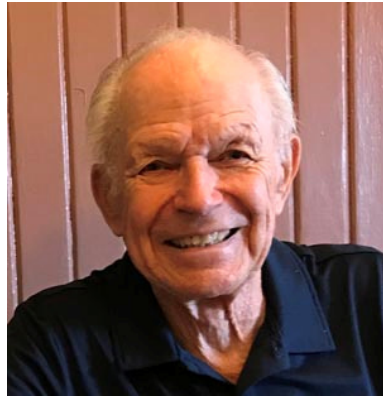


Resident to Resident

Jerry Lewi Trains California Grand Jurors

By Carol Keochekian



Jerry Lewi has an unusual “occupation” for someone who’s been retired for some 29 years. He is one of about 25 people who are trainers for the California Grand Jury System. There are 1,100 grand jurors in California’s 58 counties. Grand

jury volunteers can serve for only a year.

After he served on the Ventura County Grand Jury, Lewi decided to become a grand jury trainer, which takes two years of training. Since the time he joined the California Grand Jurors’ Association, Lewi has taught and trained grand juries in about 40 counties. He and the other trainers, who reside all over the state, teach 95% of California’s grand jurors each year.

The grand jury training is quite intense, Lewi says. “The program takes three days – two consecutive days of about 6 hours each and a third day a few months later.” During this COVID-19 period the training is done mostly via Zoom.

Grand juries are required to produce at least one report a year but usually present six to eight reports. The reports deal with the operation of any city, school district and joint powers agency in the county and the county itself. They must include findings which are conclusions based on facts. When findings present problems, the jury must recommend a solution. The agency that receives a report from a grand jury must respond as to whether it will follow the jury’s recommendations. The jury can only make recommendations, it has no enforcement authority.

Lewi cited two examples of grand jury reports that he found significant, but completely different. In

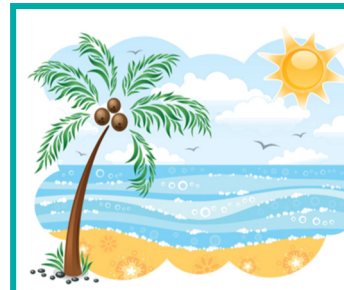
2009, the Sacramento County Grand Jury discovered mismanagement, including fraud, with the county library system. Several officials went to jail. In about 2003, a grand jury of a small rural county recommended that the Board of Supervisors purchase a new P.A. system for their meeting room. Lewi said that may not seem like a big deal, but it was important to those citizens.

Lewi has found that working as a grand juror has many benefits. “It’s interesting, you give back to the community, make friends, and have some fun.” Lewi served as president of the California Grand Jurors’ Association from 2004-2006 and today is chair of the Public Relations Committee, whose purpose is to inform the public about the grand jury in its civil oversight role.

Working with the association is a second career for him. Lewi received his BS and MS in electrical engineering at MIT. After serving in the U.S. Army, he moved to California where he earned a second master’s degree in engineering at UCLA. He worked for Packard-Bell Electronics from 1952-1963, and Litton Industries (now part of Northrop Grumman) from 1963-1992 in Program Management and Marketing. He continued to work five additional years part time for Litton after he retired. While employed by Litton, Lewi worked on the navigation and guidance control systems for the cruise missiles.

A direct descendent of John Alden who came to America on the Mayflower, Lewi reveals that his ancestor probably served on a grand jury. Another famous family member was Charlotte Armstrong, Lewi’s mother, who wrote some 29 popular mysteries.

The grand jury trainer celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary to Marion Dee on the day they moved to University Village two and a half years ago. Between them they have seven children and eight grandchildren.



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70th Anniversary of the Building of the Berlin Wall By Renate Mahla

August 13, 2021 is a very significant date for me. It is the 70th anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall. Now that I am a resident of University Village, I feel safe. However, there are times that I feel like I am living history because of my experiences. I have been either a part of, or a witness to, important events in history, and the month of August brings back memories of the anger disbelief brought on by the sudden building of the Berlin Wall in a city dear to my heart.

While war was raging in 1945, the Allied forces (Soviets, British, American, and French) met at the Yalta Conference to plan how to divide a conquered Germany. It was decided that anything east of the Elbe River would go to the Soviets, which would put Berlin in the center of what would become the German Democratic Republic (Russian Zone). The Allies naturally wanted control over the capital, so they further divided Berlin into four military zones. Everything in the city east of the Brandenburg Gate fell under Soviet control.

I was born in Dusseldorf on the Rhine River. Referred to as the Paris of the West, Dusseldorf was known for its fine art museums, theaters, and opera. In 1950 after high school and a brief stint as an au pair in Switzerland, it was decided that I should go to Berlin and further my education at the Letter House School where my mother, a metallurgist, had attended. Because I was from Dusseldorf but

pursued my higher education in Berlin, I was very familiar with traveling between those two cities. After earning my degree from the Letter House, I continued my education and received my Interpreter’s Degree in French. It was my hope to move to Paris and work for NATO as a French interpreter, however my father felt that it was imperative that I learn English.

Traveling between the two cities very difficult as three Soviet checkpoints had been erected: at Helmstedt to the west, at Dreilinden to the south, and at Friedrichstrasse in the center. I had to travel through the Helmstedt checkpoint to get from Dusseldorf to Berlin. Cars and trains were stopped so that luggage and trunks could be searched and papers could be checked. Sometimes the trains were delayed for hours. Magazines and newspapers were confiscated. After the document were examined at the Helmstedt checkpoint, we were given a certain amount of time to get from point to point. If you arrived too soon you were stopped for speeding. If one arrived later than their expected time, they were in big trouble because it was assumed they had stopped somewhere. I had to travel from Helmstedt to Potsdam. It was agonizing to try to travel at a speed that would get us to our destination at the prescribed time. As students in West Berlin we saw first-hand how little the East Berliners had. The only thing available at the government-owned stores was Russian vodka, sweet wine, caviar, and “Lenin sausages” (sausage made with very little meat). Being poor students, we were okay with these food choices as East Berlin did offer opera and theater. We might have been tipsy, but we were entertained.



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Weekly Activities		AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS						
Sun	Open Art Studio—all day (AC) 2:00 Social Bridge (LR)	Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
Monday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Dario (CH) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pinochle (LR) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	1 No Vespers Today 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) The King and I (Rated G)	2 Betty Ullman's Paintings and Sculptures Display Begins (MCT) 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 3:00 History Lecture Series (BR)	3 10:00 Food & Beverage Comm. (Zoom) Meeting ID: 858 7902 6822 Passcode: 897548 1:30 Movie Club (AC) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 4:30 Getting to Know You (GR)	4 No Spanish Class Today No Window Shoppe Today 9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:00 - 1:00 High Holy Days Registration (MCT) 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR)	5 No Watercolor Art Class Today 10:45 Excursion: California Museum of Art Thousand Oaks 3:00 Point of View (BD) (Time Change) 3:00 Covenant Players Special Performance (CH)	6 No Piano Serenade Today 11:00 Activities Comm. (BR) 1:00 Hearing Clinic (AC) (Rescheduled from July 20) 2:00 July Birthday Party with Jerry Weisbecker (Rescheduled from July 27) 4:30 Shabbat (CH)	7 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 
Tuesday	8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:15 Hatha Yoga with Karen (CH) 10:00 Needle Crafters Club (AC) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:30 Cardio-Fit with Jeri (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:30 Hand and Foot Card Game (LR) 1:30 Mexican Trains (MCT) 2:00 Beginners French Class (BD) Limit 6 4:00 Advanced French Class (BD) Limit 6	8 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) True Grit (Rated PG-13) 5:00 Vespers with Rev. Sarah Kitch (CH) 	9 No Art Trek Today 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 1:30 Resident Council (Zoom) Meeting ID: 830 5299 9625 Passcode: 658079 2:00 Film Class (BR) To Catch a Thief (1955) (Encore Presentation)	10 10:00 Village Store Meeting (LR) 11:00 Great Decisions Grp. 1 (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 2:00 Budget & Finance Comm. (BR)	11 9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:00 Spanish Class (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR)	12 9:00 Men's Current Events (LR) 9:30 Excursion: Butterflies Alive! 11:00 Art Club (BR) 2:00 Alexandria House Presentation (CH) 3:00 Paul Lenderman "Why is Loss so Difficult?" (BR) (Location and Time Change) 4:30 M.E.A.T. Dinner (MD)	13 70th Anniversary of the Berlin Wall Display (MCT) 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 11:00 - 12:30 Card Crafting Workshop (AC) 2:00 Town Hall (CH/1390)	14 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR) 11:00-12:00 Window Shoppe Vase Donation Day (CE)
Wednesday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:30-12:30 Window Shoppe (AC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Jeri (CH) 12:15 Duplicate Bridge (LR) 12:15 Balance I (CH) 1:00 Pan at the Poker Table (MCT) 1:00 Pinochle (MCT) 1:00 Balance II (CH)	15 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) The Secret Garden (Rated PG) 5:00 Vespers with Rev. Matt Elam (CH)	16 Mary Lou Welch Paintings Display Begins (MCT) 8:00 EXCURSION SIGNUP (MCT) 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 11:00 Health & Wellness Comm. (LR) 3:00 History Lecture Series (BR)	17 No Women's Board Meeting Today 10:00 Safety & Security Comm. (LR) 10:00 Bereavement Comm. (BR) 12:30 M.E.A.T. Lunch (MD) 2:00 Geological Wonders Lecture Series (BR) 2:00 Excursion Club (AC)	18 No Tech Class Today 10:00 Spanish Class (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR)	19 No Watercolor Art Class Today No Getting to Know You Today No Excursion Today 3:00 Point of View (BD) (Time Change)	20 11:00 Great Decisions Group 2A (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 1:00 Hearing Clinic (AC) Appointment Only. Contact: Acoustic Hearing, (805) 482-1104 1:00 Great Decisions Group 2B (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 1:45 Piano Serenade with Mark (MCT)	21 11:00 Excursion: Wings Over Camarillo Air Show 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR)
Thursday	8:30 Water Aerobics (Pool) 8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:15 Meditation/Gentle Chair Yoga with Deirdre (CH) 10:15 Fit-Tastic with Dario (CH) 11:30 Cardio-Fit with Jeri (CH) 12:30 Ping Pong (CH) 1:00 Poker (MCT) 1:00-2:00 Social Bridge (LR) 3:00 Scrabble (MCT)	22 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Chicken People (Not Rated) 5:00 Vespers with Rev. Paul Lenderman (CH)	23 No Art Trek Today 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 11:00 - 12:30 Ornithology 2-day Lecture Series (BR) 2:00 Film Class (BR) Spellbound (1945) 2:30 Mid-Year Financial Presentation (CH)	24 10:00 Building Reps. (LR) 11:00 - 12:30 Ornithology 2-day Lecture Series (BR) 11:00 Getting to Know Us (BBQ) 2:00 French Class Movie (BR) Location Change 3:00 Opera Club Presents: Maximo Marcuso (CH)	25 No Opera Club Today 9:00 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 10:00 Spanish Class (BR) Pre-registration required, 3026 10:30 Tech Class with Pat (BD) RSVP: Activities, 3026 11:00 Bible Study (LR) 1:00 Hospitality Committee (BR)	26 No Fitness Classes in CH Today 9:00 Men's Current Events (LR) 10:00 Excursion: Lakes and Valleys Scenic Drive 3:30 Jewish Leadership Council (BR)	27 11:00 Astronomy Lecture Series (BR) 2:00 Birthday Party with Rick Jarrett (CH) 	28 11:30 Wake Up Your Brain (BR)
Friday	7:30 Rabbit Walk (RD) 8:30 Pickle Ball (TC) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening with Chris (CH) 11:15 Bocce Ball (BBC) 1:00 Mindful Meditation (Zoom)	29 2:00 Sunday Movie (CH) Finding Neverland (Rated PG) 5:00 Vespers with Rev. Dan Stevens (CH)	30 10:00 Literary Club (Zoom) 	31 2:00 Special Entertainment by Jerry and Steve (CH)	KEY Classes Clubs Committees Excursions Fitness/Wellness Games Recurring Events Sign-up Required Special Events Spiritual UVTO Community The monthly calendar is subject to change. Check the Portal or the weekly Update for the most current events.		UVTO Locations AC Arts and Crafts Room BBC Bocce Ball Court BBQ Barbeque Area BD Board Room BR Balboa Room CE Clubhouse Entrance CH Catalina Hall CI Channel Islands Room (GV 3rd Floor) GR Garden Room LH Library Hallway LR Laguna Room LSL Lakeside Lounge (LV 2nd Floor) MD Montecito Dining MCT Mt. Clef Terrace RD Reception Desk SBL Santa Barbara Lounge (MV 2nd Floor) SHR Sherwood Lounge (LV 3rd Floor) SRL Santa Rosa Lounge (GV 2nd Floor) TC Tennis Courts	
Sat	8:30 Open Tennis (TC) 9:00 Tai Chi with Kimiko (CH) 10:15 Mobility & Strengthening (1390) (Pre-recorded) 10:15 Line Dancing (CH) 11:00-12:00 Window Shoppe Donations (AC) Contact: Donna Keister, 2003							