President’s Message
by David Muir

I’m honored that the Board of Directors has selected me to serve as your President during 2014. And I would like to start off by honoring Bill de la Garza who has served as President during the past three (3) years. During that three-year period, Bill worked tirelessly in leading RELAC, and RELAC enjoyed tremendous success because of it. Bill will continue his dedicated work for RELAC as Past President and, of course, as a member of the Board of Directors.

Bill also serves as the retirees’ representative on the LACERA Board of Retirement. I’m guessing few of our readers are aware of the tremendous responsibility and time commitment that entails. Bill attends Retirement Board meetings two days every month. Each meeting lasts an entire morning, and frequently into the afternoon. In addition, Bill serves on five Retirement Board committees. During 2013, through the month of November, Bill attended a total of 48 meetings! And there are more meetings scheduled for December. Besides all the time spent just attending those meetings, untold hours are required to prepare for meetings. It’s obvious that Bill’s greatest love, after his own family, is serving all of you, the retirees of Los Angeles County.

On the very day I write this message (Dec. 4), the Los Angeles Times devoted a half page to an article entitled: “Detroit ruled eligible for bankruptcy: A judge says the city may enter [bankruptcy] protection and clears the way for pension cuts, angering unions.” Many pension lawyers contend that a bankruptcy court has no power to reduce public pension benefits, and the employee unions in Detroit are vowing to appeal the court’s decision. Pension law experts are predicting that issues regarding a bankruptcy court’s power to reduce pensions - now raging in several parts of the country - will ultimately be settled in the federal appellate courts, possibly in the United States Supreme Court. Currently, there are two municipal bankruptcy proceedings in California that threaten to reduce pension benefits, one filed by the City of Stockton, and the other by the City of San Bernardino.

If I have you all riled up and worried about your own benefits ….RELAX! The odds of Los Angeles County filing for bankruptcy are next to nothing. County finances are in a very strong condition, the County has always made its retirement contribution to LACERA on time, and LACERA is well funded and extremely well managed. In June of 2012, the County obtained outstanding credit ratings from Fitch Ratings in connection with the issuance of bonds. Fitch noted that “[t]he diversity and maturity of the county’s vast economy and tax base helps offset its cyclical vulnerability,” and that the County’s financial operations “are well managed with strong general fund balances and significant reserves.”

Inside the Newsletter

There is still time to sign up for RELAC’s Annual Recognition Luncheon. The deadline is January 8. The featured speaker is Sheriff Leroy Baca. There will be good food and fine entertainment by the TSA Chorus. All the details and the Reservation Form can be found on page three.

You can be introduced to the newly elected members of the RELAC Board of Directors by turning to page two.

As the Newsletter was going to press we were saddened to learn of the death of Ed Morris. Ed has been a key member of RELAC Board of Directors, especially in his role of our Treasurer. He is widely known among retirees for his career at LACERA as well as his service to RELAC. Sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Pat, and to all of his family. A more complete summary of his service to us all will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

President’s Message continued

I’m excited about all the great activities and initiatives RELAC has on tap during 2014 that are designed to help you enjoy retirement to its fullest, and to make sure our pensions and health benefits are protected. I extend my very best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy 2014.
First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you! From time to time as I’ve attended RELAC’s events I have been asked if LACERA is audited and, if they are, how frequently are audits performed. The answer is yes - LACERA is audited each year by external independent auditors. In addition, to comply with State statute (Government Code Section 31597.1), LACERA staff must file the completed report with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Auditor-Controller prior to October 31st of each year.

Accordingly, LACERA staff filed the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, as performed by Brown Armstrong, CPAs, with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Auditor-Controller prior to October 31, 2013.

Please note: as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 63 the names of LACERA’s Basic Financial Statements changed and are now referred to as the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Position. The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position is a snapshot of account balances at fiscal year end. This statement reflects assets available for future payments to retirees and their beneficiaries and any current liabilities owed at year end.

For your information here are a few of the financial highlights contained in the report:

Net Position Restricted for Benefits, as reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, totaled $41.8 billion, an increase of $3.5 billion or 9.1% from 2012, the prior year total. Additions, as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, were $6.1 billion. This was primarily due to investment earnings and member and employer contributions. Additions totaled $4.8 billion more than the amounts realized in 2012.

Total Deductions, as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, totaled $2.6 billion, an increase of $154 million or 6.3% from 2012. The increase was primarily attributable to the increase in Retiree Payroll.

(Note: Deductions in addition to payment of benefits to members and their beneficiaries include the refund of contributions to terminated employees and the cost of administering the plan.)

The latest actuarial valuation completed by Milliman, Inc., LACERA’s independent actuary, was as of June 30, 2012 and determined the funding status (the ratio of system assets to system liabilities) to be 76.8%. (Note: An actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013 is scheduled to be completed during the first quarter of 2014.)

Vested members (members entitled to future benefits) increased 2.6% from fiscal years ended 2012 to 2013, evidence of a continuing trend of employees increasing their service history to vest in the retirement system thereby securing future benefits. Retired members increased slightly by 2.3% between the two fiscal years ended, possibly indicating employees decided to delay retirement.

Fortunately, the financial markets continue to reward investors. Let’s hope the trend continues and LACERA once again exceeds the actuarial investment return which is 7.50%. According to the latest staff report, the estimated market value of the portfolio as of October 31, 2013 was $44

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RELAC
Annual Recognition Luncheon
January 16, 2014
Almansor Court Alhambra, CA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SHERIFF LEROY BACA

ALSO FEATURED WILL BE THE UPLIFTING VOICES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (TSA) CHORUS

THE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD WILL PRESENT THE FLAGS

All members and their spouses and guests are invited to RELAC’s Annual Recognition Luncheon being held Thursday, January 16, 2014, Almansor Court, 700 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA.

Meal costs are being subsidized 50% by RELAC.

Choice of entrees – Pancetta Oven-Roasted Chicken or Prime Rib of Beef with salad and dessert $15.00 per luncheon ticket - tax and tip included.

No Host Cocktail Hour 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Luncheon and Program 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free Parking

Come make new friends – Have a good time!

RESERVATION FORM
Annual Recognition Luncheon • January 16, 2014 • Almansor Court, Alhambra, CA

Member _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Spouse/Guest ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ________ Zip ___________________________

Guests(s)  _______________________________________________ ____________________________________________

_______________________________________________ ____________________________________________

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

A. Pancetta Oven-Roasted Chicken

Member/Spouse _________ $15.00/ea $_____________

Guest(s) _________ $15.00/ea $_____________

TOTAL A $_____________

B. Prime Rib of Beef

Member/Spouse _________ $15.00/ea $_____________

Guest(s) _________ $15.00/ea $_____________

TOTAL B $_____________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____________

Make check/money order payable to “RELAC” and mail to:
RELAC
1000 So. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2014

We regret we are unable to refund payments on cancellations received after January 13, 2014.
Hello everyone! Even though the 2013 holiday season is over, I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2014.

I am looking forward to another successful year for Recreation Committee activities. We are planning some exciting events for 2014. This year’s RELAC “Day at the Races” event will be held in October 2014 at Santa Anita Racetrack. Since Hollywood Park is no longer operational, I will be looking into the possibility of having a second “Day at the Races” event at Santa Anita as well. The RELAC Night at Dodger Stadium featuring spectacular fireworks will be held in July as usual.

A special thanks goes to Ed Clifton and the RELAC RV Club for inviting me to their annual Christmas Party on December 9, 2013. The company was great, the food was terrific and I had a very enjoyable time. Gil Sandoval, the RELAC Golf Director, is diligently working on 2014 golf tournament dates. Thank you Gil!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our events next year! Look for details about above-mentioned activities and others in upcoming issues of the newsletter and on our website: www/relac.org.
Welcome New Members

Assessor
Lao, Noe
Mora-Williams, Rosa

Auditor-Controller
Mendoza, Antonia
Najarro, Maria

Building & Safety
Arguelles, Kenneth

Building Services
Parrish, Bobbie

Chief Executive Office
Yokomizo, Bryce

Chief Information Office
Baker, Howard

Child Support Services
Chavez, Edward

Children and Family Services
Campos, Christine
Dowd, Fred Jr.
Finley, Joyce
Geaga-Rosenthal, Joselyn
King, Arthur
King, Barbara
Lisk, Elliott
Moore, Velda
Nunley, Madalyn K.
Pommerville, Susan
Thomas, Joseph
Williams, Melba

Communications
Bauman, Doris

Community and Senior Services
Olguin, Carlotta Z.

Coroner
Dersidan, Adrian

County Police
Decker, Brian

District Attorney
Hawks, Catherine
Maurizi, Janice
Sowders, Steven
Welch-Fuller, Carolyn

Fire
Almada, Ricardo

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center
McClown, Gracie
Morrow, Skye

Health Services Admin.
Allmond, Cheri

Health Services
Adams, Patricia A.
Baradaran, Nasser
Burk, Thomas
Carter, Clara
Gayed, Adel
Grayer, Elinor Dunn
Johnson, Theresa H.
Kotzin, Michael
Macias, Maria
Miska, Neith Hetep
Parchman, Ruth
Rigby, Eva
Scavo, Ynonne
Tidwell, Patricia

Internal Services
Blake, Tony
Macias, Jose
McGruden, John W.

LACERA
Manada, Wesley

LAC+USC Medical Center
Boonyanit, Cirila
Floyd, Patricia
Marshall, Claudia
Nguyen, Liem Trong
Smith, Pearl
Tapia, Guadalupe S.

MLK Medical Center
Davis, Nellie

Mechanical
Williams, Junios

Mental Health
Aguebor, Demetris
Atkins-Moringlane, Angerla
Cabrera, Jan
Jones, Slettie

Olive View Hospital
Broughton, Vera M.

Di's, Barbara
Hernandez, Juanita

Parks and Recreation
Johnson, Dolores

Mido, Kiyoshi

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Cova, Clifford
Dederick, Mary
Ferrell, Stephanie
Frierson, Thomas
Johnston, Bruce Wm.
Nasif, Samir
Smith, Beverly
Stephenson, Sadie
Talley, Helen
Thomas, Philip
Veals, Clark
Weiss, Lois

Public Defender
Hernandez, Eduardo

Public Health
Bullock-Lymon, Diane C.
Lopez, Margarita

Public Library
Webb, Dorothy

Public Social Services
Beaver, Doris
Callier-Hurst, Harriet
Carpenter, Marjorie Ann
Franklin, Lennette
Gallego, Gabriel
Gonzalez, Patricia
Hutson, Irene
Lee, Lori
Marquez, Alba
Mayweather, Joyce
Merino, Merino
Nguyen, Uan
Robinson, Cleo
Sanders, Viola Crews

Public Works
Bailey, Eddie
Blake, John A.
Correa, Arturo S.

Johns, Steven
Kalagian, Stephen
Lam, Sharon
Loos, John
Seif, Mike
Tolles, Mike

Registrar Recorder/County Clerk
Barboza, Adela

Thompson, Erwin

Sheriff
Barkis, Karen
Bell, Peter
Bonner, Linda D.
Cassotta, John
Castillo, David
Chatman, James
Cheaney, Joseph
Chong, Pek-Ean
Clay, Geraldine
Cleary, John
Daniels, Jacqueline
Jones, Devery
Leonard, Patrick
Mendez, Guillermo
Moritz, Frank
Postelle, Doris F.
Norenberg, Richard
Paterson, David
Smith, Robert F.

Superior Court
Jackson, Frederick G.
Maloney, Cheri
Peddle, John

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Ford, Josie A.

Weights and Measures
Saiki, Yukiko

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Abe, Esther
Austin, Robert
Bell, Jo Ann
Cole, Joyzelle
Elbayadi, Alice
Elizaga, Recto-Panelo
Espinoza, Santos
Flores-Lopez, Reynalda
Fowler, Leslie
Franklin, Joyce
Gipson, Frank
Gomez, Vilma
Grier, Donna
Gutierrez, Maria
Gutierrez, Virginia
Hornbeak, Darlene
Ignacio, Aurora
Jimenez, Soledad
Johns, Evie
Johnson-Collins, Yvonne
Jordon, Myrna
Justiss, Jacqueline
La Mere, Melanie
Lawrence, Rochelle
Loera, Gil
Lopez, Reynaldo E.
Marie, Lydia
McGowan, Clifford
McIntosh, Stephanie
Miller, Laura
Mitchell, Rita
Parica, Eduardo
Sanchez, Carla
Silva, John
Smith, Dorothy R.
Thomas, Eustace M.
Tolliver, Henry
Tropper, Diane
Valderrama, Lorraine
Viloria, Patricio
Williams, Willie
Accomplishing RELAC’s Membership Goals
by Jason Williams
Chair, Membership/Recruitment Committee

The Membership/Recruitment Committee established a 2013 recruitment goal of 1,000 new members. I am very pleased to report that when the final count is made, after this Newsletter has gone to print, the committee will have achieved or exceeded our recruitment goal! This accomplishment would not have been possible without a two-pronged strategy, carried out over the past 12 months, directed primarily at LA County retirees and at active employees as well:

Retirees – In early October, 2013, RELAC, with the assistance of LACERA and the Pacific Group Agencies, sponsored a special mass mailing to all 58,000 LACERA members. Its purposes were to (1) re-introduce RELAC to all LA County retirees, (2) point out the many economic and social benefits of membership, (3) emphasize that RELAC is the only organization dedicated to safeguarding the promised retirement benefits of LA County retirees and (4) invite retirees to sign up for RELAC membership. We thank both agencies for their excellent cooperation and assistance.

Active (still working) LA County Employees – Over the past year, RELAC was introduced to hundreds of active LA County employees at monthly training seminars and at annual management conferences sponsored by the Los Angeles County Management Council. At each event, I was given a few minutes to speak about what RELAC represents as an important retiree organization, the many benefits we offer and that membership is open to active and retired LA County employees. Over 50 new active members were recruited at these events and we thank the Los Angeles County Management Council for their outstanding support.

I also want to thank the following RELAC Board members, who are members of the Membership/Recruitment Committee, for their outstanding team effort in 2013: Don Fandry, Ed Morris, Alice Prouty, Mary K. Rodriguez, Greg Walia and Board President and ex-officio member, Bill de la Garza!

Reminder: RELAC News Articles appear bi-monthly on LA County CEO’s website @ ceo.lacounty.gov/wpp.

In the September/October 2013 edition of RELAC’s Newsletter, I wrote that news articles, written by and about RELAC, appear on the LA County CEO’s website, shown above. The online publication is called Workplace Connection and is accessible to anyone with a computer or smartphone. Please take a few minutes to check out RELAC’s news articles and while there, check out what’s new with Los Angeles County government!
Golf News

By Gil Sandoval
RELAC Golf Director

Diamond Bar Golf Tournament
December 2, 2013

This was the first tournament that had no female participants. In the “A” flight Mike Haile easily outdistanced Michael Hernandez to win with a net 66, while Michael held off Dave Saavedra by one stroke with a net 74 for 2nd.

The “B” flight was won by Gil Sandoval as he finished strong on the back nine with a net 71. Louis Martinez took 2nd with a net 74 and 3rd was determined by a card off, as Don DeBok finished with a net 79 beating John Wehrly on the card who also finished at net 79.

Terry Black and Roger DeHaan tied in the “C” flight with a net of 79, with Terry winning in a card off. Only one stroke back was Richard Duran who came in 3rd with a net 80.

We are hoping that the ladies turn out for the tournament at Los Amigos Country Club.

The RELAC Golf Committee extends our Best Wishes for this Holiday Season to our readers and their families always!

The next tournament will be held at Los Amigos. We need our members to support our outing so please join us!

Diamond Bar Results:

“A” Flight Winner (19 and Under)

1st Mike Haile (66)
2nd Michael Hernandez (74)
3rd Dave Saavedra (75)

“B” Flight (20-27 Handicaps)

1st Gil Sandoval (71)
2nd Louis Martinez (74)
3rd Don DeBok (79)*

“C” Flight (28 up Handicaps)

1st Terry Black (79)*
2nd Roger DeHaan (79)
3rd Richard Duran (80)

Ladies

1st None (-)
2nd None (-)
3rd None (-)

*Winner in a card off

Closest to the Pin on Par 3’s

Men
# 3 - Mike Barreras
# 9 - Tony Asuncion
#13 - Doug Biro
#17 - Mike Haile

Women
# 3 - No Players
# 9 - No Players
#13 - No Players
#17 - No Players

NOTE: Only ONE GUEST per member. Enclose check for _____ golfers @ $32 per Golfer. Make checks payable to RELAC. Mail entry to RELAC, 1000 So. Fremont Ave., #15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

NEXT TOURNAMENT - Monday, January 27, 2014
Los Amigos Golf Course - 8:00 a.m. Start
Entry Deadline: January 9, 2014
Sheriff’s Roundup Reunion – April 2014

DINOSAURS … We, Class 76, are inviting LASD Academy Classes 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78 and 79 to join us for a Dinner Reunion on April 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Riverside Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV. This event will take place during the LASD Retired Deputy Round Up. The price is $30 per person. We are also trying to contact and locate members of these classes. We need help. Interested members can contact:

Hershel Aron
10813 Dover Creek Avenue
Las Vegas, NV, 89134
Phone: (702) 360-0484
Email: pokey125@cox.net

Richard Byrd
5727 Luther Miles Road
Marion, MD 201838
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Email: upthecrick@aol.com

Attention All RELAC Members!!!

It’s that time of year again. In a gesture of our appreciation for your continued support, all members are eligible for a Special Valentine Drawing of 40 prizes - $25.00 each. To participate, complete the coupon below and mail it to the RELAC Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802. Coupons must be received no later than February 6, 2014.

Valentine Drawing

Name _______________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
City ________________________________________________________
State _______________ Zip _______________________________

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Los Angeles County Marshal’s Office
2014 Retired Employees Luncheon Schedule

January 8, 2014
Hoff’s Hut
7005 Knot Avenue, Buena Park

February 5, 2014
Matt Denny’s
145 East Huntington Drive, Arcadia

March 5, 2014
Marino’s Italian Restaurant
17126 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower

April 2, 2014
Villa Tepeyac Mexican Restaurant
2200 East Garvey Blvd., West Covina

May 7, 2014
North Woods Inn
14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada

June 4, 2014
Yang Chow Chinese Restaurant
3777 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

July 2, 2014
Beachwood Brewery BBQ Restaurant
210 East 3rd Street, Long Beach

August 6, 2014
Elephant Bar
12002 Lakewood Blvd., Downey

September 3, 2014
Matt Denny’s
145 East Huntington Drive, Arcadia

October 1, 2014
Marino’s Italian Restaurant
17126 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower

November 5, 2014
North Woods Inn
14305 Firestone Blvd., La Mirada

December 3, 2014
Villa Tepeyac Mexican Restaurant
2200 East Garvey Blvd., West Covina
HAPPY NEW YEAR – I survived the busy holidays!! RELAC has an exciting year planned for you. I hope you are able to attend all or at least one of our events this year. We enjoy visiting with each of you and appreciate your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON – JANUARY 16, 2014
Our Recognition Luncheon is one of the highlights of the year. Our 2014 Board Officers, as well as our newly elected Board Members, will be introduced. We also take this opportunity to recognize our volunteers who take time out of their busy schedule to organize many of our events, namely, our golf tournaments and RV outings. This year RELAC is honored to have Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, as our keynote speaker. Gregg Rademacher, LACERA Chief Executive Officer, will briefly report on the status of LACERA. As in past years, the LA County Sheriff’s Department’s Color Guard will present the flags while the TSA Chorus leads us in the singing of the National Anthem. Please plan to attend.

The menu, additional details and reservation form is provided. Luncheon tickets are only $15.00 per person, same price as last year. Deadline to send in your reservations is January 8, 2014. RELAC regrets we are unable to refund payments received after January 13, 2014.

PALMDALE/LANCASTER LUNCHEON MEETING – March 31, 2014
This meeting will be held at the Palmdale Moose Lodge, 3101 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550-4224. Mr. Norm Hickling, Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, has agreed to welcome our group and briefly report on the status of LA County and the local communities. Mr. Rob Hill, LACERA Executive Assistant, will be our featured speaker and will report on the status of LACERA. Three Roses will once again cater the event (yum, yum). To encourage your attendance, RELAC has kept the cost the same as last year – only $10.00 per person. Yes we will have door prizes! A meeting isn’t a meeting without door prizes. Perhaps you will be the lucky holder of a winning raffle ticket. Please plan to attend and visit with your neighbors and catch up with co-workers of years past. Be sure to look for the reservation form in the adjoining column. The reservation deadline is March 20, 2014.

The committee is considering holding a meeting in either May or June in Temecula or Rancho Cucamonga. Final details will be included in the next issue of our newsletter. The committee is interested in your suggestions. Please call the RELAC office with your recommendations. We'd love to hear from you. Thank you for your past and continued support.
Attendees being entertained by Jennifer and Bill Hyland Band at December 10, 2013 General Membership Meeting

William Siefke, Great Western Tours explaining tour program - another benefit of RELAC membership at December 10, 2013 General Membership Meeting

Scenes from Carson Holiday Meeting
Photos by Jason Williams

Door prize Winner - Sandy Andrew (Gift Card) at December General Membership Meeting

Door Prize Winner - Debbie Tillman (See’s Candy) at December 10, 2013 General Membership Meeting

A RELAC discount will be deducted from all tour prices featured on this page
All prices reflect a discount for check and include applicable port fees, government taxes, fuel surcharges and are per person, twin sharing. Single rates are available. CA Seller of Travel #1019830-40
Things at LACERA are going well. Our Communications team is putting the finishing touches on our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). These annual reports detail how LACERA did financially for the fiscal year ending in June 2013. I’m pleased to report that LACERA had a good year with an overall return of 12.1%. I thought it would be great to start your year off by letting you know that LACERA is healthy and we are well prepared to continue to fulfill our mission to pay the promised benefit to you throughout your retirement and that we will be here to care for your survivors. If you would like a copy of the CAFR they will be available online by January 2014. A copy of the PAFR will be mailed to you with the December editions of LACERA’s newsletter.

Since I’m writing this for the January / February issue it is time for my annual reminder that we will be mailing out the 2013 1099-R on January 30th. Please allow five to ten business days for the mail to reach you. You may know this already but we also make the 1099-R available to you on our member only section of lacera.com – My LACERA. It does take us a week or so to get all the 1099-R imaged, but usually by mid-February you can log into My LACERA and print a copy if you need one. This is often quicker than calling and asking us for a copy – of course you can still do that any time.

This is also a good time of year to look over your information and make sure everything is up to date. LACERA now allows you to change your address, direct deposit, and your tax withholding instructions on line. I also encourage everyone to look at their beneficiary designations and make sure they are up to date and reflect your wishes. When checking your beneficiary designations please be sure to keep us informed of any address or phone number changes for your beneficiaries.

As always it is a pleasure to serve you. Until we chat again I wish each of you the best health, happiness, and as much fun as you can get as you enjoy your retirement.

Twelve rigs had an enjoyable outing at the Shadow Hills RV Resort in Indio. Although the weather was rather warm (into the low 90’s), if you stayed out of the direct sunlight it really was not too bad. As a result, everyone was gathered together under awnings to stay out of the sun, where, with a light breeze blowing, it was at least bearable. The good thing was it did cool down at dusk so we were able to sleep without the air conditioner running all night.

Our Wagonmasters, Ron and Betsy Morgan, did a great job. As always, the Wagonmasters have a lot of volunteers who are more than willing to help out in any way they can. We had a new couple, Diana and Alfonso Medina, join us for this outing. We hope that they continue to join us in the future. A lot of good food was enjoyed at our Tuesday evening potluck and the winner of the gas card drawing was yours truly, Ed Clifton. So, thanks to RELAC for their generous donation. Our ladies night out was enjoyed at The Firehouse Grill, a local restaurant.

While we were in Indio, one of our couples who have been in a long term (40 year) relationship were finally able to be married. Congratulations Fred and Randy on your commitment to each other.

Following is a list of outings that we have scheduled for the coming year. Following those will be the coupon for our March campout in Banning.

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| DATES: | March 24-25-26 - Early Day March 23, 2014 |

| Names: | (Last) (Retiree) (Spouse) |
| Address: | (No.) (Street) |
| City: | (State) (Zip) |
| Telephone: | (State) |

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2014

Cost: $93.00 for three days; $30.00 for each additional day = $123.00 for four days
BOOK EARLY DAY THROUGH WAGONMASTER
Make Checks payable to Fred Weinberg and mail to:
Fred Weinberg
1636 Fairway Oaks Avenue
Banning, CA 92220
Phone: (951) 797-0377

Motor Home ________ Trailer ________ Length ________
Letters
To The Editor

It is a privilege and honor to continue my membership in RELAC after the passing of my husband, Dale Gregory. I hope to hear from some of the people he had worked with.
Ladora Gregory
Lansford, ND

I invited my twin daughters to celebrate their 48th birthday with me at RELAC’s “Day at the Races” held at Santa Anita Park. We could not believe what wonderful a time we had and some of us even won some money. It was a pleasure from the beginning with valet parking to the 5th Floor where the buffet was awesome. Our servers were so accommodating, including the man who helped us learn how to bet. These are just a few of the marvelous things that made our day fabulous. We will be back again next year. Thank you and I pray God blesses you all at RELAC!
Mary Ann Freeland
Wrightwood, CA

Always love the great customer service. Keep up the good work. The letter openers are very needed for all the donation solicitations I receive daily. You are the Best!
Toni Coleman
Inglewood, CA

When this 93 old reader got his RELAC Newsletter, he turns to the back page obits. Under “Department not Designated” he sees his old friend Arthur Swajian listed. I remember Art. He resigned from the Office of County Engineer. His last day was on a Friday in 1949. When we came to work on the following summer Monday morning, there was a revolting stink in our office coming from his desk. I recalled walking with Art over to the Central Market where he bought a fish. Apparently he had forgotten to take it home with him. Arthur Swajian went on in a long career as Chief Engineer for the Coachella Water District. Rest in peace, Art.
Robert A. Johnson
Houston, TX

Dear Editor and RELAC friends. I am sorry it has taken so long to thank you for the lovely birthday card and warm wishes. I am legally blind and live alone so it is a struggle to stay in touch by mail. It would be nice if I could reach you by phone now and then – just to say hello. Please forgive my writing. Hey! I do pretty well for a blind person; don’t you think? Again, thanks for your warm wishes.
Lois Gourley
Long Beach, CA

Thank you so much for the 2014-15 calendar – arrived today. I certainly use each one and the 18-month duration is especially helpful. No, they are not entirely filled with doctor’s appointments! You do so much for us in these chaotic times. Thank you again and God bless.
Marian Cosner
Bend, OR

I wish to thank you for the pocket calendar for 2014-15. I have received them since my retirement from Olive View Hospital and use them all the time. I also enjoy all the get-togethers during the year. Thank you for everything.
Naomi Adams-Worlund
Northridge, CA

Dear President de la Garza and staff. Thank you all for RELAC and for the great pocket calendar. It arrived yesterday and the timing was perfect as I have several dates for 2014 to put down. I am so glad to be a Los Angeles County retiree at age 87 and my husband at 93. We enjoy the offerings very much.
Patricia Weimer
Torrance, CA

Thank you so much for my birthday card. I did celebrate my 92nd birthday on November 15, 2013. I thank God every day for blessing me with good health and, if I don’t feel well, I thank God that it is me and not someone else.
Maurine Blakely
Glendale, CA

Thank you for my pocket calendar. I use it regularly. Luckily I don’t need it too often for doctor’s appointments. I do volunteer locally, but too far from Los Angeles, and I am 89 years young. Happy Holidays!
Lini Bennett
Fallbrook, CA

Thanks to Diana and her outreach group for sending the birthday card. It is nice to be remembered. Thank you RELAC officers for giving your time and knowhow so the rest of us retirees can benefit. I had hoped to attend the meeting in Carson during December but I will be on my way to the Panama Canal. May God bless and keep you all safe. Happy Holidays!
Jeanette Hays
Harbor City, CA

Thank you for the letter opener and calendar – also for the many benefits RELAC provides to its members.
Patricia Bridges
Burbank, CA

Dear Bill de la Garza and Board of Directors. Thank you for the pocket calendar for 2014-2015. I appreciate the gift and use them each year.
Ellen Smith
Livermore, CA

I do appreciate your lovely card and wishes on my 98th Birthday. RELAC has always remembered and I thank you.
Evelyn Lee
Ventura, CA

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Please send me future issues by email. I can change back to printed copies at any time.

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The above photo (Fandry, Harris and Knabe) was taken at the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by Supervisor Don Knabe which was held on November 15, 2013 at the Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. RELAC was a Silver Sponsor. Fandry submitted the photo for the Newsletter.
## IN MEMORIAM

This list includes retired employees, both RELAC members and non-members.

### Agricultural Comm. /Wts. & Measures
- Records, Howard
- Sawyer, Jeanne

### Alternate Public Defender
- Hawkins, James

### Assessor
- Castaneda, Antoinette
- Lynch, John
- Peterson, Mary
- Ratner, Martin

### Animal Control
- O’Leary, James

### Auditor-Controller
- McCauley, J. T.
- Toyoda, Mary

### Chief Executive Office
- Davis, Hendryx

### Chief Information Office
- Barnes, Gwendolyn

### Children & Family Services
- Beal, Helen
- Elders, James
- Garrity, Michael
- Mosby, Helen
- Oliver, John
- Wood, Carole

### Children Support Services
- Smuckler, Alayne

### Community & Senior Services
- Anderson, Gene
- Masuda, Shiro

### County Counsel
- Clanton, Annie

### District Attorney
- Acuna, Alberta
- Jarvis, Camie

### Engineer
- Egdal, Daniel
- Grass, Jay
- Toubes, Judith

### Fire
- Ball, Theodore
- Biggs, Stephen
- Clensay, Arthur
- Doezie, Robert
- Dunlap, Robert
- Ewing, Clyde
- Green, Lawrence
- Gordon, Ronald
- Kinney, Emmett
- Leonardo, Peter
- Rehm, Harold
- Salisbury, John
- Spendlove, Joseph

### Harbor/UCLA Medical Center
- Avelar, Mary
- Floyd, Joyce
- Newman, Jacqueline
- Payton, Arlester
- Williams, Barbara

### Health Services
- Byers, Jean
- Cardona, Nellie
- Denney, John
- Guzman, Francisco
- Okamoto, Mitsuko
- Swinford, Myrtle

### Internal Services
- Baker, Oleta
- Barrow, Frank
- Breckenridge, William
- Butler, Martina
- Brewer, Alfonza
- Hsu, Frank

### King/Drew Medical Center
- Burris, Norma
- Ellis, Judith
- Frayer, Louis
- Laffitte, Thelma
- Moore, Barbara

### LAC+USC Medical Center
- Asignacion, Rafael
- Austin, Lavon
- Bullard, Mary
- Cervantes, Filiberto
- Chavez, Lupe
- Cobian, Maria Angele
- Cooper, David
- Dixon, Fred
- Dominguez, Juan
- Frausto, Valentina
- Grant, Jerome
- Grunberg, Steven
- Henderson, Barbara
- Hines, Howard
- Jefferson, Wesley
- Lewis, Mable
- Lopez, Irma
- Pearce, Rosemary
- Ramirez, Anita
- Robinson, Beverly
- Roussell, Marta
- Simon, Selma
- Tapia, Betty
- Tipayakesorn, Songsiri
- Tseng, Peter
- Tucker, Bernice

### Van Dorn, George
- Wilkins, Mattie
- Williams, Jessie

### LACERA
- Campbell, Margarete

### Mechanical
- Miller, Homer

### Mental Health
- Ball, B.
- Dickson, Malcolm
- Gensler, Laurette
- Loud, Lance
- Middleton, Jean
- Morgan, Sally
- Toomer, Bertha

### Museum of Art
- Fergerson, Cecil

### Museum of Natural History
- Janeck, Robert
- Van Allyn, Keith

### Olive View/UCLA Hospital
- Herbert, Florence
- Ozuna, Isabelle
- Schaffner, Lawrence
- Terry, Dorothy

### Parks & Recreation
- Clements, Alphonzo
- Hayashi, Yoichi
- Rodriguez, Augustine

### Probation
- Bruce, Marcia
- Chandler, Howard
- Crowe, Victor
- Cubero, Nicholas
- Feliciano, Marquetto
- Hall, Hilda
- Jones, Sarah
- Melton III, James
- Nunez, Gilbert
- Paroline, Arnold
- Tigner, George

### Public Defender
- Greiner, Robert

### Public Health Program
- Farjadi, Mohammad
- Huening, Madeline
- Liebross, Joseph
- Mauck, Ina
- Rhone-Popper, Elizabeth
- Romero, Marcus
- Sampson, Carlos
- Van Dorn, Mary
- Welsh, Gladys
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| Martin, Beverly               |                                            |
| Walker, Penelope              |                                            |

| Treasurer and Tax Collector    |                                            |
| Thomas, Aaron                 |                                            |
| Tilley, Helen                 |                                            |
| Ulen, George Ann              |                                            |

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| Ballinger, Theodore            |                                            |
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FRED MILLER

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of former RELAC Board member and good friend and colleague, Fred Miller. Fred retired from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in 1985 after 29 years of service as an engineer and served with distinction on the RELAC Board of Directors for 14 years. He was the Chair of the Program and Regional Support Committees and responsible for planning our General Membership Meetings held throughout the County. He also served on the Recreation, Legislation, Newsletter, Investments and Special Events Committees. Soft spoken but articulate, Fred always brought a smile and reason to the table. His attention to detail and promptness in completing tasks was the hallmark of his work ethic.

We extend our condolences to his wife, Doris, his daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Steve Tortolani, and his three grandchildren. Fred will be missed but not forgotten.

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Dear friends at RELAC. Thank you so much for taking the time to remember an old retiree. I am doing well at 93 years old – thank God! RELAC is always very helpful and nice and understanding. Best wishes to you all.

Xuan Can Nguyen-Phuc
Signal Hill, CA

I do appreciate your lovely card and wishes on my 98th birthday. RELAC always has remembered and I do thank you.

Evelyn Lee
Ventura, CA
General Membership Meeting
Mary K. Rodriguez, Chair, Program Committee

Tuesday, April 3, 2014
Cerritos Park East Community Center
13234 East 166th Street, Cerritos, CA 90703
(1/4 mile east of Shoemaker Avenue)
Phone (562) 407 - 2611

9:00 a.m. - Complimentary Refreshments
10:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins

Speaker to be Announced
Retiree Information from LACERA & RELAC

Door Prizes
Please bring your RELAC Membership Card

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:
From the 605 San Gabriel Fwy. going either
North or South – exit at Alondra Boulevard.
Proceed East to Shoemaker Avenue; take
Shoemaker Avenue to 166th Street; turn left
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