



60 Years of Dedicated Service to L.A. County Retirees

RELAC newsletter

Your Pension and Health Care Watchdog

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President's Message

by Dave Muir



I'm so proud of the members of our Board of Directors. Their enthusiasm and activism are impressive. Our new Community Support Committee, led by RELAC Director Linda Hopkins, is working on several new initiatives that will provide our members with opportunities for volunteerism, charitable giving and community support.

An example of our new direction in community support is our participation in March for Babies, sponsored by the March of Dimes. RELAC Director Evelyn Gutierrez is coordinating the creation of the RELAC marching team. This important fundraiser will help raise money for needed research and enhanced medical care for premature babies. Those joining in the march will raise funds for research to find solutions to the biggest health threats. We will be supporting moms through every stage of their pregnancy journey.

I urge as many of our members as possible to join our RELAC marching team on Saturday, April 28, at 8:30 a.m. when we will walk a distance of three miles. You will help ensure that all premature babies have an opportunity to live a long and healthy life. Registration is at 6:30 a.m. We need your help to reach our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Additional information is provided in the article on this page.

The Community Support Committee has also launched a year-long RELAC toy donation drive in support of the County Department of Public Social Services' Toy Loan Program. This program provides toys for children to borrow from a local center. Returning toys on time and in good condition builds responsibility and self-esteem. The bonus is that after a number of toy loans, children may select a toy they can keep. RELAC members are encouraged to drop off a toy at a center near their home or at our RELAC office. To locate a toy loan center near you, go online to www.dpss.lacounty.gov/toy-loan.

Watch our newsletters for new volunteer opportunities, such as a food drive at Thanksgiving and book donations to local libraries, both under consideration by our busy Community Support Committee.

Thanks to all our readers for your membership and support, and a special thank you to the 500 retirees who recently became RELAC members.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT KEEPS RELAC STRONG AS YOUR PENSION AND HEALTH CARE WATCHDOG.

Former Assessor Kenneth P. Hahn Dies

by Judy Hammond, Newsletter Editor

Former County Assessor Kenneth P. Hahn died Jan. 27 at the age of 78, two months after suffering a serious stroke.

Hahn was assessor from 1990-2000, resigning midway into his third term due to health reasons. The Board of Supervisors selected one of his assistants, Rick Auerbach, as his replacement.



Hahn was the first person to unseat a sitting Los Angeles County assessor (John Lynch). He had worked 10 years in the Assessor's Office answering public complaints and was unhappy with the direction of the office under Lynch, so decided to run against him – as did six other candidates – though never expected to win. Having the same name as the popular county supervisor was widely credited for his initial success since he was a low-level staffer and a political novice with no fundraising experience or connections before forcing Lynch into a run-off.

Hahn was one of the County's first (if not the first) openly gay elected officials, though he tended to keep his personal life private. He told the L.A. Times at the time that he wanted "to be treated like any other elected official. My sexual orientation has nothing to do with my job... I've never been a gay candidate, just a candidate who happened to be gay."

"He was a very down-to-earth guy and was approachable and humble," said current Assessor Jeffrey Prang. "It was my honor to work as a special assistant to Assessor Hahn early during his first term, during which time I observed his devotion for public service. He worked tirelessly to improve services for Los Angeles County property owners."

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RELAC Members Invited to March for Babies

We invite you to join RELAC and L.A. County employees at Exposition Park in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 28 as we "March for Babies" to raise money for research and medical care.

March for Babies is a charitable walking event sponsored by the March of Dimes. RELAC is proud to join L.A. County as an official team for our first annual walk. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.

Co-captains Linda C. Hopkins and Brian Berger of RELAC's Community Support Committee, joined by President Dave Muir, will head our County Retiree Team as we walk with other County departmental employees to help premature babies lead a healthy life.

The walk begins at 8:30 a.m., with registration at 6:30 a.m. RELAC walkers will receive a March for Babies T-shirt when they register. Exposition Park is at 700 Exposition Park Drive. To park, enter Hoover

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News From LACERA

by JJ Popowich
Assistant Executive Officer



I would like to thank the RELAC Board for inviting us to the annual Recognition Luncheon. It's a highlight of my year to come out and be surrounded by our members, celebrating another year together and enjoying the TSA Choir. You are why we do everything we do and I truly appreciate spending that time with you.

This is our busiest time of year at LACERA. January is in the middle of the annual March Madness retirement season. That's the time of year when most people call and visit LACERA to retire. Members like to retire on or before March 31 so they can qualify for any cost of living adjustments (COLAs) that become available on April 1.

It's also the time of year when our Retiree Health Care Division sends out the annual Medicare Part B reimbursement notices. These letters ask those members who are enrolled in Medicare Part A and B, or a LACERA – administered Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan or Medicare supplement plan to provide us with a copy of the 2018 Social Security Part B premium verification that shows how much they will pay in Part B premiums. This helps LACERA ensure our members get the full monthly reimbursement amount to which they are entitled.

Each year we also have a number of members contact LACERA for copies of their 1099-R (even though we mail them to the address on file by the end of January). We are always happy to send out copies of the 1099-R, but did you know you can also log on to the My LACERA section of lacea.com and print them out. They are located under the "My Payments" section of My LACERA. The IRS just released the new 2018 tax tables so we also expect an influx in members calling to change their tax elections based on the federal tax legislation passed last year.

All of these things lead to an increase in call volume and foot traffic, which can result in longer wait times. Last week I had a conversation with a very nice retiree who was frustrated with the long wait. I certainly understand how he felt and I let him know I would be frustrated too. I also let him know we are continually trying to do everything we can to reduce the wait time during this time of year.

Just what do we do to try to provide the best service possible? For starters, each year we take a fresh look at the types of notifications that we send to members to try to make them easy to understand. If we do our job right, many members may not have to contact us at all.

We also work with our staff to try to schedule as many member services and retiree health care specialists as possible during peak times. We are fortunate to have wonderful staff that are dedicated and truly want to help our members – so they are pretty flexible as we move schedules around to fit the volume. We often play special notices on the phone when members call to provide them with answers to their questions in the hopes they won't have to wait to speak to a specialist or to at least explain why the wait is so long.

We also make sure we have leads available to assist staff with questions so that we can move the calls along as quickly as possible and still provide the world class service you expect from LACERA.

This year we are testing a new call-back feature that allows members to request a call back later in the evening when it's not so busy. This is the second time we've tested this feature out and we are close to getting it to the way we want it to work. I have high hopes for this new feature and I look forward to getting it up and running on a permanent basis.

However, despite all our best efforts, it can get extremely busy and the wait times may be longer. If you happened to have experienced that problem, please accept our apologies. I promise each year we take stock of how things went, what worked and what didn't work and refine our plans for the next year.

Retirement Board

by Les Robbins
Retiree Representative
LACERA Board of Retirement



April 1 is always a special time for us retirees because it is the effective date of our annual cost of living allowance, or COLA. For quite a few years now the inflation rate that we must use in calculating our annual cost of living allowance has been around 2% or lower. Because of this, none of the people who are in Plan A have been getting the 3% maximum that is allowed by our pension law. Well, this year that will change and because the cost of living increased by 3.61% and because we round off to the nearest one half percent, those in Plan A will get the full 3% COLA. Also, those in Plan A will get .5% added to their COLA bank that they can use in future times if and when the cost of living drops below 3%.

For those of you who are in Safety Plans B and C or General Plans B, C, D, G, and E, you will get your full 2% and you will have 1.5% added to your COLA banks.

If you are a RELAC member it is very likely that you have already been confronted with the decision of what to do when you turn 65 and are faced with the Medicare enrollment decision. I probably get more e-mails and telephone calls on this one single subject than I do on anything else. As County retirees, many of us have a choice of whether or not to enroll in Medicare as it is not mandatory that we do so if we are eligible. Remember that if you are not eligible yourself and your spouse is then you become eligible via an eligible spouse. LACERA tries its best to give all of the information that is necessary for our retirees when the decision-making time comes. What LACERA does not do is make recommendations to retirees as that is not really the role of the LACERA staff. Unfortunately, those at the Social Security Administration are not the easiest people to communicate with and getting information from them is much more difficult than it is getting information from LACERA. Having said all of this, it is still a very personal decision, one that has to be made considering a myriad of things that run the gamut from where you will live in retirement to the condition of your health.

If you are one of the retirees who is enrolled in Kaiser Permanente, your decision to move to Senior Advantage is almost a no-brainer. If you are one of the retirees who is enrolled in our indemnity plan under Anthem Blue Cross, your decision to enroll in Medicare becomes a little more complicated. It is important to remember that your Medicare Part B premiums are now based on your income in retirement and over the last few years this has become a significant issue to consider when enrolling in Anthem Blue Cross III. If you are enrolled in Medicare, the County of Los Angeles will reimburse the Part B premiums up to a limit of about \$132 per month. If your income in retirement exceeds \$88,000 per year, and that's all sources of income not just your pension, your Part B premium is means adjusted, which means it goes up. The retiree has to pay the difference between the county reimbursement and what your actual part B premium is. Food for thought!

RELAC Annual Report of Assets, Liabilities, Revenue Expense

I. Changes in Assets & Liabilities 2017 vs 2016

ASSETS	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Checking Account	65,291.00	27,226.37
Money Market Account	130,942.00	123,651.63
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Other Assets	8,945.00	4,180.80
Security Deposit	2,591.00	2,590.50
Office Equipment-Less Depreciation	5,956.00	8,839.06
Litigation Reserve	1,216,435.00	1,002,776.85
Total Assets	1,430,360.00	1,169,465.21

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Current Liabilities	431.00	37.50
Retained Earnings	1,164,267.00	1,051,550.54
Less Net Income	265,662.00	117,877.17
Total Equity	1,430,360.00	1,169,465.21
Total Liabilities & Equity	1,430,360.00	1,169,465.21

II. Operating Results

REVENUE	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Member Dues	404,501.00	420,133.50
Investment Income	12,329.00 (1)	10,756.85 (1)
Miscellaneous Income	2,932.00	35,454.00
Member Events & Misc.	22,630.00	29,255.30
Interest	5,096.00	4,438.51
Total Revenue	447,488.00	500,038.16

EXPENSE	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Office Expense	99,773.00 (2)	99,553.69 (2)
Personnel & Payroll	87,764.00 (3)	84,644.79 (3)
Board of Directors Meetings & Expenses	9,087.00	10,008.27
Committee Meetings & Expenses	7,328.00	5,776.78
Membership & Conferences	7,393.00	7,643.10
Insurance	2,969.00 (4)	2,528.00 (4)
Membership Meetings	8,097.00	28,194.36
Membership Benefits & Promotions	69,337.00	63,737.60
Elections	4,484.00	-
Newsletter	56,696.00	70,746.89
Website	2,159.00	4,680.00
Investment Expense	260.00	42.76
Total Expense	355,347.00	377,556.24

Notes:

- 1) Litigation Reserve is invested in a diversified portfolio pursuant to RELAC's Investment policy approved by the Board of Directors with the assistance of Morgan Stanley, RELAC's investment advisor.
- 2) Office Expenses include bookkeeping and auditing, rent, services and supplies, payroll processing and postage.
- 3) Personnel and payroll includes office manager and two clerical personnel with a four day workweek.
- 4) Insurance includes liability and directors & officers

Treasurer's Certification: I, Greg Walia, hereby certify that this report was prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation. An annual financial review is performed by a certified outside agency.



New RELAC Committee Chairs Appointed

RELAC President Dave Muir has named, and the Board of Directors has approved, the new committee chairs for 2018.

They are:

Benefits, Linda C. Hopkins. **Budget**, Greg Walia. **Bylaws/Nominations/Elections**, Dave Muir. **Community Support**, Linda C. Hopkins. **Investments**, Greg Walia. **Legislation**, Les Robbins. **Membership/Recruitment/Marketing**, J.P. Harris. **Newsletter**, Bill de la Garza.

Office Management, Greg Walia. **Outreach**, Alice Prouty. **Program**, Mary K. Rodriguez. **Recreation**, Mary K. Rodriguez. **Recreation/ Golf Subcommittee**, Gil Sandoval. **Regional Support/ Special Events**, Evelyn Gutierrez. **Website/E-mail Advisor**, Judy Hammond. **Ad Hoc CRCEA Conference** (April 2021), Evelyn Gutierrez.

SAVE THE DATE:

Night at Dodger Stadium – Aug. 24

Plan to attend RELAC's annual Night at Dodger Stadium, which will be held on Aug. 24 this year and will, of course, feature a spectacular fireworks display. The Dodgers will be playing the San Diego Padres. Look for ticket price and other details in the May/June newsletter. We will also put information on our website at www.relac.org as soon as details are finalized. We had a great turnout in 2017 and look forward to another great event this year.

March for Babies (continued from p.1)

at MLK Boulevard. Parking costs \$15 per vehicle, cash only. We encourage carpooling or public transit.

Please join us as a walker or to cheer for our team. We will also have a booth, so please stop by and help us raise additional money on-site or volunteer to help staff the booth.

If you are unable to join us at Exposition Park, you can host your own fundraiser (such as a bake sale, yard sale or neighborhood donations). Mail your check, payable to March of Dimes, to the RELAC office, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803 by May 1. Please note "For MFB-RELAC Team" on the lower left corner of the check.

If you wish to donate online, visit www.marchforbabies.org/team/RELAC and donate to our RELAC team or log on as a RELAC team member. You can also visit our website at www.relac.org for more information, or contact us at (800) 537-3522 or (626) 308-0532.



Letters To The Editor

Write On!

I'm writing to express my thanks to Harry and Jan Hufford for their great story about the wildfires (Jan./Feb. issue). It's good to know they got through it safely and their home was saved. I don't know anyone personally who was affected by the fires so directly. Their detailed description of events over those 10 days was riveting. I am only one of many who hold Harry and Jan in high regard, and I'm very happy to know they are safe.

David Flint, Irvine, California

Thank you for the article on the Huffords. My father worked for Harry Hufford in the Chief Administrative Office. I am so glad that their home was spared from the awful fire. They were very lucky.

Patricia Blinn, Santa Fe Springs, California

Dear Ms. Eskander, Outreach Committee: Thank you for my 92nd birthday card last August and for the card and treat sent for the holidays. I would also like to thank the RELAC officers and staff for all the fine work they continue to do on behalf of us members.

Eva Balto, Studio City, CA

Thank you for all you do for us retirees. I appreciate the RELAC newsletter and like the elected officers for 2018. I turned 100 years old on Oct. 13. Wish I had my old job with Animal Control.

Kenneth Liljeberg, Bemidji, Minnesota

I was born on Aug. 31, 1924, making me 93. I retired in 1983 after putting in 37 years with L.A. County, most of which was in the Flood Control District. Thanks to Alice Prouty for her recent newsletter article regarding the Outreach Committee. Keep up the good work and thank you for all you do for all of us!

William K. Challoner, Covina, California

Thank you so much for the handy pocket book. I will put it to good use. And, also for the RELAC newsletter. It keeps all of us retirees informed on our pension and health care benefits and other news. I feel truly blessed to be a County retiree. My sincere appreciation for all you do to keep us up-to-date throughout the year. Best wishes to all of you for a successful New Year!

Linda Campos, Downey, California

Thank you so much for the Christmas card and magnifier. It is a warm and personal touch to be remembered at this age of 92. Your birthday card, a little early, is also very much appreciated. My birthday is in September, when I will be 93. Your article and photos in the January/February newsletter made it possible to see the person who wrote the cards. Best wishes to all of you!

Ilse Kraemer, Dana Point, California

Thanks for the Valentine drawings for us retirees. We look forward to reading the RELAC newsletter. I have been retired since Jan. 31, 1993, volunteer at the Laughlin Food Bank, church and love to golf. I married for the second time in 1990 and together we have six children, 14 grandkids and two great-grandkids.

Arleen McDonald, Bullhead City, Arizona

Thank you, RELAC, for all the great service you offer us retirees, such as the 18-month calendar, your newsletter and ongoing efforts that keep us informed on critical issues. You do a wonderful job.

Mary J. Tynan, Redlands, California

Thank you for all your work and the newsletter. I appreciate the 2018 pocket calendar.

Joseph G. Salinas, Rowland Heights, California

Sincerest thanks for thinking of me during the recent holiday season. The magnifier is appreciated as I have noticed my vision needs a little help at times. I celebrated my 90th birthday on July 31, 2017 with family and friends in my home town, to which I returned after moving away over 60 years ago. I moved from L.A. to Las Vegas with my late husband, Howard, in 1990 and moved back to Springfield, Missouri in June 2017. Keep up the good work, RELAC.

Marilyn Fisher, Springfield, Missouri

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card. It was great to be remembered.

Carmen Lozano, Temple City, California

How nice of you to take the time to remember us "old timers" with your Christmas card and magnifier. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Happy New Year!

Joyce Walters, Claremont, California

Thank you for the 2018-2019 pocket calendar. I use it all the time. At my age, I need all the little reminders, even if I am in good health and sound mind. It is greatly appreciated.

Lini Bennett, Fallbrook, California

Many thanks for the 2018 pocket calendar. I am updating my many future dates and I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate it.

Florence Straight, Elkton, Oregon

Thank you so much for the pretty pocket calendar for 2018. I like the fact that it goes through to June of the following year as it is easy to schedule appointments way ahead. Thank you for the magnifier as well. This item helps me while reading and is easy to carry in my purse.

Pauline M. Wihlborg, Tujunga, California

Thank you, Board of Directors, for my pocket calendar as it is handy, useful and is faster than having to click on my cell phone.

Olga Lederer, Covina, California

President Dave Muir and Board of Directors. Sincere thanks for the 2018-2019 pocket calendar.

Elaine T. Webb, Compton, California

Thank you for my birthday card, Christmas card and magnifying glass. I also appreciate the pocket calendar.

Yuk Jun Joseph, Honolulu, Hawaii

Thank you for the very nice card. That was very thoughtful of you. May you all have a Happy New Year!

Anne Motoyoshi, Redondo Beach, California

Thank you for the magnifying glass. I can sure use it as at 97 my eyesight is going. RELAC and L.A. County sure take good care of their retirees. I am so grateful.

Alberta Rich, California, Missouri

Thanks to your Outreach Committee for the beautiful Christmas card featuring a Thomas Kinkade painting.

Natalie Scotton, Sherman Oaks, California

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas card and enclosure. I appreciate you remembering me. Your card brought good cheer and I am sure you have done the same for other retirees. Thank you, thank you so very much. God bless you all.

Haig Kechejian, Santa Barbara, California

Thank you so much for remembering birthdays, especially one who has reached 97 years old. I wish all of you the very best of everything. Stay young, happy and well! I will try to do the same. Thank you lots!

Ruby Nomura, Los Angeles, California

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Golf News

by Gil Sandoval

RELAC Golf Director



LOS AMIGOS GOLF TOURNAMENT – JAN. 29, 2018

The day was very hot, but we all enjoyed the day as the winds were more manageable than the last tournament, making golf more fun. Again, the best group of players were in the "B" flight as Eddie Otero had the best net round of the day to win with a net 66. Don Hughes and Jim Noyes were close behind, Don taking second at net 68 and Jim third with a net 69 (won in a card off with Robert Prince, who also scored a net 69).

John Madrid, also playing well, won the "A" flight with a net 68. Following John were Michael Hernandez in second place with a net 71 and Dave Runke only one back at net 72 for third. The "A" flight played substantially better than it did at Knollwood.

The "C" flight was a repeat win for Richard Duran as his net 67 was the second lowest round of the day. He had a very good day as second place finisher was Frank Martinez at net 79. Art Moronez won third place in a card off with Bob Kroll as they both had net 81.

Cari DeBie won the ladies flight over her mother, Charlene, with a net 89. Charlene DeBie's net 100 was good for second place. These were the only women playing. Unfortunately the women missed all the par 3 greens, so I will adjust the tee for easier access next time. Ladies, please join us as we need your participation!

The next tournament is at La Mirada Golf Course on March 26 at our normal 8 a.m. start. Entry deadline-March 8.

Please note that the golf entry form is not always part of the newsletter. It can be attained on the RELAC website at www.relac.org. Please click on activities (Golf) for the application. If you cannot download it from a computer, please call the office to have it mailed to you.

Los Amigos Results:

"A" Flight Winners (19 and under)

1st John Madrid (68)

2nd Michael Hernandez (71)

3rd Dave Runke (72)

"B" Flight (20-27 Handicaps)

1st Eddie Otero (66)

2nd Don Hughes (68)

3rd Jim Noyes (69)*

"C" Flight (28 up Handicaps)

1st Richard Duran (67)

2nd Frank Martinez (79)

3rd Art Moronez (81)*

*Winner in a card off

Women's Flight:

1st Cari DeBie (89)

2nd Charlene DeBie (100)

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's:

Men: # 3 – Michael Hernandez

6 – Ken Swan

12 – Gil Sandoval

17 – Richard Duran

Women: No winner

NEXT TOURNAMENT

Monday, March 26, 2018

La Mirada Golf Course

8 a.m. Start

Entry Deadline –

March 8

RV Outing Notes

by Jeanne Klauk

Assistant Coordinator



Klauk and Mike Reyes, coordinator

I am opening my article with sad news. We have lost another member. Max Valdivia passed away on Dec. 8 after a very long battle with failing health. He will be dearly missed.

Since I was unable to attend the campout, all of the following information was provided by Linda Reyes and Chickee Nelson -- thank you both very much!

On Jan. 15 to 18 the RELAC RV Group got together at Pechanga RV Park in Temecula, California with 11 rigs. It was a gorgeous sunny pleasant stay the whole time we were there. Those attending were: Bill and Janice Hayhurst, Wagon Masters Bob and Linda Reyes, Dennis and Wanda Klodt, Danny and Maria Coon (These are new members. Welcome!), Joe and Helen Quintana, Leon and Dian Stegall, Chickee and Norm Nelson, Al and Diana Medina, Janet Cerato, Ron and Betsy Morgan, Mike Reyes, Dave and Darlene Sorensen, Ernie and Cristina. Monday night we had our evening welcome hors d'oeuvres and as always, everything was delicious. Tuesday and Wednesday breakfasts were enjoyed by all. We had our potluck dinner on Tuesday night and the array of food was unbelievable. We had a margarita party at the Medina's rig at 2:30 on Wednesday and later that night we went over to the Pechanga Casino and dined at Kelsey Restaurant.

On their first evening, Darlene, Dave, Joe and Helen played our new spinner dominoes game. The following days, it was back to 3-13 with Al, Diana, Darlene, Betsy, Linda, Wanda and Helen participating. This is a pretty competitive card game, although no money is involved! The Blanchards won the gas card (thank you, RELAC) and the Sorensens won the 50-50. We use the club share of this money for supplies and clubhouse rentals. Of course, the usual suspects made many trips over to the casino.

They are still building onto Pechanga. Several new pools, approximately 400 more rooms, more RV spaces, spa, etc., which is supposed to be completed by March. The campout schedule for this year is: Banning RV Park, March 18, Flying Flags RV Park, May 20, Chula Vista RV, Sept. 17, Emerald Desert RV, Oct. 22. We will be back at Pechanga RV Park on Jan. 6, 2019. We must THANK Mike Reyes for a great job during his first year in office. If you have any questions or want more information, you may contact Mike at mikeandveronica@roadrunner.com or call (909) 556-8751.

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Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas card from Diane Trujillo and the RELAC Outreach Committee. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Virginia Smith, La Habra, California

I want to thank you for the pocket calendar and greeting card. I think you all do a great job.

Sam Schultz, Northridge, California

Thanks so much for the pocket calendar 2018-2019. I appreciate it very much.

Juana Martinez, Torrance, California

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

December 2017 – January 2018

Assessor – Judy Garcia, Steve Johnson, Geraldine Turner
Auditor-Controller – Ricky Deguchi
Beaches & Harbor – Doris Butler
Board of Supervisors – Linda Balderrama, Alice Madrigal
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Harbor/UCLA Medical Center – Debbie Bacani, Gabriela Mubdrucab-Cristea, Glicken Maida
Health Services – Melverue Abraham, Sandra Anderson, Pricilla De Avila, Jeanne Egusa, Shirley Shaw-Hutchinson, Earlean Johnson, Wayne Leamons, Robert Megliorino, Phyllis Murphy, Michael Myles, Sandra North, Danny Redmond, Macandria Railon, Violet Zacarias
Internal Services – Nicholas Chico, Rachel A. Sandoval
King Drew Medical Center – Lydia Bryant, Vipapon Choorut, Joseph Woods
LAC+USC Medical Center – Lucile Craille, Ed Trevino, Lucia A. Gonzalez, Tess Hartman, Stella Jacquett, Rosa M. Marin, Lorenza Reyes, Nick Velasquez, Lajuan Yerger
Mechanical – Richard Watson
Mental Health – Florestean Flucas, Dale Hata, Merrietta Henry, Doris Johnstone, Cynthia Sims, Zari Zargarbashi
Olive View Medical Center – Josefina Arana, Marcia Hamilton
Parks & Recreation – Renee Jackson
Probation – Arturo A. Flores, James Ogbeide, David L. Tuttle, Latanya Wilson
Public Defender – Melvyn Tennenbaum
Public Health – Veronica Hart, Mee Li Wong
Public Library – Gloria Navo
Public Social Services – Esperanza Arche, Barbara Watson-Graves, Rosemary Haig, Mary L. Heeren, Alma J. Hill, Tucky Khan, Lucy Lish, Hermita Nuila, Eleana L. C. Pratt-Guirado, Lydia Ventura
Public Works – Sonja Aguilar, David Castillo, Norman Cortez, Earnest Moore, Sherrlyn Morris-Witt, Frederick Wong
Regional Planning – Richard Guzado, Loretta Lopez
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Security – Jose Medrano
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Thanks for New Member Referrals

We would like to thank the 21 members and two non-members who recruited colleagues to join RELAC during December 2017 and January 2018. We continue to lose more members than we recruit as our membership ages, so we appreciate your assistance with recruitment. With the continued threats to public pensions and health benefits, it is vital that RELAC remains strong to protect your hard-earned retirement. For membership applications and brochures, call the RELAC office at (800) 537-3522, e-mail admin@relac.org or go online at www.relac.org. Be sure to tell the new member to put your name on the membership application as making the referral.

Our thanks to these RELAC members (shown in bold) for referring new members (shown in italics):

Gwen Andrizzi and **Judy Hammond**, *Anna Elena Cervantes*, Chief Executive Office
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Anna Carrera, *Pricilla DeAvila*, Health Services
Don Fandry and **J.P. Harris**, *Danny Redmond*, Health Services
Juanita Gonzalez, *Leticia Martinez-Parra*, Sheriff
J.P. Harris and **Les Robbins**, *Adam Khan*, District Attorney
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Miguel Reyes, *Peter Loomis*, Sheriff
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RELAC Annual Recognition Luncheon



A family affair: Back row, from left, Judy and Alex Leon, Becky Munoz Luna, Ernie Perez, Olga Leon Campbell. Front row, from left, Celia Munoz, Ida Leon Ramos and Yolanda Leon Miranda.



Elida Cantu, Alice Ayala and Velma Frank



RELAC Directors J.P. Harris and Les Robbins with Assessor Jeffrey Prang (center).



Gerald Munoz, Leonard Gonzalez, Ray Gonzalez, Juanita Gonzalez, Leticia Parra.



Attendees 90 and older: Anthony Ayala, Wilmer Abram, Eileen Holder, Elida G. Cantu, Carmen Quinones and Ralph B. Sutherland.



Guest speaker Sheriff Jim McDonnell with Charles Leonard, Carol Valley Banks, RELAC Director Judy Hammond, and Mary Padilla Coronado (sitting).



LACERA Interim CEO Rob Hill, LACERA Chief Investment Officer Jon Grabel, Sheriff McDonnell; Aundray Burks, assistant director of public health



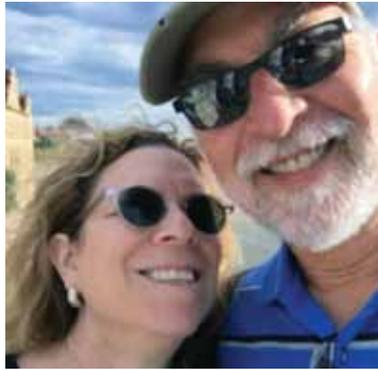
Assessor Jeffrey Prang and RELAC President Dave Muir.

Keeping Up With Retirees

We asked four RELAC members to let us know what they have been doing since retirement. Their articles follow.

Browning and wife, Claire

Bellman and wife, Hope



Joel Bellman

F. Scott Fitzgerald was wrong, he admitted, when he used to think that “There are no second acts in American lives.”

After 26 years on the 8th floor, serving as Third District press deputy under Supervisors Edmund D. Edelman, Zev Yaroslavsky, and Sheila Kuehl, I retired from the County in November 2015 to return to the writing work I left back in 1989 when my daily newspaper, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, ceased publication.

My tenure at the County was always a happy accident, but instead of the brief detour I’d originally anticipated, it became a new and unexpected journey of its own that took me places I couldn’t possibly have imagined. It was interesting, inspiring, rewarding, and occasionally boring, stressful and aggravating. And finally, it was enough. At the age of 60, after nearly three decades speaking for others, I’d been feeling increasingly itchy to write under my own name and speak in my own voice again—and to spend my reading time on books and literature of my choosing, rather than hack my way through the required reading of County memos and Board reports written in the dead prose of bureaucrats. It was time to move on, and thanks to Plan D, I was able to.

When I left, I took three vows of self-improvement: 1) Go to the gym every day; 2) Get enough sleep every night; 3) commit to getting places on time. I’ve actually averaged between six and seven days a week at the gym, concentrating on cardio workouts alternating with strength training; I’m comfortably in the recommended sleep zone between seven-nine hours for adults my age; and my punctuality has...improved dramatically, let’s say.

After 35 years of continuous work in an office on a regular schedule, transitioning to working from home has had its challenges. I still find it a little too easy to get distracted, and two highly affectionate cats—a writer’s best friends—don’t make it any easier. As I write this, right on cue, our black cat Maggie (or as my pet-store guy calls her, our “rescue panther”) has just jumped into my lap.

Like everyone else, my smart phone is my lifeline, so apart from fastidiously calendaring my schedule, I also keep an updated daily “to-do” list with appointments, errands, and tasks. To cut down the clutter and reduce my carbon footprint, I’ve gone paperless on most of my bill paying and banking, and swapped out most of my print subscriptions for digital ones. Social media, particularly Facebook, keeps me in regular contact with friends and former colleagues, where we can gather around the virtual water cooler and trade gossip and news tidbits.

As for my writing, I have a monthly column in Topanga’s bi-weekly Messenger Mountain News, succeeding the much-missed Al Martinez, and contribute periodically to the media and politics website LA Observed. I’ve also had several columns in the Sacramento Bee and Jewish Journal, among other places. I was hired on a long-term project to help put together a political memoir. I’ve done some interviews and appeared on TV a few times, commenting on politics and journalism matters. And I have just begun my 19th year of teaching my “advocacy writing” course for UCLA Extension.

My wife, Hope Singer, and I have also done some traveling, visiting Amsterdam, Budapest, Vienna and Prague in 2016, and joining a Baltic cruise in 2017 that made port calls in the former East Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, and Denmark, with a welcome return visit to Amsterdam. We’ve also taken a driving and hiking trip through the national parks of the Southwest, spent a week in Washington, D.C., and will soon be off to Puerto Rico.

One of the best parts of retirement from the County? In addition to spending more time with my family, I’ve lost track of the number of times I’ve been told, “You look so much more relaxed!” And you know what? I am, and I never get tired of hearing it.

Philip Browning

It’s the small things that make retirement enjoyable, like being able to go jogging in the daylight instead of in the dark at 4 a.m. while working, or watching the morning news shows at 7 a.m. for the first time in 50 years instead of being in heavy traffic.



I began my career with Los Angeles County in August 2001, just before the 9-11 attack. I was hired as the first director of the newly created Child Support Department (CSSD). Until 2001, Child Support had been operated by the District Attorney’s Office, but newly elected DA Steve Cooley turned over about 2,000 child support staff to me to begin a new era. The new department changed from a law enforcement mentality to one of social services. In 2007 I was selected by the Board of Supervisors to be director of the Department of Public Social Services, an agency with about 14,000 staff serving over 2 million residents. My chief deputy, Steven Golightly, took over as the CSSD director.

In 2011 I was asked by the Board to be the acting director of the Department of Children and Family Services until a new director could be recruited. My chief deputy, Sheryl Spiller, became acting director and later permanent director of DPSS. A nationwide search was conducted for DCF, but when no consensus was possible, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky convinced me to take the DCF job on a permanent basis. I held that job until my February 2017 retirement.

Before coming to L.A., I worked four years in the District of Columbia and retired after 25 years with the State of Alabama. I certainly miss the drama, pressure, and intrigue of L.A. County, but retirement is good. Last year Supervisor Sheila Kuehl asked what I was most proud of during my L.A. career. I said being a mentor and friend to Dr. Steven Golightly, Sheryl Spiller, Lisa Garrett, Fesia Davenport and so many other County employees who make such a difference in the lives of Los Angeles citizens.

During the first few months of 2017 I spent time in New York City, where the highlight was jogging across the Brooklyn Bridge at sunrise -- what a great sight. Since then I have made numerous trips to Alabama to see my 5-year-old granddaughter, who is undoubtedly the smartest child I have ever seen. My wife, Claire, and I found time to make a few trips, including one to Budapest, Prague, Vienna, and Helsinki. We had an interesting trip to Chewelah, Washington, where we stayed on a 20-acre ranch and saw many deer, turkeys, and mamma bears with cubs. We also recently visited Iceland, which is a land of geysers and majestic waterfalls. Much of Iceland’s landscape appears uninhabitable, and reminds me of the surface of the moon.

My wife retired from Los Angeles Unified School District this year and is involved in yoga classes, weekly mahjong games, and volunteering at the San Pedro Animal Shelter.

I am an assistant adjunct professor at USC, teaching a class on large scale systems, and act as faculty advisor for doctoral students. I also volunteer weekly at the Battleship Iowa Museum in San Pedro, which works out well since I retired as a supply officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves. I’m also on our local homeowners association board.

One of my sayings is “life is too short”— that’s why by the time you read this, my wife and I should be back from Antarctica and packing for a trip through the Panama Canal.



Cervantes with trainer, Herman

Anna Elena Cervantes

I began my County career on Dec. 16, 1979 as an intermediate typist clerk working for the Department of Personnel in its Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) Administration Office. Unfortunately, with the election of President Reagan, the CETA program was terminated the following January. It was during my short tenure with that office that I would meet my future boss when the Chief Administrative Office sent two analysts, Sandra (Tracey) Davis and Sara Berman, to discuss the disbanding of the CETA program with the staff. From Personnel, I transferred to the Department of Health Services, Administration, and worked in the Systems and Work Measurement Section, followed by a short stint in the Management Information Systems Division.

During my time with Health Services my twin sister, Anna Laura Cervantes, began her career with the Chief Administrative Office, Budget Division. Back in those days, the development of the County budget required secretaries to work several months of overtime. Since Anna Laura and I carpooled, I would assist Anna with her work after my shift ended. Late one night, while I was working with Anna on the budget, I was approached by Sandy (Tracey) Davis, who asked if my secretarial skills were on par with Anna's. I answered "yes" and the rest is history. For the next 21 years I rose through the ranks of the secretarial field as Sandy rose through the ranks of County management, from the Chief Administrative Office to the Treasurer-Tax Collector, where Sandy was appointed treasurer-tax collector and I promoted to executive secretary III. In 1995, Sandy returned to the CAO as chief deputy, and I was promoted to executive secretary V.

After Sandy retired, I continued to work in the CAO (now CEO) as secretary to the chief deputy and backup to the CEO's executive assistant until I retired on Oct. 30, 2016. Aside from Sandy, my bosses included Sharon Harper, Brence Culp, Jim Jones, and their bosses, Sally Reed, David Janssen, William Fujioka, and Sachi Hamai. Working in the Executive Office of the CAO/CEO provided me with the rare opportunity to meet individuals in the highest levels of County management. This, in addition to several long-standing friendships I developed over the years, was one of the highlights of my County career. I was fortunate to meet and know **EVERY** department head for over 21 years...that was awesome!!

A month after my retirement, my father was diagnosed with the onset of senile dementia, and at that point Anna Laura and I made it our goal to help him complete his "bucket list," much of which included his desire to travel to places he'd only read about or seen in magazines, and places he remembered from his youth. So far, we have traveled to the Panama Canal, the British Isles, Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and Chicago (where he first moved as a young adult). This year we hope to get him to Pearl Harbor and Mount Rushmore, the last two destinations left on his list.

In between all the traveling and caring for our mom and dad, Anna Laura and I are trying to get into shape. To that end, we hired a personal trainer, Herman (or the Taskmaster, as we like to call him) and go to the gym three to five times a week. Being retired and having the ability to enjoy more time with family and friends is the greatest blessing that can be bestowed upon anyone. I still live where I grew up, Santa Fe Springs, just around the corner from my parents. At first I thought it was a bad idea living that close, but now that they're old, it's a blessing.

Elizabeth Cortez

Cortez, left, with wife, Suzanne



In 1987, upon graduating from Loyola Law School, I began my County career as a contract attorney in the Dependency Division of the Office of County Counsel. After a short break into private practice, I returned to the Government Services Division and in 1989 I was hired as a senior associate county counsel and was promoted to deputy in 1990 and senior deputy in 1994. Throughout the years as a staff attorney, I handled various assignments, including providing advisory and litigation support to the Board of Supervisors, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Purchasing Agent/Internal Services, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, and Animal Care and Control.

When Dave Muir left the office to become general counsel to LACERA, I assumed his responsibilities as the Brown Act and Public Records Act subject matter expert. One of my most favored aspects of this assignment was working with the Executive Office/Clerk of the Board in presenting Brown Act training to new County commissioners.

In 2005 I was promoted to assistant county counsel to oversee the Government Services Division. I was fortunate to work with many dedicated and talented attorneys during my tenure supervising this division. We often worked directly with the Board of Supervisors and their staff on various matters, including permissible political activities, conflict of interest issues, and budgetary matters. The work was challenging and time sensitive, but always interesting and rewarding.

In 2010 I was promoted to senior assistant county counsel and initially was responsible for supervision and oversight of the Dependency, Government Services, Health, Probate and Social Services divisions.

I officially retired on Oct. 1, 2016. I feel fortunate to have worked on such unique, challenging and important County legal issues throughout my career. I will always admire the talent and dedication of County employees. I am most grateful to Ray Fortner for promoting me to management and to Leela Kapur for her outstanding mentorship and example.

My wife, Suzanne, and I love to travel and we kicked off retirement in 2016 with a three-week trip to the Christmas marketplaces in Europe. We spent nine days in Munich on our own and were able to see the opening of the marketplace on Nov. 21 and enjoy a more leisurely sightseeing schedule that we designed. We joined our structured tour in Frankfurt with a wonderful guide and an itinerary that took us from Germany to Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, and back to Germany.

I always wanted to go on a true road trip so we embarked on a trip in our Corvette convertible to Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and back home. So many things to see and do that we, as expected, ran out of time. We can definitely recommend Scottsdale and Tucson, Arizona, Mesilla Village in New Mexico, San Antonio and Austin, Texas. By the time we got home every single square inch in the car had something we purchased.

And finally, we returned this past November from a trip that included four days in Barcelona and six days in Lisbon on our own. Our tour included two days in Lisbon as well and then a road trip to Porto, Portugal, where we joined up with our river cruise. We stopped in Fatima for an afternoon before boarding our ship. The cruise up the Douro River was breathtaking and the stopover in Salamanca was extraordinary. The architecture, the food, and the shopping made our day there memorable.

We have now booked our next trip to visit Eastern Europe in August/September. There is always something new to discover, places to explore, and wonderful people to meet.

On a final note, we are moving permanently to Palm Desert and selling our home and our condo. Time to downsize a little and be closer to friends.

Retirement Notes

by Judy Hammond, Newsletter Editor



Supervisor Janice Hahn, Nathaniel Boone, and Superior Court Judge James Hahn

Nathaniel Boone – He Had His Own Lot

by Judy Hammond, Newsletter Editor

Superior Court Judge Jimmy Hahn joined his sister, Supervisor Janice Hahn, on stage to honor Nathaniel Boone, who was retiring after 46 years of County service. Boone has been part of their life since their father, then-Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, took a liking to Boone shortly after Boone began his career in 1971 as a parking lot attendant in self-parking Lot 18. Kenny Hahn moved Boone to Lot 22, the parking lot at the Hall of Administration that is used for VIPs. Janice Hahn said her dad thought working at the above-ground lot, with the sunshine and fresh air, would be a welcome change. "He told Nate to work at the lot for as long as he wanted -- and boy did Nate take him up on that offer!" Boone's friendly, sunny personality was a perfect fit, and he stayed there the rest of his career, prompting the Board of Supervisors a few years ago to name it "Nate's Lot." "If you have ever been lucky enough to park in Nate's Lot...you know that Nate made his corner of the world special and brought joy to everyone he met," said Janice Hahn. She said he always made people feel special, always treating them with dignity and respect. "Even sometimes when he told people they couldn't park there, he still made them feel good about it." She said Boone would give people hilarious nicknames – hers was Jane Fonda. James Hahn said Boone had shown him so many kindnesses over the years, he wanted to take the day off to be at the ceremony to congratulate him on his retirement. He said that whenever he parked in Lot 22, Boone would always say: "Park up there, be a supervisor, on the top row." "So I had to be a supervisor for a day every time I pulled into your lot," he told Boone.

Happy Birthday, RELAC Centenarians

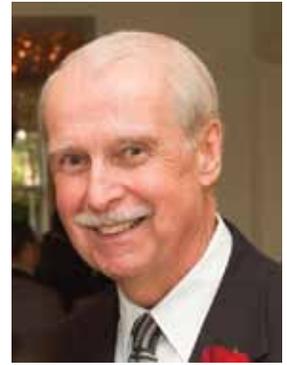
Happy birthday to our members who will be 100 and older in March and April.

They are:

- Olive G. Everhart**, 105, Assessor, March 6, 1913.
- Olga M. Granja**, 102, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Ctr., April 15, 1916.
- Virginia T. De Zell**, 101, Fire, March 13, 1917.
- Beryl D. Shapiro**, 101, Public Social Services, March 23, 1917.
- Kai-Kwong Wong**, 100, LACERA, April 1, 1918.
- Lucille McGuire**, 100, Parks and Recreation, April 2, 1918.
- Maxine W. Schulhof**, 100, Sheriff, April 16, 1918.
- Mildred Grasska**, 100, associate member, April 3, 1918

Frank Andrews Dies at Age 85

Frank Andrews, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control from 1989 to 2001, has died at age 85.



Andrews died Dec. 21 in Florida, where he had retired and spent several years as the executive director of the Humane Society of St. Lucie County. He is survived by his wife, Syble; son, Robert; and two stepsons, Michael and Robert Sutherland.

During Andrews' tenure with the County, the department became one of the first in the nation to provide immediate Internet access to view both impounded and available pets, and established the Animal Care Foundation and volunteer Equine Response Team. Andrews served twice as president of the County Management Council.

Andrews helped found the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators in 1970 and later was named a lifetime honorary member.

Kaye Michelson, who worked in the Animal Care and Control Department throughout Andrews' tenure, said he will be remembered for his passion and commitment to protecting animals, his sense of humor, his zest for life, and his love and devotion to his family. "Protecting animals was his passion and such an important part of every day of his life."

Andrews' son Robert said some little-known facts about Andrews are that in high school and college, he was a lifeguard on Lake Ontario in Canada; played bass fiddle and sang in a country and western band during his teens and early 20s, and was an avid sailor and loved to build electronics in his 30s and 40s.

Volunteers Needed to Assist Foster Children

CASA of Los Angeles is looking for volunteers to assist abused and neglected children in foster care.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are paired to work one-on-one with a child and ensure they have the services and support needed for stable placement, education and health care. There are 30,000 kids in the foster care system in Los Angeles County and many need the support of a CASA volunteer.

Information meetings about the program are held in different locations in the County. To learn more or RSVP for an upcoming meeting, go to www.casala.org or call (323) 859-2888.

RETIREMENTS:

Nathaniel Boone, who began his career in 1971 as a parking lot attendant, and after whom the Board of Supervisors dubbed its VIP visitors' parking lot "Nate's Lot."

APPOINTMENTS:

Fred Leaf, who retired in 2017 after 44 years with the County, named interim head of the County Health Agency as 120-day employee at rate of \$193 per hour while Board of Supervisors searches for replacement for Dr. Mitchell Katz. A former chief deputy director and acting director of the Department of Health Services and senior health policy director for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Leaf most recently worked as a 120-day retiree in the Chief Executive Office on a statewide replacement plan for health coverage. **Kristin Sakoda**, deputy commissioner and general counsel at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, appointed executive director of the L.A. County Arts Commission at annual salary of \$210,000, replacing Laura Zucker. Senior Deputy County Counsel **Nicole Tinkham** named interim public defender at \$275,000 salary to replace interim Kenneth Clayman, who left the County in January. **Rich Llewellyn**, former aide to Supervisor Ed Edelman and District Attorney Gil Garcetti, named permanent Los Angeles city administrative officer; he had served as interim CAO since the departure of Miguel Santana. **Superior Court judge appointments:** **Bruce E. Brodie**, 66, chief deputy in the Office of Alternate Public Defender since 2012, who worked as a deputy public defender from 1991 to 1994 before joining the APD. **Brett Bianco**, court counsel at L.A. County Superior Court since 2001. **Nicole M. Heeseman**, 44, L.A. County Superior Court commissioner since 2014, who filled a vacancy created by the retirement of John P. Doyle. **Kerry L. White**, 60, a head deputy district attorney since 2003 and deputy district attorney from 1984-2003, filling vacancy created by retirement of Joanne B. O'Donnell. **Amy C. Yerkey**, 43, court commissioner since 2015.

DEPARTURES:

Kevin Lynch, chief information officer of the Department of Health Services since 2010, resigned to become CIO and senior vice president of New York City Health & Hospitals, where former L.A. County's Health Agency head Dr. Mitchell Katz is president and CEO.

HEALTH:

Former County Supervisor **Pete Schabarum** is hoping 2018 will be a little less eventful in the health department. A series of mishaps landed him in the hospital four times in 2017. First, he had a nasty spill on an airport escalator that resulted in a cracked ilium (the large broad bone forming the upper part of each half of the pelvis), a painful injury that required a six-week recuperation. Several months later he fell over a bench at a 49ers reunion and broke several ribs. Then on Thanksgiving Day he suffered a mild stroke while visiting his son in Seattle, Washington, which thankfully caused no lasting effects. But then he was back in the hospital in December after getting fluid in his lungs, caused by a rib(s) that punctured the lung from the fall at the reunion.

Second time was a charm for **Nancy Flint**, wife of former County Library Assistant Director **David Flint**, who received a successful kidney transplant in January after an initial transplant failed last August.

DEATHS:

Former County Assessor **Kenneth Hahn**, 78, assessor from 1990-2000, who died two months after suffering a serious stroke. **Frank Andrews**, 85, head of the Animal Care and Control Department, 1989-2001. **Larry Colvin**, 71, former director of capital projects for the Department of Health Services who was instrumental in the rebuilding of LAC+USC Medical Center. **Howard Phillips**, 74, who was a lead instructor in the EEOC and diversity programs in the Department of Human Resources when he retired in 2007 after 40 years of County service. **Klaus Kreimann**, 44, a 26-year County employee who worked as an information systems analyst in the Chief Executive Office, Public Works, Rancho Los Amigos and most recently the Internal Services Department. He died from internal bleeding caused by his failing liver on the morning he was to undergo transplant surgery for a new kidney and liver at USC Keck Hospital. **Leslie Ashcroft**, former public information officer for Supervisor Burton Chace, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Chief Administrative Office, who retired in the early 1990s. **Sterling Norris**, 78, prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office for 33 years who made an unsuccessful bid in 1992 to become district attorney, retiring to work for Judicial Watch for 17 years. **Paul Dow**, 75, who worked in the Auditor-Controller's Office his entire career, retiring in 1999. Former Municipal and Superior Court Judge **William B. Keene**, 92, the first recipient of the L.A. County Bar Association Outstanding Trial Jurist Award. Former Municipal and Superior Court Judge **Antonio Barreto** (a deputy district attorney for 11 years), who retired in 2014, dead at 66 from heart attack. **John Hotchkis**, 86, long-time Board member of the L.A. Philharmonic, including serving as chairman when Disney Hall opened in 2003. Sheriff's Lt. **Alex Radovic**, who joined the department in 1986 and was assigned to the Technology and Support Division when he died in December 2017. Sheriff's Lt. **Samuel Douglas III**, retired in 1983 after 36 years of service. Sheriff Capt. **Harold White**, retired 1976 after 29 years. Former Sheriff's Detective **Harmon Danny Watters**, 73, after 30 years of service.

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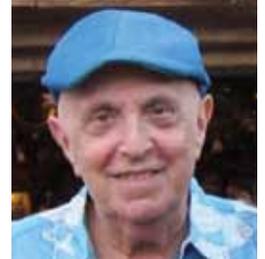
Assessor **Jeffrey Prang** honored by the Board of Supervisors after the International Association of Assessing Officers awarded his office the highest accreditation available to any public assessment agency for its "pioneering innovation in assessment administration and excellence in service to the public." The County became the first and only jurisdiction in California to achieve this honor. Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk **Dean Logan** named winner of the 2017 international Electoral Ergonomics Award, which recognizes an election official who has tailored procedures to the psychology of the voters and the specific characteristics of their electorate, for his work in replacing an aging voting system, which included field research from more than 4,000 residents. Probation Officer **Catherine Brennan** presented the Chief Probation Officers of California Award of Excellence for her work with probation clients who are veterans, homeless, mentally ill, substance abusers and human-trafficking victims.

COURTS:

Former Sheriff's psychologist **Michael Dane Ward**, 46, was sentenced to 98 years to life in state prison for sexually assaulting two family members, a young boy and a girl. **Adrian Evette Washington** has been charged with stealing more than \$1,500 in traffic fines when she was a court services assistant at Compton Superior Court in 2014.



Antonio Barreto



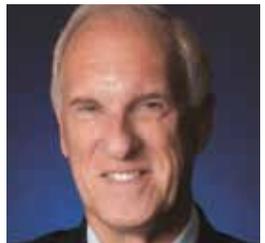
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Assessor Jeffrey Prang:

Remembering Assessor Kenneth P. Hahn

Former Assessor Kenneth P. Hahn served the people of Los Angeles County with

distinction for 10 years (1990-2000), earning a reputation for fairly and honestly managing the property assessment process while at the same time underscoring the importance of quality service to the public.

I had the honor of working as a special assistant to Kenny early during his first term. Each day I observed his devotion to excellence in the professional work of the Assessor's Office and his high standard for service to members of the public. He worked tirelessly to improve services for Los Angeles County property owners.

Former Assessor (continued from p.1)

Hahn and husband, Louis



Lorri L. Jean, CEO of the Los Angeles LGBT Center, said the entire Center community mourns the loss of Hahn. "During his tenure as assessor, Hahn was very involved

in the LGBT community and matter-of-fact about his sexual orientation, doing his job with unwavering integrity until his retirement 18 years ago. In an era when most gay public officials played hide-and-seek with their sexual orientation—living out among their friends and in the community while remaining silent and hidden in their public roles and professional lives—Hahn bravely lived his truth without apology and became the highest ranking openly gay elected official in California and one of the highest ranking in the United States. At that time in 1991, being a Los Angeles countywide elected official meant his constituency was larger than the governors of 42 states."

Following his retirement from the County, Hahn moved to Hawaii, where he lived about three years growing rambutan (a tropical fruit) before moving to Seattle, then back to Los Angeles before relocating in 2015 to Cathedral City, where he resided until his death.

He officially married his long-time partner, Louis Mangual, on March 9, 2013 after gay marriages became legal in California. They had lived together as a married couple since Nov. 8, 1974.

Mangual asked that donations in Hahn's memory be made to two organizations that were important to Hahn, the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center.



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Johnnie Cochran in the D.A.'s Office

Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. was the first African-American to serve as an assistant district attorney in Los Angeles County. District Attorney John Van de Kamp appointed Cochran to the post, the third-highest ranking position in the office, in 1978. Cochran went on to become a famed criminal defense attorney. He died in 2005.

(From the District Attorney's Office Newsletter, February 2018)



Inside LA County

by Judy Hammond
Newsletter Editor



Supervisor Sheila Kuehl says the fact that Bobby Cagle, the new director of the Children and Family Services Department, is openly gay will have a positive effect on the disproportionately high number of foster youth who identify as LGBTQ. "I think that every time you can see that someone has experienced a little bit of what you've experienced, and they're now in a leadership position, it inspires. Even at Bobby's age, he and Tim -- his partner -- had never been allowed in Georgia to appear in public together. And so when Tim was there for Bobby's swearing in, up on the dais holding the book, standing next to him, they had their pictures taken. They were both almost in tears because they had never been able to do that. That experience informs a lot of the feelings that our kids have -- of, you know, how nobody gets them. And I think it's really important that they see that somebody gets them. Variety of life experience is really important. We want to get at a little more information as to why are 20 percent of all our foster kids LGBTQ. We used to talk about them as "throw-away kids." And that's what they are. Some are runaway, but a lot are throw-away. 'Get out of my house. I don't want any gay people in my house.' It's hard for them."

Attorneys from the Public Defender's Office urged the Board of Supervisors not to appoint Nicole Davis Tinkham as interim public defender, saying she had no experience in criminal law and previously defended law enforcement officers. A letter signed by about 390 of the office's 650 attorneys questioned the appointment. Tinkham, a senior deputy in the County Counsel Office, replaces Kenneth Clayman, who was interim public defender for four months. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said the Board has offered the permanent spot, which became vacant with the retirement of Ron Brown more than a year ago, to two persons, but both declined due to personal reasons.

Work is scheduled to begin this fall on the long-delayed \$1 billion "Grand" project on the County-owned parking lot across from Walt Disney Concert Hall, which will be converted into an open-air complex of housing, movie theaters, restaurants and shops. Philanthropist Eli Broad said the project -- designed by famed Frank Gehry -- "will make certain Grand Avenue is viewed as the cultural and civic district of this region."

The Natural History Museum has expanded its mobile museum program, bringing its educational exhibits to schools throughout the County. For 25 years the program had been offered only in the L.A. Unified School District.

A Superior Court judge dismissed the wrongful termination lawsuit filed by former County Counsel Mark Saladino, saying Saladino failed to prove he was ousted because he had complained about misconduct by the Board of Supervisors. The County claimed Saladino was removed because the Board had lost confidence in him. The judge also said that Saladino did not prove "any outrageous or extreme conduct" by the Board during negotiations on his 2015 reassignment to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. Saladino, who retired in 2016, said he was "surprised and disappointed by the ruling."

The County is investigating whether mobile health units can be used to alleviate crowded emergency rooms and steer patients with mental health needs into more focused care.

The FBI arrested L.A. sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Collins, 50, on suspicion of operating a large-scale drug trafficking operation in which he claimed that he hired other police officers to provide security to dealers and could assault people for his clients.

The County will use a portion of its proceeds from the so-called millionaire's tax to build affordable housing for people with mental illness. Mental Health Director Dr. Jonathan Sherin believes homeless individuals with mental illness account disproportionately for the 81.5 percent jump in homeless deaths in the last five years.

Supervisors have asked staff to investigate whether a child-care facility for employees could be constructed in the civic center area.

The new LAC+USC Family Justice Center -- a partnership of the County, L.A. City, the medical center and community-based organizations -- will provide victims of violence a safe haven with medical, legal and social services all in one place.

The County has implemented one of the first mobile stroke units in the western U.S. The specialized ambulance -- equipped with a portable CT scanner that allows medical professionals to diagnose and treat strokes in the field -- will serve nine southeastern cities and unincorporated Whittier.

Supervisors approved giving \$75,000 to homeowners who build granny flats on their properties if the units are rented to persons who were formerly homeless. To further that goal, the County Arts Commission sponsored a contest for designs on what the granny flats could look like.

The new non-profit utility Clean Power Alliance of Southern California (formerly known as Los Angeles Community Choice Energy) formed by the County and two cities in July 2017 to compete with Edison to bring down energy prices, now includes 27 cities in L.A. and Ventura counties. The utility launched its service to L.A. County-owned municipal buildings on Feb. 1, with commercial and industrial customers of alliance members to come in June, and residential customers in December.

Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said she had a low opinion of county workers when she was elected. "Oh, you know, county workers. Everybody always talked about county workers." But that has changed big time. "I have never met such dedicated and honestly compassionate people. There is no such thing as an eight-hour day for pretty much everyone. And I don't mean just our staff; I mean the 106,000 that are out there caring for the environment, caring for the parks, caring for the beaches, caring for the children, caring for the families, caring, caring, caring. It is big."

The County is looking at limiting the number of roosters that can be kept in unincorporated areas, noting the largest seizure (7,800) of illegal cockfighting birds in U.S. history took place in May 2017 in Val Verde. In many cases property owners with close neighbors may keep hundreds of the birds, creating excessive noise, flies, and potential sources of disease.

The first class of 21 young men from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' district graduated from a five-month intensive classroom and in-the-field training to become emergency medical technicians. The group is the first of three that will participate in the pilot program over the next two years.

The LA Times took issue with the Board of Supervisors for naming a new mental health center after Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, noting she hadn't even completed one term in office, and for approving the installation of a sculpture of Supervisor Hilda Solis (with civil rights leader Dolores Huerta) at the Fairplex in Pomona.

(RELAC member Margaret Donnellan Todd and her husband, Dave, moved to Hawaii following her retirement in 2015 as head of the L.A. County Library. We asked her to write an account of her experience on Jan. 13, 2018 when a ballistic missile alert sent Hawaii residents and tourists into a panic for 38 minutes until the Civil Defense agency sent out a new message saying the warning was a mistake. The false warning was triggered by a Hawaii Emergency Management Agency employee in a training drill who said he misunderstood instructions and thought the state was actually under attack.)

Margaret Donnellan Todd: The Hawaiian Ballistic Missile Alert was Surreal

By Margaret Donnellan Todd

VOICE OF ROD SERLING: 8 a.m. Margaret Donnellan Todd is waking up to another beautiful morning in Kailua Kona on the Big Island of Hawaii. What she does not know is that within the next few minutes she will enter the Twilight Zone....

I was just thinking of getting out of bed when my text alert went off. I read it thinking it was probably a tsunami alert for the Hilo side. I then put on my glasses and read it again. **BALISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.** I checked to verify that this was a legitimate alert, not a hack. Yes, it was legitimate. Technically, the Big Island residents would have about 15 minutes to take cover. My husband commented that there were no sirens and turned over to go back to sleep. I saw that the audio alert was on the TV stations, but they had not switched to emergency broadcasting, which seemed odd. You could not connect to Hawaii's civil defense site because it had crashed. We kept thinking surely this is a mistake. My husband suggested "Let's get a cup of coffee and see what happens." That is what we did. We poured a cup of coffee and enjoyed the view from our backyard. Thank goodness within 10 minutes Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard sent a false alarm message out on all her social media accounts. I received her e-mail and text. Crisis over for us because I was on her constituent list. We were not angry as much as relieved. I really did feel like I had walked into the Twilight Zone. It was surreal.

Of course, all morning we received texts, phone calls and e-mails from family and friends. Many of our family commented on the choice of coffee as our final drink. Being of Irish heritage, they expected me to put some liquor in that coffee. Dave and I have made a note that the next time there is a ballistic missile alert we will put liquor in the coffee. One of my younger family members commented that this is how old people prepare for nuclear attack. Upon reflection, I agree with her.

They also commented that it seemed that everyone in Hawaii was calling or texting final messages to loved ones -- but they heard nothing from us. I explained that being married to a man of 100% Norwegian heritage for over 20 years, you maintain your stoicism at all times. That meant no mushy good-bye messages.

I will confess that I had two thoughts during the first minutes of the alert that were not very altruistic. I admit I do feel a bit guilty.

Those missiles are heading for PACOM on Oahu and I think the wind is blowing away from the Big Island. We might be OK.

This is the first time in 40 years I am not a government employee and therefore I am not responsible for going to work -- I do not have to help, direct or assist anyone. I can stay in my bathrobe.

So much for my Irish black humor, but there was a serious side to this fiasco. The false alert created panic all over the Islands. It seems that the only elected official who knew what needed to be



done was Congresswoman Gabbard. For the record, PACOM also tweeted a false alarm message, but no one other than military personnel have PACOM on their contact list! It took 38 minutes for the Civil Defense folks to send the cancel alert message. It seems that they did not have a cancel alert text in their system. An employee had to develop one and input it. Of course, the whole story changes by the day, depending on who is doing the investigation. Our governor did not know how to work his Twitter account and that is why it took him over 30 minutes to send a false alert notification. You would think he would have asked the staff person who handles his Twitter to send out a message, but it was Saturday... Our U.S. senators verified immediately that the alert was false, but wasted time urging the governor to take decisive action rather than doing something themselves.

Why did so many people think it was real? In my opinion, there are a number of reasons. First, people on the Islands rely on the phone text alerts to notify us of tsunami warnings and flooding during heavy storms. You do not ignore those alerts! The second reason is that most people have not had training in government disaster response. With 40 years of disaster training, I knew something did not seem quite right about that alert. But, why would an average citizen or foreign tourist know that? The final reason is that with all the Twitter saber rattling in these past months, people were concerned. Remember there are people on the Islands that remember the attack on Pearl Harbor. Even I thought for a moment, what has been going on in Washington while I slept?

Hawaiians are still angry, but we are calming down a little. Everyone recognizes that we need to evaluate all our disaster preparations, including redesigning the alert software. Of course, there is the sobering discussion of whether Hawaii can survive a nuclear attack. Realistically, there will never be enough shelters. Could you even get to a shelter in 15 minutes? Perhaps the most interesting discussion revolves around children and the importance for adults to keep children calm in an emergency. Children were traumatized because they saw how upset the adults were. Having been raised by the greatest generation, I cannot remember anytime that the adults around me showed fear, not even during the Cuban missile crisis. I imagine having endured the Great Depression and WWII, they understood the need for calm.

Humor is returning. The Civil Defense employee who was responsible for the false alert was ultimately fired, but initially was just reassigned. The joke had been: OMG, what job did the governor give him? We hope he is not in charge of the governor's Twitter account.

Finally, since any disaster is an opportunity for politics, people are saying the governor is vulnerable, he could be defeated for reelection. Democratic Congresswoman Hanabusa made all the news shows that Saturday and Sunday expressing her outrage and surprise at the governor's poor response. I imagine she is meeting with her campaign manager as you read this.

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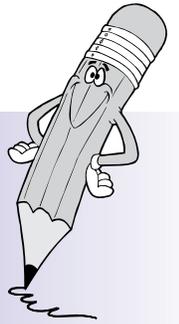
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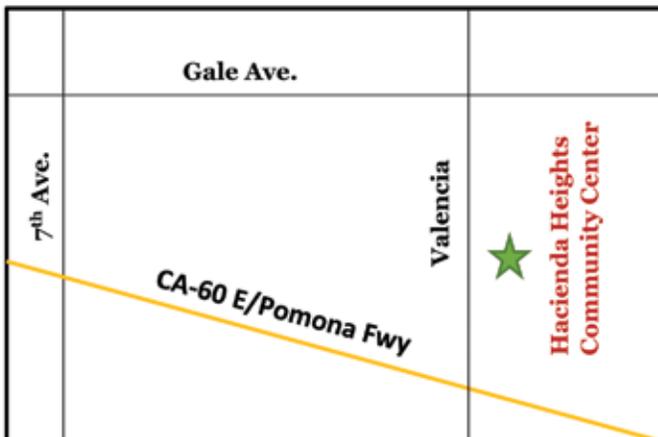
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