



Old Courthouse Museum Society

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## Old Courthouse Museum Society Welcomes New Directors

At the Old Courthouse Museum Society's October 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting, Mike Heywood, Secretary & Treasurer, introduced two new directors. New director Kathie Schey is no stranger to the Old Courthouse, as her position as the City of Huntington Beach Archivist frequently brings her to Santa Ana to collaborate with her Orange County counterpart, Chris Jepson. She has a MA in History and serves as the Chair of the city's Historic Resources Board, Design Review Board, and other museum/support board positions as well. She has won numerous awards for her work. Walt Bruyn, MBA, brings extensive administrative expertise to his OCMS board position. He served with distinction in the United States Army, and after retirement, applied his skills to his position as an Orange County Deputy Sheriff. Kathie and Walt are both longtime residents of Huntington Beach.

### DOCENTS

OC Parks and the OCMS board are seeking individuals who enjoy sharing their knowledge of history. The staff at the Old Courthouse will teach interested participants how to lead a group of visitors, be they school age or adults, around the rooms while sharing historical information about the facility. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved, please send us your preferred phone number with the notation "Docents" to [ocms.org@outlook.com](mailto:ocms.org@outlook.com).

### RETIREMENTS

The Old Courthouse Museum Society would like to recognize the officers and directors who had served the mission of the organization for many years. Marshall Duell, Doreen Gray, and John Sorenson had served most recently as President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively. Their enthusiastic and dedicated service has been a model for all. The current slate of officers and board members want to extend our sincere thanks to Marshall, Doreen, and John. We hope to see them at future Old Courthouse membership events!

### ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP



**Mark Heine**

*Under the capable direction of Chairman Joe Bahash, the Essay Scholarship Committee was able to run a successful contest despite the limitations imposed by Covid 19. Essay applications were received from graduating seniors representing a wide array of public high schools in Orange County. The winning essay contestant Mark Heine was honored via a post on the OCMS website as well as on the Society's Facebook page.*

## OCMS Member's Meeting Planned for Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Your OCMS Board is pleased to announce that former California State Senator and Orange County Supervisor John Moorlach has agreed to present an informative and entertaining program about the Orange County Bankruptcy in 1994. The largest governmental bankruptcy in United States history, the financial event caused shockwaves throughout the world. The then candidate for OC Treasurer – Tax Collector, Moorlach warned of the impending financial collapse in interviews with local media. He was elected to that key position in 1995, where he was instrumental in determining the best way to avoid a repeat of the sad event. He will share his interesting personal anecdotes about his interactions with the various parties involved with the bankruptcy. We will be sending details about this event in early 2022.

*Message from the President:*

*We look forward to the first meeting of the OCMS members planned for March 16, 2022, since the start of the Covid pandemic. Please join us if you can. Our goal is to rejuvenate our Society because we believe in our mission to help educate folks about the history of the old courthouse and offer incentives to students through our essay scholarship and art competitions Stay well and please continue to support us.*

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**January through December 31, 2022**

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY \$25      CONTRIBUTING \$100      LIFE MEMBER \$250

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