

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, be adjourned in memory of Ted Grofer, an 81-year-old prominent resident of Palm Springs, California who passed away on May 31, 2016 and will always be remembered as a titan of the local news media and mentor to many.

Upon moving to the Coachella Valley in the 1970's, Ted became the Publisher of The Desert Sun from 1974 through 1980 and is credited with growing circulation. He performed several high profile interviews for the paper including a piece with then-sitting President Ford. Following his tenure at the newspaper, he established TGA Publishing and specialized in marketing, advertising, and public relations for a variety of industries.

An inspirational force in the community, Ted was a former President of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Palm Springs Sunup Rotary Club, and most recently sat on the Palm Springs Administrative Appeals Board. His sense of giving led him through a 40-year stint as Professor of Journalism at College of the Desert and serving on various Boards in Palm Springs.

Ted was a loving and devoted family man whose memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Ted Grofer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on  
June 7, 2016 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: June 7, 2016

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: *[Signature]* Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, be adjourned in memory of Evelyn Grace Thompson, a 96-year-old resident of Indio, California who passed away on May 13, 2016.

Born on July 10, 1919 in Tucson, Arizona, Evelyn moved to Indio, California in 1920, graduated from Coachella Valley High School in 1937, and married her husband Russell Thompson in 1941. She served the City of Indio for years as Treasurer and was a founding member of the Coachella Valley Museum Board. She also worked for Desert Sands School District as an Accountant for over 33 years. She was a member of the Eastern Stars in Coachella and The Rebekah's.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Russell in 1989, her daughter Roselyn Gay, and her parents George and Rosetta Boomer. She is survived by her son Paul (Nancy), four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend whose memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Evelyn Grace Thompson.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: June 7, 2016

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
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By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem* Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, be adjourned in memory of Allen Ralph Saari, a 73-year-old resident of Palm Springs, California who after a courageous battle with cancer passed away on May 10, 2016.

After graduating from Washington State University with a Business Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, Allen was elected the youngest President of the Hotel and Restaurant Association for the State of Washington at age 34. His early career began in Seattle, moving him to Spokane, Las Vegas, and then on to California in 1982, where he serviced the hospitality industry for over 50 years, earning a reputation of excellence.

Dedicated to his family and business, Allen continued working up to the last few days of his life. His present company, Lodgeco, a Division of Unlimited Lodging Services in Palm Springs, provided a team of professionals in design purchasing, and installation services furnishing over 20,000 rooms. He was also an "avid golfer, an accordion champion in his youth, and a champion bowler."

Allen was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Allen Ralph Saari.

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Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
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By:  Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, be adjourned in memory of Whitney Lyon, a resident of Indian Wells, California who passed away on May 1, 2016, just four days short of his 95th birthday.

A true inspiration, Whitney became partially quadriplegic from encephalomyelitis/polio just after his service with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot in the Caribbean during World War II. Undeterred, he became a successful businessman and eventually learned to walk with crutches and even drive.

Whitney was also an advisor, associate staff member, and frequent speaker around the world for the Christian Business Men's Committee. He initiated the Palm Desert CBMC and spearheaded the Community Prayer Breakfast for many years. He and his wife Loraine were also foundational members of the Bel Air Presbyterian Church and Southwest Church in Indian Wells.

Whitney was a loving husband to his wife who preceded him in death in 2005 and a devoted family man and friend. His memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Whitney Lyon.

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Dated: June 7, 2016

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: *Maria Ihem* Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Washington, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2016, be adjourned in memory of Grace Jablow, a 91-year-old prominent resident of Palm Springs, California who passed away on May 5, 2016.

Born on August 16, 1924 in Brooklyn, New York, Grace married Alexander Jablow in 1949, lived in New York City until 1948, and then moved to Palm Springs. They were both very active in community and supported many educational, cultural, civic, political, and charitable institutions in Palm Springs. Both were honored several times for their accomplishments in and contributions to the life of Palm Springs.

Grace was a loving wife to her husband who preceded her in death in 1996 and a devoted sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her memory and passionate spirit will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Grace Jablow.

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Dated: June 7, 2016

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in  
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By: *Madeleine Johnson* Deputy

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