

OCMA Membership Update (May 2013)

OCMA Angels Night:

OCMA Angels Night will be held on July 19th this year. The baseball game will be between the Angels and Oakland Athletics, beginning at 7 PM. This is a fun evening, complete with Friday night fireworks. Past attendees rave about this event!

Tickets go on sale beginning May 20, 2013 at 10 am in the OCMA office. A total of 120 tickets are available. Each ticket will cost \$20 (first come, first served), which includes your game seat, \$ 10 in Angels Bucks, and a "Trout Farm" T-shirt. OCMA continues to underwrite more than half of this event cost. Each manager may purchase up to four tickets only.

OCMA Membership Meetings:

OCMA provides quarterly membership meetings in an effort to provide information to managers and as a means of obtaining input from members. In the past we met every other month, in the evenings, at a location away from the Civic Center. By vote of the membership, we now meet quarterly over the lunch hour in the Board of Supervisors hearing room, which is a convenient location to many Civic Center area work sites. Prior to each meeting, OCMA e-mails the Agenda to managers to let them know of the upcoming meeting and the topics that will be discussed. That said, typically meeting attendance is higher during contract negotiations.

Our last membership meeting was sparsely attended. Although we appreciate those managers who took the time to participate, we would like suggestions on how we might increase interest and thereby increase participation. Please e-mail your thoughts to us.

New OCMA Website:

Our newly designed OCMA website (www.ocma.info) is up and running. We attempted to make it more professional, user friendly and easy to navigate. Also, a new feature has been added, entitled "Q and A" – obviously this portion is a work in progress. If you have any group pictures of County managers from your worksite, send them to OCMA as they may be included on the new website. We invite you to visit the website and provide any suggestions that might make it even better.

Recent VLF Court Decision:

As most of you may know, the County just lost their legal battle against the State of California in regard to the \$ 73 million in VLF funds. The Judge found on behalf of the State indicating that the County of Orange could not keep these disputed funds. The County has 10 days to respond and then 60 days until any action will be final. That said, any effects will not be felt until the next fiscal year. The County has reserve funds that could be used to address this problem. Also, the County could appeal the Judge's decision. It's too early to determine what actions are upcoming. OCMA will continue to monitor this issue and work toward minimum impacts being felt by County managers.