

## *President's Message*

by Ed Morris

I take this opportunity to thank the RELAC members and guests who attended our 12th Annual Installation Luncheon on Thursday, January 19 at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello. Having worked and retired from LACERA, I thought it was great to see the LACERA staff and Board Members, as always, take the time to enjoy a fine luncheon and hear a special speaker. The event was very successful and provided a good opportunity to visit with friends and

co-workers. I also acknowledge and thank Steve Cooley, District Attorney for Los Angeles County, for being our featured speaker and installation officer.

### **Las Vegas Meeting**

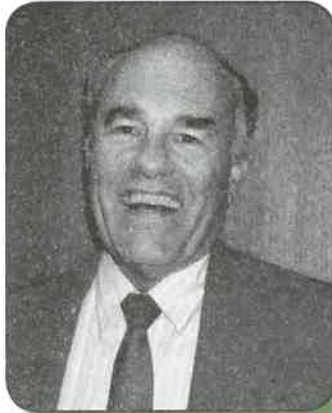
Our regional meeting will be held in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel on March 30th. I encourage both members and non-members to attend and listen to our featured speaker, Marsha Richter, CEO for LACERA. Marsha will cover a range of interesting and timely topics relating to our retirement financial position, including our guaranteed pensions and the status of our medical benefits.

### **Membership Recruitment**

Membership is vital to RELAC and we ask you members to invite any non-members who are former L.A. County employees to join and participate in our varied activities, such as golf, RV outings, Angel/Dodger baseball games, and races at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita. By adding to our membership numbers they will help make RELAC more effective in representing the interests of all County retirees.

Please be sure to read the adjoining article relating to Dave Kalinger in this issue of the Newsletter who received the Emeritus Board Member recognition. Dave gave many years of invaluable service as a member of the RELAC Board of Directors and as the organization's Treasurer.

Happy Easter to all.



## **Board Appoints Kalinger to Emeritus Status**

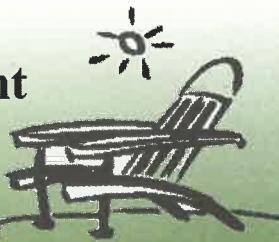
The RELAC Board of Directors has recognized Dave Kalinger's long and distinguished service to RELAC by awarding him the status of Emeritus member of the RELAC Board. He is the second person to receive this honor; only Norman Johnson has been similarly recognized. The well-deserved honor was bestowed following Dave's resignation from the Board.



Dave Kalinger served as a member of the Board of Directors for over 23 years. For many of those years he was RELAC's Treasurer, utilizing his training and experience in accounting and auditing to manage effectively the organization's finances and business operations. It was Dave who brought RELAC's money management into the computer age. His tenure as Treasurer was notable for dedication and integrity.

Other highlights of Dave's lifetime of service are his 43 years as an accountant and auditor for Los Angeles County, 16 years as Treasurer of the Fiscal Credit Union, and three years in the U.S. Army in World War II.

# Retirement Board



by Bill de la Garza  
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to inform you that I have been reappointed Vice Chair of the LACERA Insurance-Benefits and Legislation Committee. This affords me the opportunity of keeping well informed on matters pertaining to our LACERA sponsored Medical Plans and legislation that affects County retirees. It also provides me important information that I can pass on to you.

## Cost Of Living Increases:

Based on the 2004-05 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 4.5% and applicable Government Code provisions, LACERA approved cost-of-living increases for retired members and beneficiaries effective **April 1, 2006**. You will see the increase on your **May 1<sup>st</sup> paycheck**. Increases based on retirement plan and date of retirement or death, are as follows:

- **Plan A Members and Eligible Beneficiaries**  
All Dates: **3.0%**  
The 3.0% COLA increase equals the maximum allowable increase.  
The remaining 1.5% is added to your COLA bank
- **Plan B,C, and D Members and Eligible Beneficiaries**  
All Dates: **2.0%**  
The 2% COLA increases equals maximum allowable increase.  
The remaining 2.5% ia added to your COLA bank.
- **Plan E Members and Eligible Beneficiaries**  
Beginning June 4, 2002 through current date: up to 2.0%  
Plan E members with service prior to June 4, 2002 will have their COLA benefit prorated. The difference between the percentage increase you are paid and 4.5% will be added to your COLA bank.

## Adjustments to COLA Bank Accumulation for 2006:

Based on the 4.5% increase in the 2004-05 CPI, COLA Accumulation adjustments for retired members and beneficiaries will become effective **April 1, 2006** as follows:

- **Plan A Members and Eligible Beneficiaries**  
All Dates: 1.5% increase to your COLA Bank. Maximum increase allowance
- **Plans B, C, D, and E Members and Eligible Beneficiaries**  
All Dates: 2.5% increase to your COLA Bank. As the maximum allowable increase is 2.0%, the excess, or 2.5% will be added to your COLA Bank.

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## BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS & GENERAL MEETINGS

*Take particular note of the General Membership Meetings (shaded) that are held at various locations. You are cordially invited to attend. Details on the location and program for the next General Membership Meeting are listed on the back page of this Newsletter. A great deal of important information will be given. The Business Meetings listed all begin at 9:30 a.m. and are 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

March 23, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

### BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

### BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 13, 2006 (2nd Tuesday)  
Descanso Gardens  
Van de Kamp Hall  
1418 Descanso Drive La Canada,  
CA 91011 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

### BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

### BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

### BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2006 (4th Thursday)  
RELAC Office

# REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Alan Chancellor  
Chair, Regional Support

Hello again! We've been working hard in preparation for your attendance at our upcoming Las Vegas regional meeting on March 30th, 2006. We have high expectations for this event and, as in the Disneyland commercial, "I'm too excited to sleep" just thinking about it. We enjoyed a truly successful regional meeting in Las Vegas last year and by all predictions this years' event at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino should be even bigger and better.



Our featured guest speaker will be MARSHA RICHTER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER for LACERA. She has an interesting and informative presentation for you and will answer all of your retirement questions. This is your opportunity to speak directly to LACERA's Chief Executive. In addition, you will meet members of the RELAC Board and hear presentations from Board members as well as from your representatives on the Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments. All of this plus an excellent lunch and a chance to win one of our many door prizes for the low cost of just \$19 per person.

We have mailed flyers inviting all LACERA members living in the greater Las Vegas area to attend, regardless if they are RELAC members or not - we hope to successfully recruit new members once they have seen what a bargain we are for our retirees. Please encourage your fellow Los Angeles County retirees who are not RELAC members to attend. We're also inviting RELAC members who are from other areas and who have a yearning to visit Las Vegas. This is an excellent opportunity to do so. Our meeting will really be a great chance to see old friends and share fond memories and some laughs. If you would like a reservation at the Palace Station Hotel at a reduced RELAC rate just call toll-free 1-800-634-3101 and mention RELAC's reservation code PCIRELA.

To make your reservations for the luncheon-meeting on March 30, 2006 just complete the reservation form below and send it along with your check to RELAC, 1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Unit 15, Alhambra, Ca 91803-8802. The deadline is March 23, 2006.

The doors will open at 10am for hospitality hour and lunch will be served at 12noon.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in Las Vegas.

## LAS VEGAS LUNCHEON-MEETING

Thursday, March 30, 2006 - 11:30 am  
Palace Station Hotel 2411 W. Sahara Avenue

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_


Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (St.) (Zip)

#Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is March 23, 2006**

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## Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval  
Member, LACERA Board of Investments



On January 11, 2006, I attended my first LACERA Board of Investments Meeting and participated in electing the officers of the Board for this year (2006). Congratulations to the following:

Estevan Valenzuela, Board Chair  
Herman Santos, Board Vice-Chair  
Simon Russin, Board Secretary.

At the December 14, 2005 Board meeting, Milliman, Inc., LACERA's actuary, presented the results of the June 30, 2005 Actuarial Valuation. LACERA's investment returns have exceeded the assumed rate of 7.75% over the past two years. These investment gains led to an improvement in the system's funding status. LACERA's Funding Status increased from 82.8% to 85.8%. This is good news for Los Angeles County in that their contribution rate, effective July 1, 2006, will decrease from 16.01% to 14.86% and will result in an annual savings of approximately \$43 million for the fiscal year.

Milliman further indicated that the actuarial asset valuation method (three-year smoothing valuation basis for all assets) adopted by the Board effective with the June 30, 2000 valuation has resulted in delaying recognition of \$1.4 billion of investment return gains. These gains will be reflected over the next two valuations.

### INTERESTING STATISTICS

Plan demographics reported in the actuarial valuation indicate a 0.2% increase in the size of the active member population that totals fewer than 87,000 and with an overall average age of 45.2. Over 90% of active participants are members of the open tiers (Plan B for Safety Members; Plans D and E for General Members) with only 6% of active members continuing to be covered by one of the closed plans (Plan A-Safety and General Members; Plans B and C for General Members).

The retired population increased by 0.3% and totals over 49,000. The average benefit payment increased 4.6% to approximately \$2,766 per month and the average age of the retired population increased by approximately two months to 70.7.

The great news is that LACERA REMAINS FINANCIALLY STRONG. Until the next time, take care and relax - your pension benefits are in good hands!

## New Members



### December 2005 & January 2006

#### ASSESSOR

Barrios, David

#### DPSS

Hoang, Lan Thi

#### HEALTH SERVICES

Fox, Carol

Mitchell, Bobbie Jean

#### AFFILIATE MEMBERS: (Active County Employees)

#### FIRE

Haller, Richard L.

Izaguirre, Jenny E.

#### HEALTH SERVICES

Hunt, Barrington

#### INTERNAL SERVICES

Prouty, Alice

#### PROBATION

Clark, Terry

Davies, David M.

#### SHERIFF

Gibbs, Bobby J.

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Get up-to-the-minute news from RELAC about pension and medical plans, Social Security, legislation, RELAC events, etc. Just add your name and E-mail address to our list. The list will be strictly private and will not be shared with any person or organization. All you have to do is E-mail us your request to be added to the list. RELAC's E-mail address is [admin@relac.org](mailto:admin@relac.org)

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### Board of Directors

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*Mary Lou Bangar*

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*Diane Sandoval*

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Golf  
News



## Santa Anita Golf Tournament

*By Ed and Cecile Barrios*

63 RELAC golfers enjoyed another beautiful Southern California day at Santa Anita Golf Course. Tony Asuncion had the lowest gross. Santa Anita Management was very cooperative in accommodating an unusual number of late entries. We were happy to see an increased number of women golfers.

See you at La Mirada April 3, 2006.

### Flight "A" (0-19 Handicap)

1st Asuncion, Tony (65)\*

2nd Bogawa, Bob (65)

3rd Diaz, Manuel (67)

### Flight "B" (20-25 Handicap)

1st Morales, Robert (66)

2nd DeBie, Harlan (69)\*

3rd Gomez, Bob (69) tie

3rd Justus, Jay (69) tie

### Flight "C" (26-36 Handicap)

1st Lane, Marv (64)\*

2nd Reeves, Jerry (64)

3rd Maeda, Mike (65)

### Flight "D" (Calloway)

1st Brown, Kevin (73)

2nd Noyes, Jim (74)\*

3rd Burns, Robert (74)

### Ladies "All"

1st Danbara, Sue (72)

2nd Signer, Nancy (73)

### Closest to the Pin on 3 Pars

Villasenor, Henry on #4

Zabaro, Mike on #8

Justus, Jay on #12

Sexton, Les on #15

*\*indicates tie broken by lower handicap*

**NEXT TOURNAMENT**  
**Monday, April 3, 2006**  
**LA MIRADA GOLF COURSE**

## RELAC Golf Entry Form

La Mirada Golf Course  
15501 Alicante Rd  
La Mirada, CA 90638



**Monday, April 3, 2006**

*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  
Golfer. Make checks payable to RELAC Golf.  
Mail entry to RELAC GOLF, 1000 So. Fremont  
Ave., #15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

### Entry Deadline

**March 17, 2006**

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE  
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### How does your current checking account measure up?

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Southland Credit Union would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family good health and financial well-being.

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# Hollywood Park 5<sup>th</sup>

## RELAC Day at the Races

by Greg Walia Chair, Recreation Committee



Hello Folks. Guess what? Yep, It's that time of the year again, and I can clearly hear the bugle sounding at Hollywood Park beckoning us to place our bets with that hard earned retirement money!! So, mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 21, 2006 to celebrate our fifth RELAC Day at Hollywood Park.

We will gather at the Ascot Terrace (same as last year), where they will set up tables (with cloth tablecloths and napkins) and chairs under the canopy. The menu...I'm glad you asked. It will be Oven Roasted Chicken with Garlic and Rosemary (it's a spice, guys); Smoked BBQ Beef Brisket; Cheddar Mashed Potatoes; Ranch Style Baked Beans; Steamed Seasonal Vegetables; Mixed Garden Greens with Tomatoes and Cucumbers; Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter. And for desert, Freshly Baked Cookies and Brownies. Brewed Coffee and Iced Tea will be served at no additional cost.

All this for \$25.00 per person!! But wait, there is more...price includes Admission, Self parking, Tax, Gratuity and a free Program. What a deal!! Your ticket will have a stub for entry plus a second stub for your lunch. Address and directions to the racetrack are printed on the back of your ticket. A race will be named in RELAC's honor and a few of you will be randomly invited to have your picture taken with the winning horse and jockey...and me!

Let's get going and order your tickets by May 31, 2006. We will mail the tickets to you by June 9. SEE YOU ALL AT THE RACE TRACK...BRING SPOUSES (preferably your own), AND A FRIEND.

*Stay Happy and Healthy.*

**RELAC DAY AT THE RACES**  
Hollywood Race Track  
Wednesday, June 21, 2006

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check (no cash please) for your total payable to RELAC and mail to:  
RELAC 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15 Alhambra, CA 91803-8802  
DEADLINE for ordering tickets: May 31, 2006

For Office Use: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck#: \_\_\_\_\_

## News From LACERA

by Janice Golden  
Manager, Member Services Division



Call, write, E-Mail, or come in person to LACERA - whichever communication method you choose, we have staff available to assist you with your questions.

Because we are all individuals with different likes and dislikes, it makes sense that we have our own preferences regarding how we like to communicate. Some of our members prefer calling LACERA and speaking directly with a Retirement Benefits Specialist in the Call Center, and some members prefer coming in to the office because they want to meet with staff in person to discuss their retirement issues. Some members like the written word, so they E-Mail their questions or put their comments in a letter.

Therefore, LACERA offers all these options for member contact:

- \* The Call Center (1-800-786-6464) is open for calls between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- \* The Public Counter is open to meet with members between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- \* The Correspondence and Complaint Resolution Section responds to written inquiries received via regular mail or E-Mail at [welcome@lacera.com](mailto:welcome@lacera.com)

The Correspondence and Complaint Resolution Section is made up of a dedicated staff of Retirement Benefits Specialists who answer written inquiries and complaints from our members. Some of the questions are simple to answer, such as: "What is the process to retire?" or "How do I sign up for direct deposit?" Other inquiries are more complex or require a lot of research; for example: "I worked for Los Angeles County

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## Installation Luncheon Features District Attorney Cooley

Members and guests at the very well attended RELAC twelfth Annual Installation and Awards Luncheon heard the featured speaker, L. A. County District Attorney Steve Cooley, review the colorful history of the D.A.'s office. Having covered the first seventy five years of the office's existence at the 2004 luncheon, this time Cooley dealt with the colorful second seventy five years. This period included a number of sensational celebrity prosecutions, such as Fatty Arbuckle and Erroll Flynn, and other unusual and highly publicized cases, such as L. Ewing Scott.

The District Attorney also served as installing officer, administering the oath of office to the RELAC officers elected for 2006. They are President Ed Morris, First Vice President Domingo Delgado, Secretary Mary Lou Bangar and Treasurer and Immediate Past President Diane Sandoval. Also installed was the newly elected member of the RELAC Board of Directors, Ida Ramos, and the four re-elected members, Mary Lou Bangar, Ray Guyovich, Ed Morris, and Greg Walia.

Distinguished guests at the luncheon included members of the LACERA Retirement Board Yves Chery and Armando Macias, and Investments Board member Herman Santos, and Simon Russin who is a member of both Boards. Also among the distinguished guests were LACERA CEO Marsha Richter and Assistant CEOs Rob Hill and Greg Rademacher.



*Jerrilyn and Roger Nicodemus dancing to the music of the Bill Hyland Band at RELAC's annual Installation and Awards Luncheon.*

*RELAC members and guests enjoying themselves at the January 19 Installation and Awards Luncheon.*



## Report from the Membership Committee

*by Ida Leon Ramos Chair, Membership Committee*

Thank you, fellow RELAC members, for your support in electing me to serve you for the next three years as a member of your Board of Directors. As you may know, each Board Member is named chair of a committee that focuses on a significant aspect of RELAC's mission and success. My charge is the Membership Committee. It is my goal to make RELAC a household word among L.A. County retirees and every member of LACERA who plans on retiring within the next three to five years. Our Committee has already met and come up with a number of ideas for increasing membership. But clearly, we need your help! To increase RELAC visibility we are asking for delegates from each department - retired or working - who can serve as our Committee contact with departmental retiree groups. We'd like to attend retiree reunions and events, do a pitch for membership and in exchange, raffle off gifts to attendees. If you are willing, or are able to serve our Committee in this way, please contact me at [ida-ramos@msn.com](mailto:ida-ramos@msn.com). We are open to new ideas and welcome volunteers for Committee work!

IN ADDITION, I would like to challenge every member of RELAC to encourage just one RELAC-eligible friend to join our organization. RELAC-eligible means anyone who belongs to LACERA - retired or still working for the County. Although we can remain confident in the stability of LACERA funds, one only needs to read the newspaper to hear of pension funds and retiree health plans being slashed or eliminated. We must remain vigilant to avoid any action at the Board or in the Legislature that could undermine the safety of our pension and health benefits. That is our mission. In a recent note I received from Harry Stone, former (retired) Director of Public Works and member of RELAC, he stated, "The only organization that has the resources and incentive to protect our interest is RELAC. RELAC will only be as strong as its membership so that anyone retiring and not joining RELAC is being careless about their biggest asset, their LACERA pension." Pick up your phone or e-mail a friend today, and urge them to join RELAC by logging on to [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org) or by calling the office at (800) 537-3522.

# For Sale

**Manufactured home park in Sweet Home, Oregon** - 15 spaces and 1 cabin, on 2.3 acres. Included is a 2000 model Palm Harbor home of 1,500 sq. ft with upgrades-2x6 walls, a/c, etc. 10 min. from Foster Lake and Santiam River, fishing, water sports, camping. Also close to hiking, hunting and winter sports. \$494,000. (Will finance w/down payment). 541-367-9777 or 661-451-0115. E-mail [alice010@centurytel.net](mailto:alice010@centurytel.net).

**Time Share - Lagonita Lodge, Big Bear Lake, CA.** \$5,500 OBO. 2 Bdrm Lockout, 2 BA, sleep 8, Wk 47 floating, 1 week. Five Star rating. Beautiful skiing in winter and beautiful lake, fishing, boating, water skiing and very refreshing in the summer. There are other amenities on the property and in the area. (775) 751-4808; email - [rt99gpt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rt99gpt@sbcglobal.net).

**Jockey Club Time Share - Las Vegas** on the Strip, next to the Bellagio, week 21, sleeps six, 1.5 baths, kitchen. \$8,000. Call for full details. Phone: (303) 646-5991.

**Three (3) burial grave sites in Rose Hills Memorial Park** in Whittier, CA. Lot is located in the "Garden of Affection", lot #2279, grave sites 2,3 & 4. All three sites are valued at \$9,750. Selling price for all three is \$7,500. Call Clarence Maxwell (323) 292-8897.



## RV Outing Notes

Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton  
Co-Coordinator of RV Club



While we were camping at Lake Elsinore, we enjoyed beautiful weather and the company of old and new friends. A fire warmed the clubhouse on Monday evening and we shared a meal of hors d'oeuvres and a few games of bingo. We had fun trying to win those unforgettable prizes that we all donate to the club. That was a fun evening and we will do that again.

Terry and Arlene Lauterbach were wagon masters and Jeff Samsom and Eva Brusa were their assistants. They made it a fun time and maybe we can talk them into doing it again. Georgia Rutherford joined us for the first time and we hope to see her again real soon. Sam and Pat Jackson were able to join us again and it was great to see them.

March campout will be in Hemet with Frank and Diane Maestas as wagon masters. Coupon follows for May campout in Buellton, Jesse and Phyllis Murph will be our wagon masters there. Don't forget bingo prizes and your tableware. If you have any questions about a campout call Ed or Janell at 562-428-3360.

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## Letters To The Editor



Season's Greetings and thanks to all the dedicated staff. May you have a blessed great year and many more years of continued excellent service!

*Irene A. Towle  
Norwalk, CA*

We observed our 60th Wedding Anniversary July 15, 2005, and are topping it off with a cruise to Hawaii in December. Thank you RELAC Board of Directors for all of your work. What would we do without RELAC.

*William & Jane Botieff  
Silverton, OR 97381*

Thanks a million for 2006 (&05) Pocket Secretary. Happy Holidays.

*Albertha L. Handy  
Compton, CA*

Many thanks for all you do for us. Enjoyed the party at St. Sophia meeting.

*Lorraine Lipman  
Los Angeles, CA*

Thanks for all you do. Best Wishes.

*Barbara L. Wooster  
Indio, CA*

Greetings: Thank you for everyone and everything. You heard about Katrina. Well, we were right in the middle of it. We are 50 miles from New Orleans. As the storm approached we ran to the hospital's two-story building. The wind blew the ocean water through the whole city and with the rain it started to flood everywhere and everything. No cars would even start. Every car was disabled. Every house in the city of 15,000 flooded including those in New Orleans. The banks were closed for almost three months along with no power and water. All the stores were flooded too. The U.S. Army was called in and they fed us for about five weeks. It was one big nightmare! New Orleans had 1,200 deaths and we had 300 deaths. We thank you for everything.

*Alex G. Bossinas  
Pass Christian, MS*

*Alex, no thanks are necessary. We hope you are fully recovered from your nightmare.*

A Happy New Year to RELAC. This is a wonderful drawing (Valentine) you do each year. One suggestion is that you do not put the coupon on the same space as a reservation slip on the next page. I photocopied the slip for the L.V. Luncheon which we

attended last year. Just can't send it back at this time, will next month. Thank you for giving the retirees something to look forward to. Always like a chance - your RELAC Newsletter is so informative.

*Arleen McDonald  
Bullhead, AZ*

*We try to avoid back-to-back coupons, Arleen, but this time we somehow missed it. Please accept our apologies.*

RELAC Office Staff: Your helpfulness is always reliable and I appreciate the myriad of services you provide.

*Vera Pruett  
Long Beach, CA*

Thank you so much for the 2006 date book. It has a very important place in helping me keep my business on time. Thanks Again!

*Gwyneth L. Swinford  
Bothell, WA*

Dear Friends: If it serves me right, I believe there have been notices in past RELAC Newsletters about dues being waived once a member reaches age 80. I reached that on May 15 last through God's grace and my spouse watching over me and her wonderful healthy cooking. Hoo-rey! Our thanks to all of you for doing so much for us members. Your calendar is very helpful. It keeps me abreast of appointments, chores, things to do, all in a timely manner. God Bless and may you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

*Augustine Cervantes  
Sandy, UT*

I was very pleased to see that my old friend Ed Morris was named President. Early in my LA County career my old friend Earl Osadchey introduced me to Ed. Thereafter any time any DA employee asked me about retirement information I got in touch with Ed. Then I saw that the installation luncheon was featuring Steve Cooley as the guest speaker. I remember Steve when he was a DDAI. When Steve was assigned to the Antelope Valley Branch Office as the Head Deputy, he would ask my son, a Deputy on LASO, if I was still alive. Great what a time to relive old memories.

*Brian Torsney  
Palm Desert, CA*

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Thank you all at RELAC for all your help with any and all problems we might have with our pensions.

Mary Barry  
 San Clemente, CA

RELAC Staff - Thanks, thanks & thanks again for keeping up with everything for us. We don't have a worry - you worry for us. Look forward to getting our calendar book where we keep notes, our aches, pains and medicines and all our doctor appointments. This works very well when we go to our appointments, so - if there is a question we can look back to whatever the situation was. I turned 80 in October so now that I'll be gifted of no dues I'll have one more thing to be thankful for. Thank you for taking such good care of us.

Rose Martinez  
 Ventura, CA

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do for us. Have a great year.

Corinne Johnson  
 Compton, CA



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for 5 years until approximately 1968. Do I have any retirement benefits coming?" Approximately 1968 -yikes! This one would need some research.

Regardless of your communication preference, LACERA staff are available to assist you with your questions. Call us, write us, E-Mail us, or come in to see us. We look forward to assisting you.

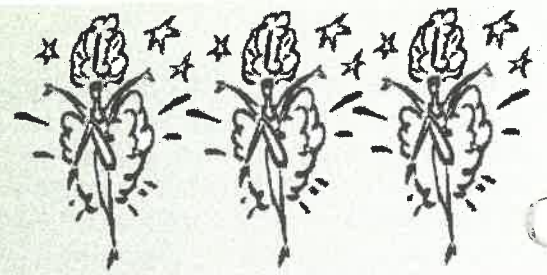
## Winners of Valentine Drawing

Each One Gets \$25!!!

### VALENTINE DRAWING 2006

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| AGARDY, Margaret<br><i>Yucaipa, CA</i>        | HOWARD, Gloria<br><i>Panorama City, CA</i>       |
| AGHBASHIAN, Alma A.<br><i>Reno, NV</i>        | JOHNSON, Corinne T.<br><i>Compton, CA</i>        |
| APODACA, Annabelle<br><i>Medford, OR</i>      | KEMPER, Ray<br><i>Rathdrum, ID</i>               |
| ASHLEY, L. Helen<br><i>Sun City, CA</i>       | MADHA, Esoof<br><i>Los Angeles, CA</i>           |
| ATKINS, James A.<br><i>Los Angeles, CA</i>    | MAHONEY, William B.<br><i>Lodi, CA</i>           |
| CHUN, Francis<br><i>Alhambra, CA</i>          | MARCH, Robert<br><i>Lewiston, CA</i>             |
| CLEMENT, Mary F.<br><i>Canyon Country, CA</i> | MEHLHORN, Robert<br><i>Hemet, CA</i>             |
| CUMMINGS, Mattie L.<br><i>Los Angeles, CA</i> | MOELLER, Henri J.<br><i>Homeland, CA</i>         |
| DISHMAN, M. Jean<br><i>Springfield, MO</i>    | MOORE, Joe N.<br><i>Inglewood, CA</i>            |
| DIXON, Birthenia<br><i>Kilgore, TX</i>        | NOVOBILSKI, Bea<br><i>Carpinteria, CA</i>        |
| DOSSEY, Lorraine<br><i>Ashdown, AR</i>        | PAUL, Patty<br><i>Studio City, CA</i>            |
| EKSTROM, Norma<br><i>Hayden, ID</i>           | PLAMERSTON, Virginia ñ<br><i>Pasadena, CA</i>    |
| GOMEZ, Lawrence A.<br><i>Downey, CA</i>       | PELLETTIERI, Victoria<br><i>So. Pasadena, CA</i> |
| GONZALEZ, Hector<br><i>Lancaster, CA</i>      | PHILLIPS, Gwendolyn M.<br><i>Las Vegas, NV</i>   |
| GOODMAN, Geraldine<br><i>Los Angeles, CA</i>  | SMITH, Ellen J.<br><i>Livermore, CA</i>          |
| HACKETT, Harold A.<br><i>Victorville, CA</i>  | SOWL, Sally M.<br><i>Virginia City, NV</i>       |
| HAKES, Jack S. ñ<br><i>Llano, CA</i>          | TAYLOR, Faye<br><i>Lynwood, CA</i>               |
| HEMBURY, John<br><i>Camano Island, WA</i>     | THOMPSON, Jacqueline<br><i>Los Angeles, CA</i>   |
| HENLEY, Eleanor ñ<br><i>Lancaster, CA</i>     | WHITE, Jimmie<br><i>Carson, CA</i>               |
| HILL, Charles H.<br><i>Squaw Valley, CA</i>   | YARROW, Howard I.<br><i>Florence, OR</i>         |

# Members Spotlight



## Become an Advocate for an Abused Child in Foster Care Superior Court of California - County of Los Angeles

Become an Advocate for an Abused Child  
in Foster Care

CASA of Los Angeles is currently recruiting Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers for the Spring 2006 CASA Training. Trained volunteers investigate the circumstances of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, and placed in protective custody. CASA volunteers advocate for foster children both in court and in the community. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, be able to make a one-year commitment to the program, undergo a thorough background check, and successfully complete a 36-hour CASA training. Approximately 5 hours per week are spent in case activities. Bilingual (Spanish/English) advocates are especially needed. New volunteer orientation will be held on May 25th. For more information and to RSVP to our next orientation, please call: (323) 526-6666 or visit [www.casala.org](http://www.casala.org).

CASA OF Los Angeles  
Contact: Edmund Edelman Children's  
Court  
Marisa Schor  
201 Centre Plaza Drive, Ste. 3  
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### ALCOHOL/PRGS.

Wulfing, Mary J.\*

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Cook, Analee G.

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Higgins, Othilia\*

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Magpantay, Delfin C.\*

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Simmang, Robert A.

Simpson, William E.\*

Suguro, Jiro

Whiteside, Henrietta G.\*

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Freeman, Claude M.\*

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Jones, Ruth E.\*

Vigil, Flavio\*

### CAO

Gavin, Anne\*

### CHILD. SUP. SVCS.

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White, Cynthia M.\*

Wood (Wigg), Jean A.\*

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Henry, Jo A.\*

Herndon, Eileen

Hofacker, Betty D.

Lane, Rothman M.\*

Mikles, Constance W.

Sanford, Doris\*

Sprague, Jean E.\*

Thomas, Jurdine K.

### COMM.

Karney, Alice E.

### COMM.& SR. CIT.

Resurreccion, Margaret W.

Walsh, Eileen M.

### CO. CLK.

Melcher, Viola L.\*

### DPSS

Benefield, Patricia A.

Boatman, Ronald \*

Boone, Bennie J.

Chung, Young

Crabb, Catherine A.\*

Craig, Dorian C.\*

Johnson, Ellanor\*

Juarez, Connie

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Judis, Rae\*

Lee, Mercedes H.\*

Leyvas, Lupe M.\*

Lingenfelder, Thomas W.\*

Mc Gonagle, Charlotte K.\*

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Mull, Ivan F.

Obregon, Elizabeth\*

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San Jose Elena C.\*

Schaefer, Patsy R.\*

Schwartz, Florence A.\*

Schwarz, Lotte \*

Spears, Margaret A.\*

Stoddard, Mary S.\*

Summers, Eunice M.

Taylor, Willie M.\*

Torres, Edmundo\*

Vannatter, Charles H.\*

Warren, Helen C.\*

Wells, Erma A.\*

Williams, Reane L.\*

Wilson, Inez S.

### D.A.

Campbell, Bruce

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Bond, Alexander S.\*

Fukuchi, Tokko\*

Schrock, Mark E.\*

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Meisenhelder, Sam E.\*

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Allen, Gregory D.

Chapman, Roy E.

Cowley, Irving N.

Dunlap, James T.\*

Eaton, James C.

Glosson, Michael L.

Greenhalgh, Charles B.

Hawkins, O.J.\*

Taylor, James R.\*

Tyler, Joseph W.\*

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Sweet, Russell E.\*

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Di Giampaolo, Sebastian A.\*

Dotson, Ward L.

High, Mildred E.

Johnson, Della F.

Matherne, Andrew

McComb, Marie A.

Nall, Norma \*

Weil, Marvin L.\*

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Goldstein, Anita T.\*

Harper, Mildred\*

Lackey, Elsie F.\*

Leake, Cynthia\*

Mac Donald, Robert R.\*

Mortensen, Jessie B.\*

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Brogden, Jean \*

Marvin, Tom K.

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Holmes, Robert L.

Kondo, Robert K.

Mc Clure, Cleophus

Mengel, William H.\*

Santos, Ricardo V.

Sheesley, Inez A.\*

Smith, David E.

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Cleveland, Kenneth W.

Grissom, Elizabeth

Hocher, Constance J.

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Rogers, Charles E.

Thadepalli, Haragopal

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Garcia, Irma\*

Hernandez, Leo J.\*

Kosi, Sawsan A.

Langdon, Jeanne E.\*

Martin, Ruth E.\*

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Snyder, Jeanne

Soto, John M.\*

Yip, Foon P.

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### MECH.

Perkins, Marion P.\*

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Pierce, Victor\*

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Hebert, Yvonne S.

Will, Joyce A\*

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| <p><b>MID VALLEY CHC HLTH CNTR</b><br/>Stevens, Katharin M.</p> <p><b>MIRA LOMA HOSP.</b><br/>Capps, Mary A.*</p> <p><b>MUNICIPAL COURTS</b><br/>Bryant, Edward P. (Pasadena)<br/>Karns, Peggy (El Monte)<br/>Osmonson, Theba (Pomona)<br/>Shead, Donald J.* (LA)</p> <p><b>NORTHEAST CHC/HLTH. CNTR.</b><br/>Hawthorne, La V.<br/>Taylor, Booker</p> <p><b>NURSING</b><br/>Warmesley, Marynell*</p> <p><b>OFFICE OF CO. SECURITY</b><br/>Bass, Jim H.</p> <p><b>PARKS &amp; REC.</b><br/>Betton, Lacy H.<br/>Brown, Robert E.<br/>Burrueal, Rene S.<br/>Lindsey, John A.<br/>Loeffler, Rodney A.<br/>Nevarez, Samuel L.*</p> <p><b>PERSONNEL</b><br/>Johnson, Lorene E.*<br/>Kent, Phillip Morris*</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HLTH. PROG.</b><br/>Howze, Elizabeth R.<br/>Marron, Joseph A.<br/>Moore, Carolyn L.*<br/>Quinn, Verlie<br/>Rosales, Hortensia A.<br/>Simmons, Nancy A.*</p> <p><b>PUB. WRKS.</b><br/>Anderson, Freddy D.*<br/>Brisco, Carl R.*<br/>Cosio, Miguel<br/>Higa, Richard S.<br/>Mc Kelvie, Burl S.<br/>Roby, Jr., Copelain<br/>Rodriguez, Raymond M<br/>Snider, Jr., Orville L.*<br/>Trotter, James J.</p> <p><b>ROAD</b><br/>Fifield, Jonathan L.*<br/>Huggins, John E.*<br/>Joslin, Jack C.*</p> <p><b>PROB.</b><br/>Gonzalez, Elizabeth<br/>Reid, Charles L.*</p> <p><b>OLIVE VIEW</b><br/>Crisp, Roma L<br/>Dimon, Jeanne*<br/>Horn, Charles A.<br/>Parsons, Ruth M.*<br/>Stern, Alvin</p> | <p><b>RANCHO LOS AMIGOS</b><br/>Aranda, Isabel*<br/>Forney, Joyce A.<br/>Johnson, Reginald R.*<br/>Jordan, Dan R.*<br/>Myers, Willis S.*<br/>Olivier, Henrietta<br/>Tule, Elaine<br/>Yates, Mildred M.*</p> <p><b>REG-REC/CO. CLK.</b><br/>Beck, Jr., L.A.<br/>Dimagnaliw, Benjamin U.<br/>Foster, Lavania*<br/>Metoyer, Bobbie L.<br/>West, Janice</p> <p><b>SHERIFF</b><br/>Anderson Jr., Richard O.*<br/>Arviso, Lawrence J.<br/>Broadley, George W.*<br/>Drenth, Donald R.*<br/>Fellows, Jarrette D.*<br/>Frawley, Thomas P.*<br/>Gann, Ezekiel Z.*<br/>Haynes, Myron E.*<br/>Horn, Robert W.*<br/>McDermott, Robert L.<br/>McKeeby, William D.<br/>Millard, Eugene E.*<br/>Morgan, Dorothy R.*<br/>Rutter, Harold C.<br/>Santo, Henry E.*<br/>Sato, Susumu<br/>Stenseth, Leo M.*<br/>Thomas, Robert H.*<br/>Timmons Jr., Raymond B.</p> <p><b>SUPERIOR. CT.</b><br/>Chemeleski, Shirley*<br/>Goodwin, William A.*<br/>Langie, Mary A.<br/>Leibert, Anne S.*<br/>Oreb, Edward A.<br/>Roedema, Dolores E.*<br/>Schultz, Alice*</p> <p><b>TREAS &amp; TAX COLLECTOR</b><br/>Cornell, Hazel M.*<br/>Juback, Nicholas R.*<br/>Wong, Lascelles</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S HOSP.</b><br/>Cruz, Armida R.*</p> | <p><b>DEPARTMENT NOT DESIGNATED</b><br/>Adler, Albert<br/>Adrian, Robert C.<br/>Aguilar, Lorenzo<br/>Anton, Klotilda M.<br/>Baeza, Rosario F.<br/>Bassler, Wanda N.<br/>Beitman, Von N.<br/>Brewer, Norman K.<br/>Bryan, Edward A.<br/>Butler, Catherine B.<br/>Camarillo, Julio Z.<br/>Chapman, James<br/>Christensen, Edith J.<br/>Clemons, Charles<br/>Coble, Robert H.<br/>Cochrane, Kathleen I.<br/>Coleman, Fannie<br/>Collier, Alva T.<br/>Contreras, Michael<br/>Cordoba, Sol<br/>Crowley, Catherine<br/>Dolezel, Louis J.<br/>Dugan, Morris<br/>Edenstrom, Frances C.<br/>Emmons, Roselyn S.<br/>Feldman, Lee<br/>Felnagle, Frank B.<br/>Finnley, Marion<br/>Fuehring, Pearl L.<br/>Fykes Jr., Maurice E.<br/>Giangiulli, Benedicta<br/>Gracer, Helen L.<br/>Greenberg, Harry<br/>Grubbs, Mary R.<br/>Hardrath, Richard A.<br/>Henry, Eugene<br/>Heueisen, Charles C.<br/>Heygood, Wilda L.<br/>Hodson, Mildred L.<br/>Jameson, Beulah M.<br/>Johnson, Janine L.<br/>Jolley, Truman<br/>Jones, Nell R.<br/>Kemper, B.W.<br/>Lacour, Olyve A.<br/>Lewis, Elenora R.<br/>Lippincott, Don S.<br/>Lord, Aileen A.<br/>Mackie, Merwin R.<br/>Martinez, Robert<br/>Massey, Jack I.<br/>Mc Cown, Lorin S.<br/>Mc Neir, Archie W.<br/>Merritt, Betty<br/>Miller, Gordon W.<br/>Morgan, E.P.<br/>Myers, Teresa A.<br/>Nieman, Elnor<br/>Parks, John E.<br/>Ramirez, Jose<br/>Randall, Estelle L.*<br/>Schleimer, Philip<br/>Schultz, Martha<br/>Siegale, Stanley C.<br/>Sloan, Argie A.<br/>Smith, Edward L.<br/>Smith, Garth E.<br/>Stone, Sophia A.<br/>Thomas, Jack M.<br/>Thompson, James W.<br/>Tucker, Dorothy J.<br/>Ury, Mary J.<br/>Villanueva, Julia<br/>Walker, Margaret A.<br/>West, Elizabeth C.<br/>Winn, Kathryn<br/>Wymore, James<br/>Yanez, Elena P.</p> |
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## Retirement Board from p.2

### **Medicare, Part D, Prescription Drug Benefit:**

Just as we predicted in the Jan/Feb issue of our newsletter, the Federal Government/Social Security Administration, Part D, Prescription Drug Program experienced numerous problems. Many seniors were denied medications. Their existing Medicare drug coverage was abruptly terminated. The new program is complicated and many vulnerable seniors are without needed medication. This is especially true of people in nursing homes, people with Alzheimer's, people with mental illness that are asked to cope with a system they don't understand.

While it's easy to criticize, the point I am trying to make is how fortunate we are to belong to our LACERA sponsored health plans that are very well administered.

### **Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution:**

California public pensions are under continued attack. While we dodged the bullet last November by keeping the issue off the special election ballot and out of serious legislative debate, it is clear the opponents of defined benefits will not admit defeat or allow the issue to go away.

Assemblyman Richmond has already introduced another flawed pension privatization proposal. If approved by lawmakers and signed by the governor, ACA 23 would eliminate public sector defined benefit pensions in California.

On March 1, 2006 I will be attending a special summit sponsored by the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems in Sacramento. The purpose of the summit is to help organizations supporting the continuance of Defined Benefit Plans to deliver the focus group tested messages on traditional pension benefits and the hazards and costs of privatizing the California pension system to the public, media and opinion leaders.

The coalition of public employee unions, Police, Firefighters, Nurses, School Administrators, Teachers, State and Federal Employees etc. has been our strongest weapon against those trying to weaken our defined benefit retirement system. We need to continue our efforts by utilizing sound and effective strategies. I will continue to keep you posted.

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

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

**Eleanor Roosevelt.**

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# General Membership Meeting



Fred Miller  
Chair, Program Committee



**June 13, 2006**

**DESCANSO GARDENS**  
Van de Camp Hall  
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La Canada-Flintridge, CA

**FEATURED SPEAKER**  
To Be Announced

9:30 a.m. - FREE Coffee and Pastries  
10:00 - Meeting Begins

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**IMPORTANT!**  
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91803-8802

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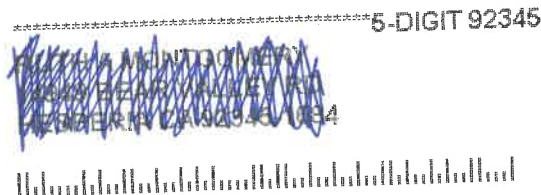
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