



RELAC newsletter

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

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The Exact Date of Birth is February 5, 1958

The place was Los Angeles County's Patriotic Hall. An interim committee, whose purpose was to create an independent organization to serve County retirees, had called a public meeting to vote upon the establishment of such an organization. Our records do not show how many retirees attended, but you can get an idea from the photograph on this page. We do know that those present voted for the new organization, adopted a set of Bylaws and elected its first president, **Clifford N. Amsden**. Two hundred and seventy three retirees signed up as charter members of the new organization.

What's in a Name?

At the start the new organization was not named RELAC. The name adopted on February 5, 1958 was *Alumni Employees of Los Angeles County* (AEOLAC). It was not until 1974 that the Board of Directors recommended and the membership voted to change the name to *Retired Employees of Los Angeles County*. Initially it was thought that the acronym should be REOLAC, but, very sensibly, the decision was made in favor of RELAC. The records do not tell us why the name was changed.

Purposes of the New Organization

Briefly, the purposes, as they were stated in the the Bylaws adopted on February 5, 1958, included furthering the desires and objectives of county retirees, and sponsoring activities which promote their well-being and

productivity. The complete statement appears on page four. These purposes continue to constitute RELAC's purposes. The exact language appears in the current Articles of Incorporation and in a slightly modified form in the current Bylaws. Articles on the following pages set forth how RELAC has fulfilled these purposes since its inception.

You can join the celebration at the Installation Luncheon.....
See details p. 3

You can also help celebrate in Las Vegas.....
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Participants in RELAC's founding at Patriotic Hall on February 5, 1958.



RETIREEES REPRESENTED ON BOARDS OF RETIREMENT AND INVESTMENTS



Norm Johnson & Bob Stotelmeyer

Under the original 1937 County Retirement Act there was no provision for retirees to be represented on the LACERA Board of Retirement or the Board of Investments. Obtaining a retiree seat on each Board became a high legislative priority for RELAC. The goal was achieved in 1976. Fittingly **Ray Lee** was the first retiree to serve on each of the two Boards. He was a member

of the RELAC Board of Directors and had spearheaded the campaign to gain retiree representation. He occupied both seats simultaneously until 1978. Lee was succeeded on the Board of Retirement by RELAC Board member **Bob Stotelmeyer** and on the Board of Investments by RELAC Board member **Norm Johnson**.

Both Stotelmeyer and Johnson served as effective voices and essential votes on behalf of the interests of already retired LACERA members. Notably they played key roles in achieving automatic Cost of Living increases for retirees and in establishing the Star Cola program, which protects retirees from inflation. Stotelmeyer led the way in improving and protecting retiree health benefits.

Stotelmeyer was succeeded on the Board of Retirement by **John Fleming**, a RELAC Board member for many years and a past president of RELAC. John in turn was followed by **Bill de la Garza**, also a RELAC Board member and past president. Bill was instrumental in achieving the establishment of a position of Alternate Retiree Representative, to ensure that retirees would always be represented. That position is held by the current RELAC president, **Ed Morris**.

The current retiree representative on the Board of Investments is RELAC Past President **Diane Sandoval**. She has consistently demonstrated her dedication to ensuring that our retirement funds are well managed and that the retirement system will always be able to meet its obligations to County retirees.

As members of the Boards of Retirement and Investments Bill, Diane and Ed are representing retirees



In 1962, RELAC President Charles Norris Fuller, center, with then retired County Supervisor John Anson Ford on the left, and retired Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz

From the Start Aim Has Been to Keep Members Informed

Keeping its members informed on matters of vital interest has always been a major RELAC service. At the very beginning General Membership Meetings were the principal means for disseminating information. Such meetings, held four times a year at varying Los Angeles County locations, continue to be an important means of getting out the word.



Then Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen

The program of Regional Activities extended RELAC's ability to communicate in person with members throughout southern California. These get-togethers have been held in Lancaster, Huntington Beach, Temecula, San Luis Obispo, Oxnard, San Diego, the Coachella Valley, Hemet and San Clemente. The program has further extended its reach to residents and visitors in Las Vegas.

The first RELAC newsletter was published in November of 1961. Publication was irregular; the second issue did not appear until August of 1962 but the commitment to newsletter publication had been established. In the following years, as RELAC grew, the Newsletter also grew to its now standard sixteen pages; its six issues a year; its wide variety of news, announcements and features; and its full color format. It reaches every member worldwide.

As more and more RELAC members acquired

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RELAC'S Annual Installation Luncheon & *50th Anniversary Party*

Featured Speaker: WILLIAM T. FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer, County of Los Angeles

**Help Welcome the County's Recently Appointed
Chief Executive Officer**

**Join in Celebrating RELAC's 50th Birthday
Entertainment by the Homeland Security Chorus**

All members, their spouses and guests are invited to RELAC's Annual Installation Luncheon, which will be held Thursday, January 17, 2008, at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant (Montebello Golf Course Clubhouse), 901 North Via San Clemente, Montebello, California. RELAC will subsidize 50% of meal costs for members and their spouses. Choice of entree – either Beef or Chicken – with complete luncheon, tax and tip included in price.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and may be picked up in banquet room entry. No host cocktail hour 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free Parking.

Make new friends – Have a good time.

RESERVATION FORM

Quiet Cannon Restaurant – January 17, 2008

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Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Guest(s) _____

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

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Guest(s) _____ \$ 15.00/each= \$ _____

TOTAL A \$ _____

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RELAC Highly Effective in Promoting the Interests of County Retirees

At its founding RELAC was committed to improving and protecting the benefits of retired Los Angeles County employees. At that time pensions were meager, there were no annual cost of living adjustments (COLA), and the County did not provide health benefits. Since then many of RELAC's goals have been achieved and there is now much to defend as well as still more to achieve.

Throughout its history RELAC has operated on a variety of fronts in furthering retiree interests. It has carried the retiree case to the state legislature, to the Board of Supervisors, and to the LACERA Boards of Retirement and Investments. It has helped pass favorable ballot propositions and has helped defeat those that would hurt public sector retirees.

Achieved COLA and Death Benefit

For example, in 1962 RELAC joined with other organizations in obtaining state legislation which authorized COLA of 2% and a \$400 death benefit for all County retirees. RELAC then participated in successfully pressing a reluctant Board of Supervisors to implement the legislation. In 1967 legislation was enacted to permit a 3% COLA. In subsequent years banking of cost of living increases of over 3% was achieved so that in low inflation years the COLA could be raised to 3%.

STAR COLA was another signal achievement, providing for increased pensions for those whose retirement income had dropped below 75% of their original amount adjusted for inflation. In 2001 the goal of vesting STAR COLA was achieved and the level at which it has been paid increased from 75% to 80% of the original pension value. In addition the death benefit has been raised to \$5000.

Health Benefits Obtained

While engaged in a long fight to get health insurance for retirees, in 1964 the ALUMNI EMPLOYEES OF LAC, as RELAC was called, contracted with Blue Cross for a health plan for its members. Ultimately a County funded medical insurance program was achieved followed by the addition of dental and vision coverage. In 1981 RELAC waged a successful battle in defending these benefits against an attempt to eliminate them.

Ballot Propositions

In 1992 RELAC joined forces with other organizations in getting the electorate to pass Proposition 132 which prohibits governmental entities from taking money from public pension funds to use for other purposes. This signal achievement was followed by a similarly successful campaign to defeat former Assemblyman Richman's proposition which would have substituted 401K-like defined contribution plans for the existing defined benefit retirement plans, undermining the viability of existing public retirement funds.

CRCEA is a Vital Means in Achieving RELAC's Objectives

The California Retired County Employees Association consists of retiree organizations in the twenty counties which are governed by the California 1937 county retirement act. RELAC was a founding member of CRCEA in 1972. By bringing together representatives of the 150,000 retired county employees throughout the state the organization provides muscle in achieving their common ends, especially in lobbying the California state legislature.

A recent example is the passage of legislation which requires that organizations like RELAC, which represent retirees, must be afforded a right to give input on potential benefit changes which may affect the interests of retired employees, including possible changes being negotiated by the County and unions. Another example is passage of legislation authorizing Alternate Retiree Representatives on County Boards of Retirement, ensuring that retirees will always be represented.

Challenges Which Lie Ahead

Space does not permit reporting on all of the battles RELAC has fought on behalf of LAC retirees; the above are only highlights. Richman and his allies have not given up on making radical changes to California's public retirement systems. RELAC must be on guard. In addition RELAC's goals include increasing the retiree survivor benefit to 65%, matching the increase given to currently active employees securing Federal legislation that will eliminate the Social Security provisions which reduce payments to public sector retirees, and these are only some of the challenges RELAC will face.

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by participating in the management of an organization which is accountable for over 42 billion dollars in retirement funds. Because RELAC is the only organization exclusively devoted to serving retirees, its leaders are highly sensitive to the interests of the broad range of County retirees and are best prepared to represent them on the LACERA Boards of Retirement and Investments.

RELAC's Purposes as Adopted at the Founding, February 5, 1958

- (1) To provide a central means whereby the desires and objectives of retired County employees may be furthered,
- (2) To determine and carry out any such interests and activities as will promote the well being, happiness and continued productivity of retired County employees and other citizens in our community, state and nation,
- (3) To be of such assistance to persons retired and soon to retire as will promote and make manifest the advantages and benefits for self and a continued usefulness to society.

The exact wording of the above statement of purposes still appears in RELAC's Articles of Incorporation and continues to guide RELAC's programs and activities.

IN HONOR OF DAVE KALINGER

Dave served as a member of the RELAC Board of Directors for 23 of the 50 years that the organization has been in existence. He has been a major contributor in realizing RELAC's achievements and in providing its varied services. Most of his time on the Board he was Treasurer, applying his considerable accounting skills to the financial management of the organization. Dave is now the sole Emeritus member of the Board, still contributing his knowledge and judgment.



In reviewing the history of RELAC it would be a grave omission if Dave Kalinger's role in making RELAC what it is were not given recognition.

RECOGNIZING JOHN FLEMING

It should be recognized that John, who is a current member of the RELAC Board, is on the brink of having 23 years of Board service. He has served as president of RELAC and as the retiree representative on the LACERA Board of Retirement, and is a leader in RELAC's legislative program.



Both Dave and John drew on their rich and lengthy RELAC Board experience to add to the history which appears on these pages.



The crowd enjoying RELAC's annual Holiday Entertainment at St. Sophia's Cathedral

RELAC Provides Fun and Games

Recreational and social activities are important in promoting the well-being of retirees. RELAC's earliest recreational programs for which we have a record was bowling which was initiated in 1961. (We could find no record of when it ended.) RELAC then moved out doors with six golf tournaments a year. The RV group has been going strong for many years. In 1995 the first Day at the Races took place at Santa Anita. That became an annual event and was joined in 2002 by a day at Hollywood Park, making for two opportunities a year to play the ponies. RELAC's day (or night) at Dodger Baseball is another popular event. One day bus trips to nearby casinos at varied intervals got started several years ago and is attracting increasing numbers of members. Of course recreational activities are always social occasions

The record shows that on September 21, 1962 RELAC held its first picnic, at Sycamore Grove. It had an Hawaiian theme complete with luau and island music. There were some additional picnics and then none for many years. A new program of annual picnics was inaugurated in 1999.

The annual Installation and Awards Luncheon has been held every January since 1993. This year's luncheon will incorporate a celebration of RELAC's 50th Anniversary. The featured speaker and installing officer will be Bill Fujioka, the County's recently appointed CEO. Of course it's a major social event.

The General Membership Meetings and the Regional get-togethers are also socializing opportunities. The big Las Vegas Regional event rolls information, recreation and socializing together into one big happy package.



Happy Golfers Terry Black, Kiyo Fukumoto, Yosh Fukumoto and Roger De Haan at Azusa Greens Course

RELAC Once Brought Suit Against the County!

In 1975 RELAC played a leading role in a taxpayer suit against the Board of Supervisors in order to protect the solvency of the retirement fund. The Board had adopted a program which provided for early retirements but had not made provision for covering the cost of such retirements. No additional County or employee contributions were to be made to the retirement fund. RELAC saw a threat to the ability of the retirement fund to meet its obligations to make regular pension payments to already retired employees and to those retiring in the future. In response to the suit the Court issued an Alternative Writ of Mandate blocking the County action. Subsequently state legislation was passed which eliminated the County's authority to implement an unfunded early retirement program.

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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Alan Chancellor
Chair, Regional Support



This issue of our newsletter finds me writing a "goodbye" of sorts. Since I had previously related my intention to not run for reelection, I am now saying goodbye to my time as a Board Member and to my responsibility for writing our Regional Activities article. I'll remain in touch as a member-at-large of the Membership Committee. I have truly enjoyed my six year tenure on the Board, both in terms of helping others through our work on various RELAC projects and programs and through my association with many new friends and acquaintances on the Board and among our members. During this tour I have met and worked with many wonderful and giving people who, were it not for RELAC, I would otherwise never have known.

Not to worry, I am handing off the Regional Support Committee to an energetic new committee Chair and our committee members who have been actively at work on our two upcoming events; the Las Vegas luncheon meeting slated for March 27, 2008 and the Lancaster meeting scheduled for April 17, 2008.

Las Vegas Luncheon-Meeting

Our March 27, 2008 meeting will be held at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. Our theme will be Staying Healthy through Exercise and Fitness and will feature an outstanding speaker in this field. This topic will be complemented by presentations by your Board members on retirement issues, benefits, and RELAC programs and strategies that are geared to your continued health and happiness.

In addition to these worthwhile and informative presentations we are looking forward to a slew of door prizes as well as our infamous Las Vegas Split game of chance wherein three attendees will reap the rewards of bettors turned winners. While all this is taking place you will be enjoying a delicious three entree buffet luncheon. It does not get much better than this, and all for just \$19.50 per attendee.

Registration and attendance are open to all LACERA retirees and guests whether you are a RELAC member or you just want to see what all the fun's about as a would-be member. We think once you join in the fun you'll be anxious to sign on with RELAC as well. Hurry, register now! Just **complete the registration form** and send into RELAC with your check. Seating is limited for this event – you won't want to miss this special get-together with old friends. Doors open at 11:00 am with coffee served, seating is at 11:45am, and program and lunch service begins at noon.

In addition, as we mentioned in our last article, we will be hosting our first RELAC Las Vegas Golf Tournament in conjunction with our meeting. The golf tournament will be held at the Angel Park Palms Golf Club adjacent to the Suncoast Hotel on March 26, 2008 with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The golf fee is a low \$65 including cart. For more information, call RELAC at 1.800.537.3522. This is a great way to enjoy yourself a day early and get a head start on other meeting attendees.

For hotel room reservations, please call the Suncoast Hotel directly at 1.877.677.7111 or 1.702.636.7111. The hotel is located at 9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas. When reserving your room please tell the booking clerk that you are with RELAC (Retired Employees of Los Angeles County) so you will get the special room rate of \$70.

LAS VEGAS LUNCHEON-MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2008 – 11:30 am

Suncoast Hotel and Casino
9090 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV
(702) 636-7111

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____

#Tickets _____ X \$19.50 = \$ _____

Deadline is March 20, 2008

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Date Rec. _____ Amt. \$ _____ Ck. # _____

Lancaster Luncheon-Meeting

Our Lancaster meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008 at the Lancaster Elks Lodge at 240 East Avenue K, Lancaster. Donna Livermore is organizing this event, which we are certain will be another of her smashing successes. LACERA will be represented and there will be an outstanding keynote speaker as well as informative presentations from many of our Board Members, including Retirement Board member Bill de la Garza, Alternate Retirement Board member Ed Morris, and Investments Board representative Diane Sandoval.

The meeting promises to be a lot of fun with prizes offered and a chance to talk and laugh about old times. Just mail in your registration form ASAP with your check for \$16.00 per attendee. That's right, just \$16.00 for all of this.

LANCASTER LUNCHEON-MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2008–11:30 am –1:30 pm

Lancaster Elk's Lodge
240 East Avenue K, Lancaster

Name: _____

Address _____

Guest(s) _____

of Tickets _____ x \$16.00 each = _____

Deadline is April 1, 2008

Mail this form with your check (payable to):

Donna Livermore
1135 Date Palm Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551

More Info: Donna: (661) 947-4702 ---

Lou: (661)944-2738

President's Message

by Ed Morris

Your **RELAC** Board of Directors at the October business meeting elected officers for the year 2008 as described in the next paragraph.

I am grateful and honored to accept the opportunity to serve as President for our 50th anniversary year 2008. Greg Walia will be the 1st Vice President; Ida Leon Ramos is the 2nd Vice President; Mary Lou Bangar and Diane Sandoval return as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The theme for the 2008 Anniversary year is "Celebrating 50 years of Dedicated Service to Los Angeles County Retirees". Editor, Martin Golds has put together a Newsletter that provides history and pictures of our organization that brings back memories.

Stay Healthy and Exercise

Open Letter From The RELAC Board to Members Affected by The Recent Fires

To all of our members who might have been affected by the recent devastating fires throughout Southern California, and who have suffered losses in varying degrees, please be assured that our concerns for your safety and welfare have always been paramount in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope that all of you have resumed your regular activities, or will soon be able to do so, without any added difficulties, and that you will achieve full recovery from the losses you may have suffered.

Sincerely,
RELAC's Board of Directors

Apologies to Sol Fingold for failing to credit him for the photo in the last issue of the Newsletter of Dr. Terry Wapsic speaking at the recent General Membership Meeting.



Picnic Cancelled Due to Insurance Problem

The RELAC Annual Picnic that was scheduled for October 27 was canceled due to lack of liability insurance coverage by our caterer and the band.

For the past nine years, we considered our vendors covered under RELAC's Master Insurance Policy. However, this year, the County Department of Parks and Recreation enforced Risk Management's insurance coverage requirement of all suppliers, vendors, etc., doing business on County property.

Our caterer and band were never required to provide this insurance on their previous work assignments and therefore do not carry the insurance. Parks and Recreation, as well as Risk Management, could not waive this requirement; therefore the picnic was canceled.

RELAC will work on resolving this with future vendors, so check your Newsletter for the scheduling of the next picnic.

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computers and internet access, a website was initiated. It can be found at www.relac.org. And now members have the opportunity to join the E-mail Advisor, a system for immediately getting out significant news.

Having RELAC leaders serve as retiree representatives on the LACERA Boards of Retirement and Investments means that members have the advantage of getting the inside scoop on what is going on in the retirement system. And included in every Newsletter is an informative article by LACERA Assistant Executive Officer Janice Golden.



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News From LACERA

by Janice Golden
Assistant Executive Officer



LACERA congratulates RELAC on its 50th Anniversary.

Happy New Year to all you wonderful Retired Employees of Los Angeles County!

Let's start the New Year with a quick review of some important information regarding your LACERA retirement:

1099-R Mailing

1099-R forms will be mailed to all retirees by January 31, 2008.

Tax Withholding Forms

Now's an opportune time to review your federal and state tax withholding amounts. If you'd like to make changes, you may call LACERA at 1-800-786-6464 and request that a tax form be mailed to you – or you can access the tax form on our web site, www.lacera.com, on the Brochures & Forms page. This form is now interactive, so you can complete it on line, then print, sign, and mail it to LACERA, so we can process your changes.

Annual Beneficiary Statements

LACERA mails annual beneficiary statements to retirees the month following your birthday. This statement lets you know the beneficiary information that LACERA has on file for you. It is important that you carefully review this information to be sure what we have is up-to-date. You may make changes or corrections directly on the beneficiary page, sign it, and mail it to LACERA. If the information we have is correct, you do NOT need to mail anything back. If you prefer, you can call LACERA and a Retirement Benefits Specialist will gladly assist you with your beneficiary changes right over the phone.

Address Updates

Please let LACERA know immediately if you move so we can get your check or Automatic Deposit Receipt (ADR) to your new location in a timely manner. LACERA retirement checks and ADRs are not forwarded by the Post Office to members; instead these items are returned to LACERA so we can follow up and ensure that we have the correct payee information. To avoid delays in payments, it is very important that members keep LACERA informed as to their current address.

I sincerely hope that 2008 brings you all good health and much happiness.

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Welcome New Members



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2007

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Perez, Celia

District Attorney/Child Support

Tillmon, Alana

Health Services

Gastellu, Kathy Hurst

King Drew Medical Center

Boykins, Pearl

LAC+USC Medical Center

Pitre, Ivory L.

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Yarbrough, Clyde S.

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Clendenin, Cindy
Witherspoon, Carolyn

Sheriff

McDaniel, Pearlie A.

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(Active County Employees)

Health Services

Judson, Janet C.

Human Resources

Henry, Michael
Venters-Taylor, Gwendolyn

Letters To The Editor



Each year when my pocket secretary comes in the mail, I regret asking for a waiver of my dues. I need to pay!! You are too good to be true. 84 and counting.

Waldo Henderson
Compton, CA

Mr. Fleming:

Thank you so much for your informative article on SB 670 which appeared in Nov/Dec 2007 RELAC Newsletter. It is good to hear that passage of this benefit is still a possibility for L.A. County retirees. Hopefully, the matter will go to the LACERA Board soon. Passage would certainly be of help to my wife and me. Thank you for all your efforts over the years to bring this benefit to pass.

Rex Castellaw
Mission Viejo, CA

Thank you for sending the Newsletter, also the 2008 pocket secretary. I don't get to the meetings since I don't drive too much so the Newsletter is enjoyed! Many thanks for all you people do!

Aiko Y. Sakai
Torrance, CA



RELAC VALENTINE DRAWING

All RELAC members are eligible for a special Valentine drawing of 40 each \$25.00 prizes. To participate, complete the coupon and mail to the RELAC Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802. Coupons must be received in the RELAC office by February 1, 2008.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____



GOLF NEWS

Whittier Narrows Golf Course Golf Tournament 12-04-07

By Gil Sandoval

Sixty-six players were treated to a great day for golf. Mike Haile edged out George Sims by one stroke with a net 67 in the A Flight. On the other hand Henry Villasenor, with a net 67, easily won the "B" flight. Kiyo Fukumoto and Jim Guild battled for 2nd with Kiyo holding on to edge out Jim. Phil Sandoval outdistanced Frank Barajas and Lou Chavez with a net 72 to win the "C" flight. Nancy Signer, playing great, won again with a net 70, with Sue Danbara in 2nd place and Diana Rodriguez taking 3rd.



Flight "A" (0-19 Handicaps)

1st Mike Haller (67)

2nd George Sims (68)

3rd Leo Hill (73)*

Flight "B" (20-27 Handicaps)

1st Henry Villasenor (67)

2nd Kiyo Fukumoto (70)

3rd Jim Guild (71)

Flight "C" (28-38 Handicaps)

1st Phil Sandoval (72)

2nd Frank Barajas (75)

3rd Lou Chavez (78)

Ladies "All"

1st Nancy Signer (70)

2nd Sue Danbara (74)

3rd Diana Rodriguez (75)

* Won in card off.

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men # 5 Bob Bogawa

7 Tony Asuncion

#10 Wardell Molina

Women # 10 Jan Hartley

NEXT TOURNAMENT – Monday, Jan. 28, 2008
Santa Anita Golf Course: 8:00 A.M. start

RELAC Golf Entry Form

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



Monday, January 28, 2008

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Phone _____

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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 _____

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Phone _____

4. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

NOTE: Only ONE GUEST per member.
Enclose check for _____ golfers @ \$31 per
Golfer. Make checks payable to RELAC
Golf. Mail entry to RELAC GOLF, 1000
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91803-8802

Entry Deadline
January 17, 2008
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IN RELAC OFFICE

For Office Use:

Date Rec. _____ Amt.\$ _____ Ck# _____

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

At a recent business meeting the RELAC Board of Directors discussed and approved the following amendments to RELAC's By-Laws. According to Article IX (a) RELAC's By-laws may not be amended except at a regular or special membership meeting where a quorum is present and upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting.

For your convenience I have summarized the proposed amendments:

Amend Article II – Membership - Add Section 6

This change defines Honorary Member status.

Amend Article II – Membership; Section 8 – Dues

This change eliminates the waiver of dues for any regular or associate member who reaches the age of 80 after December 31, 2008. Regular and associate members currently receiving the exemption will continue receiving the waiver of dues.

Amend Article II – Membership; Section 9 – Property (renamed Section 9 - Dissolution)

This change redefines how RELAC's assets will be distributed in the event RELAC dissolves.

Amend Article IV – Officers; Section I – Officers

This change eliminates the office of Second Vice-President as an officer of the organization.

Amend Article VI – Nominations and Elections; Section 2 © - Other Nominations

This change increases the number of words (from 100 to 150) that an individual running for a RELAC Board position may submit in their candidate statement. Also adds language stipulating that statements with more than 150 words will

have the excess words stricken from the end of the statement.

Deletions are shown in italics; additions are shown in bold and underlined.

Article II – Membership

ADD: **Section 6 – Honorary Member**

Honorary Members are members who have reached the age of 80 were regular members for at least five (5) years prior to reaching the age of 80 and whose dues have been canceled.

AMEND Section 8 – Dues

(d) Upon proper identification to the RELAC office, the annual dues will be canceled for any RELAC member or associate member reaching 80 years of age and having been a RELAC member for the five (5) consecutive prior years. They will be honorary members and shall retain all the privileges previously held as either regular or associate members. **Effective January 1, 2009 only those who were eligible and who request the waiver through December 31, 2008, as well as those currently receiving the exemption will be granted the waiver of fees.**

Delete Section 9 – Property

Title and ownership of the property and funds shall be vested in the organization and be administered

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by the Board of Directors as provided in Article V, unless or until the organization dissolves. On dissolution, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be transferred to the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association or its successor. (Amended 2-27-90).

Add Section 9 – Dissolution

The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to social purposes and not part of the net income or assets of it shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person(s). Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or an organization which is organized and operated exclusively for social welfare purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 © (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If this organization holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the organization has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

Article IV – Officers

Section I – Officers

(a) The officers of the organization shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President. (Amended April 23, 1987).

Article VI – Nominations and Elections

Section 2 – Other Nominations

(c) Prior to the annual election the Newsletter shall print election information of up to 100 150 words on all candidates if received by July 31. Notice of this provision and of the due date for submission shall be published in advance in the Newsletter. **Any statement submitted with more than 150 words shall have the excess words stricken from the end of the statement.**

Article IX – Amendments

(a) These By-laws may not be amended except at a regular or special membership meeting where a quorum is present and upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting.

(b) Any proposed By-law amendment shall be published in the Newsletter prior to the General Membership Meeting.

The next General Membership Meeting will be at The Arboretum in Arcadia on March 11, 2008. Please plan to attend.

RV Outing Notes



Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton
Co-Coordinator of RV Club

Even with the winds of October we made it down to Indio, but we all were a little shaky for a day or two. Nineteen rigs were in attendance and we had a good time, with Phyllis and Jesse Murph as wagon masters. That is a big clubhouse at Shadow Hills and a nice place to play cards or do craft projects, or just sit around and visit with new and old friends. Ed Clifton, Joe Quintana, Raul Martinez drove around to check out new sites for us to maybe use in the future. We discussed the Christmas Party dates and plans for gift exchange and gifts that we bring to give to Casa Kids.

January's campout will be at Pechanga in Temecula, with Joe Q. and Helen as wagon masters. We do help our campers in many ways but we do not supply cash for gambling, but we will hold winnings for you.

Frank and Diane Maestas will be wagon masters in Hemet. March is always a favorite time of year to be at Mt. Valley RV Park. Coupon follows. Don't forget table service, Monday nights hors d'oeuvres and a smile when greeting coordinators. You can always call us at 562-428-3360 with your questions and suggestions.

A good time was had by all who attended our Holiday party at the winery. Almost 50 of us were there to enjoy the grab bag gifts. Casa Kids will once again enjoy the gifts we collected for them. It was great to see all of you there.

DATES FOR 2008 CAMPOUTS January 14, 15, 16 at Pechanga in Temecula; March 17, 18, 19, Mt. Valley RV in Hemet; May 5, 6, 7, at Flying Flags in Buelton?; September 8, 9, 10, Chula Vista Marina and RV in Chula Vista and October 20, 21, 22 at Shadow Hills in Indio.

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235 So. Lyons Avenue
Hemet, CA. 92543

DATES: March 17, 18, 19, 2008

Names: _____
(Last) (Retiree) (Spouse)

Address: _____
(No.) (Street)

City: _____
(State) (Zip)

Telephone: () _____

DEADLINE: February 16, 2008

Make checks for \$84.00 payable to Frank Maestas and mail to:
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CALL IN ADVANCE 1-800-926-5593

Motor Home _____ Trailer _____ Length _____

IN MEMORIAM

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

** denotes RELAC members*

Antelope Valley Rehab. Ctr

Harmon, Lorraine S.

Assessor

Bermoy, Wilfred S.

Brunhofer, H. B. *

Colleran, Martin J.*

Kane, Stephen J.

Beaches & Harbors

Mc Camy, Richard M.

Mc Ilroy, Paul R. *

Children's Services

Benjamin, Judith M.

Clinton, Mary E.

Madden, Barbara M.*

Taylor, Bette

Communications

Armstrong, Robert E. *

Community Development

Woods, Vivian C. *

County Clerk

Hall, Arber E.*

Murich, Mary A. *

Smith, Rheba B. *

District Attorney

Campbell, Beverly

Fukuto, Morio L. *

Hawkins, Linda J.*

Morgan, Walter*

Suthann, Lois C.*

Engineer

Henneman, Carl N.*

Taplin, Fred G. *

Taylor, Joseph W.*

Facilities Management

Birdsall, James D.*

Field, Donald E.*

Fire

Hallquist, Gerald E.*

Hamlin, Andrew K.*

Rubik, Michael A. *

Vosburg, Laverne M.

Flood Control

Freeman, Mary F. *

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Coleman, Zelda A.

Dorrdugh, Minetta L.*

Edmonston, Fran

Scheerl, Paul L. *

Sheppard, Billy B.

Health Services

Montgomery, Yvonne H.*

Smith, Jesse*

Porter, Carlton E.*

Hospitals

Birnbaumer, Margaret*

Hicks, Shelby M.*

Ringor, Esther*

Internal Services

Bailey, James E.*

Mitchell, Charles

Monte, Mary J.*

King/Drew Medical Center

Brown, Freddie L.

Cruse, Doris L. *

Malbas, Pedrito P.

Montoya, Cleotilde J. *

Murchison, Robert C.*

White, Thomas E.

LAC + USC Medical Center

Banks, Margie P.

Bastine, Fred *

Braunstein, Gertrude *

Frazier, James L.

Harvey, Harold E.

Henry, Johnnie R.

Hinojos, Conrado M. *

Lindsey, Katie L *

Lopez, Mercedes D.

Malone, Lelia M.*

Mc Carron, Margaret M. *

Mendoza, Guadalupe V.*

Morris, Joy E.*

Nichols, Judith A.

Rawlings, Ruby

Weaver, Darrington E. *

Wibrata, Grace

Willis, Joe

Mechanical

Janicke, John C.*

Medical Records

Collier, Thelma E.*

Medical Support Services

Mc Clenon, Mildred M. *

Poindexter, Henry L.

Mental Health

Gallegos, Maria J.

Malveaux, Emma V.*

Metro So CHC Health Center

Moreno, Leticia

Mid Valley CHC Health Center

Molina, Febe O.

Municipal Court

Fugate, Sharon F. (Compton)

Municipal Court Reporter

Elliott, Donna D.

Olive View Medical Center

Gibbs, Roy L.

Parks & Recreation

Ogas, Frank

Probation

Adair, Thurman

Burrell, Arletha*

Cooper, William *

Dew, Ausbon

Gardner, Jake H.

Mullen, Katherine E.*

Ricks, Robert L.

Robinson, Charles E. *

Sliva, Anne S.*

Thompson, Samruen U. *

Public Health Programs

Aldana, Guillermo *

Ferrell, Thelma L.*

Freemon, Evangeline C. *

Matthews, Blanche D.*

Stayton, Doris I.

Toliver, Jacob

Public Library

De Graaf, Marilyn J. *

Public Defender

Gallagher, John N. *

Lambe, Carl F.

Schultz, Andrew L. *

Toliver, Jacob

Public Library

Goodwell, Robert C.*

Public Safety

Drabos, James M.

Public Social Services

Allen, Judith M.*

Bryant, Shirley

Cotrell, Betty J. *

Covel, Mitchel D.

Frazzell, Leticia C.

Fredrick, Gloria J.

Geffner, Lois*

Hackler, Joan M. *

Lee, Doris

Mc Cleary, Florence E.

Nelson, Otto A.*

Ordon, Jay M.*

Rabinow, Eileen*

Ramos, Mary L.

Ryan, Donna R.

Schatzman, Phyllis

Shifflett, Carolyn L.

Smith, Phyllis L.

Stroup, Eileen C.

Williams, Yvonne

Young, Peter C. *

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Public Works

Chezem, Robert *
Daniels, Robert E.
Golding, Kenneth H *
Heckman, Rodney B.
Page, Norma J.
Rosales, Manuel R.
Stahl, Wayne R.*
Valoff, David M.*

Rancho Los Amigos Hospital

Chambers, Minnie E.
Genter, Howard L.
Goldman, Morris L.*
McCoy, Laura M.*
Salazar, Dolores V.*
Wynne, Eileen M.*

Reg.-Recorder/County Clerk

Godbold, Lillie M.

Road

Barden, Jeffrey L. *
Buchwald, Donald A.*
Chambers, James R.*
Flores, Trinada B.*
Griffith, George F.
Hockenbery, Clayton E. *
Marquez, Frank D.*

Senior Citizens Affairs

Watson, Dorothy K. *

Sheriff

Barden, Jeffrey L.
Beasley, Belmont B.
Bolis, Sander *
De Leon, Manuel
Gardner, Joella L.*
Heckman, Rodney B.
Moreno, Leonard M.
Norman, Bonnie C.*
Oates, Ernest*
Roach, Raymond G.
Shivers, James E.
Wallace, Jack D.
Wiens, Gary*
Ziarnick, Robert L. *

So Coast Air Quality Mgmt Dist

Nenzell, Joel F.

Superior Court

Reid, Margaret
Spruill, Louise V.*
Thornton, Harold W.

Superior Court/Co Clerk

Scott, Edna

Superior Court Officers

Butler, Le Vern A. M.
Calvin Porte, Classie

Superior Court Reporters

Kelly, Eve*

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Duke, Eileen E.

Welfare

Wamsley, Mary E.

Women's Hospital

Hanna, Lydia M. *
Serrano, Maria L.*
Stewart, Louise W.

Department Not Designated

Barb, Earla M.
Baumeister, James E.
Bethurum, Richard F.
Bolton, Mearl E.
Bradley, Cassandra M.
Cardwell, Arthur C.
Carpenter, Clayton J.
Casey, Vera A.
Cheek, Genevieve F.
Chisholm, John T.
Cooper, Luther L.
Covel, Mitchel D.
Dunn, Goldie F.
Fielding, Elizabeth
Flanagan, Dorothy
Flores, Trinidad B.
Frederick, William C.
Haines, Dora
Hale, Roy E.
Hamann, Mahlon P.
Hamilton, Richard E.
Hanna, Robert M.
Harger, James L.
Hollandsworth, Dorothy G.*
Jones, Richard L.
Joyner, John
Kestel, George F.
Koizumi, Mabel A.
Leisek, Erma M.
Lewis, Barry G.
Lutz, Robert W.
Malin, Nancy L.
Mc Cormick, Ruth
Mestad, John B.
Miller, Eileen
Nash, Chester
Nelson, Walter O.

Pezman, Theodore L.
Prior, John H.
Provencio, Hazel
Reimann, Ellen L.
Remey, Henrietta
Rodgers, Warren D.
Rustay, George B.
Saville, Betty H.
Shargo, Nat *
Shifflett, Carolyn L.
Sibley, Margaret A.
Simpson, Bob D.
Skinner, Edwin H.
Smith, Leslie B.
Taibe, Gladys
Turley, Billy G.
Williams, M. E.
Wood-Pikey, Wilma J.
Woods, Harold W.
Wright, Muriel R.



General Membership Meeting



Domingo Delgado
Chair,
Program Committee



Tuesday, March 11, 2008

~ **AYRES HALL** ~
Arboreta & Botanic Gardens
301 North Baldwin Avenue • Arcadia, CA 91007

~ **DOOR PRIZES** ~

9:15 a.m. – FREE Coffee and Donuts
10:00 a.m. – Meeting Begins

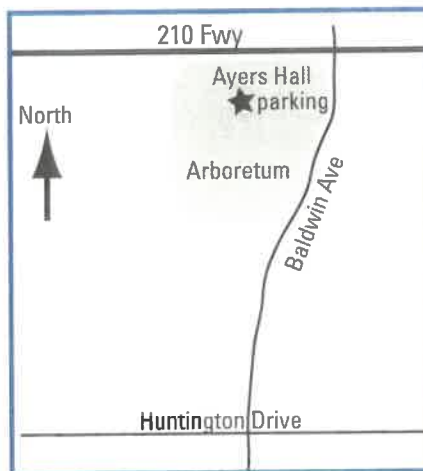
Featured Speaker: Lisa Mazzocco
Chief Investment Officer, LACERA

Ms. Mazzocco will speak on
How LACERA Invests and the Economic Impact of LACERA Retirees

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You will need your RELAC Membership Card

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