a retired aerospace engineering and marketing executive who received degrees from M.I.T and UCLA. He lives in Thousand Oaks. He served on the Ventura County Grand Jury in 1998-1999 where he chaired several committees.

He joined CGJA at the beginning of his Grand Jury service and was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2001 and reelected in 2002. He is chair of the Operations Committee, which takes care of a number of internal functions of the association. He is also a member of the Public Relations Committee, our Webmaster and Chair of the 2003 Annual Conference that will be held in Ventura in October.

Jerry serves on several other boards of volunteer organizations including the *Friends of the (Thousand Oaks) Civic Arts Plaza* where he serves as a volunteer usher, gift shop volunteer and assists several other committees. He is also a founding member of *Save the Conejo 2000*, an activist organization dedicated to preserving quality of life in the Conejo Valley. He is past president of both these organizations. He was appointed by the Thousand Oaks City Council to the Residents Roundtable, a committee that works on improving city ordinances and procedures as directed by the Council. He has also just been appointed to the City of Thousand Oaks Budget Task Force, whose work has yet to be defined, but will obviously be involved in city budget issues.

Jerry's personal interests are tennis, golf, skiing, travel, use of the PC and following the lives of his four children and three grandchildren.