

## RELACnewsletter

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, Here we go again. I want to share some good news and bad news with you. Let's start with the bad news and then move on to the good news.



Bad News: I'm tired of getting up in the morning and reading articles in my newspaper about government employee pension abuses. It's become fashionable for the public and the press to criticize all the abuses of the public sector including their management and day by day operations. Even a recognized university of higher education, Stanford University, and the Little Hoover Commission have joined the criticism by preparing published reports with recommended solutions. However, both the reports of Stanford University and the Little Hoover Commission have been sharply criticized by pension actuaries, pension attorneys and other pension experts. They point out that recommendations in the Stanford report would cause taxpayers to overfund pensions to the harm of taxpayers and the public, and that major recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission can't be implemented because they would violate long established legal precedent of the California Supreme Court.

Like most of us retired County employees, I'm very angry and ashamed over the flagrant abuses made by the City of Bell and other neighboring municipalities which triggered public disrespect for government throughout the state. I'm also very concerned with the mismanagement of inappropriate salary upgrades and pension spiking by many cities and municipalities who are being forced to lay-off employees and severely curtail municipal services. The bad news is that Joe Public does not differentiate the good from the bad. They also blame all government agencies for the recession and all the difficulties we are experiencing.

Good News: While L.A County and LACERA (Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association) have experienced some difficult times, we are solvent and doing well compared with other cities, counties, State of California and other retirement systems throughout the state. L.A. County will not go bankrupt and LACERA will continue to pay your pension and your promised benefits. Yes, because our County and LACERA have carefully and prudently administered our resources, we as retirees can relax and not worry about our pensions and benefits. Don't misunderstand, we are not out of the woods, but we are continuing in the right direction.

On the Lighter Side: I'm pleased to report that your RELAC Board of Directors is taking care of business. They have planned and confirmed dates for many meetings and recreational activities designed for the enjoyment of our members. A few of these include Regional meetings in Las Vegas and Huntington Beach, General Membership meetings in Glendale and Carson, Day at the Races at Hollywood Park and our upcoming RELAC Golf Tournament at Los Amigos in Downey. Please look inside this Newsletter for exact dates and times or call the RELAC office for further information.

Until next time, stay healthy and as customary, I leave you with this thought:

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."

Eleanor Roosevelt



## Lots of Action Both Against and in Support of Public Pensions

Roger Niello, a former California Assemblyman, has submitted a proposed initiative intended to reduce retirement benefits. Niello explicitly exempts those who are already retired from its provisions, but his proposal to cap pensions of new hires at 60% may have a negative impact on the the quality of those recruited into public service. At present the Attorney General is reviewing the initiative. Signature collection will probably begin in mid-May. The full text can be seen on the RELAC Website <a href="https://www.relac.org">www.relac.org</a>.

Marcia Fritz, a dedicated critic of public pensions, has promised to submit an initiative, but she has not yet done so. Hers may be tougher than Niello's. And her signature collection campaign is sure to be very well financed and so more likely to succeed than Niello's. We will keep you informed.

Governor Brown has issued a press release which outlines his ideas for reforming public pensions. The release also lists related bills introduced in the state legislature. The proposals seem aimed at improving the management of retirement systems and eliminating abuses, except that Brown refers to an unspecified cap on future pension amounts. It has been reported in the Los Angeles Times that the proposed cap will be \$106,000 and something higher for those not eligible for Social Security. This is less extreme than Niello's proposal. The Governor's press release is on the RELAC Website.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is considering some alternative measures to reduce the cost of retiree health care and none of which will affect those who are already retired. The list of the Board's options will be found in David Muir's article on page 11 of this Newsletter issue.

## Legislation Report April 1, 2011

by Dave Muir Chair, Legislation Committee

The 2011 California legislative session got off to a roaring start with a record number of bills being introduced. A few of them are of direct interest to RELAC members:



Senate Bill 203 is sponsored by the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA), of which RELAC is a member. This is the third year in a row that CRCEA has tried to get this important legislation passed. It provides that if there is a vacancy in the retired member position on the Board of Retirement (in our case Bill de la Garza), then the alternate retired member (in our case Ed Morris) will step up to take his place for the remainder of the term and the Board of Retirement will appoint a new person to serve as the alternate member. The appointment of the new alternate retired member must be made from a list of persons nominated by retiree organizations. This bill would also quarantee that in other counties, the alternate retired member would have full rights to participate in the discussion of matters coming before the Board of Retirement, a right already enjoyed by our alternate retired member in L.A. County. RELAC is supporting SB 203.

Senate Bill 689 would require the State Controller to publish an annual report that includes, for any public retired member who receives an annual pension of \$100,000 or more, (1) the classification from which the member retired, (2) the department or agency from which the member retired, and (3) the amount of the pension the member receives annually. While there is no requirement that the names of individual retirees be made public, in many instances disclosure of position titles will clearly identify the individual concerned. RELAC opposes this bill and any other bill requiring disclosure of private financial information.

Senate Bill 46 would require public agencies to disclose on the agency's website detailed compensation information received by designated elected and appointed officials. The information to be disclosed includes base salary, bonuses, deferred compensation, pension plans, expense reimbursements, and any other monetary or nonmonetary perqs. At LACERA, the disclosure requirements would apply to the CEO, Chief Counsel, CIO, and Principal Investment Officers. Salaries of current employees, as opposed to pensions of retirees, has always been a matter of public record and available to the public upon inquiry. This bill, prompted by the City of Bell scandal, would provide greater transparency and make it easy for the public and the media to ascertain a public employee's total compensation. RELAC is supporting SB 46.

## Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval Retiree Representative, LACERA Board of Investments



At the Board of Investments Meeting on March 9, 2011, LACERA's actuary, Milliman, presented the results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2010. Milliman reported LACERA's funded status was 83.3% as of June 30, 2010. This was a decrease from a year earlier, June 30, 2009, when Milliman reported LACERA's funded



status was 88.9%. You may recall that the LACERA's portfolio for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 exceeded the return assumption rate of 7.75% and earned 11.6% on a market basis. The portfolio's performance for the year ended June 30, 2009 was a negative 18.3%.

According to the comments by the actuary, the investment return for the current year was more than offset by large deferred asset losses from prior years that were partially recognized in the current valuation under the actuarial asset smoothing method. Smoothing spreads asset gains and losses over a five-year period. There is a remaining \$6.2 billion net investment loss that will be deferred and spread over the next three valuations.

The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of June 30, 2010 increased to \$7.81 billion compared to \$4.93 billion reported as of June 30, 2009. The actuary recommended the County of Los Angeles contribute 16.31% of payroll, an increase of 2.09% compared to last year's contribution rate of 14.22%. The actuary has also recommended a small increase in contribution rates for general member employees and a small decrease in rates for safety member employees. The recommended contribution rates were approved by the Board of Investments and will go into effect on July 1, 2011.

#### **INTERESTING STATISTICS**

The actuarial valuation reported a 1.4% decrease in the size of the active member population that now totals over 94,000. The overall average age is 45.9. Over 97% of active members are in the open tiers (Plans D & E for general members; Plan B for safety members) with less than 3% of the active members covered by one of the closed tiers (Plans A, B & C for general members; Plan A for safety members). The retired population increased by 2.1% and now totals over 54,000. The average benefit payment has increased by 4% to approximately \$3,400 per month. The average age of retirees has increased by approximately two months to 71.6. This means we are living longer!

In closing, thank you for your continued support and for allowing me to represent you on the LACERA Board of Investments.

## REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Diane Sandoval Co-Chair, Regional Support Committee

It's not too late to send in your reservation form to attend our regional luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino. The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino is located at 129 East Fremont Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101. The cost of this delicious lunch is \$25.00 per person. You have a choice of the following three entrees: Teriyaki Sirloin Steak, Chicken Marsala or Pesto Seared Salmon. All luncheon selections include salad, dessert and assorted rolls, butter, regular and decaffeinated coffee, premium hot tea selection or iced tea.

Please join us and tell your fellow retirees that this year's luncheon is open to all L.A. County retirees - not just RELAC Members. This luncheon is an opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, eat wonderful food and get briefed on topics impacting all retirees. This year's featured speaker is LACERA Assistant Executive Officer Janice Golden who will discuss the most current issues and answer your retirement questions. In addition to an informative presentation and a delicious lunch there will be door prizes and our infamous game of chance wherein three attendees will reap the reward of bettors turned winners.

Why not take a mini-vacation? Book your stay at the "Golden Nugget Casino and Hotel" for as low as \$49.00 per night plus applicable state and local taxes, Monday through Thursday, single or double occupancy. Call the hotel's reservation department at (800) 634-3454 (toll-free) by April 18, 2011 and mention RELAC 2011 code IDL77C to assure you obtain the group rate. Reservations received after April 18, 2011 will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis. The Golden Nugget provides complimentary valet and self - parking for hotel guests.

ACT NOW – Send in your reservation form with your check payable to RELAC no later than May 9, 2011. Tickets will be given out at the door the day of the event. Requests for a refund of luncheons paid must be received by the RELAC Office no later than May 10, 2011. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon.

#### **Huntington Beach Regional Meeting**

The date of this meeting remains unchanged – Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Final arrangements have been made to hold the meeting at the Huntington Beach Central Library and Cultural Center, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. RELAC is excited to have confirmed Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens as our Featured Speaker. Sheriff Hutchins is a former Los Angeles County employee. As a resident of Orange County and a retiree of Los Angeles County I am anxious to hear Sheriff Hutchens speak on the differences between Los Angeles County and Orange County. In addition I'm sure she will have insightful information on ways seniors can protect themselves from identity theft, fraudulent schemes and the like.

I hope you will join us on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Plan to arrive at 9:15 a.m. and enjoy complimentary refreshments prior to the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Door prizes will be awarded to attendees who are lucky to be holding winning raffle tickets.

Please plan on attending both or at least one of our regional meetings mentioned in this article.

### Las Vegas Luncheon Meeting

May 19, 2011 **Reservation Form** Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino 129 East Freemont Street

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	City, State, Zip		
	Guest		
	No. of Tickets@ \$25.00 =		
Choice of Entree			
	Teriyaki Sirloin Steak		
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1	Must be received by May 9, 2011 May 10, 2011 is deadline for refunds		
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**Scene from March 22 Membership Meeting** photo by Don Fandry

Brian Mejias, on the right, Deputy to County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, presented a Board scroll to RELAC's Past President, Greg Walia, congratulating Greg on his outstanding service to retired county employees. The well attended meeting's featured topic was Secured Financial Investments.





## MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAYOR

Invites You to the 14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Veterans' Event



## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011 - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

ARCADIA COUNTY PARK 405 S. SANTA ANITA AVENUE, ARCADIA 91006

#### **FEATURING**

- SKYDIVERS
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- LIVE MUSIC

#### NO COST

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#### **ASSISTANCE**

- EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
- VETERANS BENEFIT INFORMATION
- LEGAL INFORMATION





A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES WILL BE HELD AT 11:30 A.M.

BRING A DUPLICATE OF A MILITARY PHOTO
TO BE PLACED ON
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#### LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TICKETS

Game starts at 6:10 p.m. - Monday, July 4, 2011

This should be an exciting game! The Los Angeles Dodgers are playing the New York Mets. 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 great location! Tickets for this premium game are \$30.00. However, the cost to RELAC members and their guests is \$25.00.

This RELAC event is always well attended and a limited number of seats are still available. Please fill out the coupon below and send it along with your check as soon as possible. **The deadline is June 20, 2011.** Your tickets will be mailed to you on June 23, 2011.

Hope to see you there!

### **DODGERS VS. THE NEW YORK METS** Game Starts at 6:10 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2011 Name: Address: City/State/Zip: Phone: ( No. of tickets @ \$25.00 each **Total Amount Enclosed:** Make checks payable to RELAC and mail to: **RELAC Baseball** 1000 So. Fremont Ave., #15 Alhambra, CA 91803-8802 **DEADLINE - JUNE 20, 2011** For office use: Amount 5 Check No.

## RELAC DAY at HOLLYWOOD PARK

by Mary K. Rodriguez Chair, Recreation Committee

#### **FINAL CALL!!**

Get ready for a fun day at Hollywood Park.

RELAC Day will be on Thursday, June 9, 2011.

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 below and send it with your check as soon as possible. The reservation deadline is May 27, 2011. Your tickets will be mailed to you on June 1, 2011.

I hope to see you at the park – it will be exciting if we are lucky and win a big one. I am sure going to give it a try. See you there!!!

RELAC DAY AT THE RACES Hollywood Park Racetrack Thursday, June 9, 2011	
Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
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Number of Tickets@ \$28.00 each  Total Amount Enclosed == \$  Enclose a check for your total payable to RELAC and mail to:  RELAC Races 1000 South Fremont Avenue, #15 Alhambra, CA 91803-8802  Must be received by May 27, 2011	
For office use:  Received Amount \$ Check No.	





#### **FEBRUARY & MARCH 2011**

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## New Affiliate Member Chief Executive Office

Braverman, Norman

#### **New Associate Members**

Adams, Richard Allen, Lonnie Conklin, Terry De la Torre, Raul Dedmon, Robert Hanohano, Louis K. Sr. Hay, Likun Lang, Gloria Liu, Eugene Meyer, Mark Miller, Yvonne Molinari, Sheila Moran, Karen L. Roby, Leo Jr. Sanchez, Benny B. Shows, Calvin Trevino, Leo Wolschon, Irene

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- Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARM)
- · Jumbo Loans available

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 You may be paying too much on your current mortgage. Take advantage of a free Mortgage review and see how much you can save!

RELAC Members

Join and receive a free gift!"



Membership is subject to eligibility. All new accounts will be verified through ChexSystems and are subject to credit approval. Real Estate Loans are subject to credit approval. Due to current real estate and economic conditions, soan requests that exceed 80% of the property's value will require additional review and may incur higher costs. Loan funding is subject to membership eligibility and credit approval.

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## Golf News

By Gil Sandoval RELAC Golf Director



#### La Mirada Golf Tournament Mar. 21, 2011

The day started great but Mother Nature had other plans. The rain came late and only three players completed the 18 holes. They braved the elements until the rain stopped. The official tournament was



called at the end of 9 holes. Mike Haile in the "A" flight and Bob Cornelius in the "B" flight excelled on this rainy day to win their respective flights. John Wehrly had an easier time of it to win the "C" flight. The real battle was between Sue Danbara and Charlene DeBie as they battled to a draw and it was decided with a card off making Sue the winner.

#### La Mirada Results:

#### "A" Flight Winner (19 and under)

1st Mike Haile (30)2<sup>nd</sup> Shiq Yonamine (32) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lavell Brumfield (34)\*

#### "B" Flight (20-27 Handicaps)

1st Bob Cornelius 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Villasenor (32) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Harrington (33)

#### "C" Flight (28 up Handicap)

1st John Wehrly (33)2<sup>nd</sup> John Wehrly (36)\*3<sup>rd</sup> Jerome Clayton (36)

#### **Ladies**

1st Sue Danbara (36)\*2<sup>nd</sup> Charlene DeBie (36) 3rd None \*Winner in a card off.

#### Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men # 3 -John Whehrly # 5-Henry Villasenor #9-Mike Haile #17 -Jim Noyes Women No winners

NEXT TOURNAMENT - Monday, June 6, 2011 Los Amigos Golf Course 8:00 a.m. start Entry Deadline: May. 13, 2011

## **Golf Entry Form**

**Los Amigos Golf Course** 7295 Quill Drive Downey, CA 90242



#### Monday, June 6, 2011

8:00 am start

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## Long Term Care Benefit Available To Wartime Veterans, Spouses

Millions of families of wartime veterans are failing to take advantage of a little known benefit that could help pay for long term care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' so-called aid-and-attendance benefit pays a maximum of \$1,949 a month to married veterans who qualify. Single veterans and surviving spouses may be eligible for smaller payments.

To qualify, veterans must have served at least 90 days of active military service, including at least one day during a war, and not have been discharged dishonorably. (The rules are stricter for wartime veterans who entered active duty starting September 8, 1980.) They also must meet certain thresholds for medical need and financial need.

Almost 105,000 veterans were using the benefit as of last year, along with a large number of widows, according to the VA. But the pool of potential recipients could be much higher. 2.3 million veterans who served in World War II still are living, according to VA estimates, plus another 2.6 million who served in Korea and 7.7 million in Vietnam.

"This can be really important not only for older Americans but also for their kids if they're trying to deal with mom and dad and how they're going to pay" for assisted-living and other long-term-care services, says Tom Pamperin, an associate deputy undersecretary in the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration.

The benefit has been underused, he says, because "it doesn't occur to veterans in their 70s who may have had no encounter with the VA other than qualifying for a home loan 40 years ago that there are benefits payable to them".

A couple's actual income can't be higher than \$23,396 (\$19,736 for an individual or \$12,681 for a veteran's widow or widower). That number may sound low, but veterans whose annual earnings exceed that amount still qualify if their income falls to that level after deducting unreimbursed medical expenses, such as the cost of assisted living, home health care, prescription drugs or insurance premiums. (The veteran is responsible for his or her first 5% of medical expenses, but Medicare Part B premiums usually take care of that requirement.)

Generally, if the veteran has less than \$80,000 in liquid assets, not including a home or personal car, "we don't have to do a net-worth determination," Mr. Pamperin says.

The medical thresholds include needing help from another person with functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, eating or dressing, or being bedridden, blind or a patient in an assisted-living facility or nursing home due to a mental or physical disability.

## Members Spotlight



# Reminder: How to Become a Member of the RELAC Board

To be considered for selection by the Board of Directors to the slate of nominees to fill the five Board Member positions up for election this year, you have until May 9, 2011 to submit a letter to the RELAC office. The letter should explain your interest in serving and your qualifications. Before you are considered by the Board at the Business Meeting which will be held on May 26, 2011, you will be interviewed by the Bylaws/Nominations/Elections Committee.

Any member who wishes to be a candidate, and who has not been selected to be on the slate, must file a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) RELAC members. The signed petition with a letter of acceptance of the nomination must be received by the RELAC office no later than July 31, 2011.

If there are at least six persons competing for the five Board positions, there will be an election in the month of September.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS**



ATTENTION SENIORS! To obtain a free daytime beach parking pass you must be at least 62 years of age. Here's what you do. Mail or bring a photocopy of your current driver's license and vehicle registration to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292 or fax the same to (310) 821-6345. It takes about two 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, Torrance and San Pedro. Fore more details call (310) 305-9503.

## **News From LACERA**

by Janice Golden Assistant Executive Officer

At LACERA, when we talk about "March Madness," we aren't referring to the annual college basketball playoffs. We mean the large increase in retirements that occur each year between January and March.



That is a high volume time for us, but we organize and train staff to meet the demand and get new retirees on the payroll in a timely manner. Because of the increase in retirements during this time (which this year was triple a normal three-month period), our Call Center experiences a high volume of calls, so there may be some delay in responding. Especially during this time, it might be beneficial to explore lacera.com. You may find the answers you're looking for or access the brochures and forms you need.

Here are some important resources available on lacera.com:

**Retiree Payday Calendar:** A valuable source for retirees, the Payday Calendar lists the check mailing and Direct Deposit dates for each month. There is also an option to print the Payday Calendar so you can keep it with other documents.

**Direct Deposit:** This page provides information about the benefits of Direct Deposit and includes a link to the Direct Deposit brochure and application to enroll, change, or cancel the service.

**Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and STAR COLA:** These pages include the latest updates on the current year's COLA amount and the chart reflecting the COLA Accumulation for all LACERA retiree groups. There is also a page detailing the STAR COLA program for eligible retirees.

**Survivor and Death Benefits:** Information on this page includes step-by-step instructions of what the survivor or beneficiary should do when a member dies. There is also a companion Survivor & Death Benefits Q&A brochure and Survivor & Death Benefits Information Card, both of which can be found on the Brochures & Forms of lacera.com.

**Tax Considerations:** This page summarizes the taxability of LACERA retirement allowances and includes a link to tax withholding forms. You can also log into the My LACERA section of our website and change your tax withholding online.

**Retiree Health Care Plans:** The Retiree Health Care section covers information about LACERA-administered health care plans. There is also information about Medicare enrollment, disease management, retiree health care eligibility, and much more. Various health care documents and forms are available to download or to order through the Brochures and Forms page of lacera.com.

There is a wealth of information on lacera.com devoted to retiree benefit issues and health care plans. Click on the "Benefits" tab at the top of the home page and select "Retired Member" from the drop down menu, or click on the "Health Care" tab for retiree health care information.

## RV Outing Notes

Ed Clifton Coordinator of RV Club



Our camping club enjoyed a three-day outing on March 14-15-16 at the Casa Del Sol RV Resort in Hemet. Although the resort did not live up to their verbal agreements, everyone had a fun time in spite of being spread out



over three different rows. As usual, our Wagon Masters Richard and Martha Wilkerson did a great job and had a great breakfast menu. I didn't hear anyone complain about going away hungry. We had fifteen rigs in attendance with a new couple, Ronald and Betsy Morgan, joining us. We sincerely hope that they will keep coming back. For our ladies night out we went to Applebee's Restaurant for a relaxing meal.

Thanks to RELAC for the gas cards. They were won by Bill Hayhurst and Leon Stegall.

Our next outing will be May 9-10-11 at Mountain Lakes RV Resort, Lytle Creek. The Wagon Masters will be Norman and Chickee Nelson. The coupon was published in the last issue of the Newsletter. Hope to see everyone there!



#### Veterans Corner continued from p. 8

Veterans hoping to qualify can seek out free help through service groups, which they can find through a regional, state or county-level veterans office, Mr. Pamprian says. (Go to <a href="https://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>, click on "Locations," and then click on "State Veterans Affairs offices," "Veterans Service Organizations" or "Regional Benefits Offices."

**CAUTION:** There are groups hosting free seminars about aid-and-attendance benefits that might try to sell an annuity, trust or other financial-planning instrument to help veterans trying to qualify. Those products might be costly and unsuitable, depending on the veteran's situation and age.

From the Wall Street Journal Submitted by George R. Hernandez

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We have made a lot of progress and we thank you for your assistance; but we still need help locating some of our lost RELAC members. In most cases, we believe they have moved and not given us their forwarding address. If you are in contact with any of the following "lost" RELAC members, please ask them to call us at (800) 537-3522 or email us at admin@relac.org.

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Maria Ramos
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**CEMETERY LOT** – 1 plot, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA, Eventide Section. Sell for \$2,000 or best offer. Call Pam at (909)795-9423 or (951) 212-0393.

**CEMETERY LOTS** – Offering 4 burial plots, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA, Suncrest Lawn (Gate 17). All 4 for \$12,000. Call Neil at (951) 663-6249.



Thank you for the birthday card and for all the hard work you folks do for the retirees. I love to read the Newsletter. It brings back good memories of days gone by: I'm trying to figure out whether we grow older or revert back to 18 years old?

Ed Thornburg Apple Valley, CA

There are so many things that RELAC is and does that makes it so vital to support and, when possible, assist in volunteer services. Since I am a resident of Carson City, NV and suffer from faulty physical and mental capacities, I have never been much use to our hard-working RELAC volunteers and Board Members. I was an employee of the Department of Social Services, AFDC, and became a member as soon as I was eligible. The RELAC Board of Directors and members of the LACERA Investments and Retirement Boards keep us informed and well represented. You are worth your weight in Gold!

Nikki Campbell Carson City, NV

Thank you very much for my Valentine check. I moved to Wisconsin three years ago, but I miss California a lot because the weather is so cold here. Also, I miss going to some of the outings and meetings and getting together once a month with some of the employees that retired from the Department of Social Service from the Azusa and Covina District. That was a long time ago but I still remember all of those things, as well as the annual luncheon for new officers. Whenever I have called your office, no matter what question I ask, the person answering is always so courteous and helpful. They deserve a big thank you for all the good work that they do.

Ana Sanchez Menomonee Falls, WI

What a surprise! Thank you for the \$25.00 prize. I really appreciate it. Thank all of you for all you do for us retirees – especially for keeping a vigil eye on our pensions and benefits. Also thank you for the yearly pocket secretary which keeps us a little more organized and on time. Sometimes we need it! Edith Wyatt

Edith Wyatt

The following members also wrote to say how delighted and surprised they were to be among the lucky winners of our annual Valentine Drawing and to thank RELAC for all the services that we provide.

Bethine Greene, Henderson, NV Sylvia Khan, Port Jefferson, NY Jack Munger, Ukiah, CA Lucy Palermino, Los Angeles, CA Peggy Peck, Manhattan Beach, CA Dorothy Walkosz, Surprise, AZ

### Board of Supervisors Pursues Cost-Saving Changes to Retiree Health Care Program

by Dave Muir Chair, Legislation Committee

On March 22, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by the County Chief Executive Officer to pursue negotiations with County unions in an attempt to institute changes to the retiree health care program that would result in cost savings for the County.

The retiree health care program for fiscal year 2011 is projected to cost the County \$400 million. LACERA's actuary projects that by the year 2020, the annual cost to the County will be around \$1 billion.

The County Executive Officer has proposed several options that could reduce costs for the County:

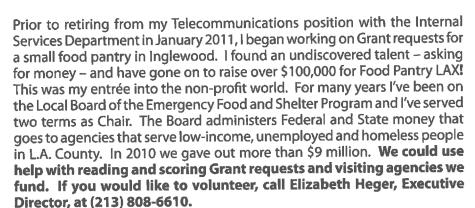
- For new hires, reduce the maximum premium subsidy to the lowest cost HMO
- Require new hires to enroll in Medicare at age
- For new hires, reduce dependent coverage to 90% from 100%
- For new hires, reduce the amount of premium subsidy available for each year of service
- Require new employees to contribute an amount the Board would select, either 1/2%, 1%, 1.5% or 2% of their salaries, toward retirement health benefits
- Require all <u>future</u> retirees (new hires and current employees) to enroll in Medicare at age
   The County will pay Part B premiumsfor all future retirees

Current retirees would not be impacted by the proposed cost-saving measures.



### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Kudos to the following RELAC members who spend so many volunteer hours serving very worthy causes. Thank you for your service and for sharing your experiences with us. The Newsletter welcomes and will publish additional reports of volunteer experience from members. Thanks to member Hugh McDonald, a dedicated volunteer, who suggested we spotlight members' volunteer activities.



Alice Abram San Pedro, CA

Doing things to help others with various needs brings a feeling of satisfaction that is hard to explain – a feeling that we might be making life a little easier or more pleasurable for disadvantaged persons in our midst. Most people volunteer without any thought of receiving commendations or financial rewards and do not boast of their accomplishments. About 1950, I started volunteering through Y.M.C.A. programs: Christmas tree sales, back-pack and caravan leadership, bus driver, etc. Since retirement from the Assessor's Office (as a Real Estate Appraiser) in 1979 I have continued some of these activities and, since moving to Santa Paula in 1990, have been involved in tutoring English to Spanish-speaking adults at our local library (20+ years). Also, for about ten years I have been delivering "Meals-on-Wheels" once a week. At "only" age 91, I hope to be able to continue both of these activities for a few more years.

Richard J. Halpin Santa Paula, CA

On March 31, 1977 I retired from the Los Angeles Municipal Court Accounting Division after 25 years of service. The following July my husband, Murray, and I moved to Phoenix, Arizona for his health. As an outpatient at the VA Medical Center he did volunteer work on various jobs. In 1979 I was looking for something to do and went to work there in the inpatient Pharmacy. I put in 26 years and 12,332 hours when I "retired" in 2005. Murray passed away on December 22, 1999. I will be 93 on June 24, 2011.

June R. Millar Glendale, AZ

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband, John Olson, who is a RELAC member and a retiree from the County of Los Angeles. Since his retirement in 1984 he has been active in several volunteer activities which were beneficial to his community and on a state-wide level. John volunteered his time to the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services as a Senior Affairs Commissioner. In addition to attending the monthly meetings he became involved in the program that provided necessary funding for families of seniors for transportation to necessary medical and mental health treatments. In 2000 he was involved in the Senior Olympic Games. He set up the programs for the participants and supervised the procedures



for the games. He was on the Board for the California Rural Transit Assistance Program. He helped lower fares for low income seniors and the disabled throughout the State of California and was involved in the safety maintenance program. He was voted in as a California Senior Assembly Member and was elected to the Newberry Springs Community Service District as a Director from 2003 to 2006. Additionally, he and I jointly served as the Honorary Mayor of Newberry Springs in 1998 and represented the community in many. activities throughout the year. I avoided detailed descriptions of the many services he voluntarily provided for his community and County to avoid making this too lengthy. I can truthfully say that John is respected by his co-workers in the County and in our community of Newberry Springs. 1 hope this provides the information necessary to recognize the many efforts my husband John has made to voluntarily provide services during his retirement years.

Dolores Olson Newberry Springs, CA

Thank you for bringing attention to volunteer opportunities. My volunteer jobs take about three hours a week each and the mileage can be used as a charitable donation on my income tax returns. I am a receptionist at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society at Camp Pendleton; assisting service members with interest-free loans and emergency leave requests. I am an intake worker for Catholic Charities food bank; interviewing and registering people for food distribution and food stamps and providing referrals to other local agencies that provide additional social services. We meet regularly with County staff members as part of the Food Stamp Task Force. I am also a student and volunteer with Osher Lifelong Learning classes at Cal State San Marcos; taking attendance, collecting class evaluations, and relaying student concerns to the director. Most classes are held off-campus in various locations throughout the community so the volunteer facilitators stand in for the director on-site.

Teresa Sheehey Vista, CA

Inow work for the Rancho Senior Center in Rancho Cucamonga, CA. I work one day a week in the gift shop and, as an old-time knitter, I had plenty or yarn left over, so I started making baby booties caps, scarfs, baby sweaters and bookmarkers to

sell. I donate my time and yarn. The money goes to help with "Meals-on-Wheels" and to help support the senior van. I have also volunteered in many associations all my life, most recently at the book store at the Rancho Cucamonga Library and at the CHP Clerk's Office. I am currently making helmet liners for the military serving in Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The helmet liners that are provided by the military are not warm enough so I make them out of 100% wool. I have also volunteered in hospitals and at the Optimist Club and Chamber of Commerce of San Dimas for almost 20 years. I will soon be joining a group of people that volunteer at the Ontario Airport Information Booth. If it wasn't for the volunteer work, I would be sitting in front of the TV veging!

**Linda Braveman** 

Rancho Cucamonga, CA

I'm a RELAC member but live in Santa Cruz County (right above where the recent tsunami hit a small yacht harbor) so I don't know if any members live in this area for "volunteer recruitment"! I lead a weekly stretch class for the Parks and Recreation Department for the local mall walkers. I also volunteer once or twice a week at the library indexing old local newspapers for the Genealogy Society in this County. I help the Friends of Hospice of Santa Cruz County in their fund raising activities and have served as an officer in the past. As a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, we contributed and put together over 300 gift bags for the veterans at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. I also do other little jobs for some of the local organizations and walk at least one mile a day. Anything to keep my hands off the cookie jar as I slowly shrink and spread! I am 81 years old and a native Californian! I really appreciate all the information in your newsletter.

Jeanne Thompson aka "Jat" Santa Cruz, CA

## Thanks to Those Who Helped Put on the General Membership Meetings

from outgoing Program Committee Chair George R. Hernandez

As the outgoing Chair of the Program Committee, I want to thank the committee members for their contributions in putting on our General Membership Meetings. Participating on the committee is time consuming and challenging. The committee put

together informative and timely programs that we felt gave RELAC's members the opportunity to expand their knowledge and gain some new ideas. I want to thank the committee members that gave so much of their time and energy to provide such programs. They are Domingo Delgado, who retired from Community & Senior Services, Marianne Reich, Auditor-Controller, John Fleming, Sheriff's Department, Don Fandry, Sheriff's Department, Mary Rodriguez, LACERA, and Laurie Hernandez, Department of Health Services. Thanks also to Marilyn Lewis of our office staff who provided invaluable support. Finally, thanks to all you dedicated RELAC members who came to these meetings and made them a success. See you at the upcoming meetings.

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Kemper, Bernard F.\*(East L.A.)
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Rancho Los Amigos Hospital

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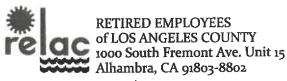
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Mary K. Rodriguez, Chair, Program Committee



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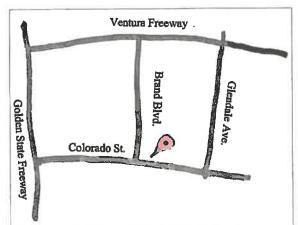
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