



## ***Serving on the Grand Jury***

***Presented by: Maria Millsaps,  
Foreperson, Mary Flink, and Andy Brown***

***Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
9:30 am - 11:00 am***

***Vista Del Monte - Patio Room  
3775 Modoc, Santa Barbara***

Members of the current Santa Barbara Grand Jury will discuss how the California County Grand Jury system operates, and how people may volunteer to serve as a Grand Juror.

Every county in California maintains a Grand Jury whose purpose is to keep watch over numerous government agencies, cities and districts throughout their County. The Grand Jury may investigate, evaluate and make recommendations to any city, county or special district agency that receives county funds. California law requires the Grand Jury to inspect County and city jails and detention facilities, and to review County financial accounts and records. The Grand Jury relies on its own discretion and citizens' suggestions to determine other issues to investigate.

Each spring the Superior Court solicits applications for volunteers to serve on the Grand Jury. A committee interviews applicants to discuss their interests, qualifications and the duties they will be expected to undertake. One month prior to the July 1 commencement of service, the screening process reduces the panel to thirty.

The presiding judge may hold over as many as ten members from the previous Grand Jury to be included in the total of nineteen jurors. The final members are selected by a drawing and the final jury is empaneled, sworn and instructed each July 1. Those names not drawn remain as alternates to fill any vacancies that occur.

Grand Jury members must serve a minimum of three days per week for the term of service. They are remunerated by per diem based on actual number of days required in service. They are also reimbursed for personal vehicle usage at the prevailing rate per mile.

### **Enrollment Form: *Grand Jury* - March 9, 2016 VISTAS Members *\$Free*, Non-members *\$Free***

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

***Deadline for registration: March 2nd***

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The meeting will be held in the Patio Room of Vista Del Monte Retirement Community at 3775 Modoc Road , from 9:30 to 11:00am.

*Parking is behind the adjacent Emanuel Lutheran Church in spaces marked "for VDM".*

*(This Grand Jury should not be confused with criminal Grand Juries which are formed by random draw from trial jury lists when it becomes necessary to decide criminal indictments.)*



## VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Race to the Poles	8 Tuesdays 2/2-3/22	9:00 am	SB County Admin Bldg
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Opera	Sun, March 6	2:30 pm	Grenada Theater
Short Stories	Wed, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 pm	Private Home
Grand Jury	Wed, March 9	9:30 am	Vista del Monte
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 10, 17, & 24,	1:30 pm	Goleta Library