NAPA CHAPTER OF THE CGJA ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2017

The Napa Chapter has had a busy year and we start the 2017-18 year with 21 active members. All members are either active or former members of the Napa County Grand Jury. Our mission is to support the Napa County Superior Court and the Napa County Grand Jury by promoting public awareness, recruiting and education.

This year the Chapter worked extensively with the Court to encourage citizens to apply for the Grand Jury. The Chapter focused on recruiting because the number of applicants for the preceding three years had been insufficient to provide adequate numbers of jurors plus alternates.

All Chapter members were requested to contact their service, business and community organizations to encourage the members of these organizations to apply for the Grand Jury.

We also assisted the Court in the informational meetings for citizens interested in the Grand Jury, as well as, participating in interviews of prospective jurors.

Our efforts in conjunction with enhanced publicity on the part of the Court attracted approximately 60 applications for the Jury. Charlie Eckstrom is to be commended for his efforts as the recruiting committee chair.

Other activities during the year included:

Recommending certain changes to the Grand Jury Procedures Manual to the County Counsel and the Court concerning correspondence from the jury to officials and citizens. These changes were adopted.

Welcoming the 2016-17 Grand Jury during the Impaneling Ceremony in July.

Awarding two “scholarships” for jurors to attend the CGJA report writing workshop in October.

Discussions with the 2016-17 Grand Jury foreperson.

Participating in the CGJA training program to introduce the services and programs of the Napa Chapter.

Meeting during the year with the 2016-17 Grand Jury to encourage their participation in the Napa Chapter and the CGJA

Participating with the Napa County Board of Supervisors in a ceremony to proclaim March 2017 as Napa County Grand Jury Awareness Month.

There were also social events. The Chapter hosted a Holiday luncheon at the Napa Valley Country Club with the Presiding and Supervising Judges as our guests. The Napa County District Attorney was our featured speaker.

We hosted an end of the year celebratory party at the Napa Valley Yacht Club for the outgoing grand jurors and the Chapter members.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2016-17 Officers, Board Members and Committee chairs, and to thank our wonderful chapter members who worked so hard to make this a successful year.

Diane Dame Shepp, Vice President

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Charlie Eckstrom, Recruiting Committee Chair

Richard Feanzi, Director/Immediate Past Co-President

Respectfully submitted,

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