



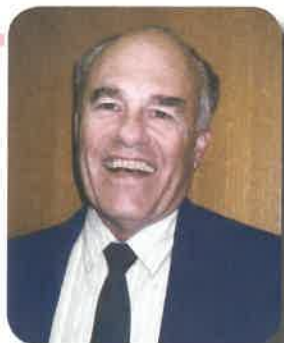
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President's Message

by Ed Morris



RELAC Board of Directors Election

Your Board, at their business meeting held on May 24, 2007, and as provided under the RELAC bylaws, endorsed a slate of five candidates for three year terms beginning in 2008 on the RELAC Board of Directors. The slate consists of the following volunteers:

Domingo Delgado
Bill de la Garza
Martin Golds
George Hernandez
Marianne Reich

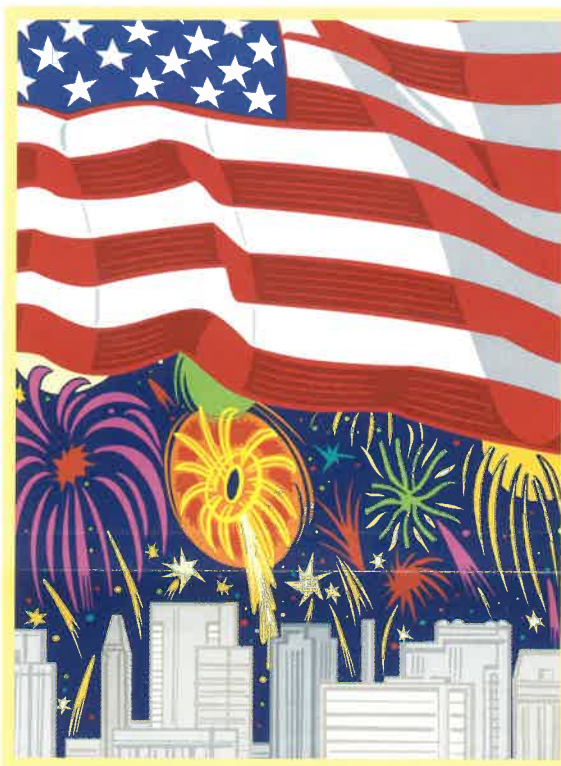
Alan Chancellor has decided to step down from continuing as a director due to other pressing commitments. Alan has been a strong leader for six years. As Chair of the Regional Support Committee he inspired three successful membership meetings in Las Vegas. Of course these meetings were in addition to the California sessions which he coordinated. Alan also established and has continued to manage the RELAC internet web page. He will continue to be active on committees as his time permits.

The Board welcomes George Hernandez who has been serving on several committees and has shown interest in filling the open slot for Director. George retired in 1998 after 40 years of County service. He has held responsible positions in other organizations. We welcome his commitment to RELAC.

Activities

The Board encourages members to join in with the many activities that are planned for the balance of the year. They include: Dodger Night in July, Regional and General Meetings in September, Day at the Races at Santa Anita and picnic in October, and our annual holiday meeting at St. Sophia in December.

Enjoy the summer.



INSIDE the NEWSLETTER

Retirement Board member Bill de la Garza and CRCEA president Bill Kirkwood report on the progress of the State's Post-Employment Benefits Commission, on page 11. It is a matter of vital interest to public sector retirement system members.

Retirement Board

by Bill de la Garza
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Dear Friends,

For the past several issues, I have attempted to keep you informed on Public Retiree Healthcare. Along with our pensions, I believe our County Plan Sponsored/ LACERA Administered Medical Plans should be considered as our number one concern. Triple digit inflation of healthcare costs in both the private and public sector has created alarm not only for the elected officials who approve medical insurance budgets for state, county and city workers and retirees, but private sector executives and company owners who provide medical insurance programs for their employees. Recent enacted federal rules (GASB – Government Accounting Standards Board) that require a written accounting reporting system of all costs associated with healthcare has elected officials and administrators from the public sector rushing to implement programs that reduce or even eliminate health benefits. The problem is serious in that some California Counties such as Sacramento, San Bernardino, Contra Costa, San Diego, Sonoma and Tulare Counties are considering reducing existing retiree health care benefits.

PEBC COMMISSION

As County retirees you should be familiar with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Post-Employment Benefits Commission. It was established on December 28, 2006 for the purpose of proposing ways for addressing unfunded post-employment benefits. By January 1, 2008, the Commission must send a report to the Governor and Legislature that will:

- Identify the full amount of post-employment health care and dental benefits for which California governments are liable and which remain unfunded.
- Evaluate and compare various approaches for addressing governments' unfunded retirement health care and pension obligations.
- Propose a plan to address governments' unfunded retirement health care and pension obligations.

The Commission includes twelve members: six, including the chairperson, appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and three appointed by the Senate President Pro Tem. The Commission has already held two public hearings, One in Orange County and one in San Bernardino County.

COMMISSION IS OFF TO A GOOD START

When I first learned about the committee I was somewhat disappointed thinking that this would be just another bureaucratic blue ribbon white wash committee that would pay lip service to the public, but accomplishing very little. I'm pleased to report that after talking with several attendees, and reading the minutes, some good things have happened. Past Assembly Member Keith Richman, who championed the Defined Contribution movement, surprised some attendees by saying that his plan is to address only "new employees" – those hired after a certain date. He went on to say he in no way supported decreasing the retirement benefits for current employees or retirees

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Board of Directors General Membership and Business Meetings

Take particular note of the General Membership Meetings (bolded) that are held at various locations. The next General Membership Meeting is fully described on the back page of this Newsletter. A great deal of important information will be given. The Business Meetings listed are all held at the RELAC Office which is located at 1000 S. Fremont Avenue in Alhambra, Suite 0101. Telephone Nos. (626) 308-0532 or toll free (800) 537-3522.

BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2007
RELAC Office

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 19, 2007

Cerritos Park East Senior Center

12234 E. 166th Street
Cerritos, CA 90703

9:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

September, 27, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

October 25, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

November 29, 2007
RELAC Office

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 6, 2007

Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral

1324 So. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles
(Southwest Corner of Normandie Ave. & Pico Blvd.)

Christmas Program

9:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Alan Chancellor
Chair, Regional Support

Greetings from your RELAC Board of Directors and the Regional Support crew. Summer has finally arrived and I'm sure we're all ready for some warm weather. To welcome the higher temperatures and offer you an inviting lure to attend a Regional Support Meeting we have selected **HUNTINGTON BEACH** for our **September meeting**.

We will be meeting at 9:30am, Thursday, September 6th in the Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. Take the Goldenwest Street exit from the 405 Freeway and head west toward the beach. When you have passed Warner Avenue (Home Depot on the corner) keep an eye out for Central Park and turn left onto Talbert Avenue (2nd signal past Warner).

We are offering you a hosted (no cost) continental-style breakfast for our RELAC members and spouses, but you will need to complete and send in the below registration form so we have a head count on expected attendees. We have extended an invitation for HB Mayor Gil Coerper to welcome our membership to this great facility.

Also speaking will be RELAC President and Retirement Board Alternate Ed Morris, Retirement Board Member Bill de la Garza, Investments Board Member Diane Sandoval. To complement this outstanding cast and the very satisfying continental breakfast, we will be offering some prizes as well.

Come, get the latest retirement information from your elected RELAC representatives, have some laughs with old friends, and enjoy the wonderful beach weather and all that HB has to offer; stay and visit the pier at the end of Main Street, walk along the boardwalk, have a pleasant stroll through Central Park, or drop in for lunch at one of our local eateries, also on Main Street at PCH. Remember, **send in your Registration Form**.

HUNTINGTON BEACH No-Cost Continental-Style Breakfast

Thursday, September 6, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.
Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA
(see directions above)

Name _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____

DEADLINE: September 1, 2007

Fill out reservation and mail to:

RELAC
1000 S. Fremont Ave., #15.
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Office: _____

Date Rec: _____



COACHELLA VALLEY

Breakfast-Meeting Update

RELAC hosted an outstanding no-cost continental-style breakfast meeting for members on April 23, 2007 in Palm Desert at 2nd VP Ida Ramos' home. Ida was the perfect hostess, although you'll have to ask her to tell you about some exciting moments with the coffee, etc. Thanks Ida for everything. Thanks also to PPOA* RELAC member Art Reddy for speaking on legislative and other issues. This was a real success and one we hope to repeat in the future.

**Editor's Note: PPOA stands for Professional Peace Officers Association*



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who were set by negotiations between public agency officials and their employee unions. What he did not say is that pension benefits are constitutionally protected. William "Bill" Kirkwood, President of CRCEA (California Retired County Employees Association) a recognized county retiree advocate believes that working with the Commission to develop factual data, through an extensive fact finding process will produce informed solutions that will decrease unfunded liability while at the same time maintaining quality medical insurance programs. I will continue to keep you informed.

Read your LACERA Medical Benefit Package

I encourage you to carefully read the 2007 LACERA Health Plans Guide that was mailed to you last month. It contains a great deal of information that you should be familiar with. If you have any questions regarding your Health Plan, please call LACERA Insurance Service Section at (800) 786-6464.

I hope you are enjoying your summer months. Football Season is just around the corner. As customary, I leave you with this thought:

"A friend is a present which you give to yourself"

Robert Louis Stevenson

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April & May 2007

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La Mothe, Dorothy E.

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Warr, John D.

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Chapman, Stuart A.

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Sheriff

Avila, Robert D.

Superior Court

Williams-Pickett, Bernadine



RACES! RACES!! RACES!!!

13th Annual RELAC Day at the Races

Santa Anita Race Track
Friday, October 19, 2007

by Greg Walia
Chair,
Recreation Committee



Hello my fellow Retirees:

Can you believe that the next RELAC Day at Santa Anita will be about four months away by the time you get this Newsletter? Like they say "time flies when you are having fun" (though I really don't know who said it). Well, I've been having fun and we want you also to continue having fun...and what better place for it than the Santa Anita Park. Soooo mark your calendar for "RELAC Day at the Races" at beautiful Santa Anita on **Friday, October 19, 2007**. Price will be same as last year, same hospitality, hopefully

more winners at the tables set for us in the same Sierra Vista Terrace. Rest assured our lunch will be delicious, either from the menu items or buffet...too early to decide on that. Let's see what we can do about "corn beef on rye" this time....no promises!!

Lunch, racing program, a seat in the Terrace AND valet parking is all included in the ticket price of \$25.00 per person (price at gate will be \$30.00). Please book early, seating will be limited.

Last year 195 attended and everyone had a wonderful time. Let's do it again!

RELAC's 13th ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES

Santa Anita Race Track
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Deadline for Ordering Tickets: October 4, 2007

No. of Tickets _____ @ \$25.00 each. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please enclose a check (NO CASH) for the above amount, and mail to:

RELAC
1000 So. Fremont Ave., #15
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Tickets will be mailed to you at the above address by October 12, 2007.

For Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ Amount \$ _____ Check# _____

Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval
Retiree Representative,
LACERA Board of Investments



Did any of you happen to read the article in the LA Times encouraging retirees to find out if their public pension funds invest in hedge funds? The writer cautions that public pension funds in search of high returns are taking risky bets. In fact, he cited the San Diego County Retirement Fund as an example. The San Diego County Retirement Fund reported a loss of approximately \$100 million and has filed a law suit in federal court against Amaranth Advisors (one of their Hedge Fund Managers) and is seeking \$150 million for its losses and damages. Hedge funds can be high risk investments and should be carefully scrutinized prior to making a financial commitment. LACERA does not have any hedge fund managers in its investment pool. As fiduciaries it is the Board's responsibility to carefully consider all investment strategies before deciding whether or not such an investment will benefit the Fund.

The writer also encouraged retirees to remain informed about where and how retirement funds are invested. I believe it is my responsibility to make sure that you remain informed. As your representative on the Investment Board I am available as a resource. I may be reached through the RELAC Office at (800) 537-3522 or through RELAC's email admin@relac.org. Information on LACERA's portfolio also may be found by visiting the LACERA website, www.lacera.com.

For your information I have provided the definition of a hedge fund as it appears in Barron's Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms. (A book I refer to frequently.)

A private investment partnership (for US investors) or an off-shore investment corporation (for non-US or tax exempt investors) in which the general partner has made a substantial personal investment, and whose offering memorandum allows for the fund to take both long and short



News from LACERA

by Janice Golden
Assistant Executive Officer



The LACERA Call Center receives, on average, 12,500 calls per month. Many of these calls are from our retiree population. Here are examples of some questions (and the answers) we commonly receive; you may be wondering about these issues yourself:

Q: Can I change my beneficiary even though I'm retired?

A: That depends on which option you chose at retirement:

Unmodified Retirement Allowance Option: You may change your Priority 1 beneficiary designation if you elected an Unmodified Retirement Allowance and no longer have an eligible surviving spouse, domestic partner, or eligible children to receive a continuing allowance. The new beneficiary you name will receive only the balance of your accumulated contributions, if any remain.

Option 1: You may change your Priority 1 beneficiary at any time if you were in a contributory plan and elected Option 1.

Option 2, Option 3, or Option 4: You may not change this beneficiary designation even if he/she predeceases you. Your monthly allowance was calculated based on your age at retirement and the age of your named beneficiary; therefore, the survivor benefit can only be paid to the Priority 1 beneficiary you named at retirement.

\$5,000 Burial/Death Benefit: You may name a new beneficiary at any time to receive the \$5,000 lump-sum death benefit.

Q: Can I change the option I chose when I retired?

A: No. The option you chose at retirement cannot be changed after retirement.

Q: How can I sign up for Direct Deposit?

A: You can enroll or make changes by phone or by mail. To enroll by phone, call 1-800-786-6464 and have your bank account number and bank routing number handy. To enroll by mail, send LACERA your completed LACERA Direct Deposit Authorization Form, which can be accessed on our Brochures and Forms page at www.lacera.com. Or, you may call and request to have a Direct Deposit brochure and authorization form mailed to you.

Q: How can I change the tax withholding for my check?

A: If you are a retiree, survivor, or beneficiary who receives a monthly allowance from LACERA, you may change your federal tax withholding at any time. Print the tax withholding form from the Brochures & Forms page, complete and sign it, and mail it to LACERA. You may also call and request to have a tax form mailed to you.

These are just a few examples of the types of questions and requests we receive from retirees. The Call Center is open Monday-Friday (except holidays), from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call us at 1-800-786-6464 with your questions or requests.

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Golf News



Los Amigos Golf Course Golf Tournament 6-04-07

by Gil Sandoval
Golf Director, RELAC

55 players enjoyed Mother Nature's gift of a delightful day. 32 participated in the Skin's Game. Benny Martinez and Doug Evans shared the best net round with scores of 64 to win the "B" group. The "A" group was very close as Les Sexton's net 66 edged out Jim Lizakowski by one stroke. Bob Cornelius won the "C" group by three. The Women's flight went to Kathy Malmfeldt easily with a net 71.

Flight "A" (0-19 Handicaps)

1st Les Sexton (66)
2nd Jim Lizakowski (67)*
3rd Eddie Carrillo (67)

Flight "B" (20-25 Handicaps)

1st Benny Martinez (64)*
2nd Doug Evans (64)
3rd Del Gamble (68)*

Flight "C" (26-38 Handicaps)

1st Bob Cornelius (65)
2nd Frank Barajas (68)
3rd Julio Guevara (71)

Ladies "All"

1st Kathy Malmfeldt (71)
2nd Terry Clark (76)*
3rd Nancy Signer (76)

* Won in card off.

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men # 3 Ed Carrillo
7 Darryl Christopher
#12 Rich Haller
#17 Ralph Hamasu
Women #3 No One
7 Nancy Signer
#12 Nancy Signer
#17 No One

NEXT TOURNAMENT

Monday, Aug. 6, 2007
Los Verdes Country Club
8:00 a.m. start.

Handicapping - USGA Standards

Handicaps are established by taking the best ten of the last twenty rounds played and taking the rating differential of the courses played and the score. Then divide the total of ten adjusted scores by ten and multiply by .9 to determine the current handicap for the player.

RELAC Golf Entry Form

Los Verdes Golf Course
7000 W. Los Verdes Dr.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA



Monday, August 6, 2007

Please Print

1. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fees: \$31.00 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 @ \$31 per
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Entry Deadline
July 20, 2007
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Date Rec. _____ Amt.\$ _____ Ck# _____

Letters To The Editor



Thank you for all that you do for all the members.

Louise Feldman
La Grande, OR

You all do such a great job of taking care of retirees and keeping us informed, that I reluctantly advise you that I've passed my 80th year. I guess I'm eligible for freedom from dues. Thank you for your tireless and superb work for our benefit.

Albert A. Marino
Auburn, CA

I am very grateful for all you have done for us retirees. Thanks so much for the pocket secretary. I turned 80 years of age on 3-3-07. Please waive my dues. God Bless you forever.

Mae E. Johnson
Altadena, CA

Enjoy being caught up on latest activities even though I can't participate. Now 81 years old and on dialysis. My traveling days are over. Please waive my dues, every little bit helps.

Dave A. Harris
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Enjoy reading the RELAC Newsletter. I was 81 years old last March, so please waive my dues.

George Tigner
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you so much for the \$25 Valentine drawing. I belong to a small church congregation. We made a pledge for our building fund to be presented in 2009. I started a savings account just for that purpose. The \$25 went into that account. Thank you again.

Leontyne Tisdell
Palmdale, CA

I am writing to express my disagreement with Bill de la Garza's article that appeared in the RELAC Newsletter's May/June issue regarding Canada's health system. I managed health care delivery in a wide variety of areas (including the L.A. City and County Health Departments and numerous private hospitals) for some thirty years.

The Newsletter article disparages the Canadian system, which I happen to think is probably the closest example of what the United States should have. Canada provides basic health care for every single citizen, while we currently have over 40 million Americans with no health insurance at all, and probably another 60 million with inadequate coverage (many millions of children are in those numbers). These 100 million people would doubtless not concur with the article's comment "...in the US wait-times for needed cardiac surgery or necessary coronary artery bypass surgery are almost zero."

Since Canada spends only about 2/3 as much on health care as we do (based on the respective Gross National Products), we could doubtless overcome any inadequacies in their system (e.g. waits for complex medical remedies) by simply spending as much as we do today. And we'd be covering everyone, and not leaving out millions of children. Hundreds of thousands of those children doubtless end up as impaired adults because of lack of essential basic health care while growing up.

William True
Port Hueneme, CA

As usual your RELAC newsletters are appreciated very much. They keep us informed about retirement benefits and much more. In the May/June issue Bill de la Garza touched upon a universal health plan for Californians. I agree with your feelings about it only because I am very satisfied with our Blue Cross III insurance and I do not want a universal health plan for me. Thank you very much for your hard work to keep us comfortable. I appreciate all of the very efficient RELAC Board members and LACERA and their services.

Inaye Bell
Baywood Park, CA

Thank you so much for the fabulous trip to Fantasy Springs. I really hope you get other trips going. Some other suggestions are Chumash Casino in Santa Ynez; Pauma Casino in Pauma Valley; Borona Casino in Lakeside and Viejas Casino & Outlet. Thanks again.

Janet Ferguson
South Gate, CA

I will be 83 on August 23, 2007 so please waive my dues. You folks are doing a great job for us and I thank you very much.

Opal Jean Chambers
Cypress, CA

I want to thank you for the Christmas and birthday cards and for the handy pocket secretary. I use it to keep track of my doctor appointments. I was 92 years young in March and live in Golden Creek assisted living in Irvine, California, and get great care. I hope I will be able to go to the brunch in Orange County. Maybe we could have a meeting in Irvine sometime. Thanks again for everything you do for us.

Fern Wilson
Irvine, CA

Thank you for the lovely birthday card I received and the Christmas card I got. It's nice to be remembered. Wish you all a Happy Easter. Thank you.

Lillie Kreisberg
West Hills, CA

Thank you for the lovely birthday card. I appreciate it.

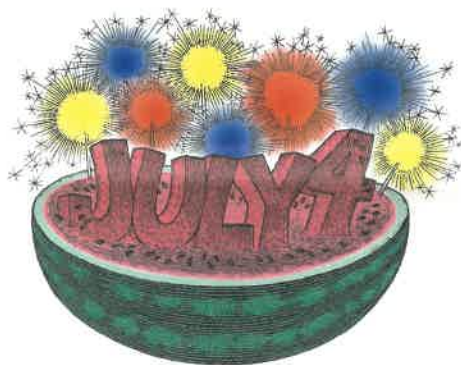
Mary Supple
Hemet, CA

Cliftons Missed at Buellton Outing

by Vivian Moore

The RV campout in May proved to be a lesson in gratitude for how much we appreciate those who unselfishly give of their time and effort in service to the RELAC RV CLUB. This was brought to the forefront by the fact that the club's coordinators, Ed and Janell Clifton, were unable to attend this outing due to a health issue. We missed them terribly, and it started me thinking about all they do for us. Not only do they coordinate the club's activities with the RELAC office, they also interface with the various campgrounds throughout the year, and assist the wagon masters for each outing in any way they can. They are truly a dedicated couple who, thru all they do, continue to maintain a pleasant and helpful attitude. RELAC RV CLUB is so fortunate to have them.

Ed and Janell, thank you very much



Investments continued from p.6

positions, use leverage and derivatives, and invest in many markets. Hedge funds often take large risks on speculative strategies, including Program Trading, Selling Short, Swaps and Arbitrage. A fund need not employ all of these tools all of the time; it must merely have them at their disposal. Since hedge funds are not limited to buying securities, they can potentially profit in any market environment including one with sharply declining prices.

I look forward to seeing you at our RELAC events. Wish you a Happy and Safe Fourth of July. May God Bless America!



RV Outing Notes



Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton
Co-Coordinators of RV Club

Due to illness we were unable to attend the Buellton campout. We understand everyone had a good time. Vivian and Jerry Moore did a great job as first time wagon-masters. They told us they had lots of good help. Thanks all. Sightseeing around the area was one of the main attractions to our campers. Golf and shopping were also done by the rest of group. Due to big raise in camping fees we aren't sure about next year. Call and talk to us about your thoughts about going back.

Art and Carmen Fisch will be wagon masters at our next campout. That will be in Chula Vista in September. Let's all get re-acquainted with hors d'oeuvres to share on Monday evening. Don't forget your table service. Of course, there is always a wonderful breakfast served Tuesday a.m. Business meeting, pot luck dinner and ladies night out is always in the plans for our campouts.

You should be able to find several different things to do in the San Diego area. Come and join us at any one of our campouts.

Coupon follows and you can call us at 562-428-3360 with any of your questions and suggestions hope to see you soon....

Next RV Campout:
Shadow Hills
Indio
October 22-23-24

R.V. CAMPOUT RESERVATION

CAMPGROUND: CHULA VISTA RV RESORT
560 Sand Piper Way
Chula Vista CA. 91910

DATES: September 10-12, 2007

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

Address: _____
(No.) (Street)

City: _____
(State) (Zip)

Telephone: () _____

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Members Spotlight



Sheriff Retiree "Roundup"

by Alan Chancellor

The Sheriff Retiree "Roundup" was held this year once again at the Riverside Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada from April 15th through the 18th. This was my first year attending, although I had heard some great stories from earlier "Roundups". They turned out to be understatements; this annual event is the best! What a blast! Old friends and partners abounded, as did stories both fact and fiction.

I hadn't gotten in the front door of the Riverside when the old friendships kicked in. Dave Dietrich was at the entrance, the Malone's were waiting to check in, and then I was overwhelmed each time I turned around to see friend after friend – everyone had a laugh, a smile, a handshake, or a hug (a bone crusher from Chuck Reiff). This was going to be one heck of a get-together.

After settling in I was off to the Riverside banquet room that had been set up as the host central site for the length of the event. This was a huge hall that was filled with hundreds of retirees milling around and sitting while renewing friendships and sharing the old days, retiree stories, and just catching up. All around the hall were booths that had been set up for participating organizations; PPOA manned by Art Reddy and Greg, ALADS, Sheriff's Relief, LACERA

staffed by Joe Burton, the LASD Museum being worked by Judy Carlson, RELAC manned by John Fleming and me, and several vendor booths with shirts, mugs, department rings, etc.

Waiting to welcome and serve all those attendees as we entered the hall of course were Moon and Robyn Mullen, Charlie and Linda Englebart, with Ike Sabeen taking our photos, Ollie Taylor signing us up for the HR218 CCW qualification course, Jacque Franco taking care of the 50/50 raffle and all of these folks plus more checking us into the Roundup.

After my initial surge into the banquet hall it was time to make the rounds with old friends. They were from every unit/assignment imaginable, but especially from personal memories of Academy Class 98 in 1963 through Detective Division in 1999.



Reminder:

RELAC Members Invited to Run for Board Seats

All regular members of RELAC, and honorary members who were previously regular members (those over 80 and no longer paying dues), are eligible to serve on the RELAC Board of Directors. You are invited to be a candidate in the upcoming election by submitting a petition signed by no less than 25 members. **The petition must be received by the RELAC office by July 31, 2007.** Petition forms are available at the office.



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Report from the CRCEA President

by Bill Kirkwood

Editor's Note: the following is excerpted from an article written by Bill Kirkwood, President of the California Retired County Employee's Association. The Association is comprised of retiree organizations in the twenty counties governed by the 37 Retirement Act, including RELAC

The Spring (CRCEA) Conference was a blast! Mr. Huell Howser has secured a place in our memories-what a nice person. That's not to diminish the balance of the speakers, who were outstanding. It's all in the minutes and speakers presentations as prepared by our Host-ex-Secretary—dynamo Dorothy Lueking. It is also available on the website together with a great slide show, (www.crcea.org).

The next event was the meeting of Public Employee Post Employment Benefits Commission (PEBC) who met April 26 in Orange County. I spoke on behalf of CRCEA together with retirees from other nearby counties. The proceedings are on the website www.pebc.ca.gov then click meetings. **Panelists** who spoke included elected officials, union representatives, city and school district personnel—NO RETIREES! The lengthy public comments by retirees should wake the commission up to the fact that retirees are an integral part of this issue. I met former Assembly Member Keith Richman. Remember him, he led last years crusade to abolish defined benefit pensions. When I confronted him he stated, "I never meant to change any existing pension contracts or promises". I hope he meant it-anyhow I wanted to get his statement in print.

CRCEA Assembly Bill 552 is still in committee awaiting the report of the Governors commission. The State Coalition of Probation Organizations in support of our bill wrote Assembly Member Hernandez stating, "It is important retirees have the ability to maintain adequate health care". Thank you SCOPO. We are soliciting other organizations support and working to change the view of the opposition. Our target is to move the bill to adoption in 2008.

RETIREES This is a crucial time —We must stand tough with governing boards.

They can not take away promised benefits—We have to influence public opinion.

We must make people aware that our health benefits are not excessive and are necessary for our survival—we have to be informed and pro-active to survive this period.

Remember-our strength is in our numbers!

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Antelope Valley Rehab. Ctr.

Thomas, Frank K.

Art Museum

Edwards, Jacqueline M*

Assessor

Coleman, Thomas W.

Green, Diane D.

Herod, Noretha L.

Legakes, Verda M.*

Ma, Jean L.

Monroe, Wilhelmina L.*

Webster, Amanda P.*

Auditor/Controller

Awaya, Roberet S.*

Bureau of Public Assistance

Vierregge, Eve E.*

Chief Administrative Office

Snider, Eva D.

Children's Services

Keiper, Bernice R.

Lewis, Linda C.

Lodico, Alice M.

Newbell, Diana F.

Ruiz, Eugene L.

Civil Service Commission/ Personnel

Mateer, Robert J.*

Collections

Philip, Marilyn H.*

County Clerk

Banks, Florence M.*

Williams, Rosemary*

Data Processing

Adams, McKenney*

District Attorney

Godinez, Arthur A.

Engineer

Bowitz, Harlan*

Duerbeck, Charles A.*

Iguchi, Shinobu*

Seilheimer, John A.*

Stayton Sr., Jesse*

Tynan, Yale*

Fire

Hanson, Vernon L.

Harris, Daryl*

Hickman, William L.

Quance, Roy O..*

Flood Control

Blankenship, Buster P.*

Britting, Consuelo *

Cotton, Joseph B.*

Roberts, Charles W.*

Yoshioka, Fred*

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Mac Auley, Olive D.*

Maples, Lila M.*

Murdok, Beth H.*

Swancy, Dorothy M.*

Valdez, Anita F.*

Wayman, Margaret E.

Wilkes, Israel

Williams, Betty A.

Health Services

Collins, Lori*

Hamilton, Thomas P.

High Desert Health System

Old, Pauline D.

Marcus, Jeanne R.

Internal Services

Broderick, Sharon

Burrell, Clara Mae

Crayton, Marvin A.

Cruz, Alfred

Livingston, Kurt

Tolson, Clarence

King/Drew Medical Center

Carmona, Lucille

Creedy, Sandra A.

LAC + USC Medical Center

Contreras, Alicia S.

Hines, Bobbie J.

Majors, Lue

Morales, Isabel

Riley, Edward A.

Salazar, Carmen F.*

Thomas, Mary

Thompson, Betty J.

Weber, Esther R.

Marshal

Brown, Berle L.*

Drake, Bryant M.*

Kemp, William E.*

Mechanical

Hanson, Harold C.*

Henning, Merle H.*

Morris, Robert L.*

Staley, David E.*

Stephens, Leland E.*

Medical Centers Services

Stokes, Marian L.*

Mental Health

Cooper, Carol*

Coyner, Joan C.

Hawkins, William J.

Herron, Hilery A

Whorlow, Phillip.

Metro So CHC Health Center

Lee, Barbara K.

Municipal Court

Byrne, Bernard J.* (L.A.)

Spelman, J F.* (So Gate)

Northeast CHC/Health Center

Crippen, Mary P.*

Olive View Medical Center

Strawbridge, Marjorie W.*

Parks & Recreation

Adcock, Clare J.

Frost, James A.*

Hanken, Ralph E.*

Hunton, Bernyce A.*

Paige, Ronald F.*

Patock, Vernon L*

Prather, Joe E.

Probation

Caldwell, Albert*

Duncan, Don C.*

Johnson, Kathryn P.*

Marshall, Ida*

Stanlow, Frank*

Storm, Gerrit J.

Talbot, Victor E.

Tooley, Terry D.

Wyatt, Curtis A.

Prob/Olive View Hospital

White, Berneice D.*

Psychiatric Hospital

Mills, John T.

Public Defender

Maines, Roy R.*

Public Health Program

Aguirre, Arturo

Lee, Esther

Pham, Tien T.

Quintana, Pearl

Public Library

Panoff, Oleg M.

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Public Social Svcs

Aniban, Quity S.
Atwood, Lorraine D.
Bearman, Lenore B.*
Buniel, Bonifacia O.*
Dao, Ky
Efferson, Dorothy C.*
Falcon, Ricardo J.
Faucett, Rosalie M.
Fleming Jr., William F.*
Howard, Lucille*
Hughey, Gracie M.
Jones, Bess B.
Kime, Joan H.*
Schoeman, Shirley*
Schrader, Helen B.*
Wallenbrock, Peggy W.*
Woessner, Barbara L.*

Public Works

Botello, Eleanor J.*
Davis, Jerry
Hayami, Walter M.*
Keenan, Kenneth E.*
Ward, Harry G.

Public Safety

Craig, Alfred*

Purchasing & Stores

Draut, Robert V.*
Robinson, Morris E.*

Rancho Los Amigos Hospital

Anders, Eulahn L.
Gran, Gloria A.
Larson, Kathryn*
McIntyre, Alice J.*
Miller, Jennie A.
O'Hara, Sean
Singman, Frances S.*

Road

Murphy, James E.*
Wells, Leroy E.*

Sheriff

Atwood, Charles L.*
Camron, Pamela
Cumulada, Francisco
Dixon, John A.*
Fender, James F.
Fleming, Robert D.
Fouts, Jeanine M.
Holland, Marian L.
Labio, Merinio A.
Lowry, Oscar G.*
Meier, Kenneth R.*
Melton, Hubert V.*
Schayer, Gerald
Shelley, Donald D.
Tardiff, Ronald L.
Weeks, Patrick D.

So Coast Air Quality Mgmt Dist

Moore, Abe B.*

Superior Court/Co Clerk

Ishimoto, Sady S.
Lecover, Elaine R.*
Mehlman, Murray*

Superior Court Officers

Phillips, Doyce G.
Ponto, Elfriede*
Tighe, Rosemary T.*
Yapkowicz, Julia

Superior Court Reporters

Burleson, Barbara*
Henderson, Jean*

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Molina, Gloria C.

Women's Hospital

Silva, Anita

Department Not Designated

Adams, Eola C.
Aguero, Vitalia E.
Barnes Jr., Wallace A.
Bergman, Ethel
Bryant, John A.
Chavez, Maria E.
Cooper, Naomi I.
Cornelison, Tommy E.
Cumulada, Francisco

Erickson, Rosemary A.
Ferraro, Edward J.
Geeter, Jack
Crum, Joseph E.
Godin, Richard J.
Goldsmith, Daniel L.
Hamon, Malcolm G.
Haraden, Parker
Harmon, Dorothy J.
Horn, Fredrick W.
Hoskin, Virginia M.
Jansen, Frances D.
Jensen, Alan W.
Johnson, Annie J.
Leon, Elisa D.
Little, Naomia L.
Mc Ferrin, William A.
Maggio, Theresa A.
Maxey, Ruth
Morgan, Johanna E.
Nickerson, Ollie M.
O'Brien, Michael R.
Owens, Jack E.
Parrish, Frank W.
Perez, David S.
Phinney, John D.
Pollard, Joseph M.
Provost Jr., David L.
Ray, C.
Rolle, Cornell L.
Ross, William
Seger, Nona
Slack, Harry
Smith, Kathleen W.
Steele, Allen L.
Stewart, Lodie
Sutherland, Valerie C.
Swaddling, Ellyne L..
Teare, Esther E.
Tishmack, Theresa R.
Williams, Nolan
Wilson, Dorothy B.
Wisehart, Wayne M.
Wortsman, Edith
Zakarian, Vehanoush

The next morning it was up early, breakfast, and off to a makeshift HR218 qualification firing range set up by LASD range personnel Sgt Dave Nell and Deputy Ed Corrette. Our Thanks go to Sheriff Lee Baca for making possible the involvement of range staff in this exercise – it was a core ingredient in the Roundups success.

The range was on reserved BLM property in the desert a short distance from the hotel. As we crested a hill on the desert road there it was, not exactly BC, but it had all the necessities; two outhouses, a tented registration table, great staff in the form of Walt Bouman and Ollie Taylor + others, the actual range with silhouette targets ready to be fired on and destroyed, and a swarm of dozens of eager old/retired deputies armed with a variety of sidearms; most notably John Flemings' four shot derringer with which he qualified. Who was most surprised by his success? John! This was fun.

After the range it was time for a tour of Laughlin, lunch, and another visit to the banquet hall. Some of the earlier attendees had been replaced by different and more new comers. The crowd just kept growing. As everyone visited there was an almost continuous and endless drawing of tickets for door prizes donated by individuals and employee/retiree organizations including RELAC. John and I had the pleasure of working the RELAC booth the remainder of that day and it was a great opportunity to visit as folks stopped by in a steady flow. We also caught up on department history, being located next to Judy at the LASD Museum booth – reminded me I should stop by and visit STAR Center.

That second night found us in the Prime Rib restaurant with Wes McBride, John Bowler, and Art Herrera, then back into the casino and again visiting with friends in the banquet hall. Meanwhile, there were those involved in the golf tournament(s) by day, and those getting ready for the Poker and Slot tournaments anytime.

Unfortunately, the third morning found me headed back out across the desert listening to Country and bound for home. Bad planning and another commitment made early departure a necessity. Next year I'll be back and this time stay for the entire Roundup.

In closing, I want to thank Moon, Robyn, and all of those who so unselfishly put this outstanding Roundup together – it reminds me of just how great the LASD is and that our real strength has always been the men and women who work there.





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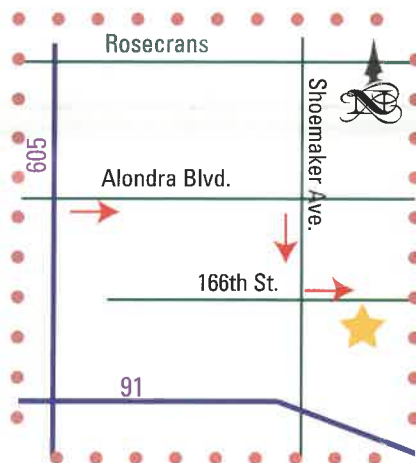
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