WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We’ll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information in the world of public records, vital records and personal privacy, as well as more about Orange County history.

Sincerely,

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MAKING ROOM FOR VALENTINE’S DAY COUPLES

The Clerk-Recorder Department will double the number of ceremony rooms available at our three marriage offices on Valentine’s Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14. We will have four ceremony rooms at the Old County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, in Santa Ana, and two each at our branch offices at the Laguna Hills Civic Center, 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 150, and in historic downtown Fullerton at 201 N. Harbor Blvd. Couples must first obtain a marriage license and may make an appointment for the ceremony. Call for appointments at (714) 834-2588 or visit our website at www.ocrecorder.com.

BABY NAMES

Jacob and Sophia were the most popular names chosen by new parents in Orange County in 2011— for the second year in a row. New boy names making the list were Jayden (4th) and Dylan (10th), and Andrew (7th) returned after being absent from 2010’s Top 10 roll-call. Other popular boy names were Matthew, Daniel, Ethan, Nathan, Anthony and Alexander. Popular girl names included Isabella, Emma, Olivia, Mia, Emily, Samantha, Ava and Chloe. Victoria rounded out the girl names. The list was compiled from 46,000 births. For more information, visit www.ocrecorder.com.
HONORING A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT!

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department continued to lead the state in efficiency and innovation in 2011. Some of the department's major accomplishments included opening on two Saturdays to assist the public—we were the only marriage office in the entire state of California open on Jan. 1, 2011, when we performed 73 wedding ceremonies. We also opened on a Saturday in September to provide a convenient time for families with children to apply for passports. Additionally, we processed 67,000 credit-card and debit-card transactions after expanding the ways customers can pay for services. In 2012, we are working to implement a system allowing our customers to order copies of property documents online and will add more partner counties to our ground-breaking SECURE electronic recording system. Participating counties now account for nearly 70% of documents recorded across California.

KEEP UP WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT ON FACEBOOK!

Check us out on Facebook to keep informed of items of interest in the Clerk-Recorder Department and to read our latest press releases. Find out about special events, traffic alerts, holiday closures and other news. Just search for "Orange County CA Clerk-Recorder Department" to find us. Then become a fan!

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AID WOUNDED WARRIORS

More than $200 was raised by department employees to benefit The Fisher House for the holiday season, which supports America's military in times of need. Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers, to members of the military and their families who must often travel great distances for specialized medical care. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury. Annually, the Fisher House serves more than 12,000 families, and have made available nearly 3 million days of lodging since the program began in 1990.

FREE ANTI-FRAUD WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department offers free workshops to community groups about combating real-estate fraud plus ways to thwart identity thieves. Workshops can be tailored to fit your group. For more information or to schedule a workshop, call the Department at (714) 834-2248.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER

Name: Liliana Rincon

Job Title: Executive Secretary
How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 9 years.

What is the best part of your job? I have the pleasure of working with dedicated staff that show pride in the services offered and go above and beyond to serve our customers.


Favorite movie? “Gone with the Wind” – an American Classic!

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I am married and have four amazing children. I currently reside in Santa Ana. I am fortunate to live so close to work!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER

Name:
Patrick Copland

Job Title:
SECURE Project Manager

How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? 3 years.

What is the best part of your job? Helping counties become part of SECURE.


Favorite movie? Wyatt Earp.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us.
I grew up in the Detroit area and earned my B.S. from Wayne State University in 1989 before receiving my reserve commission as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. While there, I gained experience in automated information systems. Building on my IT military experience, I worked as a systems integrator for Nissan Motor Corporation, an adjunct Information Systems Instructor at DeVry University, as a network engineer for Lockheed Martin IMS and a supervisor for OC Waste & Recycling network before joining the Clerk-Recorder Department. I’ve been married to my wife JoAnna for 15 years. We have two children; Meghan (17) and Paige (15), and we live in Orange.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER

Name:
Richard Haro

Job Title:
Lead, Clerk Operations
How long have you been with the Clerk-Recorder? I’ve been with the Clerk Recorder for 7 fun-filled years now.

What is the best part of your job? Knowing that my managers have my back! The one-on-one interaction with just about every customer that walks through our doors. It gives me great pleasure and personal satisfaction when I’m able to help someone. I also strongly believe that happy staff members equal happy customers and awesome service. Overall it’s all about Customer Service!!!

Favorite book? Joel Osteen

Favorite movie? I have two favorites - Tombstone and Gladiator.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, where you live, about your family. Anything that may surprise us. I was born and raised in Santa Ana, I’m married with 3 kids and I love working on old cars (Chevrolet cars, to be exact).

Celebrating the Holidays, 2011!

Great food, an opportunity drawing and a contest for the Ugliest Sweater brought out the smiles at the All-Staff Lunch in December. Above left, Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly thanks everyone for their hard work during the year; top, Frank Cienfuegos wins an Olive Garden gift certificate from Elf Daniel for his award-winning sweater adornments; left, Lan Vu cools off a gift at the drawing; and below, the Elf Crew is thanked for a job well done by Assistant Clerk-Recorder Renee Ramirez (seated). Standing behind Daniel Gutierrez (with ears), are (left to right): Ana Tavekë, Gloria Castruita, Jorge Ramos, Tricia Cisalili, Christina Aguilar and Angie Nievaez.