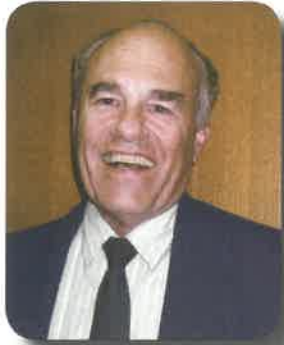


President's Message

by Ed Morris



Regional Meeting

The Regional meeting held on March 22 in Las Vegas attracted 190 in attendance. It was **RELAC's** third such meeting. The members and guests had the opportunity to ask questions of the featured speaker, LACERA CEO Gregg Rademacher. Gregg covered several issues of concern for the LACERA retirees including health reforms which could impact our program.

Board and Committee Volunteers

The election for upcoming Board of Directors is this summer. RELAC encourages members who want to volunteer their services by serving as a member of the Board to read the article submitted by Diane Sandoval, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Board and committee members spend a lot of volunteer time working for RELAC. This organization is the only one who serves all of Los Angeles County retirees.

RELAC Activities

Take the time to pursue the availability of activities for members and guests which are coming up the balance of this year. These include the Picnic, Day at the Races, Dodger Baseball Game, Golf, and General Membership Meetings in June, September and December.

Personal Spotlight

By the time you read this my wife Pat and I will have completed a two-week cruise to Hawaii for our celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Aloha

At the General Membership Meeting in Claremont on March 8 the featured speaker, Rochelle Zuckerman, delivered a highly informative presentation on Alzheimer's Disease. Ms. Zuckerman represented the Alzheimer's Association.
(photo by Sol Fingold)



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Retirement Board

by Bill de la Garza
Your Elected Retirement Board Trustee



Health Care Still Number One Concern

In the March/April issue of RELAC'S Newsletter, I wrote about Governor Schwarzenegger's unrealistic assumptions regarding his proposed universal health plan for all Californians. I received some calls from readers who felt that I was not being fair to Arnold. Certainly this is a complex and controversial subject on which there are many opinions and little agreement. Now that the U.S. presidential campaign season is well underway, it seems like each of the candidates are introducing varied solutions to the problems of funding and administering health care. Policy proposals have appeared on the scene from several high electoral vote states including California as well as from the Bush administration.

Greener Pastures is Not the Solution

Many presidential candidates, legislators and other self appointed experts in health care have expressed their support for restructuring our health care system toward government-run health care like our Canadian neighbors to the north. I don't believe that is the answer. Let me share some alarming facts that were released from the Fraser Institute, the New England Journal of Medicine and various government sources in Canada.

- Canadians wait an average eight to 12 weeks for necessary cardiac surgery.
- They wait 10 to 20 weeks for brain surgery and 30 to 90 days for an MRI
- They wait up to five weeks to see a cancer specialist.
- They wait 23 to 58 weeks for a hip replacement.

Canada also ranks very low in access to modern medical technology, even compared with countries with significant government control of health care. Despite long waiting periods for medical care, Canada's public health spending in most provinces is on pace to consume more than half of total revenue sources by 2020, and two thirds by 2035.

Unlike Canada, in the US wait-times for needed cardiac surgery or necessary coronary artery bypass surgery are almost zero. Maybe prescription drugs are cheaper in Canada, but if you need surgery or emergency care, medical experts will tell you that you're much better off in the good old USA.

Happy with Blue Cross III

A little over six years ago, I wrote an article in the RELAC newsletter explaining the merits of LACERA'S Medicare/Blue Cross III plan. I still continue to get calls in reference to the article. If you would like a copy, please call the RELAC office at (800) 537-3522. We will be happy to mail you a copy. I urge you to keep reading your RELAC Newsletter for information pertaining to L.A. County Retirees.

Until next time, have a great summer season. Stay healthy and enjoy your well deserved retirement. As customary, I leave you with this thought:

"When a man who feeds the world by toiling in the fields is himself deprived of feeding, sheltering and caring for his own family, the whole community of man is sick."
Cesar Chavez



Board of Directors General Membership and Business Meetings

Take particular note of the **General Membership Meetings** (bolded) that are held at various locations. The **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 24, 2007
RELAC Office

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 19, 2007

**Santa Clarita Elk's Lodge
17766 Sierra Highway
Canyon Country, CA 91351-1635
9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

July 26, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

September, 27, 2007
RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING

October 25, 2007
RELAC Office

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE RELAC BOARD

by Diane Sandival,
Chair, Nominations and Election Committee

Each year five (5) RELAC directors are elected for three year terms. Therefore RELAC is searching for volunteers who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. Have you ever thought of being a volunteer for RELAC? The procedure is quite easy. If you are interested in serving on the RELAC Board, all you have to do is send a letter to the RELAC office no later than **May 15, 2007** and plan to come in to the RELAC Office to meet with the Nominations/Election Committee members. Your letter should briefly state your interest in serving as a member of the Board and should include a statement of your experience and education. After an interview with the Committee your name will be added to the current pool of candidates.

What should I expect and what is expected of me?

RELAC meets at the RELAC office on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. RELAC schedules four (4) General Membership Meetings throughout the year at various locations within the Los Angeles County area. RELAC holds four (4) to six (6) Regional Support Meetings each year at locations outside the Los Angeles County area. In addition, Committee meetings are held (at the RELAC office) throughout the year as needed to plan the various events RELAC offers its members.

All RELAC asks is that you:

- Be a member in good standing
- Have the time to serve the members of RELAC by actively participating on Committees
- Participate at RELAC activities and events
- Enjoy interaction with people
- Have the time and be committed to attend Board and committee meetings
- Have either a fax or computer available to receive important memos and reports.

Following your interview, the Nominations and Election Committee will present a list of all interested candidates to the RELAC Board at its May 24th business meeting. The Board will then select a slate of five (5) nominees for Director who will serve a three year term beginning in January 2008.

What if you're not selected to be on the slate or miss the May 15th deadline?

If you are not selected to be on the slate and miss the May 15th deadline (are interested in serving as a director) and are a regular (dues paying) member or an honorary (over 80 and no longer paying dues) member who was formerly a regular member, you will have to file a signed petition of not less than twenty-five (25) members. **Your signed petition must be received at the RELAC Office no later than July 31, 2007.**

Petition forms are available at the RELAC Office and must be accompanied with a letter of acceptance from you. PLEASE NOTE: THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER METHOD OF NOMINATION. (Article VI. of the RELAC By-laws).

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RELAC & Fireworks Night at Dodger Stadium

by Raymond Guyovich
Chair, Special Events Committee

It is time to think baseball for the year 2007. The game, between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Atlanta Braves will take place on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at 6:10 p.m. at Dodger Stadium. The price of the tickets are \$17.00 each. The seats are in the lower reserved section on the third base side. This is the game where the most spectacular fireworks ever will take place! So, don't miss this great event. We ordered 200 seats in the lower reserved section. Order your tickets early!



BASEBALL TICKETS

Game Starts at 6:10 P.M.
Wednesday, July 4, 2007
DODGERS VS. BRAVES

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

No. of Tickets _____ @ \$17.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Scenes From Las Vegas

photos by Sol Fingold



At the Las Vegas Regional Meeting LACERA CEO Gregg Rademacher provided a comprehensive report on the status of retiree benefits and on their future prospects.



Many RELAC members have had the pleasure of communicating by phone or e-mail with Deanna (Dee) Norton, the friendly and efficient Director of Administration. Above you can see Dee taking some time off at the Las Vegas meeting. She is with her friend Bob Arballo.



Board member Marianne Reich is seen holding up the roll of tickets for the popular 3-Way Split bettor's raffle. With Marianne is Pat Burnes.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

by Alan Chancellor
Chair, Regional Support



Las Vegas Luncheon-Meeting

Hello again from your Regional Support Committee. We are happy to bring you an excellent report from our luncheon-meeting in Las Vegas on March 22nd. There were over 190 tickets sold with approximately 170 in attendance. There were lots of compliments on how nice our new choice of hotel was for this year; the Suncoast Hotel and Casino. We agree, it was an outstanding choice and the hotel staff, accommodations and environment couldn't have been nicer.

This year we tried a new tack and included a "3 Way Split" bettor's raffle that saw three attendees each win a cash prize of \$162. These prizes were in addition to 26 other substantial prizes that included a 3 day, 2 night stay at the Suncoast that was donated by the hotel. Lots of fun for everyone and better than casino odds, I'm sure.

In addition to the party atmosphere we had the pleasure of being addressed by LACERA CEO Gregg Rademacher. He was excellent, providing the audience with a comprehensive overview of retirement, investments, and benefits issues. Thank you, Gregg. Thanks also to our Las Vegas resident volunteers; Barbara Terry, Charles Kimura, John Hooe and Pat and Dale McMullen. We're already planning for a possible event in Vegas in 2008 and are again recruiting. Let us know if you'd like to help.

LANCASTER Luncheon-Meeting

We got together on April 5, 2007 at the beautiful Lancaster Elks Lodge. Donna Livermore and her band of volunteers made this another fun and informative event – we always have a great time in the Antelope Valley and this was another success. Our guest speaker was Mr. Rob Hill, LACERA Assistant Executive Officer. Not only was this an excellent event, but it came at a reduced price of \$15 per person – less than last year's cost. We were pleased to have seen those in attendance at the party and to have shared Donna's incomparable jokes.

COACHELLA VALLEY Breakfast-Meeting

By the time you read this article the following events will have passed, but you can look forward to our articles in the next edition of the Newsletter. This will be one of our first Regional events of this kind. RELAC will be hosting a continental-style breakfast meeting for members at 10:00am, April 23, 2007 in Palm Desert at NO COST TO RELAC MEMBERS. RELAC's 2nd Vice President Ida Ramos is opening the doors to her residence to host the meeting at 39239 Regency Way, Palm Desert.

ORANGE COUNTY Breakfast-Meeting

Our tentatively planned meeting in Orange County on June 7th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. We will look forward to posting another invitation soon.

In closing, best wishes from your RELAC Board of Directors – see you soon.

Investments Board



by Diane Sandoval
Retiree Representative,
LACERA Board of Investments

Last month at our General Membership Meeting in Claremont I asked how many in attendance were concerned about the recent correction in the stock market and wondered if it might affect their pensions.



Many in attendance raised their hands. I assured them that our pensions are not at risk. We will continue receiving our pension checks for life because we are in a Defined Benefit Plan. LACERA prudently invests the money it receives from Los Angeles County and its members by diversifying the portfolio over all the asset classes.

At the end of December 31, 2006 (the latest quarterly investment performance report available) LACERA's portfolio was diversified as follows:

Domestic Equity	33.7%
International Equity	23.4%
Private Equity	5.9%
Fixed Income	26.5%
Real Estate	9.4%
Cash	1.2%

To illustrate how LACERA assets are diversified I decided to break down the Real Estate portfolio for you. LACERA's Real Estate portfolio totaled approximately \$3.5 billion at December 31, 2006 and was diversified by location, property type and investment manager as follows:

By Location

Approximately 36% of the portfolio is invested in properties in the Pacific Region; followed by the Southeast at 20%, Northeast at 11% and Southwest at 9%.

By Property Type

Office properties is the highest holding at 28%, followed by Industrial at 23%, Apartments at 19%, Retail at 16% and Hotels at 7%.

By Investment Manager

RREEF has the highest holdings at 32.5%, followed by T.A. Associates at 28.1% and Invesco at 18.5%.

News From LACERA

by Janice Golden
Assistant Executive Officer



LACERA is committed to keeping retirees up-to-date on the status of new laws and/or court settlements that may impact retirement benefits. These updates are available through a number of sources, including our website, www.lacera.com and **Spotlight on Retirement**, our retiree newsletter. In addition, you can speak with one of LACERA's knowledgeable Retirement Benefits Specialists by calling 1-800-786-6464 or you may email us at welcome@lacera.com; we'll gladly answer your questions.

Here are status updates on the Bugh Case and the Pension Protection Act Health Care Tax Benefit.

BUGH CASE

The Bugh Case concerns the pension benefits of retirees who received flexible benefit earnings while employed and whose final compensation was calculated prior to January 1, 1991. Prior to that date (and back to the 1985 inception of the flexible benefit program), County contributions to the flexible benefit program were not treated as pensionable. In this case, the Trial Court held that any portion of the County contribution an employee received in cash is pensionable. However, the amount of the contribution an employee used to purchase benefits remains non-pensionable.

LACERA has already communicated to the group of affected members regarding the planned implementation of the settlement agreement.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT – HEALTH CARE TAX BENEFIT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) was signed into law by President Bush in August of 2006 and became effective January 1, 2007. The PPA permits eligible retired Public Safety Officers (PSO) to exclude up to \$3,000 of distributions from their LACERA retirement plan for direct payment of health care premiums. These before-tax distributions will be used by LACERA for direct payment of qualified accident or health and/or long-term care insurance premiums for the public safety officer, his or her spouse, and /or dependents.

LACERA sent notices to all retirees about this Health Care Tax Benefit. Additionally, follow-up mailings were sent to targeted groups likely impacted by the benefit. The PPA classifies a Public Safety Officer as "an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, as a chaplain, or as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew." To be eligible for the tax benefit, in addition to meeting the definition, the individual must have separated from service as a PSO and retired on disability or attained the normal retirement age. (Normal retirement age is 55 for safety plans A and B; 57 for general plans A, B, C, and D; and 65 for general Plan E.) Other requirements also apply; for more details visit the Benefits-Retired Member section of www.lacera.com.

I hope the above information is helpful. If you have questions regarding your retirement or health care benefits, please contact LACERA at 1-800-786-6464.

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Golf News



La Mirada Golf Course Golf Tournament 4-02-07

by Gil Sandoval

A beautiful day for golf, as 70 players with
37 of them participating in the Skin's Game..

Harlan DeBie had his best net round with our
group with a score of 65 to win the "A". Ernie
Barrera the "B" group. The "C" group was
a horse race with Yosh Fukumoto the victor.
The Women's flight was a win for Nancy Signer
as her net 64 outdistanced Lil Hamasu and
Charlene DeBie.

Flight "A" (0-19 Handicaps)

- 1st Harlan DeBie (65)
- 2nd Eddie Carrillo (68)*
- 3rd Mike Haile (68)
- 3rd Shig Yonamine (68)

Flight "B" (20-25 Handicaps)

- 1st Ernie Barrera (67)
- 2nd Henry Villaseñor (69)*
- 3rd Gary Gillian (70)

Flight "C" (26-38 Handicaps)

- 1st Yosh Fukumoto (67)*
- 2nd Phil Sandoval (67)*
- 3rd Marvin Lane (67)
- 3rd Ed Acosta (67)

Ladies "All"

- 1st Nancy Signer (64)
- 2nd Lil Hamasu (71)*
- 3rd Charlene DeBie (71)

* Won in card off.

Closest to the Pin on Par 3's

Men - # 5 McKinley Phillips

#11 Gil Sandoval

#13 Shig Yonamine

#1 Ernie Barrera

Women - #5 No One

#11 No One

#13 Nancy Signer

#17 Lil Hamasu

NEXT TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 4, 2007

Los Amigos Country Club

8:00 a.m. start.

RELAC Golf Entry Form

Los Amigos Country Club
7295 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 90242



Monday, June 4, 2007

Please Print

1. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fees: \$31.00 PER GOLFER - CART EXTRA

If possible, place me in a foursome with below listed
golfers. Addresses of all golfers MUST be included.

If possible, we would prefer an

Early _____ Late _____ starting time.

2. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

3. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

4. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

NOTE: Only ONE GUEST per member.
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91803-8802

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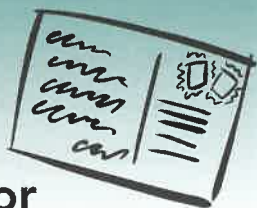
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Letters To The Editor



Thank you very much for being declared a winner in this year's Valentines Day. I showed my wife the article and she said: Fill it in and send it in but I told her, why? I never get picked for any prizes but this time I won and with that money I took my Valentine to a good restaurant. Thank you folks again.

Jose Falcon
La Mirada, CA

Thank you all so much for the Valentine drawing prize. What an absolutely wonderful surprise it was! I am so appreciative. The best to all of you good people.

Arlene Herron
Culver City, CA

Thank you so much for the Valentine check of \$25. I had forgotten that I entered this contest – so it was a complete and pleasant surprise.

Natalie Scotton
Sherman Oaks, CA

Thank you for a great luncheon meeting. Look forward for next years.

Bette Kim
Monterey Park, CA

I am enclosing the Valentine drawing coupon. Also, I would like to take this moment to thank you and those who make it possible to do all the wonderful work to keep up with all of us retirees – a "special thank you" – for the handy pocket secretary. Thanks again for a job well done!

Linda Campos
Downey, CA

Per our telephone conversation today enclosed is my check in the amount of \$24.00 for my annual RELAC membership dues. As mentioned, I recently retired from LA County service after 36 years, effective October 30, 2006 – Alcohol & Drug Program Administration, ADPA, (located in Bldg A-9E at the Alhambra campus where your offices are located). ADPA, which is under the Department of Public Health, is the last county department that I was assigned to and thus, retired from. I would appreciate my name and the name of the Department mentioned in your next RELAC Newsletter. Retirement is a BLAST!! Thanks much for all the interesting articles, especially the ads. May I suggest that you also include info and references re: computer classes, exercise and maybe classes to learn how to play golf in some of your ads?

Kris Henderson
Los Angeles, CA

Happy New Year and Happy Valentine's Day to you all!!
Gladys Wymore
Glendale, CA

Just returned from the Daytona 500 and found a nice Valentine's Day check in our mail. Thank you very much!!! We will put it towards the Vegas trip in March.

Ken Ward & Girls
Gardnerville, NV

Please cancel my \$2.00 RELAC fee. Thanks. One of the nicest things I ever did for myself was to go to work for L.A. County in June, 1967. I was part of the work force that opened up the Watts DPSS office. As an accountant I moved from 7C to Accountant II by taking qualifying tests. Some wonderful places to work and interesting people to meet. In 1979 my husband, Charlie, and I retired and built a home overlooking Williamson Valley in Prescott, AZ. Beautiful. Recently I had a new roof installed and the house is now yellow with white trimming. I'm preparing to move to Samaritan Village and everything costs more than I expected. So, I'm looking for places to save money. I was born January 10, 1923,

Wanda L. Fullbright
Prescott, AZ

Thank you so much for my RELAC Valentine drawing winnings. I appreciate it so much.

Barbara Simmons
Downey, CA

Thank you so much for the Birthday card. I truly appreciated it and thank you RELAC for all that you do for us retirees.

Betty Brand
Westlake Village, CA

One of these days I'm going to attend one of your events. There are still people there whose names I remember and who still remember my husband Dick. Keep up the good work.

Barbara Dinnerline
La Canada, CA

Barbara, we would love to see you at as many of our events as possible.
- Editor

I really want to "Thank you" for my valentine gift. It was truly a pleasant surprise.

Mary Williams-Coston
Los Angeles, CA

I enjoy your Newsletter but I'm puzzled as to why my husband has never been named in your Memoriam page. He passed away October 9. I'm surprised you weren't notified. If I was supposed to do that – I apologize.

Dolores Parrish
Diamond Bar, CA

Dolores, We can't account for your husband's name not appearing. We have added it to In Memoriam in this issue. It was not your responsibility to inform us. - Editor

Thank you RELAC for remembering my 93rd Birthday.

Florence D. Permaul
Oakland, CA

What a great Valentine's Day gift! Thanks for the surprise. Also, I enjoy the Newsletter which provides a link between the County and its retirees. It's nice to still feel part of the County family. I hope the Newsletter never loses its personal tone and touch because then it becomes just another piece of impersonal communication. Keep up the good work!

Beverly Ng
Monterey Park, CA

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New Members



February & March 2007

DPSS

Angelo, Linda R.
Kinnell, Harriet Francine
Shade, Elaine B.

Fire

Almazan, Joseph F.
Petrokowitz, Donna L.

LAC/USC Med Center

Gonzales, Raymond
Katchur, Marlene M.

Public Works

Meech, Shirley F.

Sheriff

Farrell, Thomas E.

Superior Court

Hebert, Jerrilyn A.

Department Not Designated

Moreno, Dahlia

Investments continued from p.6

Over a five year period the Real Estate Portfolio returned a net real rate of return of 9.8%. Well above the actuarial assumed rate of 7.75%. At a recent meeting, the Board approved a commitment of approximately \$40 million in two commingled overseas funds managed by Coldwell Banker's Richard Ellis (CBRE). One of the funds will invest in properties primarily in the United Kingdom while the other fund will invest in properties in the well developed countries in Europe, namely, Italy, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Austria.

I hope you find the above information of interest and hope that it will allay any concerns you might have about LACERA's portfolio. Enjoy your retirement – you've earned it!



RV Outing Notes

Janell Clifton & Ed Clifton
Co-Coordinator of RV Club



Extra blankets and furnaces were needed in Hemet at our last campout, as it was very cool. But 20 rigs were still checked in and we had a great time. Those who didn't golf either shopped or went sightseeing around the area. Quite a few decided to go to the casino to make a special deposit. We played a lot of cards and got caught up on 'what's happening' with our friends and their families.

Mike and Flora Frazier and their helpers did a great job as wagon masters. Before our usual business meeting on Tuesday morning, another wonderful breakfast was served. On Wednesday evening 38 of us walked to a nearby café to enjoy ladies night out. It's always fun to see the look on peoples faces when we all walk in together.

We had two new couples at our campout. Norida and Norman Nelson and Corey Lee and Noble Fallas. Hope to see them again. We would love to have you join us. Five campouts are planned every year, just enough to keep us busy, but we still have lots of time to go on many trips on our own.

Have a great summer and we are making plans for Chula Vista in September and Indio in October. As you read this we will be in Buellton with Vivian and Jerry Moore as wagon masters. You can always try to catch us at home, call us with your suggestions and questions. Our number is 562-428-3360.

Schedule for 2007 Campouts:

Flying Flags
Buellton
May 7-8-9

Chula Vista
RV Resort
September 10-11-12

Shadow Hills
Indio
October 22-23-24

Join RELAC in Helping to Set the Record Straight

It's not too late to join the corps of RELAC members who are checking the newspapers for articles and editorials that misinform the public about public employee pensions. When you see such misinformation in the paper you regularly read you can write a letter to the editor that provides the genuine facts. If you call or write the RELAC office we will send you good information that you can include in your letters to the editor. In that way you can set the record straight and help to defend our retirement benefits.. Call 800-537-3522 or write to RELAC, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803 or e-mail to admin@relac.org.

Members Spotlight



RELAC INSURANCE UPDATE

by Greg Walia

Chair, Ad Hoc Benefits Study Committee

Over the past couple of months or so, some RELAC members have inquired about the various insurance programs RELAC offers through Pacific Group Agencies (PGA). These programs were first announced in our September/October, 2006 issue of the Newsletter. Briefly, members and their spouses can get insurance coverage for Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D), Supplemental Delta Dental, Hearing Aid and Legal Assistance programs at significantly reduced rates. So, if you are interested in inquiring about any of these programs, please contact PGA directly at 1-800-817-8838. Please note that the member rates currently offered for these programs are good only through September, 2007 unless extended by RELAC Board.



LA PUBLIC LIBRARY SEEKS DOCENTS

The Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library, located downtown at 5th and Flower Streets, seeks volunteers to lead tours of its historical landmark building and the resources which it houses. Different tours are given of the beautiful building's art and architecture, its surrounding gardens and its special resources for young children, preteens, adolescents and those learning English as a second language. Volunteers will receive 16 hours of classroom training on the substance and technique of the tours. They will have individualized assistance of an experienced mentor as they begin to tour groups. Classes will be held in September and October. Applications are being accepted now and interviews are being conducted. Volunteers select the specific tours they wish to lead on a monthly basis, giving schedule flexibility throughout the year. Free parking is provided. The library requests a minimum of 24 tours per year, and a two year commitment. Call 213-228-7283 or go to <http://www.lapl.org/central/tours.html> for an application and more information about the tours offered.

Ray and Camille Cash Married 60 Years 03-07-47

Ray and Camille Cash of Penn Valley, CA celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently. They were married March 7, 1947 in Hollywood, CA. Their daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Dick Schoeni, and their grandson, Derek Schoeni, surprised them with a celebration including family and friends. Ray retired in 1980 from the Los Angeles County Fire Department with 32 years of service. He served as a P51 Fighter Pilot during WWII. Camille retired in 1979 from the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors. She first came to the Assessor's Office in 1955. Ray and Camille retired to Nevada County, CA in 1980 and now reside in Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley, CA. Their favorite time is spent with family and friends golfing, square dancing and traveling.

It was a delightful surprise to open the envelope containing the \$25 check for the Valentine drawing. The check was a blessing. Thank you.

Betty Enderle
La Palma, CA

I would like to add my thanks to all those fortunate in winning the \$25 Valentine. I should have started sooner. Thank you for all the many benefits, large and small received over our years of retirement. Also, I would like information to correct misinformation in the media and otherwise pertaining to erroneous statements. The public is often victimized due to the half-truths in the news media and otherwise. Thank you again for you many efforts.

Doris Firth
San Fernando, CA

Doris, we have sent you information that will assist you to correct misinformation about our retirement system. Thanks for your interest in helping to set the record straight. – Editor

I read in the newsletter that if one turns 81, they are exempt from the dues. I am over 88 years old. I look forward to reading the RELAC newsletter and all news. I have been using the pocket secretary every year. Thank you very much. I'm wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous 2007.

Grace Sanwo
Davis, CA

Please waive my RELAC dues. I became 82 year of age on 12-11-06. I have appreciated all of the fine work you folks have done for retirees through the years. Your Newsletter is outstanding.

Emory Hatcher
Denver, CO

I turned eighty on January 10th of this year. Please waive my dues. Thank you.

Maria C. Lopez
North Las Vegas, NV

I was born October 15, 1923. I graduated from High School in 1942 after Pearl Harbor. I was sent to Fort Custer, Michigan. In 1943 I took Basic Training in Camp Crowder in southwest MO. I trained on January 1945 by crawling in snow and had to spend six weeks in the Army Hospital from a sore throat. From there, I was trained in the Hollabird Signal Depot in Baltimore, Maryland. I went by ship about 20 miles south of Guadalcanal to British New Guinea. After about a week, I next sailed to Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea. I was a casualty on January 7, 1945 and spent about six weeks there in the local Hospital. From there we sailed to Cebu, Pl. I was there when President Truman had the Atomic Bombs dropped. He saved my life as we were scheduled to go in to Tokyo on the third day. From Cebu we went by LST to Linguyen to wait until we could be sent back to the USA.

From San Francisco, I went by train to Jefferson Barracks, MO to be discharged from the Army on February 23, 1946. I graduated from the University of Illinois in January 1951. I went to Chicago, Illinois where it was 23 deg. below zero.

As a civilian I went to Pearl Harbor for two years (1951 – 1953). While there I saw General Omar Bradley and president elect Eisenhower returning in an aircraft carrier from a visit to Korea. While I was there I also saw battleship Iowa, the only ship with a bathtub for President Roosevelt during World War II.

I next came to 108 West Second Street in Los Angeles on July 15th, 1953, and I retired July 17th, 1981. I started as a Building Inspector and retired as a registered Civil Engineer. So many people I worked with have died. My last boss retired when I did. His name was Coleman Jenkins who died in May, 2006.

Clarence Ray Edwards
San Gabriel, CA

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Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA. Two prime plots in Garden of Prayer, lot 7320, space 3 and 4, valued at \$4,350 each. Will sell for \$3,895 OBF. Will pay \$300 transfer fee. Phone Dennis Kelly, (562) 375-0098, or email at dkbk1960@aol.com

Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double interment in Mignonette lot valued at \$6,095, asking \$5000. Call Lovie (909) 854-1381.

Silent Valley RV Resort Membership. Located off Hywy 273 between Banning and Idlewild at 3,000 feet. \$450.00 plus transfer fees. Harold Wilcox, 562-429-5035, 2770 Fanwood Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90815



IN MEMORIAM

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Adoptions

Lemmon, Lucille
Martin, Alma E.*

Animal Control

Overstreet, William H *

Arboreta & Botanic Gardens

Imanishi, Tsuned*

Art Museum

Edwards, Jacqueline M*

Assessor

Bennett, Jeanne
Fullbright, Anna
Somes, Margaret, J. *
Usatin, Josef E.

Beaches & Harbors

Iverson, Willie

Building Svcs

Hill, Myrna E.

Chief Administrative Office

Monroe, Leon M. *

Child Support Svcs

Alt, Theresa A.

Children's Services

Carter, Donald A.
Pace, Pearl D.*
Perez, Celia*
Runyan, Eloise E.*
Samaan, Farouk *
Silva, Wanda M.*
Williams, Reba M.

Coastal Health Svcs

Lara, Rose M.

Communications

Curtis, Donald W *
Schreyer, Stafford D.*

Community & Sr Citizens Services

Jones, Susan K.

County Clerk

Downs, Marie M.

County Counsel

Small, Beatrice L.

Data Processing

Noakes, Edith M.

District Attorney

Loeb, Gerald F.
Mietus, Edmund R.*

Facilities Management

Knieling, Arnold J.*
Wells Jr., Abner*

Fire

Delaney Jr., Paul C.
Groscup, William F. *
Hawthorne, John E.
Lambert, Raymond B.*

Landry, Clifford
Major, Earl W, *
McCone, Floyd C.*
Sigrist, George D.

Flood Control

Bruington, Arthur E. *
Burkhart, Herbert P.
Marquez, Alfonso*
Veazie, Marshall

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center

Hackett, Reid T.
Hurrell, Peggy S.
James, Theria M.
Sharweed, Abdel R.
Smith, Ulyone

Health Services

Clements, Elizabeth F.
Eisenhauer, Robert J.
Gresham, Lula M.
Hartbrodt, Laura
Holcomb, Ralph A. *
Lavery, Isabel
Telles, Charles D.*
Williams, Margaret C.*

High Desert Health System

Hooks, Eugene

Hospitals

Hogan, Christell M.

Internal Services

Jordan, Lee O.
Lee, Nam Y.
Mogol, Augusto S.
Rucker, Alberta

King/Drew Medical Center

Edwards, Julie A.*
Williams, Connie M.

LAC + USC Medical Center

Baily, Lillian M.
Bradford, Ola V.*
Chavez, Caridad A.
Chu, Thein P.
Davis, Leonard L.*
Hicks, Walter E.
Jackson, Evelyn B.
Jenkins, Mabel E.*
Koyama, Ayako M.*
La Frenais, Kenneth C. *
MacKenzie, Walter L.*
Nix, Ruby M.
Price, William T.*
Rickert, Patricia J.
Rodarte, Mary L.
Sloan, R. B. *

Thedhar, John
Wolf, Nora*

LACERA

Quevedo, Emma L.

Library

Rilea, Myra L. *

Marshal

Espen, Ole *
Magnusson, Louise E.*

Mechanical

Elders, Theddore G.*
Goodall, William V. *
Ingram, Wayne H. *
Kellum, Charles C.*
Lafayette, Edward A. *
Sowa, Alex J.
Vick, Alfred R. *

Mental Health

Cadano, Anacleto H.
Gurman, Stanley *

Municipal Court

Bouckhuys, Josephine R.
Rolens, Barbara A. (Rio Hondo)

Northeast CHC/Health Center

Navarette, Genaro

Olive View Medical Center

Abou Dagher, Fathy M.
Lajoy, Rose L.
Magill, Florence M.

Parks & Recreation

Almazan, Arthur A.
Curry, Ethel
De La Luz, Pedro*
Lewis, George H.
Thompson, Joseph N. *

Personnel

Merrill, Buell O. *
Yriarte, George V.

Plant Management

Ogata, John

Probation

Banks, Martha A.*
Banks, Sammie J. *
Beaumont, Theresa A.
Berry, Paul T.
De Leon, Marilyn
Feldman, Ronald
Freeman, Sylvia S.*
Holmes, Marvin E.*
Lewis, Herman E.
Ovieda, Marie
Sharp, Alex J.
Turner, W. T.
Velez, Vince

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Public Administrator

Gatewood, Charles *

Public Health Program

Cook, Sarah

Jay, Betsy N.

Le, Hanh Q.

Mortley, Barbara

Rajotte, Albert G. *

Torrence, Callie M.

Public Library

Crippen, Grant E.

Shirley, Margaret E. *

Public Social Svcs

Adler, Aaron

Banda, Henry*

Chase, Charlene A.

Child, Charlotte J. *

Cooper, Helen R. *

Cox, Muriel B. *

Curry, Ethel

Garcia, Yvonne M.

Golden, Mary E. *

Green, Charlotte D.

Gutierrez, Mercedes

Harker, Kathryn

Hicks, Barbara V.

Jackson, Aloise A. *

Jewell, Daniel J.

Kasiah, Juanita I. *

Kues, Irene L. *

Koran, Marion

MacDonald, John W.

Manchee, Nancy J.

Matlack, Catherine E.

Nofield, Maurine K.

Picard, Eunice F.

Ross, Marilyn

Russell, Joseph A

Simes, Marina C..

Slater, Gail M.

Sullivan, Sharon K.

Tessier, Rosalie

Turner, W. T.

Vietti, Michael T.

Public Works

Cheney, Wayne D. *

Delgado, Carlos

Grimes, Kinney

Heim, John A. *

Henderson, Clarence E.

Johnson, Leavelle F. *

Konieczny, Andres J.

Peck, Joseph W. *

Robb, Buford E.

Robledo, Daniel

Vietti, Michael

Rancho Los Amigos Hospital

Bowyer, Dawn

Callis, Sarah M. *

Derrick, Harold L.

Hall, Joyce L.

Hill, Dorothy I.

Rosen, Robert S.

Sekulic, Phyllis E.

Shermer, Felicitas

Wendland, Leonard V. *

Reg-Recorder/Co Clerk

Mc Glover, Jonas .

Montes, Elizabeth O.

Road Department

Clark, Clifford C.

Cris, Marvin E. *

Cruikshank, Victor B. *

Davis, Richard H. *

Hawkins, Herbert E. *

Lusardi, Peter H. *

Royce, Robert R. *

Sheriff

Brown, Rhea C.

Cadiente, Asuncion F.

Campbell, Jerry W. *

Collins, Ronald K.

Dejean, Harris J.

Dlugos, Michael R.

Gage Jr., Charles M. *

Kiess, John W.

McNeill, Thomas E. *

Maxwell, Jerry W. *

Parrish Jr., Otto W.

Redenker, Richard L.

Savage, Fred A.

Seeger, Otto*

Simpson, Icelene E.

Stafford, Elsan H. *

Stewart, John R. *

Stephenson, June*

Williams, Bernice

Williams, Larcean L.

So Coast Air Quality Mgmt Dist

Clinton, Ronald

Haley, Royce R. *

Spinks, John L. *

Superior Court/Co Clerk

Cos, Herbert H.

Martin, Wanda L.

Nibledd, Raymond C.

Superior Court Officers

Freeland, Dwight

Libow, Julius

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Elomina, Luis G.

Manuel, Richardo D.

Guston, Alice E. *

Weights & Measures

Hall, George A. *

Women's Hospital

Minter, Lucille E. *

Department Not Designated

Abshire, Isabelle E.

Ainsworth, Martha C.

Arnold, Charles E.

Balque, Antoinette D.

Bon Eske, John D.

Bradford, R. L.

Brinkmeyer, Alice R.

Burlin, Ralph M.

Cochran, Marie F.

Cooney, Anna P.

Dana, Gladys

Davis, Ted S.

De Heck, Charles

De Wolf, Rachel

Deyoe, Lita E.

Doty, Cecil

Dunn, Edwina R.

Eaby, Robert H.

Farvour, Thelma M.

Fernandes, Edward H. *

Fitts, William R.

Forbes, Virginia D.

Fox, Florence

Fulton, James R.

Gales, Edwin A.

Gonzales, John D.

Green, Eula M.

Hammer, Ruth K.

Henderson, Clarence C.

Hicks, Robert E.

Hooser, Minnie

Hubler, Ethel U.

Hull, Roland T.

Hussey, Robert G.

Jenkins, Herbert D.

Jobe, Ruth M.

Kempes, Carolina T.

Kendall, June R.

Klompberg, Gerald J. *

Knowles, Jimmy L.

Kramer, Helen A.

Krohn, Tave T.

Lang, Margaret K.

Leighton, Pernecia T.

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Lewis, William L.
 Lindahl, Stephenay M.
 Malcolm, Robert W.
 Marshall, Dorothy E.
 Mc Bride, Victoria
 McIntyre, Lynne
 McShann, Charlotte L.
 Monroe, Julia *
 Mouchet, Louise
 Murray, Robert
 Nicdao, Benita V.
 Nichols, Helen
 Pearson, Lawrence V.
 Perez, Juan
 Pollock, Kenneth A.
 Pomerantz, Louis A.
 Pope, John T.
 Purnell, Josephine B.
 Quilao, Lourdes
 Richardson, Myrtle Z.
 Selden, Gladys R.
 Senzel, Bernard
 Siff, Marshall S.
 Sorensen, Antoinette C.
 Stine, Lesta G.
 Thomas, Melba J.
 Thor, Arthur N.
 Titera, Richard S.
 Vaughn, Roger A.
 Wiedoef II, Herbert A.
 Welke, Ronald B.
 Williams, Agnes J.
 Williams, Dorothy B.*

LAST CALL TO RELAC DAY AT RACES, HOLLYWOOD PARK

by Greg Walia, Chair, Recreation Committee



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Volunteers continued from p. 3

If voting is necessary as a result of petitions filed, ballots will be distributed to all members via first class mail. Candidate statements are limited to 100 words and will be mailed with the ballots. **Ballots are returned to a designated independent third 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.

Your signed petition and letter of acceptance should be sent to:

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

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10:00 a.m. - Meeting Begins

Featured Speaker: Rob Hill

Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA)

Retiree Information from LACERA & RELAC

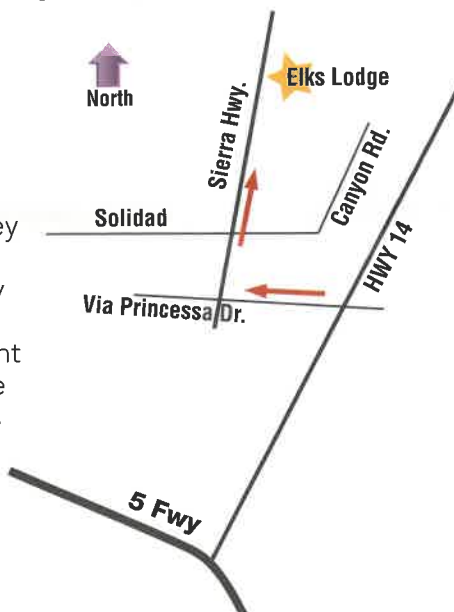
Domingo Delgado
Chair, Program Committee



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