

RELAC newsletter

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

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President's Message

by Ed Morris

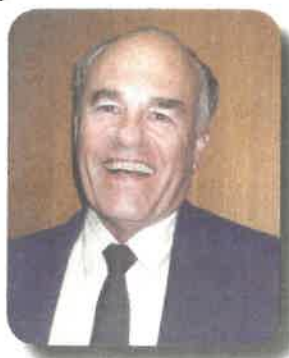
On behalf of the Board of Directors I thank all members and guests who attended our 14th Installation Luncheon and 50th Anniversary celebration. This event was very successful as over 450 people enjoyed the festivities and welcomed back to Los Angeles County our featured speaker, Bill Fujioka the newly appointed County CEO. Bill knew many of the retired members as they worked with him or for him. He discussed the timely topic of health issues and assured all retirees that their pensions, which they worked hard to receive, would not change.

A special thanks to Ida Leon Ramos for obtaining the TSA choir (Transportation Security Authority). They sang "America the Beautiful" to open our program and other patriotic songs prior to the serving of the lunch. Also thanks to the Sheriff for providing the Sheriff's Honor Guard.

Las Vegas Meeting

We will be holding our fourth regional luncheon meeting in Las Vegas at the Suncoast Hotel on Thursday March 27th. There will be an Invitational Golf Tournament held on Wednesday March 26th at the Angel Park Palms Golf Club. Any member of LACERA, not just RELAC members, is welcome to hear a special presentation – "Move for a Healthy Life". I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Las Vegas.. For more information see the Regional Activities article on page 5.

HAPPY EASTER



LUNCHEON FETES RELAC'S ANNIVERSARY County CEO Fujioka is featured

Five hundred and sixty members and friends of RELAC gathered at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello to celebrate RELAC's 50th Anniversary, to listen to the featured speaker, the newly appointed County Chief Executive Officer Bill Fujioka, and to enjoy the entertainment. Of course there was also a satisfying lunch.

CEO Fujioka reviewed his years of distinguished service to both the County and the City of Los Angeles. He noted that he had been retired from his position of City Administrative Officer for seven months when he was asked to take the newly created position of County Executive Officer. Bill could not resist the opportunity to break new ground as the first CEO.

Having been a retiree, Fujioka said he knows the importance of a secure and comfortable retirement. He assured the Luncheon audience that he is on the side of retirees and that their pensions and health benefits will always be there. His present job is one that he wanted, not one that he needed.

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At the Installation Luncheon CEO Bill Fujioka with RELAC member Evelyn Gutierrez.

Upcoming Events

The month of March is loaded with exciting RELAC events.

On March 11 there will be a General Membership Meeting at the County Arboretum. *Info is on the back page.*

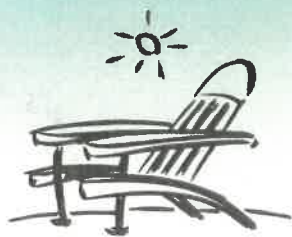
Golf will be played in Las Vegas on the 26th. And on the 27th is the Annual Las Vegas Regional Meeting. *See page 5.*

On March 31 more golf at the La Mirada Golf Course. *Details are on page 7*

And on April 17 there will be the Regional Meeting in Lancaster. *See page 5.*

Retirement Board

by Bill de la Garza
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Dear Friends,

From all indications, it looks like 2008 will be a very challenging year for public employee retirees. Newspaper articles and some ill-informed publicity seeking politicians continue to take cheap shots at public sector retirees by indicating that our "extravagant and lavish pension and medical plans" will initiate local and state government bankruptcies and dip into the budgets of public services such as schools, fire and police protections, street and highways, parks and recreation, libraries, etc. I really don't know where they get their facts or figures. Did you know that the average LACERA general member retiree receives a monthly benefit of \$2,470? The average safety member receives \$4,730. Many of these retirees do not receive a social security benefit. I consider these moderate benefits which keep us off the welfare rolls, but they should not be considered extravagant or lavish. Did you know that 80 to 85% of our pensions are paid for by the earnings of LACERA'S investments? No one ever talks about the monthly deductions that were taken from our salaries from the start to the ending of our careers. Yes, we do have a good pension plan that is well administered. We worked hard and paid for this promised plan.

Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission Good and Bad News

For the past year we have attempted to keep you informed on the Governor's PEPEB Commission. The 12 member commission was formed by Governor Schwarzenegger for the purpose of addressing public pension and retiree health care funding issues across the state of California. The commissions report was published on January 8, 2008. The final report was over 325 pages long including a 14 page executive summary. The results of the report initiated numerous newspaper articles throughout the state of California. I believe that the report had some bad news and some good news. As I expected, there were not any major surprises. The majority of the recommendations in the report centered on the necessity of "**pre funding**" retiree medical plans for the purpose of reducing unfunded liability which has been caused by triple digit inflation in health care costs.

The bad news of the report is that it stimulated newspapers to print that "local governments are facing an unfunded liability of \$118 billion or more over the next 30 years in order to fund the promise of generous healthcare benefits for retired public employees. An article in the Daily News stated that Los Angeles County's costs for retiree health care have nearly tripled in the past decade, soaring from \$100 million in 1997-98 to about \$366 million this year. The good news is the Governor Schwarzenegger said in a statement, "**Lowering health and pension benefits paid to employees who are already retired is illegal, according to pension experts, while modifications to benefits offered to current employees require agreement from unions during the collective-bargaining process.**" The Governor also stated "**California governments must keep their promises to the hardworking men and women who have served the public, without**

INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR RELAC MEMBERS

by Greg Walia, Chair, Retiree Benefits Ad Hoc Committee

I recently had the pleasure of advising you about your Board's decision to continue offering certain insurance benefits to **Members and Associates** (see page 11 of November/December Newsletter). And, if you cannot locate that issue then don't worry. Following is a summary of the benefits offered through **Pacific Group Agencies**.

- Free \$1,000 Personal Accident coverage
- Hearing Aid Discount Program that offers 20% discount on hearing exams, and 58% discount on over 200 of the latest models of hearing aids
- Supplemental Delta Premier Dental Plan
- Pre-Paid legal plans at members' option at discounted cost, and
- Additional Personal Accident coverage available at significant savings in monthly premiums.

The RELAC Board also approved continuation of free \$10,000 Personal Accident coverage to those who sign up as new RELAC members.

If you wish to enroll, or would like more information about these benefits, please feel free to call **Pacific Group Agencies directly at 1-800-511-9065**.

I wish each of you a very happy and healthy 2008.



harming funding for important government programs or shifting the burden of these obligations to our children,"

More good news is that at a recent meeting, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors collectively endorsed a pre-funding program designed to manage and reduce the unfunded liability of the county active and retiree health plans. Details of the pre-funding plan are currently being worked out. Please continue to read your RELAC Newsletter for up to date information.

Enjoy your retirement and don't ever apologize for having a good pension and medical plan. You contributed and worked hard for it.

As customary, I leave you with this thought:

"Give me a sense of humor. Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folks."

Bob Hope

1903 - 2003

Thanks for the memories

Investments Board



by Diane Sandoval
Retiree Representative,
LACERA Board of Investments



At the January 9, 2008 meeting of the LACERA Board of Investments, the first order of business was to elect its officers for the year. Congratulations to the following Board Members:

William Pryor, Chair
Simon Russin, Vice-Chair
Herman Santos, Secretary

I enjoyed visiting with those of you who attended RELAC's Annual Installation Luncheon and joined in celebrating RELAC's 50th Anniversary. RELAC will continue celebrating throughout the year and I look forward to seeing you at future events.

Given the recent news about the sub-prime lending mortgages and the impact it has had on the market, I felt compelled to remind you once again that LACERA is a long-term investor and that LACERA has its portfolio invested over a variety of asset classes, namely, equities, bonds, real estate and private equity. Each asset class is then diversified to minimize investment risk. For example, real estate investments are diversified by geographic region, property type, and investment manager.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record allow me to remind you that our pensions are guaranteed for life. I for one will continue to sleep at night knowing that our pension fund is in good hands and is prudently invested.

THIS IS FOR THE ACCOUNTANTS

The LACERA Annual Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2007 and 2006 as audited by LACERA's external auditors, Brown Armstrong, CPAs, confirms that LACERA had two more good years and remains financially sound.

Listed below are the financial highlights (comparing fiscal year 2007 to 2006) as reported by Ms. Beulah Canevari, Manager of the Financial and Accounting Services Division.

- Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets, total \$40.9 billion, an increase of \$5.72 billion or 16.3 % from last year.
- Total Additions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Pension Plan Net Assets are \$7.59 billion primarily as a result of Investment Income and Net Appreciation in the Fair Value of Investments. This represents an increase from the prior year of \$2.52 billion or a change of 49.8%.
- Total Deductions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Pension Plan Net Assets total \$1.84 billion, a decrease of \$4 million or 0.2% from prior year.

SPECIAL NOTICE By-laws Amendments

RELAC members present at the General Membership Meeting to be held at the County Arboretum on March 11 will be asked to vote on proposed revisions to the RELAC By-laws. These revisions may be found in the the January/February 2008 issue of the Newsletter and on the RELAC Website. The Website address is www.RELAC.org. Click on "News" on the left side of the Home Page.

SPECIAL NOTICE Election to Board of Directors

Again this year there will be five (5) seats on the RELAC Board of Directors up for election. Those members who are interested in running for one of the seats should **promptly** contact the RELAC office. Detailed information on how to proceed will be mailed to you. The office phone numbers are (800)537-3522 and (626)308-0532. The e-mail address is admin@relac.org. The information may also be found on the Website at www.RELAC.org. Click on "News" on the left side of the Home Page.



- The latest actuarial valuation completed by Milliman, Inc., LACERA's independent actuary, was as of June 30, 2006 and determined the funding status (the ratio of system assets to system liabilities) to be 90.5%.
- On average over the past ten years, investment returns make up approximately 80% of the annual additions to the fund.
- For the fiscal year ending June 30 2007, LACERA's total fund on an annualized basis returned 19.1% gross of fees, and 18.8% net of fees.

As always thank you for your continued support.

RELAC Members

Get More

BANG for your buck!



4.75%
APY*

**7 Month
Liquid Certificate**

(with as little as \$500)

Southland

CREDIT UNION

Bringing Your Dreams To Reality™

- Open with as little as \$500
- Make two penalty-free withdrawals during the term
- Deposit \$100 or more any time during the term

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. 7 Month Certificate Account rate special quoted effective 2-7-08 and is subject to change without notice. Minimum deposit of \$500 is required to open. At least \$500 must be transferred from another financial institution to Southland to qualify for special rate. Unless directed otherwise, upon maturity certificate will rollover into a standard 6-month Add-On Certificate. Excessive withdrawal penalties may apply. Membership is subject to eligibility.



Your Money is Secure. Your deposits are insured up to at least \$350,000 (\$500,000 for IRA Accounts). The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), an agency of the U.S. Government, insures your deposits up to \$100,000 (\$250,000 for IRA Accounts), AND any amount up to an additional \$250,000 is insured by American Share Insurance (ASI), a private insurance company contracted by the Credit Union to increase the safety of your funds.

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REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Diane Sandoval

Co-Chair, Regional Support

At our Board meeting on January 24th Mary Rodriguez and I were appointed as co-chairs of the Regional Support Committee. Mary is a dear friend and I look forward to working with her on this important committee throughout the year. Mary and I are asking for your suggestions. Is there a specific location outside LA County you would like us to consider when planning our calendar for the rest of the year? Call the RELAC office and leave your name, phone number or email address. We promise one of us will contact you.

Las Vegas Luncheon Meeting

The committee is busy finalizing the plans for the Las Vegas Luncheon Meeting scheduled on March 27, 2008 at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. As previously mentioned the theme will be "Staying Healthy through Exercise and Fitness" and will feature a speaker from Blue Cross. In addition we are planning presentations by your RELAC Board members who represent you on the LACERA Boards and will update you on the latest happenings at LACERA.

Space is limited; however, if you have not sent in your reservation by the time you receive this Newsletter and would like to attend our luncheon, call our RELAC office to inquire about space availability.

RELAC Las Vegas Golf Tournament

Gil Sandoval, RELAC's Golf Tournament Director, has planned a great afternoon for all you golfers. The First Annual RELAC golf tournament will be held at the Angel Park Palms Golf Club adjacent to the Suncoast Hotel and Casino on **March 26, 2008** with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The golf fee is \$65 including a cart. Call the RELAC Office for more information.

3rd REUNION

Retirees from Office of the
"Old" County Engineers (now part of Public Works)

April 17, 2008

Social 11:00 AM / Lunch 12 Noon
Gourmet Chicken, Beef or Vegetarian

Quiet Cannon Restaurant
901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA
(next to Garfield and Pomona Freeway - I-60)

Each luncheon is \$25 (includes tax, tip, etc.). Checks are a must before April 12th, made out to either individual below with all attendee names & menu choices, the sooner the better.

Ken Kvammen or
452 Gaviota
Newport Beach, CA 92660
949-644-8665

Dutch Rudenacher
5461 Horizon Dr.
Malibu, CA 90265
310 457-4600

Lancaster Luncheon Meeting

As mentioned in our last article, our Lancaster meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008 at the Lancaster Elks Lodge at 240 East Avenue K, Lancaster. Donna Livermore is organizing this event, which we are certain will be another great success. Donna has planned a great lunch, you'll have an opportunity to visit with old friends and co-workers and with luck you might walk away with a door prize.

A LACERA representative will be there to answer your retirement and medical questions and there will be informative presentations from many of our RELAC Board Members, including Retirement Board Bill de la Garza, Alternate Board Member Ed Morris and Investments Board Member Diane Sandoval.

Send in your registration form by **April 1, 2008** with your check for \$16.00 per attendee payable to Donna Livermore.

LANCASTER LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2008
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Lancaster Elk's Lodge
240 East Avenue K, Lancaster

Name: _____

Address _____

Guest(s) _____

of Tickets _____ x \$16.00 each = _____

Deadline is April 1, 2008

Mail this form with your check (payable to):

Donna Livermore
1135 Date Palm Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551
More Info: Donna: (661)947-4702
Lou: (661)944-2738

Congratulations to Big Winner, Jose Aja

In celebrating RELAC's 50th anniversary at the Installation Luncheon there was a special drawing for a \$200 prize. The happy winner was Jose Aja, a RELAC member who retired from the County Engineer in 1984. Congratulations, Jose!

News From LACERA

by Janice Golden
Assistant Executive Officer

Please join me in welcoming our new Retiree Health Care Director.

Due to the retirement of long-time Retiree Health Care Director Kathy Migita, LACERA embarked on a nation-wide search to find a new health care director. The search efforts identified several highly qualified candidates who were interviewed; and their knowledge, skills, and abilities were assessed. **We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Carmelita (Lita) Payne to the position of Retiree Health Care Director.** Although she didn't officially begin her employment with LACERA till the end of January, she attended the RELAC annual installation lunch on January 17 and had the opportunity to meet the RELAC Board of Directors and LACERA Board members and staff.

Ms. Payne possesses an outstanding background of relevant experience in the retiree health care business. She previously managed the L.A. City Retiree Healthcare Plan where she was responsible for program oversight, management, communications, and administration. Prior to that assignment, she was responsible for the retiree healthcare program for City of Los Angeles Department of Fire and Police Pensions. Ms. Payne has a bachelor's degree in English and is currently attending the Graziadio School of Business and Management through Pepperdine University working towards an MBA.

Effectively managing the health care program for our retirees is extremely important, and we are fortunate to have acquired the services of Ms. Payne. We look forward to her leadership and valuable contributions to this program.



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Officers, Board Members Installed

Fujioka served as installing officer, swearing in RELAC's 2008 Officers. They are President, Ed Morris; First Vice President, Greg Walla, Second Vice President; Ida L. Ramos; Treasurer, Diane Sandoval. (Secretary Mary Lou Bangar was not present.)

Five persons elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors were also sworn in. They are Domingo Delgado, Bill de la Garza, Martin Golds, George Hernandez and Marianne Reich.

RELAC & Fireworks Night at Dodger Stadium

by Greg Walla
Chair, Recreation



It is time to think baseball for the year 2008. The game, between your Los Angeles Dodgers and the Florida Marlins will be on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. The price of the tickets is \$18.00 each. The seats are in the lower reserved section on the third base side. This is the place where the most spectacular fireworks ever will take place! So, don't miss this great event. We ordered only 200 tickets in the lower reserved section, so order your tickets early to avoid disappointment!



BASEBALL TICKETS

Game Starts at 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

DODGERS VS. FLORIDA MARLINS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone (____) _____

No. of Tickets _____ @ \$18.00 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____
Requests for tickets MUST be received by Thursday, June 12, 2008.

Make checks payable to:
RELAC BASEBALL
1000 So. Fremont Ave., #15
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802
Enclose this coupon along with your check

For Office Use:
Date Rec _____ Amt \$ _____ Chk # _____

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Golf News



Santa Anita Golf Course Golf Tournament 1-28-08

by Gil Sandoval, RELAC Golf Director

In spite of the cold and windy weather 57 players braved the conditions to play golf. In the "A" flight, Mike Haile beat Crety Hart in card off both had net 66's. Jimmy Newman came in 3rd with a net 68. Del Gamble with a net 66 easily won the "B" flight. Jim Guild took 2nd in a card off with Luis Martinez for 3rd. Bob Cornelius won the "C" with net 65. Julio Guevara beat Jerome Clayton in a card off to take 2nd. In the Women's flight, Lil Hamasu with a net 80 won. Cari DeBie with a net 86 edge out her mother Charlene for 2nd place by one.

Flight "A" (0-19 Handicaps)

1st Mike Haile (66)*

2nd Crety Hart (66)

3rd Jimmy Newman (68)

Flight "B" (20-27 Handicaps)

1st Del Gamble (66)

2nd Jim Guild (69)*

3rd Luis Martinez (69)

Flight "C" (28-38 Handicaps)

1st Bob Cornelius (65)

2nd Julio Guevara (73)*

3rd Jerome Clayton (73)

Ladies "All"

1st Lil Hamasu (80)

2nd Cari DeBie (86)

3rd Charlene DeBie (87)

* Won in card off.

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men # 4 Ron Harrington

8 Bob Bogawa

#12 Jimmy Newman

#15 Ron Hanson

Women

4 Lil Hamasu

NEXT TOURNAMENT

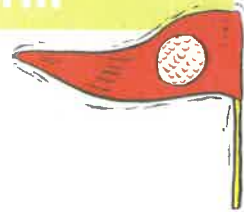
Monday, Mar. 31, 2008

La Mirada Golf Course: 8:00 A.M. start

Entry Deadline Mar. 7, 2008

RELAC Golf Entry Form

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



Monday, March 31, 2008

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 7, 2008

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE
IN RELAC OFFICE**

For Office Use:

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

Members Spotlight



BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR AN ABUSED CHILD IN FOSTER CARE

CASA of Los Angeles is currently recruiting Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Trained volunteers investigate the circumstances of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect and placed in protective custody. CASAs advocate for the best interest of foster children both in court and in the community. Volunteers must be minimum 21 years old, be able to make at least a 2 year commitment to the program, undergo a background check, and successfully complete a 36-hour CASA training. An average of 5 hours per week is spent on case activities. Bilingual (Spanish/English) and African American volunteers are especially needed. The application process for the CASA Volunteer Training is underway. We offer five trainings annually. Ensure your spot! Volunteers must attend an Orientation session before the training. CASA of Los Angeles has a satellite office in Lancaster for Antelope Valley cases. For more information: (323) 526-6666 or visit www.casala.org.

L.A.S.D. 27th ANNUAL RETIREES' REUNION Sunday, June 15 – Saturday 21, 2008

Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds • McArthur, California

Located on Highway 299, approximately 70 miles east of Redding, this beautiful valley between the peaks of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta is a great location to gather together with other Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Retirees from all over the U.S.

Bring your RV, tent or stay in one of the local motels in Fall River Mills. Full hook up camping, showers, laundry and 30/50 amp service at \$15.00 per night. These camping rates are from June 13, 2008 – June 21, 2008.

The Reunion registration fee of \$10.00 per person includes one catered dinner and liquid refreshments for five days.

Activities include golf at a championship 18 hole golf course, horseshoes lawn darts, Bocci ball, card tournaments, potluck dinners, fishing sightseeing or, just kick back and relax. Plenty of war stories, tales of then and now, and lie swapping. Newly retired and surviving spouses are especially welcome! **Adult participation.**

For additional information contact:

Vincent M. Rupp
(805) 404-2027
SirRupp@aol.com

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



At the Installation Luncheon the Transportation Security Authority Chorus entertained RELAC members and friends with renditions of patriotic songs.

2008 RELAC DAY AT HOLLYWOOD PARK Looking for New Attendance Record

by Greg Wallia
Chair, Recreation Committee

Dear Fellow Retirees,

In behalf of RELAC, a very happy 2008 to each of you. This past year was a "thumping" and a roaring success at Hollywood Park. RELAC members and their friends attended this once a year fun event in record numbers. My guess is that it is going to be tough to match that number....much less exceed it in 2008. **BUT**, I have full faith in your desire to do just that this year. Right?



So you and I have a date then to meet at Hollywood Park on **Thursday, June 12, 2008**. Please mark your calendars. **Good News:** Ticket price remains the same as last year...\$28 per person including admission, program, food, soft drinks and fresh baked cookies (yum...yum) for desert. Oh yes...valet parking is also included!

Please fill out the coupon below as soon as you can and send it with your check at the address shown. **Last day to mail your coupon is May 30.** We will mail your tickets on June 5.

Stay happy and healthy. I look forward to seeing you on June 12 at Hollywood Park.



RELAC DAY AT THE RACES
Hollywood Park Race Track
Thursday, June 12, 2008



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (____) _____

No. of tickets _____ @ \$28.00 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 30, 2008

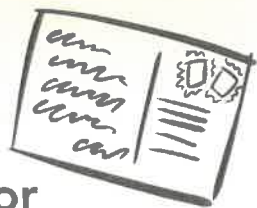
WINNERS OF VALENTINE DRAWING

Each One Gets \$25!!!

VALENTINE DRAWING 2008

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Moyna B. Bugler • Palmdale, CA
Chuck Casey • Parker, CO
Carl K. Chow • Los Angeles, CA
Eilene Coleman • Long Beach, CA
James Coles • Alhambra, CA
Carole Duran • Meadview, AZ
Christina Fuentes • Los Alamitos, CA
Josie Gaines • Las Vegas, NV
Gerald W. Griesbach • Oakes, ND
Willi D. Hill • Orange, CA
Michael W. Kapic • Alhambra, CA
Howard Kumashiro • Long Beach, CA
Robert H. Lancaster • Newhall, CA
Esoof D. Madha • Los Angeles, CA
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Kiyoko Maruyama • Los Angeles, CA
Judy L. Miller • Edmonds, WA
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Ruben Olson • Lebanon, MO
Thomas Orsat • Sante Fe Springs, CA
Elinor Osman • Los Angeles, CA
Laura Pearl • Rancho Mirage, CA
Rose A. Queen • Paso Robles, CA
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Ora L. Sanders • Los Angeles, CA
Hisa Sakiyama • Los Angeles, CA
Beverly Sammon • Glendale, CA
Jane Sarnelle • Woodland Hills, CA
Bernice Martin Smith • Los Angeles, CA
Shirley Smith-Ennen • Lake Elsinore, CA
Rita L. Styles • Winston, OR
Marie S. Takano • Gardena, CA
Miwako Temple • Coos Bay, OR
H. Ba Than • Sylmar, CA
Jessie M. Thompson • Harbor City, CA
Richard Trigg • Kimerling City, MO
Teresa Vega • Los Angeles, CA

Letters To The Editor



I would like to be placed on your list to receive the Pocket Secretary which I used to receive. I retired in 1997 and no longer receive the Pocket Secretary and the yearly calendar which showed paydays.

Aida White
Sun City, CA

Aida, Sorry you didn't get the Pocket Secretary. We have mailed you another one.

I received your lovely card and it gave me homesickness. I enjoyed being a RELAC officer and never will forget the days and trips we spent together. I will be 97 in February and I pray for all my friends that have gone. God bless you all and have a Happy New Year.

Mary Gutierrez
Alhambra, CA

We wish Mary a happy 97th birthday. She was a long-time and valued member of the RELAC Board of Directors. Among her achievements was spearheading the establishment of the Outreach Program for members over ninety years of age.

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

Rex Castellaw
Mission Viejo, CA

Be assured that John Fleming is committed to keep working hard to get SB 670, the re-marriage bill, adopted in L.A. County

I thank you and your Outreach Committee for the delightful greeting card and the magnifier. Such a thoughtful gift. At my age my sight is impaired and I can use some help. The words "Outreach" define the essence of what Government Social Services are about. As an AFDC worker I can remember the Christmas times when we had boxes with turkeys and the meal-makings in our office to deliver to destitute families out in the boon docks where Canyon Country was then. In pouring rain and mud I drive after work with my slicker and boots and umbrella to bring food, diapers, baby blankets and a teddy bear to a young mother and child all alone and feeling deserted. She was only one of many recall who were so grateful for our Outreach! I never dreamed I would live this long (91 next January). I almost died when I was retired and my supervisor did die the same year I got sick. Both from the same disease – Crohn's Disease. My medical program and my pension have been the blessing that has provided me with the means to survive and I am so grateful. I have friends here who are retired employees of Carson City and take me to their luncheons. I attract the same sort of people everywhere! The Care-Givers – the folks who reach out in love and concern to the less fortunate and ill – informed and deprived. Just know, as you are winding up the last hours and days and all the fuss and

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RV Outing Notes



Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton
Co-Coordinator of RV Club

Frosty windows in early mornings and warmer days, that is what we enjoyed at our Campout at Pechanga in Temecula. Joe and Helen Quintana were wagon masters with Don and Shirley Egbert as Assistants. We all help each other during our campouts so it's a lot of fun and not much work for any one wagon master.

We welcomed two new rigs to our group and hope they join us again. They were Pat Landers who drove down from Porterville area, and Patrick and Shirley Donoho from the Cerritos area. Jesse and Phyllis Murph drove over to spend a day with us also.

Frank and Diane Maestas will be wagon masters at our campout in Hemet. March is a good time to be at Mountain Valley RV Park. Diamond Lake is a beautiful place to view and, of course, there is always a golf course or Casino to throw money at.

Ed and Janell Clifton will be wagon masters in Buellton. Don't forget table service for all meals. Business meeting always follows Tuesday's morning breakfast and we now have Monday evening hors d'oeuvres; it's a shared meal with all of us catching up on what's happening. If you have any questions call us at 562-428-3360.

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frustration winds down that nothing has been wasted! You are needed and appreciated and that is what it is all about! RELAC has been the guardian, the Watch-Dog, over-seeing the management, investment and allocation of our Retirement Funds and that is why we are all being cared for in our final days. Love & Blessings.

Nikki (Juanita) Campbell

Carson City, NV

Thanks, Nikki, for all those kind words and for your valuable service to others.

Attn Office Staff: You are all so nice It's a pleasure to call your office. I wish I had taken the lady's name that helped me this past week. I had misplaced my 2008 calendar and had been looking for it some time. As you know they come early. I was now in dire need of one...as I now have appt's. into March. Well, I am not only getting one for myself, you've kindly said you would send one to my husband as well. I treat mine like a diary and keep them for reference. So you can imagine how disgusted I was with myself. As you've discovered I'm not computer wise. It would help with letters...but I'm really OK with my old Royal...and would rather spend my time with a book. Secondly, I don't know where we'd put it. I'm so glad we have dedicated people like Mr. Norm Johnson, Bob Stotelmeyer, Ed Morris, Bill de la Garza, and that very bright Diane Sandoval...and people like RELAC office staff. Happy New Year to All.... and wonderful new adventures for the coming year.

Maudie Bedwell

Newhall, CA

Happy New Year to you too, Maudie. The Staff and the Board appreciate your praise.

Thank you for enriching my life with the pension and newsletter. I have been a widow 20 years. Ernie Hurtt died September 1986 – and you and Social Security have allowed me too independently to stay in my home, and at 86 I am still here (alone) gardening, quilting and playing cards, etc. Thank you all.

Ruth Hurtt

Long Beach, CA

We will try again this year to attend the Vegas Luncheon! We had reservations last year and at the last minute I had to go to the Hospital. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

Valla Mae Gomez

Downey, CA

President Morris: Season Greeting and Best Wishes for another successful year to you and your staff. Thank you, again, for your invitation to our RELAC's Annual Awards Luncheon.

Lawrence C. Nosco

Los Angeles, CA

Larry Nosco is a distinguished former member of the RELAC Board and a past president.

Thank you for the 2008 pocket secretary. Enclosed please find my check for \$24 to renew my dues. (I think that is the correct amount. Let me know if it is not.)

Virginia/Ginger Barnard

Playa del Rey, CA

Ginger, the amount is correct.

Best wishes to the Outreach Committee for a wonderful Holiday Season received and appreciated so much! RELAC's 50th Birthday coming up next month. How time flies!! Thank you.

Florence Anderson

Torrance, CA

I am a retiree from LACO Probation, retired on 1/20/86. However, I am not sure where my RELAC membership card is. I have been a member throughout my career from 3/21/60, according to my "Retired" badge. My concern is that I wish to attend the 3/11/08 General Meeting at Ayres Hall in Arcadia – which states "...you will need your RELAC Membership Card". Thank you for your continued good services to us retirees. When I meet with my "old friends" everyone is envious of the good treatment I receive from LA County? Thank you, again, for taking good care of my needs.

Henry Y. Ikemoto

Downey, CA

Henry, your membership card has been sent.

I thank you so much for all you do for this 93 year old. I appreciate you very much. You make my life so much brighter. God bless you all and please keep up your good work. With much love and appreciation.

Betty Brand

Westlake Village, CA

Hi Ed Morris! I remember the meeting in Patriotic Hall. I represent the Road Department. I retired January 03, 1970. The newsletters are very informative. Keep up the good work.

Walt Prell

Sun City, CA

Mr. Fleming: I just wanted to thank you for your continued efforts with regard to SB 670. I hope that we will be the 10th County to implement this benefit. I had all but given up on the possibility but your recent article has renewed my hope. Thanks again.

Jan Musial

Flagstaff, AZ 86002

May you, who do so much for all of us, have the very best in 2008!!!

Walter W. Walker

Ventura, CA

To all of you: Thanks for everything you do Your newsletters are so good. Take care, God Bless, and have a happy New Year.

JoAnn Adams

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Reno Calling! My big 90 is at hand! Familiar names pass by me and I think of our golden days! We must all try to smile, think and care for others more. Stay away from stressful thoughts, time takes care of most problems. The good Lord will not forget us.

Alma A. Aghbashian
Reno, NV

Congratulations on 50 years. You all deserve a thank you for a great job. Once again, congratulations.

Vijaya S. Komanduri
Diamond Bar, CA

Thank you for the Newsletter and a chance to win the Valentine Drawing. I carry my Pocket Secretary in my purse and refer to it frequently. On June 24, 2008 I will be 90! Happy New Year.

June R. Millar
Glendale, AZ

Thank you for the RELAC Valentine Drawing coupon. If I win, the money is already spent. Any redemptions, reimbursements, etc I receive go into my special vacation fund. Last year, I drive to Texas for our 65 High School reunion. When I was 79 in '02 I drove to Alaska with my little dog, Alexander. None of this would have been possible without you. Thanks so much for all your care.

Wanda L. Fulbright
Prescott, AZ

Happy Valentine's Day yourself and many thanks for all you do!

Frederick Locke
Altadena, CA

Thank you very much for the yearly secretaries that are sent. I work part-time and it is wonderful to be able to keep track of schedules. Getting the Newsletters sort of keeps me in contact with the happenings there. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Lois White
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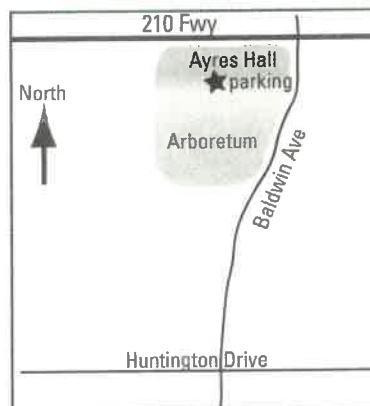
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