

O.C. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' REPORT

**** What is a Quasquicentennial?** It is a 125th birthday and Orange County will be celebrating it in 2014! Supervisor Moorlach would like the county to finance a countywide celebration; with a special logo with blue banner for use on County publications and materials. Supervisor Spitzer did not think the taxpayers should pay for this....pointed out that the CEO's office has approximately \$10,000 for such funding. It was decided the county would not be spending money for the logo. Look for the celebration especially at the OC Fair.

**** Social Services Director to retire.** Dr. Michael Riley retired the end of December 2013. The Supervisors were very complimentary of his service and wished him well.

**** Social Host Liable for Consumption or Possession of Alcohol by Persons under Age 21 at Gatherings?** At two meetings, Supervisor Spitzer has discussed this ordinance for the county. Many public speakers addressed this idea, some against, but mostly for this law. After much discussion, there was no second to Spitzer's proposal.

**** A salary of only \$32,406.40 for the Office of Public Administrator?!!** Remember way back when the BOS decided to combine the offices of Public Guardian and Public Administrator to save money? But then the acting director of both the PA/PG, John Williams, was dismissed. However only the Public Guardian could be dismissed by the BOS. (The Public Administrator was an elected office.) Thus the flat salary offer and a possible election scheduled for the June 3, 2014 Primary Election! There will be more discussion of this Public Guardian/Public Administrator position in a February meeting.

**** June ballot will ask you to decide if countywide elected officials should pay their full pension share.** This would be a proposed charter amendment. (Non-elected employees, unless they're public safety officers, already contribute their full pension share.)

**** United Way gave Sheriff Advisory Council payroll deductions to other nonprofits instead of the Sheriff Advisory Council.** The Sheriff Advisory Council purchases vests, dogs, etc. for sheriff and law

enforcement families in need. The sheriff members can check the United Way box in their payroll deduction. Seems this box check has to be done every year or the nonprofit is taken off the United Way list. Supervisor Nelson questioned why the county is funding United Way staff.....Supervisor Spitzer suggested the Sheriff Advisory Council operate independently, since United Way charged 9% to carry out the work. The Council is given permission to handle their own nonprofit.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! If you have read this far into the report, I would like to offer my apologies for missing reports in 2013. I'm looking forward to more prompt and meaningful observing and reporting in the New Year. Thanks goes to Carol Bittle, a LWVNOC member who is also attending the OC Board of Supervisors' meetings.

May 2014 hold health and contentment in store for us all.

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