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## President's Message

by Greg Walia



### Election to RELAC Board of Directors

At its business meeting on May 27, 2010 in accordance with the bylaws, the Board endorsed the following slate of five candidates for three year terms beginning in 2011 on the RELAC Board of Directors.

William de la Garza  
Martin Golds  
George Hernandez  
David Muir  
Marianne Reich

I strongly urge other members of RELAC to compete for Board membership. Those who are interested may be nominated by filing petitions by July 31, 2010. Complete information on eligibility and procedures for filing can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter.

We are pleased to welcome volunteer Donald Fandry's addition on the Board for the remainder of unexpired term of a Board member who resigned in 2009. Don retired after 31 years of dedicated service in several highly responsible positions with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He is a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Sierra Madre (California) Police Department and continues to be very active on several RELAC committees.

### Membership

As you know, enrolling new members is an on-going effort at RELAC. Our effectiveness in serving your needs is in direct proportion to our strength in numbers. Thanks to the dedicated work of volunteers on our Membership/Recruitment Committee we have made good progress on enrolling new members over the past few months. I urge each of you to assist us toward this effort by encouraging those you know who have retired or are planning to retire soon to sign up with RELAC.

### Volunteer Activities

Our calendar for member activities planned for the remainder of 2010 includes Regional and General Membership Meetings, Day at the Races at Santa Anita and our Annual Picnic in September, etc. Please look for details on these events in the inside pages of this Newsletter.

On a lighter note, the wife has adjusted my weekly allowance to match COLA, golf game is improving a bit (a very humbling game), and now that summer is here, the grandkids are lining up to have grandma and grandpa take them somewhere for outings....I say thank you Lord for my County pension! Right?

Stay Happy and Healthy.



**Public Sector Pensions** are under attack. Reports on what is happening can be found **on page 3**.

**Horse races at Santa Anita** are in the offing. All the pertinent information is **on page 5**.

Also starting **on page 5**, what you need to know about the upcoming **Regional Meeting in Ventura**.

The next **General Membership Meeting** is in West Covina on August 31. **See the back page**.

**RELAC's Annual Picnic** is set for September 25. The details are on **pages 8 and 9**.

### Advance Special Notice

Because of construction at St. Sophia's, RELAC's traditional holiday membership meeting will have to be moved to another site. Watch for word on the place and date in future Newsletters.



RELAC President Greg Walia and Norm Hickling, Deputy, 5th Supervisorial District, enjoy the buffet lunch at the Regional Meeting in Lancaster. For a report on the meeting see the Regional Activities article on page 5. (Photo by Don Fandry)

## Retirement Board

by Bill de la Garza  
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I would like to thank you for your many cards and letters regarding the passing of my wife Rachel. We were married for 49 years and it's going to be difficult for me to be without her. For the past couple of months I have been attempting to assume my volunteer duties at RELAC and LACERA. It's been a difficult period for me, and I appreciate your help and understanding.

Last month I attended a SACRS (State Association of County Retirement Systems) Conference. The highlight of the conference was centered on receiving information concerning the future of our pension and medical plans. One thing for sure, the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress and signed by President Obama leaves many unanswered questions due to the volumes of paperwork that need to be carefully reviewed and interpreted.

I attended the conference with the hope of receiving information on how the Healthcare Reform Act will affect retirees, and in particular our L.A. County/ LACERA plans. We were advised by a staff member of the Health and Human Services Division that the new reforms of Medicare will provide you and your family greater savings and increased quality health care. We were also told that those individuals with existing good health plans should not worry about increasing costs, curtailment, or a change in plan management. All these things sounded good to the audience, but there were many reservations related to the difficulties of the plan, how the success would be measured, and a realistic time table. I left the conference knowing that because of the heavy volume of information, it will be difficult manage, interpret and administer the Health Reform Act. RELAC will keep you posted on any major changes or interpretations that may affect us as they become available.

On the lighter side I had the pleasure of attending the RELAC San Diego Area Regional Support Meeting on May 25. It was a good meeting that featured a presentation on Identity Theft and Senior Abuse from Sgt. Mark Varnau of the San Diego Sheriff's Department and an update on LACERA pension and medical plans from Robert Hill, Assistant Executive Officer of LACERA. Briefly Sgt. Varnau scared the audience with good information and details about identity theft and senior abuse. Robert Hill made the audience feel good when he advised the retirees that unlike other government retiree associations, LACERA'S pension and medical plans were doing well and provided statistics that guaranteed their future success.

Thank you for the opportunity of letting me serve you on the LACERA Board of Retirement and on the RELAC Board of Directors. As customary, I leave you with this thought:

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic.  
It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost,  
but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

## Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval  
Retiree Representative,  
LACERA Board of  
Investments



At a recent Regional Meeting I was asked if retirees need to worry about LACERA's financial status since the financial markets continue to struggle. I assured the gentleman that he should not be concerned. LACERA's investment horizon is long-term (I interpret that to be at least 30-40 years). In fact, this downturn in the financial markets is seen by most as a buying opportunity (buy low; sell high). Such is the case for LACERA – time is on its side.

I know you probably have all read (or heard) about the financial stress both the State and local governments are experiencing. Just in case you are wondering: what about Los Angeles County and their budget shortfall – will they be able to continue paying the retirement contributions to LACERA? This situation is also addressed in State Law – Los Angeles County is required to pay LACERA the retirement contributions as determined by LACERA's actuary before any other debts are paid.

For the fiscal year 2010-2011, the actuary projects the expected annual employer contributions to be \$987 million. The County's employer rate increased from 12.08% of payroll to 14.22% of payroll.

At the same meeting Mr. Robert Hill, LACERA Assistant Executive Officer, spoke to the group and reminded retirees that our pension benefits are protected by State Law and are held in a Trust Fund administered by LACERA. (Writer's Note: In other words the money in the Trust Fund belongs to the members and beneficiaries of LACERA and not to Los Angeles County.)

I hope the information above will help to allay any concerns you may have about the uncertainty of the financial markets. Remember your pension benefits are guaranteed, so go out and enjoy the summer. Take that trip, buy that stainless steel refrigerator with the icemaker and cold filtered water – you've earned it!

Enjoy your summer and keep safe. As always thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.



# Fighting Back Against Media Attacks On Public Employee Pension Benefits

by: David Muir  
RELAC Member  
Retired LACERA  
Legal Counsel

It's hard not to notice the almost daily attacks in the media that characterize public pension benefits as "generous" or "lavish." The media seems uninterested in reporting on the issue in a fair and balanced way. So we must mount a grass roots effort to educate the public about the many benefits associated with public pension plans.



The most recent RELAC newsletter included my article reporting on a recent study finding that public pension plans are vital in boosting California's economy, especially during the Great Recession when pensioners relying on tanking 401(k) plans are spending little. Next time you hear someone bad mouthing public pension plans, fight back with some of the facts included in the study, which are summarized in my article.

And characterizations of pension benefits as "generous" or "lavish" should be challenged. The National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS) recently blasted the Washington Post for its January 2 editorial that described benefits averaging \$1,470 as "generous" or "lavish." NIRS pointed out that many public pensioners are ineligible for social security benefits. In those cases, a so-called "generous" or "lavish" \$1,470 retirement allowance may be the sole source of income in old age. To read NIRS' letter to the Washington Post, go to [www.nirsonline.org](http://www.nirsonline.org) and click on the "MEDIA" tab, then "Letters to the Editor."

As reported by Diane Sandoval in the last newsletter, the average LACERA retirement allowance is approximately \$3,275 per month. It's hard surviving on such a meager amount anywhere, and especially in Southern California. While some LACERA retirees receive social security benefits, under current law for many their LACERA retirement benefits and/or their social security benefits are reduced.

## Public Sector Pensions Under Fire: Are Retiree Benefits Threatened?

by Martin Golds  
Chair, Retiree Information Committee

As Dave Muir informs us in his article on this page, the media have been running frequent attacks on public sector retirement benefits. As should be expected these attacks are associated with, perhaps inspiring of, efforts to reduce these benefits.

Following are some notable examples.

### McCauley Pension Tax Initiative Threatens Us All

Starting in early June petitions are being circulated to put the initiative sponsored by Paul McCauley on the California ballot in November. It is called the McCauley Pension Recovery Act and it is dangerous. If it is passed and becomes law it would impose a very substantial income tax surcharge on all pension taxable income of \$40,000 and over on all retired California residents. The initiative defines taxable pension income as all such income including both employer and employee contributions and employer-paid health insurance premiums.

Here is the schedule of surcharges on taxable pension income:

Pension Income	Surcharge
\$40,000 to \$50,000	\$5000+20% of pension income over \$40,000
\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$7000+35% of pension income over \$50,000
\$75,000 to \$100,000	\$15,750+40% of pension income over \$75,000
\$100,000 to \$150,000	\$25,750+50% of pension income over \$100,000
Over \$150,000	\$50,750+60% of pension income over \$150,000

Don't forget that the surcharge is in addition to the regular state taxes we pay on pension income.

Those who receive pensions from California employers but live out of state would not pay the surtax but would be charged a one-time excise tax of 50% of the amount of their pensions over \$40,000 per year for their predicted life expectancies. Taxpayers who are 75 or older on the date of enactment would get a reduction of \$250,000 on the total excise tax.

It appears that McCauley figured out that the courts will not allow reductions in existing pensions and in the pensions promised to active employees; that only newly hired employees can receive reduced retirement benefits. So he concocted the surtax ploy as way of reducing these benefits.

It hardly need be said: Don't sign the McCauley Pension Recovery Act petition!

But also don't be too alarmed. The odds are good that this awful thing can be defeated. In the past McCauley has sponsored initiatives which have not made it to the ballot, probably because he did not have the money required to collect enough signatures. In addition he has made his task more difficult by taxing private sector as well as public sector pensions; that will get him more opposition, not only from private sector retirees, but very likely from their employers who would not like to see the benefits they are paying their retired employees so radically diminished. And there are many voters who will oppose any new tax no



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## Do You Know These Folks?

RELAC seems to have lost track of some of its 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](mailto:admin@relac.org).

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Karen Arnold  
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Donald K. Byrne  
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Eugene Kunimoto  
Elaine Lundblade  
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# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Diane Sandoval

Chair, Regional Support Committee

Before I provide you with a brief summary of the regional meetings in Lancaster and San Diego I would like to thank Donna Livermore for hosting RELAC's Regional Meetings in Lancaster. Donna announced she will be moving to Arizona once escrow closes on her home. She will be missed. In case you are unaware – Donna preferred to work alone with her small committee of faithful volunteers to organize and hold these meetings. She will truly be missed. Donna - we wish you the best of luck. Please keep in touch with your friends in California.

Now for a brief synopsis of the Lancaster Regional Luncheon Meeting held on April 29, 2010 at the Elks Lodge. Despite blustery winds and cold weather 104 members attended. Attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch; relaxed and laughed at Donna Livermore's jokes and some even walked away with great door prizes. Donna lived up to her reputation as an excellent and entertaining Master of Ceremonies.

The featured speaker, Norm Hickling, North County Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, spoke about the state of the County's budget. According to Mr. Hickling, the budget deficit, will force Los Angeles County to eliminate hundreds of jobs from several departments. He informed the group that the Supervisor supports transportation issues affecting the northern part of the County; improving and upgrading the Palmdale Airport; building a Senior Center and Animal Control Building; improving area streets and highways; and modifying regulations to facilitate business opportunities in Los Angeles County. Mr. Hickling answered questions from the audience regarding water rationing and water shortages in the Lancaster, Palmdale and Acton areas.

Now for a brief summary about the Regional Luncheon Meeting in San Diego held on May 25, 2010 at the Holiday Inn on the Bay. As for the weather we could not have asked for a better day – clear and moderate in temperature. Approximately 62 members attended the luncheon and enjoyed an informative and educational presentation given by Sgt. Mark Varnau, San Diego Sheriff's Department. His presentation provided numerous tips to assist us in protecting our identity and credit:

Here are a few tips mentioned in his presentation:

- Monitor your credit monthly by reviewing the credit reports issued by the three credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax and Trans Union;
- Place a "lock" on your credit for a certain \$ limit (limits your financial exposure);
- Go inside to do your banking instead of using ATM's;
- Don't use your ATM card to purchase gasoline - pay cash or use a credit card;
- Limit the use of your Debit card at retail stores – use the credit option instead; and
- When traveling take a limited number of credit cards with you.

Mr. Robert Hill, LACERA Assistant Executive Officer, assured us that LACERA remains financially strong. He reminded us that our pension benefits are protected by law. His advice regarding the new Healthcare Reform Legislation is to do nothing until LACERA completes their review and analysis of the 2,642 pages. At the appropriate time LACERA will provide us with the details necessary to make an informed decision. He admonished those who are not on direct deposit to seriously consider it.

## VENTURA REGIONAL LUNCHEON MEETING

Here are the long-awaited details concerning our final meeting for the year. The Committee has chosen Ventura as the venue for the meeting. It will be held on September 15, 2010 at the Four Points by Sheraton/Holiday Inn Express, 1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, CA 93001. Parking is available at no cost. Join us and enjoy a mini-vacation - plan to stay at the hotel. RELAC has negotiated an attractive rate for anyone interested in staying at the hotel. The room rate is \$109.00 plus applicable taxes per night. Be

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## RELAC DAY AT THE RACES AT SANTA ANITA PARK

by Mary Rodriguez

Chair, Recreation Committee



Hello everyone.

It's time to return to Santa Anita Park for another day at the races. In the past this event has been enthusiastically attended by our members. Everyone enjoys it and has a lot of fun.

This year we will again be seated in the Sierra Vista Terrace which offers a great view of the track. The event date is October 7, 2010 and the cost is \$33.00 (same as previous years).

Our Day at the Races will include park admission, valet parking, racing program and, of course, a great buffet which includes soft drinks and dessert.

Please fill in the coupon and send your check ASAP. The deadline to submit your request is September 21, 2010. Your tickets will be mailed to you by September 27, 2010.

Our space at this event is limited so don't be left out. Come join your fellow retirees. Hope to see you there.

### RELAC'S Santa Anita Day at the Races

Thursday, October 7, 2010



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Ordering Tickets: September 21, 2010

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RELAC  
1000 So. Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Tickets will be mailed to you at the above address by September 27, 2010.

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# News From LACERA

by Janice Golden  
Assistant Executive Officer

Do you know copies of your ADRs and 1099-Rs are available online?

Many retirees call LACERA to request duplicate 1099-Rs or a duplicate of a particular automatic deposit receipt (ADR). We are happy to mail a copy at your request, but do you know copies of these documents are available online for immediate viewing and printing on your "My LACERA" account?



## Viewing Your ADRs and 1099-Rs on My LACERA

My LACERA is easily accessed from the My LACERA logo on the home page of [lacera.com](http://lacera.com). Once you're signed in, follow these simple steps to access your documents:

### For 1099-Rs:

1. Click "Tax Info" on the navigation bar on the left side of the page.
2. When the Tax Info page appears, click on "View 1099-R below" in the upper right hand corner of the page.
3. Click on the 1099-R you want to see and/or print.

### For ADRs:

1. Click "Direct Deposit" on the navigation bar on the left side of the page.
2. When the Direct Deposit page appears, click on the Direct Deposit Receipt link for the month you want to see and/or print.

If you have trouble accessing your account or locating these documents, contact our Call Center at 1-800-786-6464; a Retirement Benefits Specialist will assist you.



## Pensions cont. from p.3

matter who is required to pay it.

## SB 919 Offers Another Approach

State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth has introduced a bill in the California State Senate which addresses only the benefits paid to newly hired employees covered by the big state retirement systems, the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). It proposes a variety of changes in existing pension provisions, such as reductions in the amounts of pensions and increases in the ages of retirement eligibility. While it applies only to the state systems we think it is of interest because it seems like a sensible approach to solving whatever financial problems these systems are facing; it leaves the defined benefit plans intact and does not propose to introduce radical revisions in the character of the retirement systems. Some of the changes seem sensible and some seem to go further than is appropriate and necessary.

As we go to press we have learned that a California Senate committee has voted down SB 919. Meanwhile it is reported that Governor Schwarzenegger has negotiated agreements with four state employee unions which appear to achieve at least some of the Senator's goals, such as benefits based on highest three years salary rather than on one year. The unions' concessions cannot affect those already retired. Look for the details on RELAC's website, [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org).

## What About Social Security Fairness?

Can we expect anything to be done about the reductions in retirement income which affect many who have earned both public sector pensions and social security benefits? It was thought that this may be the year because of the recession-based desire to put more money in the hands of those who are most likely to have a need to spend it. To be candid, the prospects are dimmer in the face of the nation-wide attacks on public employee pensions. Many politicians will not want to cast a vote in favor of public sector retirees. Of course RELAC continues its support for the corrective legislation which is now awaiting committee hearings in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

## Some General Comments

The attackers' fire is aimed at public sector retirement systems throughout the nation, but California systems constitute the hottest targets. The numbers one and two targets are CalPERS and STRS... In addition a number of California counties and cities, including the City of Los Angeles, have been singled out... Thus far Los Angeles County has not been among the targeted systems.

But while it is true that most, if not all, systems have experienced investment losses as a result of the recession, it is strange that public sector employees and retirees have been portrayed as the primary causes of financial problems of state and local governments. The attackers have frequently been the supporters of the real culprits, the financial geniuses who created the recession. One is forced to wonder if the whole purpose is to redirect blame at the victims and away from the perpetrators, to make public sector retirees pay instead of those at fault.

## Still Time to Run to Become a Member of the RELAC Board of Directors

As reported in the President's Message (p.1), the RELAC Board has selected a slate of five candidates for election to the Board positions whose terms begin January 1, 2011. But any RELAC member may qualify to run by filing a petition signed by 25 members. The signed petition, along with a letter of acceptance by the nominee, must be received by the RELAC office no later than July 31. Petition forms are available at the RELAC office.



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## Golf News



By Gil Sandoval  
RELAC Golf Director



### Los Amigos Golf Tournament June 7, 2010

The greens were slow but Shig Yonamine was spectacular as his net 61 bested Michael Taylor to win the "A" flight. The "B" flight was a race as Ed Banes and Ron Malmfeldt edged out Bob Kubo by one stroke with Ron winning the card off with net 70's. The "C" flight was a battle between John Wehrly, Frank Barajas and Bob Cornelius with John winning at net 61.

Kathy Malmfeldt was an easy winner in the Ladies flight as her net 64 repeated her win of last month.

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

1st Shig Yonamine (61)  
2nd Michael Taylor (63)  
3rd Tom Hoagland (64)

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

1st Ron Malmfeldt (70)\*  
2nd Ed Banes (70)  
3rd Bob Kubo (71)

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

1st Frank Barajas (63)  
2nd Bob Cornelius (64)  
3rd Marv Lane (72)

#### Ladies

1st Kathy Malmfeldt (64)  
2nd Sue Danbara (73)  
3rd Nancy Signer (77)

\*Won in card off

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

##### Men

# 3 Jim Noyes  
# 7 Tony Asuncion  
#12 Michael Hernandez  
#17 Tom Hoagland

##### Women

# 3 No Winner  
# 7 Sue Danbara  
#12 Nancy Signer  
#17 No Winner

#### **NEXT TOURNAMENT--**

Monday, July 26, 2010  
Los Verdes Golf Course at 8:00 a.m. start  
Entry Deadline July 6, 2010

## RELAC Golf Entry Form

Los Verdes Golf Course  
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**Monday, July 26, 2010**  
**8:00 am start**

Please Print

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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If possible, we would prefer an  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Entry Deadline

**July 6, 2010**

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# Members Spotlight

## Welcome New Members



APRIL & MAY 2010

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Coleman, Cristina E.

### District Attorney

Maxwell, Merrie

Wallace, Cynthia

### County Engineer

Chandler, Vernon W.

### Fire

Cusine, Dennis

Lizardo, Elena V.

### Harbor-UCLA Med. Ctr.

Carsten, Isabel G.

Chatman, Gloria

### Health Services

Duque, Enrique Jr.

Kamiyama, Kay

Murrell, Arlene P.

Nielsen, V. Leigh

Sidhu, Satwant

Young, Saundra D.

### Internal Services

Jones, Steven R.

Tolliver, Bernadette

### LAC-USC Med. Ctr.

Khanna, Neelam

Love, Curtis Jr.

Morales, Naomi

### LAC CMS

Llewellyn, Frankie

### Parks & Recreation

Bellanger, Cheryl

### Probation

Pinces, Michael

### Public Library

Markey, Penny S.

### Public Social Services

Anderson, Robert J.

Charles, Rosalind

Zern, Maria

### Public Works

Bjornsen, Neil

Calderon, Eugene J.

Sandoval, Filemon

Sievert, Ralph David

### Regional Planning

Calas, John D.

### Sheriff

Collin, David

Diaz, Margarita

Embry, Gregory D.

Falcon, Dale S.

Godwin, Arlene M.

Harris, James P.

Martinez, Linda D.

Morgon, Greg

Rice, Sandra

Robbins, Leslie W.

Shivers, Yvonne

Youngblood, Delores M.

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## Outstanding Annual Picnic Coming

The day we're all looking forward to is approaching – September 25, 2010 – our Annual RELAC Picnic at Santa Fe Dam, where old friends get together again, new friends meet and a great time is always had by all.

This year, in addition to the great food and ice-cold soft drinks and beer, all the Free Bingo with Domingo, and the fabulous live music with Jennifer, we're adding line dancing with Marianne and Jennifer...wow, that should be fun!

And, another first, we're offering a special to those retired within the last two years -- \$5.00 person – what a deal!! Come on...join us for a great day of fun activities and you'll become a regular too.

See you all in September.



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ADULTS ONLY

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Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(Add'l. guests – attach list)

No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:**

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

**Info:**

(626) 308-0532  
(800) 537-3522  
E-Mail: admin@relac.org

Present RELAC Membership Card at entrance to park.  
NO admission without advance registration.

**RSVP by September 20, 2010**

## Veteran's Corner



# A Hero Among Us

by Ida Leon Ramos

If you live in the Coachella Valley, perhaps you read the article published in the Desert Sun on Saturday, May 22, 2010 featuring our own Board Member and past president, Raymond R. Guyovich. As part of a series of articles profiling veterans of World War II who reside in the Desert, staff writer Denise Goolsby honored Ray who served in the U.S. Army, First Army, 28th Infantry Division, from January 10, 1943 through June 19, 1945.



In the article, Ray recalled the day he arrived in St Lo, France; a City torn apart by bomb attacks by allied troops prior to the arrival of the 28th Infantry Division. Ray and his fellow soldiers didn't anticipate a severe threat due to the devastation in the City, but soon discovered German troops hiding in debris. Using flame throwers and hand grenades, they rooted out and then overcame the enemy. Ray recalls that for him and many with him, it was the first time they had to pull the trigger and shoot someone. He said: "it just made us sick to our stomach".

He and his company went on the march through Paris during the liberation of

the City in late August 1944. Continuing the fight through Luxembourg and Belgium, only two or three men from Ray's original 36-man platoon remained. The others had been killed or injured. "It was tough going", he recalls.

Ray recalls one incident where a young soldier's leg was blown off by mortar. Responding to his screams, Ray and another soldier placed a tourniquet on his leg and carried him to the back of a tank for transport to an aid station. The soldier began screaming again that he didn't want to leave his leg behind. Ray crawled back, retrieved the detached limb, and laid it on the tank next to the wounded soldier.

Just months before the Germans broke through the allied front lines, triggering the Battle of the Bulge, Ray's Division had dug foxholes on farmland at the edge of Huertgen Forest. Spotting a group of German soldiers trying to hide behind a P-47 fighter which had crashed at the bottom of a nearby ravine, Staff Sgt. Ray Guyovich led three of his men down the slope. A German tank, hidden in a wooded area, opened fire, knocking the men down. Ray helped one of the men back; the tank continued its attack. Later, his Captain and three corpsmen used an overcoat to carry the wounded Staff Sgt. to safety. Ray had received shrapnel in the face, arm and chest. "My arm was opened up all the way to the bone" Ray recalls, referring to his inner left arm up to his armpit. It was November 5, 1944.

## Jose Aja, World War II Hero

It is with great sadness that we inform our members of the passing of Jose (Joe) Aja. He was a hero and distinguished veteran who, during World War II, landed on the coast of Normandy, France, Omaha Beach on D-Day (The Longest Day) on June 5, 1944. Eighty percent of the American troops perished in the landing in excess of 10,000. Joe fought his way through Ardennes, into Belgium, Holland and into Germany. He is decorated with the Purple Heart. Jose Aja worked for the Los Angeles County Engineer for over 32 years and was a member of the Greater El Monte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10218. While attending our 50th Anniversary Installation Luncheon, Joe won the \$200 door prize. It was an honor to have Joe as one of our members.

Submitted by Anthony "Lou" Ayala  
RELAC Member

## Presidential Memorial Certificates

The Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorable discharged deceased veterans. The program was initiated in March of 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased veterans, and more than one certificate may be provided. Eligible recipients, or persons acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office, by U.S. mail or toll free fax. Requests cannot be submitted via e-mail. A copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate are required to verify eligibility as the request cannot be processed without proof of honorable military service. Copies of documents may be submitted as documents will not be returned.

For additional information and for application instructions you can contact your local County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) or the VA customer service line at 800-827-1000. You may also request an application via email at [pmc@va.gov](mailto:pmc@va.gov). Many funeral homes are also knowledgeable and may assist with the application process.

Source: Honors Military Services Newsletter





## Letters To The Editor

Thank you so much for the 2010 Pocket Secretary. I carry it in my purse at all times. I will celebrate my 89th birthday on November 15 of this year. I thank God, every day, for blessing me with good health, dear family and friends. I worked for the Los Angeles County Marshal's office for 30 years. Some of us meet monthly for lunch. I enjoy that. I also enjoy and appreciate your RELAC Newsletter.

Maurine Blakely  
Glendale, CA

Now over 80! I appreciate your response to my earlier inquiry and I have absolutely no objection to the \$2.00 membership fee. I will do my darndest to be around for as long a time as possible, just to help you keep your operating budget in balance (even if it's only at the rate of \$2.00 per month). This will be good for both of us.

John Morookian  
Prescott, AZ

Thank you very much for always reminding me to renew my annual membership. I appreciate that very much as I want to keep my membership up.

Barbara Hostvedt  
DeWitt, IA

*cont. next column*

Thank you for my birthday card. I am 96 years old. It was greatly appreciated.

Anne Urfrig  
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you for including the clarification and explanation of the Public Employees Pension Funds. Such information is difficult to find and RELAC has provided an excellent review, easily understood. At age 90, I really appreciate simple but reliable information.

Helen Vaughan  
Altadena, CA

### Hero Amongst Us cont. from p. 10

Ray required eight months of hospitalization to recover from his wounds. He still carries a piece of shrapnel the size of a half dollar in the lower part of his left lung and a small piece can be felt near the corner of his left eye.

We are proud of, and grateful to, Ray Guyovich and all the men and women who fought for our freedom and the American way of life. Thank you for your service, Ray.

To read Denise Goolsby's entire article about Raymond R. Guyovich and other Coachella Valley residents who served in World War II, go to [www.mydesert.com/WWII](http://www.mydesert.com/WWII).

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## Regional Activities cont. from p. 5

sure to mention the RELAC event when you call the hotel at (805) 658-1212

### Your luncheon choices are as follows:

Marina Garden Salad, Choice of One Entree - Chicken Francaise (Boneless Chicken Breast Sauteed with Fresh Garlic and Herbs, topped with Chardonnay Mushroom Lemon Cream Sauce, served with Medley Rice) OR Slow Roasted Tri-Tip (Slow Roasted Spices and Herb Seasoned Tri-Tip, topped with Bordelaise Sauce, served with Roasted Rosemary Potatoes); each entrée is accompanied with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Freshly brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Teas. Dessert is included - Strawberry Shortcake (Three layers of Shortcake with Thick Whipped Cream & Strawberry Preserves). YUM! YUM! The cost for the luncheon is subsidized by RELAC at a cost to you of \$22.00 per person.

The Committee hopes you will plan to join us. At the time of the newsletter deadline, the Featured Speaker has not been confirmed. Please check our website for the latest information concerning our luncheon. A representative from LACERA will speak about recent events affecting your pension and medical benefits.

Send in your registration form today with a check payable to RELAC for \$22.00 per person. The deadline to send in your reservation is August 31, 2010. Please note tickets will not be mailed but will be distributed at the door the day of the event. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!

### Ventura Regional Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 - 11:30am

Four Points by Sheraton/Holiday Inn Express  
1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, CA 93001

Luncheon \$22.00 per person

Chose one (per person)

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Tri Tip \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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## RV Outing Notes



Ed Clifton  
Coordinator of RV Club

Fourteen rigs enjoyed our May campout at Chula Vista RV Resort and Marina. The weather turned out to be a little windy and a bit cool but otherwise was very nice. Anyway it sure beat being too hot. Our Wagon Masters, Bill and Janice Hayhurst, and their assistants, Jim and Betty Butner, did an outstanding job. Even though we were relegated to a tent and did not have the use of a clubhouse, everything went smoothly. For our September outing at the same resort, we do have the use of the large clubroom. At least we will be inside. That tent with the wind blowing was a bit chilly.

Two new couples joined us in Chula Vista – Ed and Cheryl Anhalt from Simi Valley and Robert and Cathy Dillard from Perris. We welcome them and hope they decide to be regulars at our outings. For our ladies night out on Wednesday evening, we patronized a restaurant at the Marina which was close enough to walk to from the park, had good food and a view of the Marina.

Our next outing will be at the same resort in Chula Vista. Our Wagon Masters will be Ken and Janet Cerato and their assistants are Leon and Dian Stegall. The dates will be September 12, 13, 14 and 15th. The deadline for reservations is August 9, 2010. Please get your money in as early as possible because the park needs to know how many are going to attend 30 days in advance. The cost for three days will be \$113.55; the cost for four days will be \$150.40. Coupon is below.

I almost forgot to mention, the gas cards were won by Ed Anhalt and Jeff Samsom. Thanks to RELAC for the generous donation of the cards.

### R.V. CAMPOUT RESERVATION

CAMPGROUND: CHULA VISTA RV RESORT  
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Chula Vista, CA 91910

DATES: September 12, 13, 14, 15, 2010

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(Last) (Retiree) (Spouse)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(No.) (Street)

City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### DEADLINE: Monday, August 9, 2010

Make checks payable to Janet Cerato for either \$113.55 (3 nights)  
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Mail Checks To: Betty Butner  
16058 Sun Summit Pt.  
San Diego, CA 92127  
Telephone: Betty Butner (858) 592-8852  
Janet Cerato (626) 354-0123 cell

Motor Home \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

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Harrell, James K.

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Shadowen Jr., Thomas M.\*  
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Webb, Jack O.\*  
Woodman, George C.\*

## So. Coast Air Quality Mgmt.

Neligan, Robert E.\*

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## Superior Court Officers

Denner, Richard E.  
Diaz, Norma  
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## Superior Court Reporters

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Garrison, Marshall\*  
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Williams, Myron R.

## Department Not Designated

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Crawford, Rowena E.  
Evans, Constance I.  
Frey, Doris  
Janssen, Phillip L.  
Marler, Charles D.\*  
Matarisvan, Marion  
Newman, Samuel  
Snyder, Marjorie F.  
Schneider, Ernest  
Spencer, Edwin N.  
Thompson, Dolores E.  
Wright, Sarah R.

# General Membership Meeting

George Hernandez, Chair, Program Committee



**Tuesday, August 31, 2010**  
**West Covina Elks Lodge**

841 W. Merced Ave., West Covina, CA 91790

~ DOOR PRIZES ~

9:00 a.m. – The Music Man

9:15 a.m. – Complimentary Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Meeting Begins

You will need your RELAC Membership Card.

**Featured Speaker**  
**Dr. Arnold Bresky**

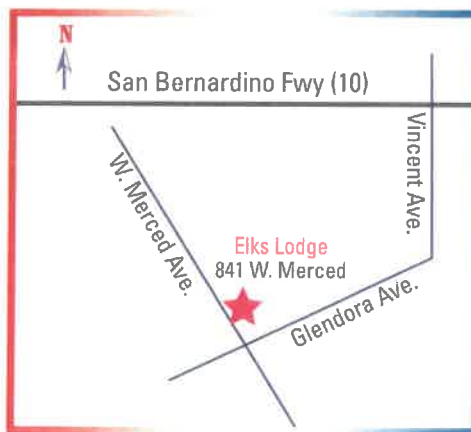
## **TOPIC: Creativity and Aging**

Dr. Bresky, known as "The Brain Tune-up Doctor", has developed a brain exercise program designed to teach us how to grow new brain cells and build cognitive reserve at any age --even in our 90's!

Retiree Information from LACERA & RELAC

## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

Traveling on the San Bernardino Fwy (10) exit Vincent Ave., South on Vincent which becomes Glendora for 1 1/2 miles to W. Merced. Turn west (right) onto West Merced to 841 (approximately 1/8 mile).



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RELAC

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91803-8802 or

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