

Status Update: 2 OC residents appointed judges; fundraiser for elderly adults is Wednesday



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Participants include Alzheimer's Orange County, Council on Aging – Southern California, Human Options, Inc., Meals on Wheeler Orange County, SoulRapha, Southern California Hospice Foundation, and St. Francis Home of the Franciscan Missionary Sister of the I C Inc.

The nonprofits offer a range of resources, including meals, housing, domestic violence services, hospice care, engagement opportunities, caregiver support, and more.

To give online during the 24-hour Giving Day, go to preserving-dignity-giving-day.ocnonprofitcentral.org. For more information about OCCF Giving Days, go to oc-cf.org/givingdays.



From left to right: Yorba Linda resident Mark E. Singerton, 46, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez has joined the board of governors for the Orange County Community Foundation. Eric J. Wersching, 44, of Ladera Ranch, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Orange County Superior Court. Tyler Whitehead, chief executive officer of Irvine-based Arbonne PBC, has been elected to the Direct Selling Association's board of directors. Doug Beaver has been promoted to partner at Irvine-based Windes.

Judicial appointments

Ladera Ranch resident Eric J. Wersching, 44, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Orange County Superior Court. Wersching has been a founding partner at Ross Wersching & Wolcott LLP since 2006. He also was an associate at Payne & Fears LLP from 2004 to 2005 and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Melvin T. Brunetti at the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit from 2003 to 2004. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Roger B. Robbins. Wersching is registered without party preference.

Yorba Linda resident Mark E. Singerton, 46, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Riverside County Superior Court. He has served as managing-supervising deputy district attorney at the Riverside County District Attorney's Office since 2008, where he has served as a Deputy District Attorney since 2001. Singerton fills the vacancy of a new position created on Sept. 24, 2019 and is registered without party preference.

On the move

Doug Beaver has been promoted to partner at Irvine-based Windes, an accounting and advisory firm, in its tax department. Beaver joined Windes in 2015 after earning his master's degree in business taxation at USC. He has more than 23 years of public and private accounting experience, which includes work at a Big Four accounting firm.

On board

Tyler Whitehead, chief executive officer of Irvine-based Arbonne PBC, has been elected to the Direct Selling Association's board of directors, a national trade organization for direct sales companies. Whitehead has almost 20 years in direct selling, most recently serving the DSA board as chairman of the ethics and self-regulation committee.

Ambassador Gaddi Vasquez has joined the board of governors for the Orange County Community Foundation. OCCF's Vision 2024 goals include reaching \$1 billion in cumulative granting by 2024, becoming one of only 35 community foundations in the U.S. ever to reach that milestone. Vasquez brings to OCCF more than 25 years of leadership posts in local, state, and federal government during a career in public service, in addition to senior leadership roles in the private sector, including for Edison International and Southern California Edison.





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New vet in charge

Bryan Hayter is the new owner of Aliso Beach Animal Clinic in Laguna Beach.

An advertisement for Discover it. It features a dark blue background with white clouds, a red Discover it credit card, and a stylized orange sun. The text reads: "DISCOVER it", "Cashback Match", "We'll match all the cash back you've earned at the end of your first year*", "Learn More", and "*See terms".

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The veterinary practice specializes in dentistry, arthritis, diabetes, Cushing's syndrome and offers holistic treatments, such as acupuncture and vaccine titers. The clinic under Hayter also offers treatment for exotic pets such as rabbits, tortoises, lizards and snakes.

Hayter and his wife, Catherine, a local community college professor, have three children, a dog and five chickens.

Address: at 30816 Coast Highway.

Grants

Three Orange County-based arts organizations have received grants from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

Grand Central Art Center, a partnership between Cal State Fullerton and Santa Ana, will get \$100,000 for artist-in-residence support over two years.

Orange County Museum of Art in Santa Ana will receive \$60,000 in exhibition support for "Fred Eversley: Reflecting Back (the World)."

Laguna Art Museum received a \$25,000 curatorial research fellowship for Sharrissa Iqbal, Cécile Whiting and Michael Duncan.

Fundraisers

Orangewood's 44 Women for Orangewood hosted its 17th annual scholarship luncheon June 11, raising \$160,200 for college scholarships benefitting Santa Ana-based Orangewood Foundation's foster youth that are pursuing a dream of higher education. Founded by Susan Samuelli in 1999, the group has raised more than \$4 million dollars for the foundation through annual fundraising events to support Orangewood's college scholarship and peer mentor programs.



Nominate a Top Workplace

The 14th annual Top Workplaces program is seeking nominations from companies and organizations across Orange County.

Who can be nominated? Any organization with 35 or more employees in Orange County is eligible to participate (public, private, non-profit, government).

Workplaces will be evaluated by their employees using a short 24-question survey, and then companies will be surveyed June through August.

Energage, the research partner for the project, conducts Top Workplaces surveys for media in 58 markets and surveyed more than 2 million employees at more than 7,000 organizations in the last year.

Nomination deadline: July 16

Nominate online at ocregister.com/nominate or by phone at 714-442-2768.

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