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## WELCOME

Newsletter - December 2022

*Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at [OCRecorder.com](http://OCRecorder.com) for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.*

*Sincerely,*

*Hugh Nguyen  
County Clerk-Recorder*

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**ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

**CALL CENTER**

WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

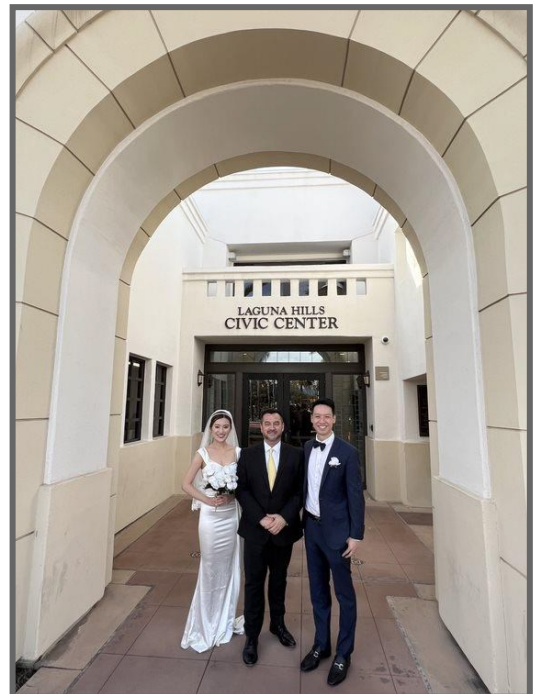
**(714) 834 - 2500**

# NEWS

On December 17, we had another busy special Saturday opening to close out the year at our branch offices in Anaheim, Laguna Hills and the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana for marriages and passport services.

Staff processed a total of 33 passport applications, performed a total of 130 civil marriage ceremonies, and issued a total of 167 marriage licenses.

Thank you to my hardworking and dedicated staff who made our special Saturday opening possible and congratulations to all the couples who tied the knot.





# NEWS

## 'Tis the Season

On December 8, I joined Orange County department heads and colleagues at the County Administration South building and participated in the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at our County Service Center in Santa Ana. This was such a fantastic event to mark the beginning of the holiday season. I would like to thank the Hospitality team for making the County Service Center so festive and bright for all visitors and county employees.

I hope everyone had a warm and safe holiday season.





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## During the month of December:



On December 14, my staff joined the local Chambers of Commerce and dignitaries on wishing Highlands Community Charter School on their grand opening and ribbon cutting event in the City of Garden Grove.

We wish the school great success with providing access to education, technology, communication, and employment for 21st century achievers while collaborating with Advance Beauty College.



On December 15, my team attended the Advance Beauty College Winter 2022 Graduation Ceremony to recognize the students' achievements and to celebrate with the school on their 35th anniversary.

We are proud to see this two generation family business thrive in educating and preparing over 50,000 students for successful careers including cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, teacher training, and massage therapy training.

We wish Advance Beauty College and the students of the school continued success in their endeavors.



On December 23, my staff joined other dignitaries and guests on congratulating Gracie Jiu-Jitsu on completing the SBDC program and having their grand opening in the La Palma business community.

We wish them great success in offering structured martial arts curriculums specific to the self-defense needs for various demographics and skill levels.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



## Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



**Congratulations!**  
**Chris**

**Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service**

Each month we recognize an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate of recognition, has their name placed on a recognition plaque, and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to announce Christopher Jepsen as Employee of the Month for December.

Christopher is our valued Archivist Assistant of our Orange County Archives team. He performs his duties with great care and expertise. Christopher helps the public research the history of their homes and responds to multiple inquiries from a variety of stakeholders in the community. Christopher meticulously maintains the Orange County Archives' Flickr webpage knowing the importance of making Orange County history and photos easily accessible at a mouse click away to researchers, academics, students, and the public.

In November, Christopher created and presented a remarkable presentation on the history of Orange County at the California Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association's annual conference, which was well received and appreciated by all in attendance. Christopher's attention to detail and enthusiasm with sharing Orange County's history to others whether it be through a presentation or researching individual cases makes his passion for his job evident. This helps make every customer's visit to the Archives even more special.

Christopher's positive contributions to our department and dedication to the preservation of Orange County's rich history are greatly appreciated by all. We are thankful to have Christopher on our team.

Please join me in congratulating Christopher on this achievement!

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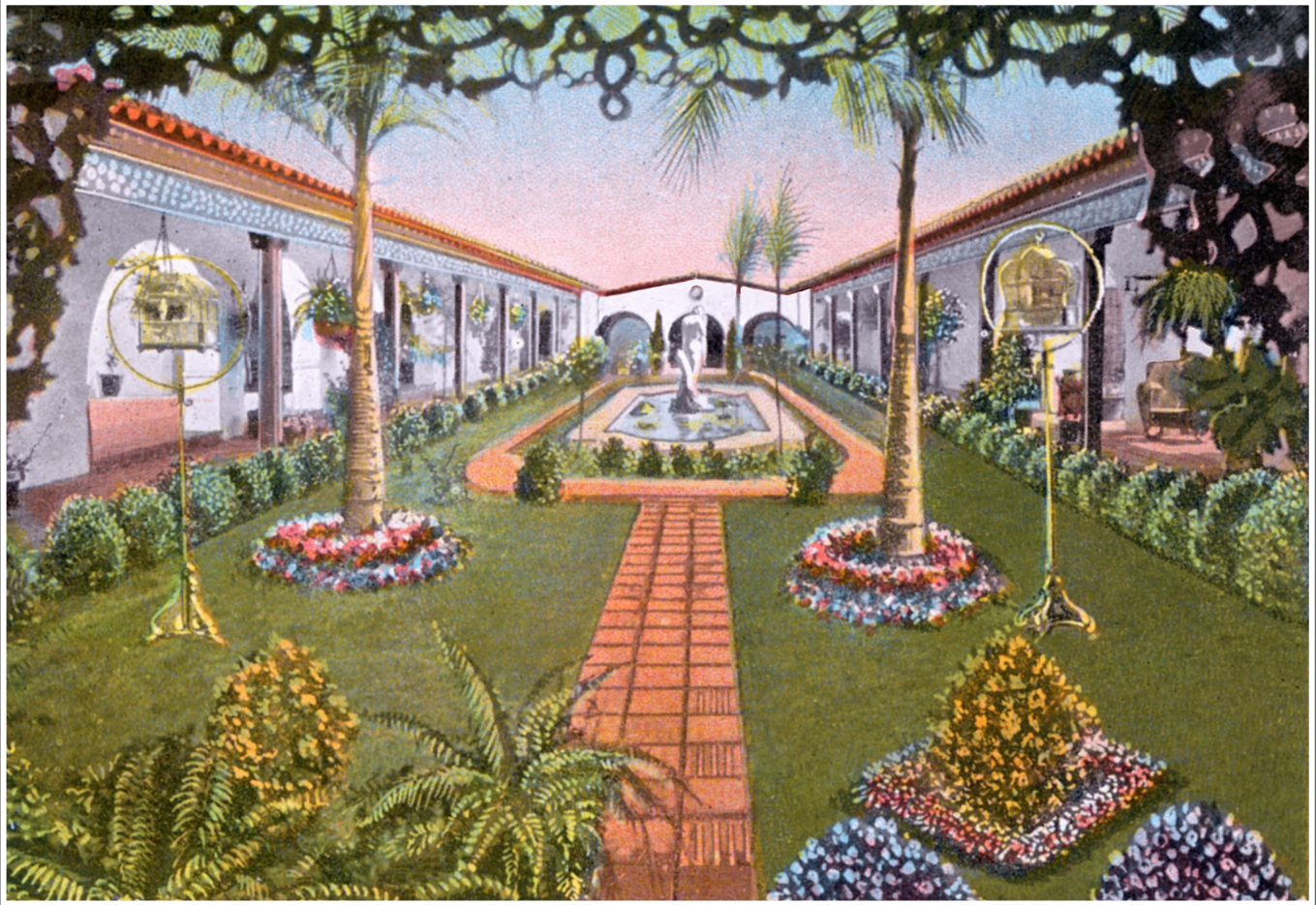


## **2022 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Isabel and Liliana for receiving our Employee of the Year awards for 2022. Both Isabel and Liliana have shown unparalleled dedication to serving the public and helping their fellow coworkers over the past year. Their willingness to be flexible during uncertain times while still taking on any challenges that come their way is very impressive and serves as an example to the rest of the department. Thank you for your great work!



# DECEMBER IN O.C. HISTORY



**Late 1920s postcard view of the patio of Ole Hanson's San Clemente home, now called Casa Romantica.**

(Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.)

- Dec. 6, 1925** The village of San Clemente was founded by former Seattle mayor Ole Hanson.
- Dec. 14, 1818** Privateer Hipólito Bouchard and his crew invaded San Juan Capistrano.
- Dec. 19, 1929** The Seal Beach Volunteer Fire Department was organized.
- Dec. 26, 1953** Longtime Orange Countian and author T. Jefferson Parker was born. Many of his best-known novels are set in Orange County.
- Dec. 29, 1946** The "Dean of Southern California Landscape Painters," William Wendt, died in Laguna Beach.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

**Our main office in Santa Ana received the following review. Your fast and efficient service is much appreciated!**

★★★★★ 1 week ago

Amazed on how fast service was, I filed out the application online, went checked in and in less than a minute got called to a window I was there for 5 minutes max 🙌

**One of our customers wrote the following review for the Old County Courthouse office. Thank you for your commitment to courteous and efficient service!**

★★★★★ 12/29/22

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I am truly amazed at how fast everything was done. We got there checked in and no more than 10 min later we were saying our I'do's. It was quite and very tranquil. The two wedding rooms/chapel they had were beautiful with plenty of room for guest if you wanted. We opted for an elopement with one guest as our witness and our two beautiful children. If you love vintage this is the perfect spot to say your I do's.

**Our North County branch office received the following review. Thank you to my staff for your exemplary service.**

★★★★★ 1 week ago

You call and they help instantly with filling out application. You go in and literally no wait at all. The best place to go for the simple certificates. The staff is so friendly and quick. The parking I had no idea where to park but ended up finding a spot by ice rink. They have street parking which was full and they must have a parking garage but I couldn't find it. It's right next door to Rare goodwill.



# OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo while on a stroll to view the Christmas lights display and holiday decorations at Naples Island, CA.

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