



RELAC newsletter

Celebrating 50 Years of Dedicated Service to L.A. County Retirees

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President's Message

by Bill de la Garza

Dear Friends,

Well good friends and fellow retirees, I don't want to sound like a broken record, and like you I'm tired of hearing about and reading news articles relating to abuses in government pension systems and fiscal problems of the Federal government and of states, counties and cities throughout the Country and California. Make no mistake about it, I'm not the type of person who looks at our current problem in these areas through rose colored glasses. As your RELAC President and as your elected retired member on the LACERA Board of Retirement, yes, I am concerned and up to date on the many problem areas that we are facing. On the other hand, when there is good news to report I'm happy and pleased to share it with you.

Good News: Unlike other government retiree pension plans throughout states, counties and cities, our L.A. County LACERA Retirement Plans are safe and doing well. Also Los Angeles County has not experienced any furloughs and still continues to provide responsible and good emergency and basic services. These are not my personal opinions but are based on recent statements made by William Fujioka, CEO of Los Angeles County and Gregg Rademacher, CEO of the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association. They provided backup factual information that supports their statements.

More Good News: The RELAC Membership/Recruitment Committee, led by Board Member and committee chair Jason H. Williams, has put together a program designed to recruit new affiliate members, employees who plan to retire from the County within five years. Recruitment of new members is RELAC'S top priority. Read your RELAC Newsletter on page five to learn how you can help.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a Retirement Party for an old friend and co-worker from Parks and Recreation, Steve Duron, who retired after 44 years of County Service. Steve was truly deserving of the many accolades and good wishes he received. I have been retired for over 21 years. I really enjoyed seeing, talking and sharing old memories with friends and co-workers. What I'm trying to say is "don't be a couch potato sitting at home". Attend retirement parties and reunions with your old friends and co-workers. You will have a good time and enjoy them.

As customary, and until next time, I leave you with this thought:

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are".

John Wooden



Private Industry's Experiment with 401K Plans Destroyed Retirement Security

by Dave Muir, Legislation Committee Chair



A new report published by the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), entitled "Transition to 401(k) Plans: A Train Wreck In The Making: Part I, Loss of Retirement Security," demonstrates how and why transitioning workers from traditional defined benefit

pension plans to 401(k) plans destroys retirement security. The full report can be accessed on-line at www.crcearetirementsecurity.wordpress.com. Under "Research Categories" click on "CRCEA Issues and White Papers".

The following statistics are cited:

84% of Americans are in a state of panic about their retirement security.

The median household headed by a person of age 60-62 with a 401(k) account has saved less than one fourth (1/4) of what is needed to maintain the household's standard of living.

The average 401(k) account balance of workers with 30 years of private sector experience is only \$149,000 to support decades of retirement. Over 60% of all U.S. workers now rely on 401(k) plans as their primary retirement fund, and this percentage increases every year.

In 1991, 50% of workers expected to retire by age 65. Today, only 23% of workers expect to retire by that age.

401(k) plans fail to meet fundamental requirements for a successful primary retirement plan. They fail to provide for sufficient contributions, fail to provide sufficient investment returns, and fail to prevent workers from invading funds for non-retirement purposes. Most importantly, they cannot guarantee that retirees won't outlive their savings. On top of all that, a National Institute on Retirement Security study found that it costs

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Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval
Retiree Representative,
LACERA Board of Investments



By now those of you who are LA Times subscribers have read an article on the successes and failures of issuing Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) as a funding tool for retirement plans. The article mentioned that governmental entities are struggling to pay employee pensions and are being forced to borrow money to cover their obligations. As Los Angeles County retirees obviously we are concerned about the financial viability of Los Angeles County. We want to make sure our pensions are secure.

At a RELAC regional meeting in Lancaster, Mr. Norm Hickling, Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, assured attendees that Los Angeles County, in spite of the weak economy, has managed to remain financially stable and has avoided employee lay-offs and cutbacks in services to its residents. This is the result of prudent management by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS). Speaking specifically to the issue of pension costs, beginning in 1977 the BOS, with the cooperation of the unions, implemented new retirement benefit tiers for newly hired employees. The result has been lower pension costs.

Los Angeles County did not increase retirement benefits in the 1990s when LACERA's portfolio was generating double digit returns and the funded status was slightly above 100%. In addition, in 1994 Los Angeles County issued \$2.1 billion in Pension Obligation Bonds. At that time LACERA had an investment return assumption of 8%. LACERA's 20 year portfolio return is 7.9%. Over this time period, the POB proceeds were reinvested and generated a return rate greater than Los Angeles County's POB issue rate. Los Angeles County paid off the POB in 2011. A success in contrast to many failures elsewhere!

As I've said in the past, we are truly fortunate to be Los Angeles County retirees! As far as I'm aware Los Angeles County has always paid its retirement contributions at the rate determined by LACERA's actuary. There is no reason to believe that the County has any intention to withhold pension payments to LACERA.

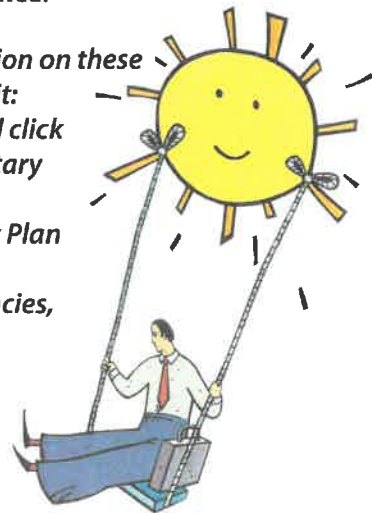
Unfortunately the economy is still struggling and full recovery is years away. However, as I've said in the past, LACERA is a long term investor with time on its side. So go out and enjoy your retirement – you've earned it! If you have a particular subject you'd like me to address in future articles please call the RELAC office and they will make sure your request reaches me. As always, thank you for your support.

Supplemental Benefits Available Exclusively to RELAC Members

At RELAC, we work hard to make sure the benefits offered to our members meet their needs and expectations and offer the members the most value. One of the many benefits of being a RELAC member is the ability to obtain supplemental group benefits at discounted rates. These benefits are available exclusively to RELAC members.

Benefits available include: **Legal Shield** which provides both you and your family 24/7 access to attorneys for a variety of services including preparing wills, reviewing contracts and answering legal questions. **Identity Theft Shield** not only helps you prevent ID theft, but also helps repair your good name should you become a victim. **Personal Accident & Secure Travel** protects against accidents and when traveling includes pre-departure services before the trip and provides assistance for medical or legal emergencies while traveling. **Pet Insurance** to help with the routine and also unforeseen medical bills for your pet. **Comprehensive Travel Insurance** to cover the cost of unexpected trip cancellation or interruption. Supplemental **Vision** provides for that extra set of glasses/contacts every year. A **FREE Hearing Aid** plan that provides significant discounts including a low price guarantee and added benefits such as a long term warranty, follow-up care, and discounted batteries when purchasing a hearing aid. Supplemental **Dental** (available only at Open Enrollment) to help cover dental costs not paid for by your County plan. Additionally, through a special arrangement with Liberty Mutual, members can obtain discounted **Homeowners, Renters, Car, Motorcycle, RV, & Watercraft insurance.**

For more information on these plans, you may visit: www.relac.org and click on the Supplementary Benefits link or contact the Benefit Plan Administrator, Pacific Group Agencies, directly at (800) 511-9065.



Norm Hickling, Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, with RELAC members (from left) Dorothy Bolt, Carlene Johnson and Muriel Eberling at the Lancaster Regional Activities Luncheon on March 1, 2012. (photo by Don Fandry)

RELAC DAY at HOLLYWOOD PARK

by Mary K. Rodriguez
Chair, Recreation Committee

DON'T BE LEFT OUT ...

Come join us for a fun day at
Hollywood Park.

RELAC Day will be on Thursday, June 7, 2012.

The ticket price remains the same as last year - \$28.00 per person. The cost includes admission to the park, valet parking, a program, a great buffet lunch with cookies for dessert, and soft drinks. This event is always well attended and everyone has a good time.

Please fill out the coupon and send it with your check as soon as possible. **The reservation deadline is May 23, 2012.** Your tickets will be mailed to you on May 29, 2012.

Who knows, maybe one of us will win a big one.
Let's give it a try.

See you there!!!



RELAC DAY AT THE RACES

Hollywood Park Racetrack
Thursday, June 7, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Number of Tickets _____ @ \$28.00 each

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

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RELAC
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DEADLINE - MAY 23, 2012

For office use:

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RELAC Night At Dodger Stadium

by Mary K. Rodriguez
Chair, Recreation Committee

Go Dodgers Go !!!

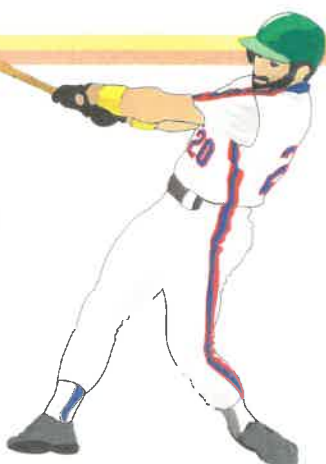
Game starts at 6:10 p.m. -
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

This should be a great game! The Los Angeles Dodgers are playing the Cincinnati Reds. Following the game there will be a SPECTACULAR "4TH OF JULY" FIREWORKS SHOW!

The seats are located in the lower reserved section behind home plate. A very desirable location! The ticket price is \$18.00 per person.

This RELAC event is always well attended and a limited number of seats are still available. Please fill out the coupon and send it along with your check as soon as possible. **The deadline is June 21, 2012.** Your tickets will be mailed to you on June 26, 2012.

Come out and enjoy the evening. Hope to see you there!



DODGERS VS. CINCINNATI REDS

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Wednesday, July 4, 2012

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

No. of tickets _____ @ \$18.00 each

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MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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 to the 15TH Annual Veterans' Event*



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Membership Recruitment Moves Forward

by Jason H. Williams

Chair, Membership/Recruitment Committee

As a new member of RELAC's Board of Directors, I am pleased to write the Membership/Recruitment Committee's first news article for 2012. I want to thank Board President Bill de la Garza for appointing me to chair this very important committee, and the entire Board for their support.

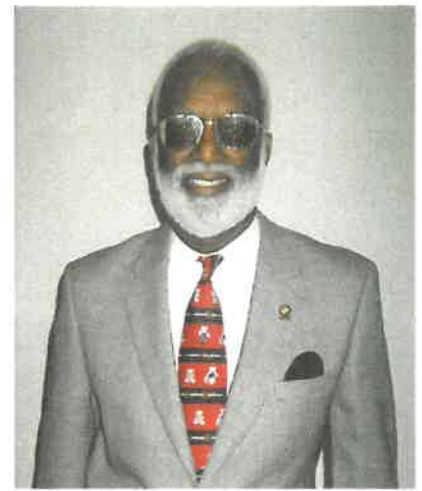
RECRUITMENT

In the President's Message in **RELAC's March/April** edition, Bill de la Garza pointed out that **recruiting new members is one of the Board's most important priorities in 2012**. Therefore, the committee's emphasis this year is to recruit (a) Affiliate Members – active L.A. County employees who are planning to retire within 5 years; and (b) retired members. To accomplish this goal we have been focused on letting active employees know why it is important to join RELAC and providing them with information about our organization. We emphasize that RELAC is **a unique organization whose purpose and primary mission is to enhance, maintain and protect Los Angeles County retirees' pension and medical benefits**. We also point out that RELAC monitors and lobbies regarding County, State and Federal legislation that affects retirees. Finally, we make available to **all** members supplemental insurance benefits not available elsewhere at exclusive discounted group rates. Details of these Supplemental Benefits are on page two of this Newsletter.

The Membership/Recruitment Committee has developed colorful informational flyers telling why active LA County employees should join RELAC. We are referring both active employees and retirees to our website (www.relac.org) for a full range of information about RELAC including applications for membership.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

RELAC members can do several things to help in this recruitment effort. Both Affiliate and Retired members can encourage their friends to join RELAC by having them contact RELAC by phone, e-mail, fax or visit our website for an application. RELAC's contact information is displayed on the back page of this Newsletter. If you have suggestions to help us grow our membership, by all means, please contact us.



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RV Outing Notes

Ed Clifton
Coordinator of RV Club



Thirteen rigs were in attendance at our March outing at the Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet. For those of us who arrived a day early (on Sunday) it did not look good. The weather was rainy, cold and windy. Even though that was the predicted forecast, everybody always hopes it does not rain on their parade!! After a not very promising start, the rest of our stay turned out to be not so bad. Although it was a little chilly the sun was usually out which helped to warm things up somewhat. Besides, with good friends around you, who worries too much about the weather? Our first-time Wagonmaster (Jeanne Klauk and her mother Dorie) did a great job. Although Jeanne was a little stressed (being her first time and all) everything went well and we all enjoyed ourselves. We had a new member join us for our outing. Max Georgi and his wife Dulcy of Upland were with us for the first time. We all hope they had a good time and will continue to join us on our future outings.



Our next outing will be on May 21, 22 and 23, 2012 at the Lake Elsinore West Marina and RV Park in Lake Elsinore. The coupon was in the March/April issue of the Newsletter and by the time you read this the deadline to pay will have passed. Please remember - if you misplace your coupon or anything else from the Newsletter, you can always download the information from the RELAC Website at www.relac.org.

I forgot to mention that the gas card was won by Ron Morgan. Thank you RELAC. Also, as one of the winners of the Valentine Drawing, I would like to thank RELAC for that opportunity as well.

Until next time, be safe and above all enjoy yourself.

SAVE THE DATE

September 12, 2012
General Membership Meeting
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

More to follow in your next Newsletter!

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Diane Sandoval
Chair, Regional Support Committee

In my earlier articles I forgot to mention that the Special Events and the Regional Support Committees have been combined. The committee is looking forward to another busy year planning events for your enjoyment.

Our first meeting was held on March 1, 2012 at the Ionian Plaza in Lancaster. It was well attended – in fact, since space was limited, we returned reservations received after the due date. Given the overwhelming response and interest I decided to provide a short summary of the speaker's comments for your information.

Over 100 members attended our meeting and had the opportunity to hear from Mr. Norm Hickling, Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich. Mr. Hickling, welcomed the group and spoke about the budgetary pressures facing the State, status of flood control improvement projects, park services and other issues of importance to local residents. He assured the group Los Angeles County is doing well financially and has been able to avoid employee layoffs and cutbacks in services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

Our featured speaker was Mr. Robert Hill, LACERA Assistant Executive Assistant, who shared a variety of interesting statistics, such as number of retirees residing in California, number of retirees over 100 years of age and so on. I was surprised to learn that LACERA has two retirees over 109.

Mr. Hill assured retirees their pension benefits are safe and secure and the fund's assets are prudently invested. LACERA's 25 year portfolio return is 8.6%. He explained LACERA was directed by Court Order to release the names of retirees who retired after Jan. 1, 1995 and whose annual pensions are over \$100,000 to the LA Times. To date it is not known when the LA Times intends to publish the information.

The committee is in the process of planning a regional meeting in Palm Springs later this year. Look for more information in our next newsletter.

Upcoming Special Events – Mark your Calendars!

RELAC Annual Picnic at the Santa Fe Dam - September 29, 2012.

RELAC Recognition Luncheon at Almansor Court – January 17, 2013.

If you have any suggestions on future sites for our meetings, topics you're interested in, or prefer morning meetings or luncheon meetings please let us know. We want to hear from you. Please call or email our RELAC office staff and they will forward your comments/suggestions to the committee.

401K Plans continued from p.1

46% less to produce the same benefit in a traditional pension plan than in a 401(k) plan.

Now that experience in the private sector has demonstrated how 401(k) plans have utterly failed in providing an adequate retirement fund, the CRCEA report notes that "it would be the worst of public policy to repeat that failure in the public sector."

Finally, the report points out that with a huge population of impoverished retirees, the nation's consumer-driven economy will be in dire straits.

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GOLF NEWS

By Gil Sandoval
RELAC Golf Director



La Mirada Golf Tournament March 19, 2012

We lucked out as the rain came on the weekend. Benny Martinez was a repeat winner in the "A" flight with a net 64, two strokes better than Bob Bogawa, Jim Noyes and Henry Villaseñor.

The "B" flight was a close race as Jim Abbott edged out Del Gamble and Ed Acosta with a net 66.

Larry Feemster had an easy win in the "C" flight with a net 66.

The "Ladies" flight was a repeat as Kathy Malmfeldt again had a net 70 a win over Charlene DeBie who in turn was well ahead of Kay Barrents.

La Mirada Results:

"A" Flight Winner (19 and under)

1 st	Benny Martinez	(64)
2 nd	Bob Bogawa	(66)*
3 rd	Jim Noyes	(66)*

"B" Flight (20-27 Handicaps)

1 st	Jim Abbott	(66)
2 nd	Del Gamble	(67)
3 rd	Ed Acosta	(68)

"C" Flight (28 up Handicap)

1 st	Larry Feemster	(66)
2 nd	Art Moronez	(70)
3 rd	John Wehrly	(74)

Ladies

1 st	Kathy Malmfeldt	(70)
2 nd	Charlene DeBie	(73)
3 rd	Kay Barrents	(83)

*Winner in a card off.

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men

3-Jim Noyes
5-Don Kirkman
11-Ron Harrington
13-Jim Abbott
17-Doug Biro

Women

3 -No Winner
5 -Charlene DeBie
11 -No Winner
13 - No Winner
17 - No Winner

NEXT TOURNAMENT: Monday, June 11, 2012

Santa Anita Golf Course 8:00 a.m. start

Entry Deadline: May 21, 2012



RELAC Golf Entry Form

Santa Anita Golf Course
405 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006

Monday, June 11, 2012

8:00 am Start

Please Print

1. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fees: \$32.00 PER GOLFER - CART EXTRA

If possible, place me in a foursome with below listed golfers. Addresses of all golfers MUST be included. If possible, we would prefer an

Early _____ Late _____ starting time.

2. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

3. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

4. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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,
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**Entry Deadline
May 21, 2012
ALL CHECKS MUST BE
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Members Spotlight

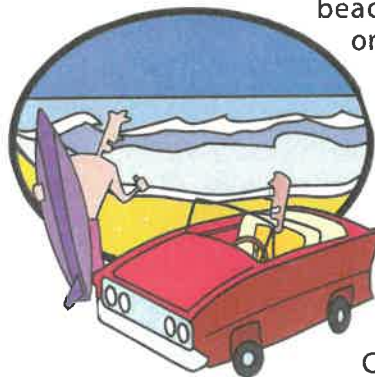


Los Angeles County Marshal's Office 2012 Retired Employees Lucheon Schedule

June 6, 2012	Hoff's Hut 7005 Knot Avenue, Buena Park
July 11, 2012	Johnny Rebs' B.B.Q. 16639 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower
August 1, 2012	Villa Tepeyac 2200 East Garvey, West Covina
September 5, 2012	Marino's Italian Restaurant 17126 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower
October 3, 2012	Elephant Bar 12002 Lakewood Blvd., Downey
November 7, 2012	Northwoods Inn 14305 Firestone Blvd., La Miranda
December 5, 2012	Villa Tepeyac 2200 East Garvey, West Covina

Department of Beaches and Harbors Offers FREE PARKING PASSES to Seniors

ATTENTION SENIORS! To obtain a free daytime beach parking pass (good on non-holiday weekdays only) you must be at least 62 years of age. Here's what you do. Just send a copy of your current driver's license, vehicle registration and current address if different than the one on your driver's license to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, Attention Senior Parking Passes, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. It takes about two to three weeks to process and receive your pass in the mail. No passes are issued over the counter. You may enjoy your free parking pass when visiting beaches in Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Venice, Playa del Rey, Marina del Rey, Torrance and San Pedro. For more details call (310) 305-9503.



FOR SALE

CEMETERY LOTS – Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA, Garden of Affection, Grave 3, Lot 3455. Asking \$3,500 plus \$200 transfer fee. Final price. Contact Andrew at (562) 897-2697.

CEMETERY LOTS – Two lots for sale located in the Forest Lawn Covina Hills Serenity area. Asking \$3,000 (or best offer) for both plus transfer fee. Call Cynthia at (626) 664-3476.

2000 HITCHHIKER II 31, CKTGBW 5th WHEEL TRAILER BY NU-WA – Asking \$16,500 or best offer. Very good condition, 10,240 miles, 3 hydraulic glide-outs, includes hundreds of \$\$\$'s of RV extras like flushing hoses, water filters, RV cleaning supplies, basic off-road tools, folding camping table plus other camping equipment, etc. Call (909) 239-9502.

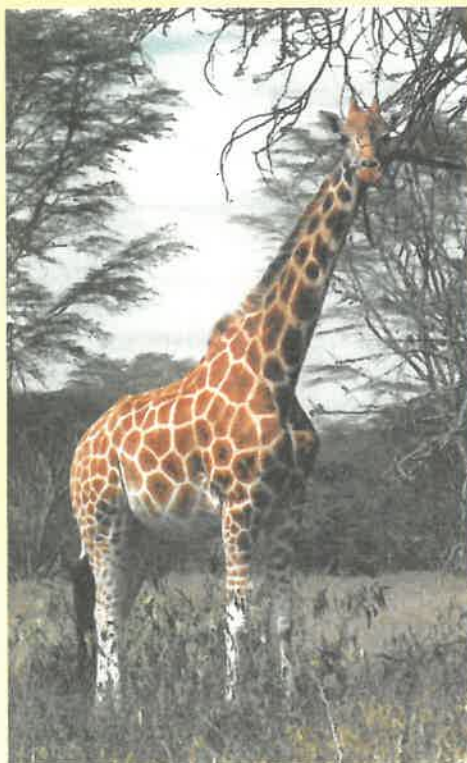
News from our International Members

William Wingard, retired from the District Attorney's Office, sends a follow-up message from Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa

Dear Marty:

Thanks for the publication. It was very interesting to read. We are enclosing a picture of a real giraffe we thought you might enjoy seeing. Keep up the good work. We enjoy reading the magazine when we get it. Take care and enjoy the rest of the year. Very truly yours,

*Bill and Sondra Wingard
Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa*



LEGISLATION REPORT

by Dave Muir
Chair, Legislation Committee

Calendar Year 2011, Lots of Action, Little Progress

Legislative action in 2011 was dominated by pension reform initiative proposals. There was lots of action, but only one proposal has a chance of getting on the ballot.

Eleven (11) voter initiative proposals were introduced in 2011. Seven (7) failed to get enough signatures to qualify for the ballot. Three (3) were abandoned by the sponsors. And only one (1) remains active.

The remaining active proposal would prohibit part-time elected or appointed officials of local governments from receiving pension, retirement, health insurance and other benefits. In addition, it would limit compensation of part-time local officials to salary, stipend or per diem payment for attending public meetings. And it would require a local entity's monetary payments to its part-time officials to be posted on the entity's and State Controller's websites. Further, any elected part-time local official would be prohibited from receiving monetary payment for service on any governmental body other than the one to which he or she was elected. The sponsor of the initiative proposal has until May 25, 2012 to obtain the 807,615 signatures needed to qualify it for the ballot.

Fourteen (14) pension reform bills that could have impacted LACERA were pending in the State Legislature during 2011. None passed.

Calendar Year 2012, Another Year Focused On Pension Reform Proposals

Draft language for Governor Brown's "12 Point" pension reform plan was provided on February 2, 2012 to the Legislature's "Conference Committee on Public Employee Pensions." The Conference Committee is comprised of six members of both houses of the Legislature and is charged with the task of studying public pensions and developing reform proposals. In late February, the Republican Caucus released a package of bills that mirror the Governor's draft language.

RELAC is monitoring the Republican Caucus bills based on the Governor's 12 Point plan, as well as the following bills introduced in 2012:

AB 2416 would require every California public retirement system that does not maintain a reserve fund to create such a fund. It would require any excess funds to be placed in the reserve and would prohibit funds in the reserve from being used for the payment of benefits. The objective of this bill is to prevent public retirement systems from using "excess earnings" in any year to grant supplemental benefits, including COLAs. If passed, this bill could be challenged in court on the ground it violates vested rights. Such a challenge could be avoided if the bill was amended to apply only to new members of the retirement system. RELAC will closely monitor this bill and vigorously work to defeat it or to amend it to apply only to those who become members of the retirement system after the bill becomes effective.

SB 1002 would require public records to be produced in searchable form if requested. Under current law, LACERA is able to charge the requestor the cost of converting records if they are not kept in the form requested. This bill would establish restrictions on what could be charged. It was

probably introduced in reaction to requests being received from the media seeking retiree information in certain searchable forms, which cost a great deal to create.

SB 1382 is sponsored by the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), of which RELAC is a member. Under current law, a vacancy in the alternate retired member of the board of retirement is to be filled by appointment by the board from a list of nominees submitted by any organization with a majority of its members being retirees. SB 1382 would require an organization to be approved by the board of retirement as a "recognized retiree association" before it can nominate a person to fill the vacancy.

AB 1542, sponsored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, would prevent employees from retiring and receiving a cost-of-living adjustment until they have been retired for at least 12 months. Many employees retire on or shortly before March 31 and receive a cost-of-living adjustment that takes effect on April 1. Although the bill as currently drafted would apply only to Orange County, there is always the possibility that the bill could be amended as it makes its way through the Legislature to apply to LACERA and the other county retirement systems.

AB 1663 would place a cap on public employee pensions for those who are employed after January 1, 2013. The cap would be \$80,000 for employees covered by Social Security, and \$100,000 for employees not covered by Social Security. The cap would be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

AB 1639 would cap public employee pensions to the IRS limit for tax-qualified pensions, currently \$250,000.

AB 1815 would prohibit membership in the Orange County retirement system for new members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. This is another bill that could be amended to apply to all county retirement systems as it makes its way through the sausage making machine called the legislative process.

Please rest assured that RELAC is closely watching what goes on in Sacramento and in Congress. We will continue our important work in protecting your rights.

Welcome New Members

February & March 2012



Assessor

Pickens, Velorian L.
Townsend, Gary
Chief Executive Office
Regan, Kathryn
Child Support Services
Tejada, Rhina I.
Children & Family Services
Gordon, Robert
County Counsel
Lichtenberg, Karen
District Attorney
Green, Mildred L.
Sainz, Fred V.

Fire

Broomfield, Edward
Chacon, Val Daniel
Duran, Maria T.
Peralta, Elizabeth
Rohaley, Leo

Health Services

Bedney, Cadena
Bell, Chauncey
Carter, Mary F.
Cooray, Valerie
Jones, James
Montgomery, Phoebe R.

Internal Services

DeYampert, Alton L.
Guzman, Juana M.
Hines, Shirley J.

LACERA

Golden, Janice
Lewis, Maxieana M.

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Ablay, Nilda
Kelly, Susan L.
Moore, Dorothy M.
Park, Jin Sook
Stamper, Clifford J.

Mental Health

Fritsche, Norma A.
Rodney, Montreal F.
Nizlak, Jean
Smith, Lena
Towns, Ruth

Parks & Recreation

Gratts, Erma

Probation

Bradford, Doris
Castaneda, Gonzalo T.
Carson-Huff, Diane
Harris-Lewis, Dorothy J.
Mazzola, Larry A.
McClendon, Curtis

Public Health

Alkon, Ellen MD
Hunter, Olivia
Mylan, Judith A.

Public Library

Phillips, Cynthia P.
Stefenhagen, Marilee

Public Social Services

Godoy, Ralph
Hernandez, Nick
Holland, Diana
Kelly, Eileen M.
Postovoit, Harry T.
Reynolds, Madeline
Williams, Shirley M.

Public Works

Biro, Doug
Guffey, John B.
Koch, Klaus W.
Mora, Jose L.
Waterworth, Randy

Rancho Los Amigos Rehab. Ctr.

Hilton, Cheryl

Sheriff

Crawford, Darrick
Forgues, Alicia
Franco, Chris
Harms, Robert A.
Hernandez, Celia
Ichikawa, Robert D.
Jefferson, Richard J.
Maggiore, Steven D.
McCraven, Carl
Smith, Judy F.
Spear, Ronald D.
Wright, Giles G.

Superior Court

Brand, Richard
Gibbons, Barbara
Moreno, Armando V.
Riley, John N.

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Jimenez, Steven F.

Department Not Designated

Blair, Stephanie
Montana, Victor A.
Rascon, Lourdes
Valdivieso, Theresa M.

New Affiliate Members

District Attorney

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Halcon, Ernest L.

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Arclese, Luci

Health Services

Roybal, Yolanda

Human Resources

Garcia, Armando

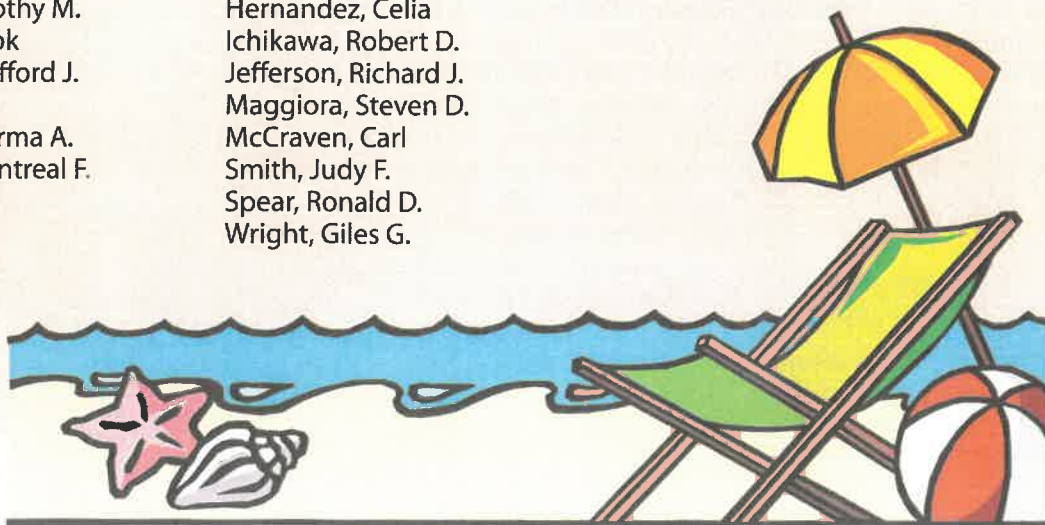
Public Social Services

Denby, Shannon
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New Associate Members

Bradford, James
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Duran, Ruben

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Mora, Irene
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Park, John Soo Jang
Rascon, Gilbert
Reynolds, John
Riley, Helen E.
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Praise from a RELAC member who finds Emailed Newsletter to be a pleasure

Member Art Segal sent us the following message:

I just received the the March/April RELAC Newsletter. Thank you very much. I read it on my iPad which allowed me to enlarge the print so I didn't need my reading glasses. What a pleasure! I am so pleased you instituted this option and have given us the opportunity to save a tree, as well as your saving money.

Sincerely, Art Segal

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High Plains Western Heritage Center

Custer State Park • Tate Geological Museum

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Departs

September 29, 2012



Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

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• 8 Nights Hotel Accommodations

Admissions and Sightseeing per Itinerary

Professional Tour Manager Throughout

• Taxes and Baggage Handling

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Cruise and Amtrak Standard Bedroom

CATEGORY	STATEROOM	DOUBLE PER PERSON
I	Inside	\$2195.00
FF	Ocean View (obstructed)	\$2265.00
BC	Balcony	\$2355.00
BB	Balcony	\$2395.00

Cruise and Amtrak Deluxe Bedroom

CATEGORY	STATEROOM	DOUBLE PER PERSON
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BC	Balcony	\$2565.00
BB	Balcony	\$2585.00

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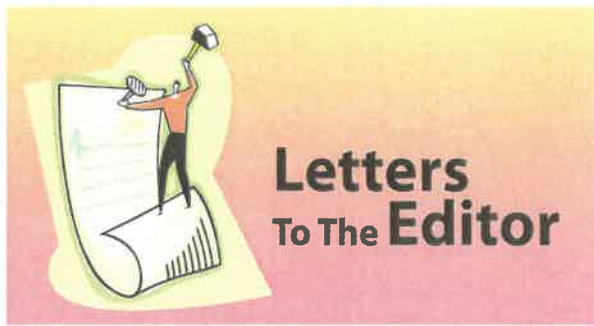
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Professional Tour Manager • Taxes and Baggage Handling

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I enjoyed Janice Golden's letter on her pending retirement in March. Janice gave a good part of her life (44 years) to the County. We are fortunate for her dedicated service. I pray that she will continue to live a long, healthy and productive life. Sincerely,
Hikaru Okubo
Montebello, CA

I recently joined RELAC and I am pleased with the newsletter, benefits and overall assistance by service representatives. I relocated to Texas and I am unable to participate in any of the activities but love to read about what is going on anyway – who knows, I may be visiting relatives in California and actually get to attend an event or two.
Cynthia Taylor
Longview, TX

My husband and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the employees of LACERA and RELAC for absolutely everything you have done for us. In November of 2010 I had a little detour with breast cancer. I had a double Mastectomy but I am now on the mend. I cannot tell you what peace of mind we have from all your services. Thank you so much for the pocket secretary, the medical program that pays all our medical bills and the prescription medicine program that we are on. Sorry I waited so long to let you know. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. Sincerely yours,
Diane and Richard Huttenga
Grants Pass, OR

This is to express my gratitude for both the Valentine Drawing and the check for \$25.00 I received for having been one of the lucky winners! I was also able to go to the Picnic at the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area last fall for the first time. I took two guests. What a splendid event it was and what a wonderful time we had! Thank you for all you do to add joy to our lives. Kudos! You are all great!
Lucy Palermino
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you very much for the service you provide us by including a "For Sale" column in the Newsletter as well as all the important news to keep us oldies (almost 89) up to date. All my

Harbor-UCLA Hospital friends are no longer here to keep me informed. Their names have appeared in the "In Memoriam" Section.

Lillian Dicken
Torrance, CA

I went to my first RELAC membership meeting on March 27, 2012 at Descanso Gardens which is near where I live in Glendale. I enjoyed the refreshments and the presentation by Sergeant Mankini from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. And, I am so excited! I won one of the door prizes – not just a door prize but a huge woven basket filled with candies and cookies, fresh oranges and apples, fresh red and green grapes, an 8 oz. block of Vermont cheddar (white) cheese, a box of crackers, a bottle of red wine and a large chocolate Easter rabbit. Thanks RELAC! Thanks Pacific Group Agencies and to the person or persons who assembled the basket – you did a great job!

Jerrilyn Hebert
Glendale, CA

The following lucky winners of our Annual Valentine Drawing were kind enough to send notes expressing their delight and thanking RELAC for the \$25.00 cash prize:

Maurine Blakely, Glendale, CA
 Russ Hawthorne, Camarillo, CA
 Lorraine Imai, Wilmington, CA
 Hazel Lightbody, Cartersville, GA
 Eileen MacMillan, Parker CO
 Carolyn Ochs, Vancouver, WA
 Joanne Saxon, Temple City, CA
 Jessie Thompson, Harbor City, CA
 Dorothy Walkosz, Surprise, AZ



The featured speaker at the Lancaster Regional meeting was LACERA Assistant Executive Officer Robert Hill. He provided reassurance on the state of our retirement funding. (photo by Don Fandry)



The General Membership meeting on March 27 at Descanso Gardens featured Sergeant Joshua Mankini of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Mankini gave an informative talk on identity theft and how to avoid it and on home security. (photo by Don Fandry)

IN MEMORIAM

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

Agricultural Comm./ Wts. & Measures

Garcia, Barbara N.
Lichty, Ralph W.

Assessor

Gurvine, Mary P.
Lester, William H.
Walker, Ruth E.
Wilson, Fern E.

Chief Executive Office

Cooper, John T.
Freedman, Marvin

Chief Information Office

Jackson, Travis C.
McNutt, Nathaniel

Child Support Services

Biddle, Jacklyn M.

Children & Family Services

Case, Carol
Crawford, Evelyn
Gerhold, Ursula
Graham, Marianna
Logan, Sharyn L.
Oakleaf, David E.
Schaefer, Margaret
Soltero, Atilano V.
Tubbs, Phyllis L.
Wilson, Hattie
Woods, Carole

Collections

McNeal, Easter

County Counsel

Gordon, Louis S.

Data Processing

Payne, Louise
Vickrey, Lucille

District Attorney

Terry, Adeliffne

Engineer

Dodd, Alvis C.
Feld, Richard J.
Tessmer, L. K.
Yasui, Chester R.

Fire

Archer, Charles J.
Atkinson, Roy T.
Baal, Anthony P.
Balzano, Michael J.
Bedley, Norman W.
Bumgardner, Floyd S.

Burden, John A.
Colton, Sol
McClelland Edward B.
Moore, Jerry O.
Mullicane, Richard B.
O'Donnell, Michael L.
Roe, Billy D.
Schwaiger, David L.
Stahl, Jon P.
Zambrano, Olga

Flood Control

Henry, Keith E.
Ito, Isamu

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Delaney-Mill, Arlene
Dowdy, Frances L.
Miyahira, Teru
Wareing, Camilla I.

Health Services

Clark, Elizabeth L.
Fisher, Jessie M.
Fong, Alice C.

Health Services Administration

Martinez, Ralph
Pool, Lynell C.
Prell, Suzanne H.
Slaman, Karl
Thomas, Flodessie
Winston, Shirley

Internal Services

Corbett, Lloyd B.
Dunn, Mabel L.
Flemming, Isaiah
Garron, Robert P.
Loggins, James
Madigan, Ronald B.
McGriff, Joel P.
McKee, Virginia
Miller, Thomas W.
Rochester, John M.
Thomas, Eddie L.

Juvenile Court Health Service

Harper, Shirley A.
Wilford, Jeanne E.

King/Drew Medical Center

Addison, Alice C.
Alexander, Leo E.
Booth, Dorothy O.
Fountain, Helen E.
Love, Vera N.
Mitchell, Surrulla
Murray, Annie M.
Walker, E. A.

LAC+USC Medical Center

Austin, Theresa V.
Eston, Robert L.
Fields, Coreen J.
Ludwick, William A.
Moreno, Juana
Quinlen, Dennis
Rondolo, Violeta
Sandoval, Antonio
Wong, Hank N.

LACERA

Brion, Lina S.

Mechanical

Fritsch, Richard J.
Kuebel, Russell W.
Moore, Richard J.
Varela, Panfilo R.
Zervantian, Charles

Medical Examiner-Coroner

Choi, Joseph
Murrell, Edward W.

Mental Health

Itabashi, Yoko
Lerma, Dorothy M.
Munoz, Maria E.

Municipal Court

Alvarado, Anna M. (Glendale)
Howard, Elizabeth A. (Compton)

Olive View/UCLA Hospital

Box, Gary L.
Matuz, Rose G.
Rivera, Petra

Probation

Calhoun, Mary I.
Clare, John T.
Cook, Lee
Feistman, Eugene G.
Gaddy, Hubert
Graves, Rural L.
Hawkey, Carrie
Herron, Harry B.
Hunt, George W.
Iwasaki Sr., Samuel I.
Klein, Ragnhild B.
Payne, Robert H.
Riley, Beatrice L.
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Wells, Robert H.
Woodman Jr., William G.
Wright, Lloyd A.

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Public Health Program

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Juden, Joseph
Mc Shan, Emma P.

Public Library

Anderson, Rosalinda B.
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Smith, Howard D.
Vaughan, Helen K.

Public Social Services

Acuff, Rosalia P.
Blake, Patricia J.
Bolotin, Maurice
Clark, Jose A.
Geller, Ruth
Gillen, Charlotte M.
Hall, Jerald
Hutchison, William A.
Jackson, Marilou J.
Landar, Susan A.
Martinez, Simona I.
McDaniel, Rose M.
Minfield, Mildred E.
Onesto, Nancy E.
Palmer, Doshie S.
Reed, Cora S.
Robberson, Robin
Robinson, Arvella
Sears, Florence A.
Shelton, Richard A.
Stevens, Ines
Tidwell, Judith
Timbol, Federico S.
Totes, Ruth E.
Zatkus, Donna

Public Works

Hango, Naty F.
Hoagland, Thomas W.
Martinez, Antonio
Martinez, Paul P.
Mendoza, Joe A.
Moore, Richard J.
Parravicini, Waldo F.
Prell, F. W.
Sagun, Carmi C.
Simpson, Lloyd E.
Taylor, Lillian H.
Wichers, Bertus J.

Rancho Los Amigos Hospital

Barras, Robert
Costa, Alice B.
Crossno, Virginia
Greathouse, Denice
Mendez, Candace C.
Olsen, Bruce S
Parker, Betty J.
Patterson, Patsy P.
Percy, Teresa A.
Riley, Alverna O.
Sollom, Sylvia M.
Wiles, Betty

Regional Planning

Deitenbeck, Hugo
Owen, David W.

Reg.-Recorder/County Clerk

Brown, Joyce M.
Perry, Willie
White, George W.

Sheriff

Andersen Jr., Theodore
Arce, Rosie L.
Beith, Harold W.
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Crisp, Roxanna E.
Dohner, Dan R.
Dunlop, Donald
Eckels, George H.
Enger, Gerald K.
Fiala, Milton
Forbes, Harry G.
Gonzalez, Mary M.
Hay, Charles W.
Hoffman, Paul J.
Kammer, Donald D.
Kearney, Naomi M.
King, Barry S.
Miller, Samuel F.
Parish, Denis O.
Pratt, Lillie
Rankin, Theodore L.
Rodriguez, Victor L.
Shea, Lavona J.
Sheldon, Gary L.
Smith, Harold J.
Stout, Roy D.
Texeira, Steven J.
Thomason, Ronald M.
Thornburg, Edward H.

Uriarte, Mario R.
Voyles, John T.
Winkler, Norma J.
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Wood, Martha L.
Woolsey, Dorothea H.

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Masten, Edith M.
Miller, Joseph E.
Townes, Marie L.

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Carbajal, Raymundo
Elkholy, Flora Z.

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Ireland, Isabel K.
Martinez, Joe
Nagy, Norma C.
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(818) 998-2193

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

Presentation by Verna Velasquez
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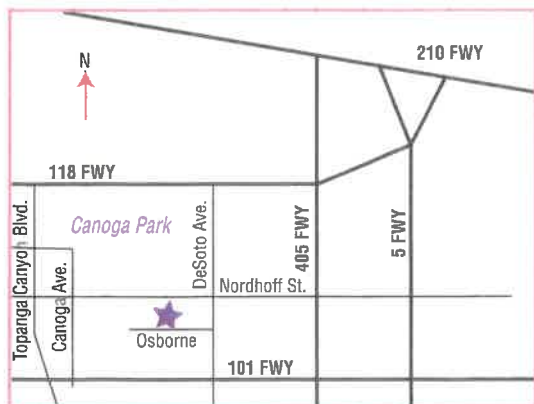


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