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President's Message

by Ed Morris

I attended the Spring Conference in Newport Beach conducted by the California Retired County Employees' Association (CRCEA). The agenda included discussion of an important bill, SB 840 (Kuehl), which has to do with affordable health insurance for all Californians. RELAC will continue to monitor this bill as well as other matters that might impact our current health programs. Also, RELAC will continue to watch any bills that may have consequences for our current guaranteed pension benefit. It was a very informative three days.

Regional Meeting

The Regional meeting held on March 30 in Las Vegas was RELAC's second such meeting. It was highly successful. This year it included non-members of RELAC, a number of whom became members of RELAC. Well over 200 members and guests had the opportunity of listening to LACERA CEO Marsha Richter. She covered several issues facing LACERA. She also informed those present that she is retiring in October 2006.

Volunteers

RELAC encourages members who want to volunteer their services on one of our many committees or be a candidate for a position on our Board of Directors. Members need to send a letter to RELAC requesting to serve on a committee or to become a Board member. Be sure to read the article in this issue of the Newsletter written by the Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at Descanso Gardens on June 13.

To get the scoop on how to be nominated for election to the RELAC Board of Directors, see page four.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Alan Chancellor
Chair, Regional Support

LAS VEGAS

WOW! Our Las Vegas luncheon-meeting at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino on March 30th was an even bigger success than any of us had imagined it would be. Attendance was up from 160 in 2005 to 258 this year. There were attendees from California, Arizona, and Colorado as well as from the Las Vegas area. The many local attendees included approximately 50 county retirees who were non-members and who we were seeking to recruit. We'll let you know that outcome.

Our guest speaker, LACERA CEO Marsha Richter, was a huge hit with her presentation and she followed up by patiently answering all of our questions. Thank you Marsha for sharing your time and expertise with us. The remaining program included an excellent meal, presentations by members of the RELAC Board, and a truly awesome door prize drawing for seemingly endless gifts. (1st Prize was a 3 day/2 night stay at the Palace Station Hotel.) Accompanying the program was non-stop back-slapping and the reuniting of old friends. Bottom line: Lots of fun, laughter, and information sharing by all. We expect to be back next year – we'll keep you posted.

LANCASTER

Donna Livermore and her posse of volunteers is busy planning the Lancaster luncheon-meeting for June 21, 2006 at the Lancaster Elks Lodge, 240 East Avenue K. We're sure this will be another memorable event. Plan to attend and join in the fun. We'll have several RELAC Board members in attendance for presentations on the Retirement Board, as well as on other RELAC activities and involvement. Just complete the reservation form below and send with your check payable to Donna Livermore at 1135 Date Palm Drive, Palmdale, CA 93551. For more information call Donna at (661) 947-4702 or Lou at (661) 944-2738.

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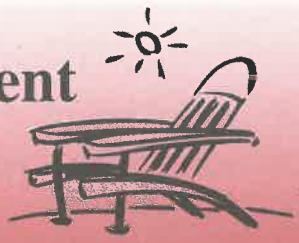
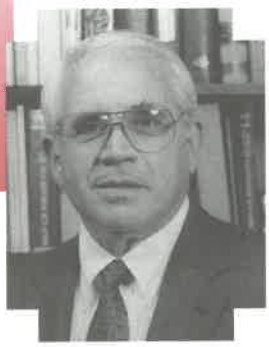
Retirement Board



by Bill de la Garza
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Dear Friends,

During my 3 ½ year tenure as your elected trustee, I have devoted the larger part of my column to providing you information regarding your LACERA pension and medical plans. As retirees we can agree that our pension and medical plans are our most important assets and we must do everything in our power to protect them. For the past two to three years many ill-informed politicians, in order to gain recognition and support from their constituents, have wrongfully attacked the benefits of public sector working and retired families by proposing fuzzy new accounting schemes that put our pensions and medical plans at risk.

Last year's privatization scheme unfairly punished police and firefighters by canceling their death and disability benefits. The public would not stand for this type of wrongful initiative and the Governor withdrew it. Unfortunately the attacks keep coming with new assaults on Social Security and retiree health plans. Many private corporations have broken pension promises to their employees. These broken promises are a result of poor management and governance, but cynical politicians are blaming budget deficits, both private and public, on rising retirement costs.

Unknown Facts: Many politicians and uninformed tax payers think that most retired public employees are drawing large undeserved pensions. This is simply not true. Did you know that **the current public pension system pays the average California worker less than $ 1,700 per month, barely $20,000 per year, in a state with one of the highest cost of living indexes**. In many cases this is without receiving any type of Social Security benefits. Supporters of the Defined Contribution Pension Plans have stated that public employee Defined Benefit Plans are too costly and will force cities, counties, school districts, etc. to reduce services and even into bankruptcy. Again, this is not true. **The fact is that only $.25 out of every dollar used to pay pensions are paid for by taxes. Three quarter percent, or $.75 out of every dollar, is paid for by employee contribution and fund earnings.**

Proposed Defined Contribution 401K Plans: Asking employees to manage their own pension plans (401K) is a risky business. Employees without traditional pensions could lose their entire retirement savings. Studies show that employees who manage their own retirement investments earn as little as one-half the returns that professionally managed pension funds earn.

Many of my County retired friends have asked me, "Bill, is this thing serious? As a County retiree is my pension plan in trouble?" As LACERA retirees, our pension plans are safe and secure. This is because they are well managed, appropriately funded and have all of the built in fiscal and fiduciary safeguards. To put it simply, "the monies to pay current retirees pension plans are already in the bank." However, this does not mean that we should not be concerned about the attacks and proposals being made to change or alter our defined benefit pension plan. Changing the plan to a defined contribution or part defined contribution plan, as proposed by

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Board of Directors, General Membership and Business 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 is listed 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
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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
August 17, 2006 (3rd Thursday)
Northridge Women's Club
18401 Lassen Street (East of Reseda)
Northridge, CA
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING
August 24, 2006 (4th Thursday)
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2006 (4th Thursday)
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2006 (4th Thursday)
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2006 (3rd Thursday)
RELAC Office

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OXNARD/VENTURA
The luncheon-meeting date is set for August 9, 2006. Details to be announced.

SAN DIEGO
The date for our luncheon-meeting is September 19, 2006. Details to be announced.

OTHER VENUES
We are planning other smaller regional gatherings in outlying So Cal areas for morning coffee, etc, and would like your suggestions for sites. Please contact the RELAC office at 800 537 3522 or e-mail me at Alchance@aol.com with your ideas.

NORTH COUNTY LUNCHEON MEETING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY "USA"
Wednesday, June 21, 2006
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lancaster Elk's Lodge
240 East Avenue K, Lancaster

Name:_____

Address_____

C[illegible](s)_____

# of Tickets_____x$16.00 each=_____

Deadline is June 12, 2006
Mail this form with your check (payable to):

Donna Livermore
1135 Date Palm Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551

More Info:
Donna: (661) 947-4702/ Lou: (661) 944-2738

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LACERA CEO Marsha Richter addressing RELAC's Las Vegas regional event. (photo by Fingold)

These folks are obviously enjoying themselves in Las Vegas. (photo by Fingold)

Interested in Seeing all the Las Vegas Photos?
E-mail Sol Fingold at fingoldsol@adelphia.net

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Ida Leon Ramos
Committee Chair

I wish you could have all been at the General Membership Meeting in Carson held on February 14. Speaker Tom Branan made the best case ever for every LACERA member to join RELAC. His experience with the inner workings of Sacramento confirmed that we cannot be too vigilant about keeping a watchful eye on our pension and health care benefits. While we remain confident in, and grateful for, the excellent management of LACERA funds, we should be very aware that legislators aren't giving up their attacks on public pensions in general. Most recently, the cost of retiree health care plans have been the subject the close scrutiny.

I know you have heard it before, but there is power in numbers. My pension and paid health care plan equals peace of mind in my household! When it comes to anything that might somehow – someday – undermine the security of my benefits, I don't want to take any chances. That's why I carry RELAC enrollment forms with me and whenever I make contact with a County retiree or an active member of LACERA who hopes to retire from the County, I ask, "Have you joined RELAC yet?"

Your Membership Committee continues to work toward developing innovative approaches to increase membership. This is a huge challenge and a top priority to your Board. We welcome your ideas and input. Call or write us – or better yet, volunteer to serve on our Committee!

Investments Board

by Diane Sandoval
Member, LACERA Board of Investments

At a recent Board meeting staff presented a review of LACERA's total fund performance as of December 31, 2005. LACERA's total fund return for the fourth quarter was 2.6%, exceeding the benchmark (2.3%) by approximately 30 basis points (bps). (A benchmark is a standard investors use to compare the performance of their investments. A basis point is one hundreth of one percent.) Staff explained that the good performance was primarily due to strong results in Private Equity and International Equity, which returned 7.9% and 4.8% respectively. Looking at the one-year return (9.7%) as of December 31, 2005, the total fund outperformed the benchmark (8.4%) by an impressive 130 bps and was primarily driven by the strong results in Private Equity, International Equity and Real Estate.

Taking a closer look at LACERA's portfolio for the quarter ended December 31, 2006:

- The domestic equity composite returned 1.9%, slightly lagging its benchmark by approximately 10 bps;
- The international equity composite returned 4.8%, outperforming its benchmark by approximately 40 bps;
- The fixed income composite returned 0.7%, slightly outperforming its benchmark by 4 bps;
- The real estate portfolio returned 2.2%, matching its benchmark; and
- Private equity had a strong quarter returning 7.9% versus its benchmark of 4.4%.

Some of you may have read articles about the financial crisis plaguing Public Pension Plans and may be concerned because our Pension Plan's funded status is at 85.8%. As I've stated before a pension plan with a funded status of 75% or higher is considered to be well-funded and financially sound. We are fortunate to have a pension plan that is well managed. Also in our favor is the fact that LACERA's funded status is headed in the right direction – up and not down! As of the last actuarial valuation (June 30, 2005), there is $1.4 billion in investment gains that will be recognized over the next two years. It is anticipated that these gains may bring our funded status closer to 90%.

As always, thank you for your support and for taking the time to read my article.

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION TO THE RELAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Diane Sandoval
Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

If you are interested in serving on the RELAC Board, you may apply in writing to RELAC **no later than June 2, 2006** at the address given at the end of this article. Your letter should brie y state your interest in serving as a member of the Board and should include a statement of your experience and education that enhances your qualifications. After an interview with the Nominations and Election Committee members you could be considered and added to the current pool of interested candidates.

At the July meeting of the RELAC Board of Directors, the Nominations and Elections Committee will present a list of all interested candidates to the Board. The Board will then select a slate of five (5) nominees for Director who will serve a three (3) year term beginning in January 2007.

If you are not on the slate, are interested in serving as a director, and are a regular member of RELAC or an honorary member who was formerly a regular member, you may be nominated by filing a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members. **Such petition must be receive[illegible] the RELAC office no later than July 31, 2006.** Petition forms are available at the RELAC Office. A letter of acceptance must accompany the petition. PLEASE NOTE: THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER METHOD OF NOMINATION. (Article VI, RELAC By-laws).

If voting is necessary due to petitions filed, ballots will be distributed to all members with the September/October issue of the Newsletter. Ballots will be returned to a designated independent party to conduct the count and report the results to RELAC and directly to each candidate. Results will be announced at the next scheduled General Membership Meeting and published in the November/December Newsletter.

Please write to:

RELAC
Nominations and Elections Committee
1000 So. Fremont Avenue, Unit 15
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802
Attention: Diane Sandoval, Chair

If you are not interested in serving as Director but may be interested in serving on one of our committees, please call our office and leave your name and number. I promise I will contact you to discuss each committee's goals and objectives in order to find a good fit for you. My involvement has been a truly rewarding experience. Join me by calling today!

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Golf News

La Mirada Golf Tournament

by Ed and Cecile Barrios

72 brave RELAC golfers defied the threat of rain for a great day of golf at La Mirada. Manuel Diaz and Tony Asuncion tied for the lowest gross of 78.

It has been a lot of fun but we will be leaving our roles as RELAC golf coordinators. We wish to thank the players for their cooperation and patience and the RELAC office staff for their great help in putting the tournaments together.

We are happy to announce that Gil Sandoval will take over as tournament coordinator. Gil is knowledgeable and experienced with running golf tournaments and we are very fortunate for his willingness to take over the job.

Flight "A" (0-19 Handicap)
1st Diaz, Manuel (61)
2nd Nottke, Jerry (66)
3rd Asuncion, Tony (68)*

Flight "B" (20-25 Handicap)
1st Barrera, Ernie (61)
2nd Gomez, Bob (63)
3rd Evans, Doug (66) tie
3rd Anzai, Hideo (66) tie

Flight "C" (26-36 Handicap)
1st Barajas, Frank (61)
2nd Reeves, Jerry (62)
3rd Barrios, Dave (64)*

Flight "D" (Calloway)
1st Hamada, Ralph (72)
2nd Aguilar, Ben (73) *
3rd Church, Garland (73)

Ladies "All"
1st Hamasu, Lil (64)
2nd Signer, Nancy (68)

Closest to the Pin on 3 Pars
Hamasu, Lil on #3
Notkke, Jerry on #5
Evans, Doug on #9
Kubo, Bob on #11
Danbara, Gene on #13
Hamasu, Mas on #17
**indicates tie broken by lower handicap*

NEXT TOURNAMENT – Tuesday, June 6, 2006
Los Amigos Golf Course

RELAC Golf Entry Form

Los Amigos Golf Course
7295 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 91006

Tuesday, June 6, 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 _____ Member ____ Guest ____

3. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Member ____ Guest ____

4. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Member ____ Guest ____

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
May 23, 2006
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Date Rec. _____ Amt.$ _____ Ck# _____

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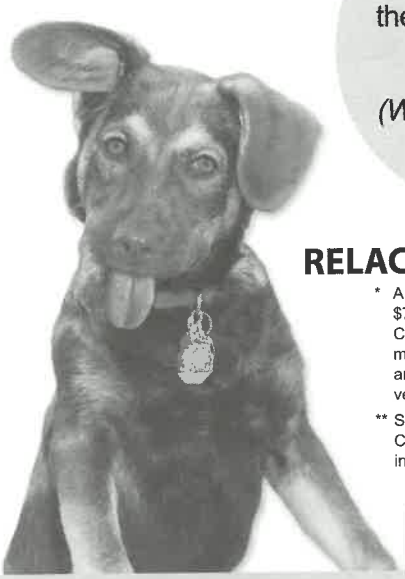

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RELAC Members, you can join!

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Hollywood Park 5th RELAC Day at the Races

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 $_____

Please 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#:_____

RELAC E-Mail Advisor *Sign Up Now*

In our efforts to keep our members well informed on important issues that effect retirees such as our Pension and Medical plans, Social Security, County, State and Federal Legislation, etc., your RELAC Board of Directors has approved the implementation of a new program. The program is appropriately named the "RELAC E-mail Advisor". This program will give RELAC the opportunity to send you important information in a timely manner without costly postage fees. Our goal is to have the program up and running by January 1, 2006.

How Does The RELAC E-Mail Advisor Work?

RELAC will maintain an E-mail number list of all members who sign up for the program. **The E-mail list is strictly private and will not be distributed to any other person or organization.** When important issues arise, RELAC will notify you by E-mail.

If you would like to be on the RELAC E-Mail Advisor list and receive timely E-mails on important issues, please sign up on the below listed form.

The name E-Mail Informer has been changed to E-Mail Advisor. If you signed up for E-Mail Informer you are already a member of E-Mail Advisor and you need not take any further action.

RELAC E-MAIL ADVISOR APPLICATION

First Name _____ Initial_____

Last Name_____

Address _____

City_____

St_____ Zip_____

E-Mail Address _____

Mail this form to:
RELAC E-Mail Advisor
1000 So. Fremont, Unit 15,
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

THREAT TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting at the City of Carson Community Center on February 14, RELAC members heard Tom Branan, publisher of the Public Retirement Journal and consultant to the California Retired County Employees Association. Branan, an expert on legislation pertaining to public employee retirement systems, described the continuing efforts of Assemblyman Keith Richman to radically change the character of California public employee pensions.

Last year Richman attempted to place an initiative proposition on the ballot which would have replaced defined benefit retirement plans with defined contribution plans for public employees. Now the assemblyman is trying to get the legislature to sponsor a similar proposition. Branan predicted the proposal will be killed in the legislature but that there will be a petition campaign. He indicated that the Governor will not support this effort to change the system because of its likely negative effect on his re-election campaign.

While some of the obvious defects of last year's proposition have been fixed, many more are included in the current proposal. If passed it would greatly reduce future retirement benefits for currently active employees and would significantly weaken the system on which present retirees depend.

Those in attendance in Carson were warmly welcomed by Carson's mayor, the Honorable Jim Dear.

Featured Speaker Tom Branan at the General Membership Meeting in Carson. (photo by Sol Fingold)

Josephine Crawford was among those over ninety years old recognized at the Carson meeting. (photo by Sol Fingold)

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Assemblyman Keith Richman would greatly reduce the monies coming into the LACERA pension fund and in the long run would have a detrimental effect not only to the fund but to new and active County employees. In the long run it may even affect our medical plans because LACERA, which administers our medical plans, would eventually be phased out.

Last month I, along with other members of LACERA'S Retirement and Investment Boards attended a special summit sponsored by the National Conference on Public Employees Systems (NCPERS) in Sacramento. The purpose of the summit was to help organizations supporting the continuance of Defined Benefit Plans to deliver tested messages on traditional pension benefits and the hazards and costs of privatizing the California pension system to the public, media and opinion leaders. Last November all of the Governor's initiatives were defeated at the polls due to the television ads sponsored by the coalition of public employee unions, which included police, firefighters, nurses, school teachers, city, county, state and federal employees. Don't think for a minute that , Richman and other right wing conservatives have given up. Assemblyman Richman has already introduced another awed pension privatization proposal (ACA23).

We Will Be Ready: RELAC, along with many other state retirement associations and public service unions stand committed to defeating any type of legislation or initiatives designed to eliminate our defined benefit pension plans. Unity and strength in numbers will be our most effective weapon. As the proper time approaches, you will be asked to talk with your neighbors and friends, make phone calls, and send e-mails and letters to your elected officials etc. We will provide you with accurate information as well as the names and addresses of your local elected officials.

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

"For when the one great scorer comes
To write against your name,
He writes not that you won or lost,
But how you played the game."
Grantland Rice, 1880-1954
American sports writer

RELAC & FIREWORKS Night at Dodger Stadium

It is time to think baseball for the year 2006 between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Arizona Diamondbacks. The game will take place on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at 6:10 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. The price of the tickets is $15.00 each in the lower reserved section on the first base side. This is the game where the most spectacular fireworks ever will take place. So, don't miss this great event. We ordered 300 seats in the lower reserved section. Order your tickets early!

BASEBALL TICKETS

Game Starts at 6:10 P.M.
Tuesday, July 4, 2006
DODGERS VS. DIAMONDBACKS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St_____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

No. of Tickets _____ @ $ 15.00 each = $_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

Requests for tickets MUST be received by Friday, June 16, 2006

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1000 So. Fremont Ave., Unit 15
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Enclose this coupon along with your check.

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Date Rec._____ Amt $_____ Check #_____

RV Outing Notes

Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton
Co-Coordinators of RV Club

When was the last time you sat down a minute to enjoy some good old fashioned talking with old and new friends. We enjoyed that kind of time while camping out at Mountain Valley RV Resort in Hemet. Bill McCallick joined us for the first time and we hope he will join us again. Frank and Diane Maestas were wagon masters with Jerry and Vivian Moore as assists. It was a fun time as Hemet is always a good place to visit.

As you are reading this we will be in Buellton enjoying the scenery and finding new little shops or a winery or even a casino to leave a donation. The golfers will be out enjoying the fresh air. We always have fun while we are playing cards or bingo and some of us have been known to read a book or two. Jesse and Phyllis Murph are the wagon masters and they are first timers at it. Will they have fun? Of course they will

Ed and I recently had a call from a new RELAC camper. He was questioning if our group goes to handicapped accessibility parks. Yes, we always go to parks that are accessible for all of us. As I am one who needs it. Even though most of our campers don't need it we are all of an age we might need it tomorrow. Please come and join us at any campout. If you have any questions you may call us at (562) 428-3360

Jim Harrigan shows off his Special Citation for his thirteen years of distinguished service as a member of the RELAC Board, many of them as driving force behind RELAC's program of recreation activities. (photo by Sol Fingold)

Emeritus Board Member Dave Kalinger looking pleased at being honored for his 23 years of outstanding service as a member of the RELAC Board of Directors, and for his many years as RELAC Treasurer. (photo by Sol Fingold)

Thank you all, officers and Board, for all you do for us. It is appreciated.
A.Louise Feldman
Temple City, CA

Surprise, Surprise. That was what I remarked when receiving the $25.00 check for entering the Valentine Drawing. My wife of 56 years and I will both enjoy going out to lunch!! Thank You Very Much. I retired from L.A. County Fire Dept in 1985 after serving on the department for 25 years. I enjoyed working as a fireman and have many good memories of the fellow firemen which I worked with. I thank all of the personnel that work for the Retired Employees of Los Angeles County and for all the fine work they do. Thanks again for the surprise Valentine.
Jack S. Hakes
Llano, CA

What a pleasant surprise – a $25.00 check from the Valentine entry.
Robert Mehlhorn
Hemet, CA

Thank you so much for the $25 check from the Valentine drawing. Now I must stop saying that "I never win anything". Again much thanks.
Patty Paul
Studio City, CA

Thank you! You can't imagine my surprise when I received your congratulatory note with the check for $25.00. It's a first for me to win anything. If I were a gambling woman I'd be off to a casino to parlay my luck.
Beatrice Novobilski
Carpenteria, CA

Thank you so much for all that you do for all the retirees. I am especially thankful for being one of the winners of the Valentine Day drawing. Keep up the good work.
Geraldine Goodman
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you for the consideration note of the 90+VIPs group. Please keep in touch; I will also.
Benjamin Bloom
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you so very much for the very nice surprise of the Valentine check drawing! I'll surely enjoy it. Also, will take this time to thank you for the pocket calendars each year. And most importantly to thank you for the diligent work the Board does with our investments – and watch-dog over our insurance programs, etc. We retired LAC employees have so much to be grateful for. My nurse's training was the best at LACGH! My years at Olive View Health Dept clinics always rewarding. Thank you.
Mary G. Clement
Canyon Country, CA

What a happy surprise winning the $25.00 Valentine drawing. Thank you.
Sally Sowl
Virginia City, NV

I turned 80 years in January, 2006; therefore waive my dues. Thank you for all the timely news tidbits, and say HELLO to all my friends at LAC/USC Pharmacy Department. Also, thanks for the monthly pocket planner; it comes in handy for all my commitments. Also to the nursing staff, to whom I distributed daily narcotic needs of their patients. They may or may not remember my presence. Hopefully, I'll have a few more years left to enjoy my retirement; knock on wood; as I am in fairly good health up to now. To everyone there, keep up the good work, and give the patients TLC, smiling and taking good care of all of them
Benjamin "Ben" M. Gee
Los Angeles, CA

Thank you for the Newsletter through the years with its updates and other information. I have looked forward each month to receiving it. I am retired from the 'old' Construction Division since 1978 and turned 85 years of age last November. My wife, Audrey, and I now reside in the San Diego area. I would like to hear from persons I worked with in the Men's Central Jail, Simi Juvenile Hall, or other projects. Thanks again.
Jerry Heustis
Valley Center, CA

I read in the last RELAC newsletter that dues are waived for members when they reach 80 years. I was born on 1-6-1924, so I qualify. My Elinor and I were married March 17 (St. Pat's Day) 1946 so in a few weeks we will celebrate our 60th anniversary.
Glenn Beneda
Lompoc, CA

Dear RELAC Staff: My husband and I appreciate all the good work you do for all retirees. Enjoy reading the newsletter every month. We decided Las Vegas would be fun, so we'll be there. We just realized (after reading a letter to you) that we are both over 80. (In years anyway!!) I was 80 last April 19, '05 and Jud was 81 last October 12 '05. We will find you two new members!! Thank you.
Judson B. & Theresa Stevens
Huntington Beach, CA

I celebrated my 90th Birthday in August 2005. I missed getting a Birthday card from RELAC. Thanks so much for the pocket secretary – it is well used. In my retirement days for many years. I have enjoyed it all.
Frances Ferguson
Westminster, CA
Frances, we're sorry about your missing birthday card. Please accept belated congratulations on your 90th.

Thank you for the last magazine on February 3, 2006. Congratulations to Mr. Ed Morris, our President, 1st Vice President, Domingo Delgado, Secretary,

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Members Spotlight

Congratulations to Warren Allen and Thelma Murphy who are preparing to celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 13.

MARRIED 60 +

Glen and Elinor Beneda
Married - 60 yrs
March 17, 1946

Phyllis & Carl E. Colby
Married - 62 years
November 20, 1943

Samuel & Ruth Schultz
Married – 62 yrs
August 28, 1943

Eugene & Emma Gene West
Married - 60 yrs
December 25, 1945

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June 11-16, 2006
Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds
McArthur, California

Wagon Masters
Tom Sargent (530) 243-8982
Tsgt907@charter.net

Richard & Judy Smith
(626) 444-0686
retiredstars@earthlink.net

Ninety Years or Over??

We would like to hear from you when you reach those Golden Years. Fill out the form below and transmit to:

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1000 S. Fremont, Unit 15
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone (_____

Years of service with County _____

Department _____

Retirement Date _____ Age _____

Birthdate _____

Any Personal note, i.e., hobby, occupation, activities,

_____

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NEW MEMBERS

February & March

ASSESSOR
Edwards, Henry
CA CHILDREN'S SERVS
Iwata, Janet C.
DPSS
Roberson, Veronica
Taylor, Phyllis H.
HEALTH SERVICES
Takenouchi, Helen
INTERNAL SERVICES
Collins, Howert
Zuniga, Daniel J.
KING-DREW MED CTR
Dumones, Janet M.
LACERA
Trujillo, Diana G.
MENTAL HEALTH
Mindell, Marcia T.
PUBLIC DEFENDER
Patrick, Kathleen G.
Rodriguez, Ernest R.
PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE
Williams, Anthony
PUBLIC WORKS
Franklin, Toni An
Hartley, Gary
Saski, Brian
SUPERIOR COURT
Allen, Lillian
DEPT NOT DESIGNATED
Mack, Charlie

AFFILIATE MEMBERS
(Active County Employees)
FIRE
Bangar, Bob
INTERNAL SERVICES
Sadahiro, Janice
PUBLIC WORKS
De Chellis, Patrick
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
Bangar, Diane
SHERIFF
Duran, Richard G. Jr.
DEPT NOT DESIGNATED
Eiland, Valeria

News From LACERA

by Janice Golden
Manager, Member Services Division

Approximately three years ago, I wrote a RELAC article where I shared some interesting statistics regarding our retirees. I thought it would be fun to revisit those statistics and see if and/or how they have changed since then.

How many LACERA retirees are over the age of 100?
In March of 2003, we had 21 retirees or survivors (referred to as "payees") over the age of 100. Well, we've more than doubled that over the last three years and now have 50 payees over the age of 100 who are receiving benefits. And perhaps not a surprise, the overwhelming majority of the 50 are women! Sorry guys, but only three are men.

How many are between the ages of 90 and 100?
We currently have 1,700 payees between the ages of 90 and 100.

Where do most LA County retirees reside?
In 2003, the vast majority of LACERA retirees or survivors resided in California (32,863). Although California is still the frontrunner, the number is now in the neighborhood of 41,278. The next two most popular states also remain unchanged with Nevada in the number two slot and Arizona a close third. In 2003, Nevada had 1,012 payees; it presently has 1,322. Arizona isn't far behind. In 2003, there were 951 retirees or survivors living in Arizona, and the current figure is 1,284.

As a side note, we have payees in every single state, the District of Columbia, and in many countries (158 countries).

How many members or survivors are on LACERA's payroll?
Currently LACERA processes payroll for 49,910 payees. I look forward to being one myself in eight years, seven months, and twenty-seven days (but who's counting?).

That's all for now, but I'll close with my usual reminder to please call us at 1-800-786-6464 if we can be of any assistance to you.

Letters continued from p.10

Mary Lou Bangar, Treasurer, Diane Sandoval. God Bless Board members and officers elected. Thank you.
Dora Maria Espinosa
Panama, C.A.

I'm 90 years old and still exercise 3 times a week at the Senior Center in West Covina. We are living longer and it would be helpful to have smaller pills to swallow. Rather than one big pill two small pills would be nice and larger print in newspapers and books too.
Tomasa Kramer
West Covina, CA

Dear friends: I don't feel that I should get any credit at all as my husband, Martin, worked as a Power House Engineer at the Medical Center. I live alone and maintain my home and do a lot of yard work. I also volunteer at the senior center 2 days a week. I still drive and learned to play the organ. We liked to travel and camp. I do miss him—he's been gone 15 years. Thank you for your kindness and help.
Margaret Agardy
Yucaipa, CA

I still live in my home and play Bridge two to three times a week and enjoy reading. My husband, Milan, worked at Flood Control from 1934-1973 and thoroughly enjoyed his work. He would be very pleased at how well our retirement has taken care of me.
Elizabeth Ransom
Burbank, CA

I just moved to Kernville. Are there any retirees living here in Kernville or in Isabella? It's very lonesome here.
Florine M. Moynahan
Kernville, CA
Any readers who live in Florine's area may call the RELAC office at (800)537-3522 and we will put you in touch with her.

I look forward to the Newsletter. Thanks for all the hard – dedicated work the staff does in putting out the Newsletter. I read in the "Letters to the Editor" where it was mentioned about dues being waived once a member reaches age 80. I reached that milestone in July 2003. I hope it is true. Thanks again for everything.
Helen M. Krueger
Lakewood, CA

Thank you RELAC for having Valentine Drawing. I won! I won! Been ill and the check lifted my spirits. Have a birthday in March and will do something special thanks to you. Keep up the good work of keeping us informed on many issues. God bless.
Mattie L. Cummings
Los Angeles, CA

Just a quick note to say thank you for all you do for all of us who are retired and rely on you for information and caring. Not sure how I missed the benefit for those of us reaching 80 years of age. (Guess it just didn't seem old enough to warrant special treatment) but I did turn 80 in February of 2005 and appreciate the fact that free membership in RELAC is now another benefit. Again many thanks to each and every one of you.
Ann W. Anderson
Pasadena, CA

Outreach Committee of RELAC: Thank you so very much for the lovely birthday card and for the "good wishes"! I do appreciate your thoughtfulness!
Annbell Trethewey
Newhall, CA

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March/April 2006

ASSESSOR
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- Brewer, Dorothy E. *
- Mason, Robert C. *
- Smith, Dorothy E. *
- Takayasu, Keyichi
- Williams, Eddie B.

ENGINEER
- Lee, Frank B. *

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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- Shaw, Marcine B.

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- Baldwin, Ezekiel *
- Esquer, Louis *
- Nakaji, Ben T. *
- Suo, Ken

CHLDREN'S SERVICES
- Bourgeois, Margie J.
- Cook, Audrey T. *
- Crittendon, Geraldine *
- Hill., Mary A.
- Kennedy, Sheila E.
- Torio, Esperanza
- Wilkinson, Mary F. *
- Willard, William R.

COUNTY CLERK
- Franz, Helen A. *
- Gresham, Walter G. *
- Hanlon Jr., James F. *

DEPT PUBLIC SERVICES
- Bradham, Elaine L. *
- Brooks, Effie J.
- Buchanan, Vera *
- Cleaver, Earnestene *
- Cunningham, Dorothy E. *
- Dorardo, Rudolph S.
- Fergusson, Marian *
- Garcia, Sandra
- Grossbard, Beatrice
- Hogan, Catherine A. *
- Imes, Richard L. *
- Kearney, Henrietta *
- Lambert, Karen M.
- Nguyen, Cone
- Nunn, Betty A.
- Rhodes, James W. *
- Roberts, Eugene V. *
- Zaferes, Patricia V.

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- Blancato, Helen B. *
- Smith, Bernard E.
- White, Wilbert D. *

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- Donalies, John C. *
- Manzer, Bernard A.
- Smith, Laura A. *
- Wickland, Paul A. *

FACILITY MANAGEMENT
- King, Perry L. *
- White, Annette *

FIRE
- Brewer, Norman K.
- Coulter, Dallas R. *
- Gunnette, Ronald N. *
- Mullen, William T. *
- Riley, Frank *
- Sutherland, William R. *

FLOOD CONTR0L
- Matranga, Joseph S. *

GENERAL HOSPITAL
- Farrimond, Elizabeth *

HARBOR/UCLA
- Ananth, Jambur V.
- Griffin, Anna C.

HEALTH SERVICES
- Baxter, Ethel H. *
- Ford, Marion A. *
- Parker, Robert *
- Royal, Anna M. *

HEALTH SERVICES ADMIN
- Figueroa, Carmen V.
- Jurado, Gilbert F.
- Staheli, Della B.

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- Eberle, Elda R. *

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- Jayaswal, Vijay K.
- Jones, Solomon
- Looney, Wilber L.
- Prophet, James *
- Stevens, Robert J.
- Turrey, Antonio

KING/DREW
- Brown, James L.
- Sanderlin, Augustine
- Tillman, Michael R.
- Wheeler, Ruby

LAC USC MEDICAL CENTER
- Anderson Sr., Leonard B.
- Anding, Ednarene A.
- Arnold, Rose M.
- Ellis, Dorothy L.
- Hawkins, Donald B.
- Rodriguez, Eduardo
- Vaughan, Robert B. *
- Webster, Ethel *

MECHANICAL
- Hill, Betty L. *
- Kennedy, Robert V. *
- Schroeder, Maurice B. *

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- Fintzy, Robert T.
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- Ossorio, Santos
- Rice, Roger E. *

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- Besvold, Alden C. * (Glendale)
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- Meek, Charlotte S. (Los Angeles)

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- Spaulding, Walter *
- Swanson, Harold

PROBATION
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- Bright, Thomas *
- Duncan, Donald D.
- Guzman, Frank A. *
- Henslee-Cross, Doris L. *
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- Nuckols, Perry P. *
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- Williams Jr., Henry

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- Moore, Beatrice C.
- Moore, John M.
- Smith, Christopher W. *

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- Horton, James W. *

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- Minneweather, Marvin
- Poblano, Arthur *
- Stevens, Greta B. *
- Sugarman, Melvin L. *
- Wall, Vera L. *

ROAD
- Baerresen, Harold W. *
- Mendonca, Robert S. *
- Miranda, Theodore T. *

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- Atwell, Jessie
- Gallimore, Agnes V. *
- Isom, Marilyn *
- Wilson, Earnestine

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- Eller, Erda V. * (Acton)

SHERIFF
- Acquisto, Sammy L.
- Allen, Frederic *
- Avery, Stuart W. *
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- Branscomb, Marvin E.
- Fentiman, Donald H.
- Harpst, Earl R.
- Hernandez, Dolores
- Higgenbotham, Fannie L.
- Humber, Jake R. *
- Lapa, Aleksander *
- Latimore, Curtis *
- Leidigh, Marian L.
- Masters, Norvin D. *
- Moore, Hugh E. *
- Moore, Timothy M.
- Mueller, Juanita D. *
- Owens Jr., Jack E. *
- Pearson, Marvin D.
- Perry, Alfredo T.
- Reese, William R.
- Scholten, Gilbert E. *
- Welk, Ervin A. *

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- Amspoker, Ross W.
- Bozajian, Zevart
- De Camp, Max C. *
- Fields, Violet E.
- Lauchengco, Lagrimas D
- Miller, Gloria
- Valencia, Melecio T.

SCAQMD
- Tito, Michael E. *

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- Prout, William L.
- Riddle, Jean

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL
- Bundesen, Alberta M. *

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- Allen, Bernice I.
- Alvarez, Mary S.
- Ardagna, Anthony L.
- Barnett, Margaret R.
- Battle, Beatrice
- Beck, Juanita
- Berger, Dorothy
- Bonamassa, Frank
- Brasch, Cecelia M.
- Bryant, Michael
- Burton, Louis
- Calhoon, Esta
- Caliman, Olive E.
- Campbell, Lucella M.
- Campbell, Lucille
- Cardona, Samuel J.
- Carrasco, Arturo
- Cascarano, Nathan
- Chavez, Anna
- Crum, Rodney
- Cunningham, Elizabeth
- De Govia, Hubert J.
- Douglas, Lenore M.
- Elvin, Bruce M.
- Estes, Paul E.
- Gayles Sr., Leonard O.
- Gilbert, Rachel M.
- Griffith, Dorothy M.
- Heida, Pearl
- Ho-King Jr., James
- Iskanian, Onnik
- Johnson, Roberta
- Jong, Esther
- Kent, Philip M.
- Kepics, Elizabeth C.
- La Salle, Elsie
- Landon, Melvin C.
- Linn, Marvin
- Lynch, Richard F.
- Mackenzie, Malcolm L.
- Mc Cown, Vivian L.
- McCabe, James P.
- Medina, Angel N.
- Moyer, Leonard E.
- Murray, Margie A.
- Niescur, Evelyn
- O' Rear, Artie W.
- Parsons, Charles E.
- Pyle, John A.
- Redd, Everett L.
- Rehani, Fawzi
- Rowan, Kathryn L.
- Sanchez, Emma
- Schipek, Margaret L
- Schuler, Dorothy S.
- Schulhof, Stella
- Shaffer, John C.
- Sharnik, Shirley
- Smith, Jack H.
- Sorensen, Ernest E.
- Stoll, Helen F.
- Tomei, Doson
- Ulrich, Jean
- Watanabe, Toshiko M.
- Weingarten, Kay
- Winstead, Violet M. *
- Woods, Charles A.
- Yauchzee, Billy E.
- Zuffante, Theresa J.

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Two (2) burial lots in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, and CA. Lots are located in the "Garden of Affection", num- 2 and 4. Price $4,800. Buyer to pay transfer fee. Contact Richard Byrd (410) 623-3804 or by e-mail at upthecrick@aol.com

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Two cemetery plots in Rose Hills, side by side, under a tree, Garden of Rest, Lot 7343, #3 & 4. Valued at $6,200.00 for both. Call Lee or Maria at (626) 851-1149.

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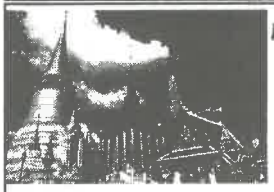

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General Membership Meeting

June 13, 2006

Fred Miller
Chair, Program Committee

DESCANSO GARDENS
Van de Camp Hall
1418 Descanso Drive
La Canada-Flintridge, CA

FEATURED SPEAKER
Natalie D. Salazar, Director
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Community/Law Enforcement Partnership Programs
Co-author-"Rising Above Guns and Drugs: How to Start a Community Reclamation Project"

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

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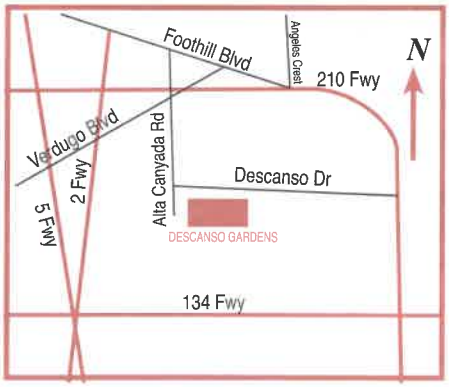

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