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President's Message

by Brian Berger

RELAC is in the midst of a very busy season with many rewarding events for all of us, including participation in the March of Dimes March for Babies, the annual Recognition Luncheon, and A Night at the Dodgers on Friday, August 9. (See the articles on these activities in other parts of the newsletter.)

Our office improvements continue as two staff members have moved on to the next journey in their lives. The new personnel members are adapting quickly to RELAC procedures, resulting in a smooth transition. One individual comes to us with a strong tech background, which has accelerated the conversion of office programs to new technologies. For example, the distribution lists have been improved and we have greatly reduced the bounce-back e-mails.

The Office Management Committee has put in many hours, overseeing the digital projects, and interfacing with the new vendors to ensure RELAC gets maximum bang for the buck. In the near future, we'll be able to report on more online procedures members will find to be user-friendly and efficient. Staff training sessions on the new technology are being done as well.

As I do in my monthly columns, I will again mention the opportunity for members to get involved with RELAC. We have many committees on which you will be welcomed to contribute your time and talents. There are more than 10 committees with varying responsibilities on which you may volunteer to help. Suffice to say, you do not have to be a Board member to volunteer on a committee.

Finally, it has been nice to read the correspondence from many members and I encourage you to share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. The new ideas and comments are most welcome and help the Board in its decision-making.



Keith Knox

Retired TTC Keith Knox to Keynote September Membership Meeting

Retired County Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) Keith Knox will be the featured speaker at RELAC's General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the Department of Public Works, 900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, CA 91803.

"I am passionate about retirement planning and saving for the future, and I love to talk to employees about these topics," said

Knox. "Our retirement benefits are really incredible," he added. As the County's TTC before retirement, Knox was a member of LACERA's Joint Organizational Governance Committee, Operations Oversight, Credit and Risk Mitigation, Credit, and Real Assets committees.

During his tenure, Knox successfully steered the department through the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020 when the April property tax deadlines were extended, and a record number of Penalty Cancellation Requests (PCRs) were received. TTC staff processed more than 40,000 PCRs, up from the usual 3,000.

"We look forward to hearing from Knox, who has a wealth of information to share with retirees," said RELAC President Brian Berger. "He served on the LACERA Board of Retirement and Board of Investments as well as the County's Plan Administrative Committees for the defined contribution (401K, 457) plans," he said.

RELAC members also will receive an update on a major issue impacting County residents, homelessness. Darick Blackshere, Supervisor, Community Relations, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), will discuss the County's efforts to coordinate and provide housing services and resources for single adults, youth and families. LAHSA utilizes federal, state and local funding to connect homeless individuals and households with nearly 100 service providers.

The RELAC meeting will be held in Conference Room A of the DPW headquarters. A light continental breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Onsite parking is available free of charge.

Assessor Jeffrey Prang Wows Capacity Crowd; Honors Scholarship Recipients at Luncheon

by Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Editor

Assessor Jeffrey Prang was warmly greeted by the capacity crowd at RELAC's annual Recognition Luncheon, held June 6 at Almansor Court in Alhambra, CA.

He gave the audience a brief overview of the important Countywide services the office provides under the banner, the Assessor's e-Service Account. "Property owners now have the opportunity to enroll in two, new online services, Homeowners Alert (e-Notification) and e-File Service," he said. These are user-friendly tools created specifically to improve the way we assist the public and provide services, said Assessor Prang.

"E-Notification alerts homeowners whenever a foreclosure, transfer of title, or fraudulent deed or mortgage is recorded on their property with the County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk's office," said Prang. "Property owners seeking to change their mailing address can now submit their request directly online via the Assessor's new e-File Service," he explained. Additional e-File forms will be made available in the near future.

Assessor Prang will provide a full presentation to retirees at a future General Membership meeting, according to RELAC President Brian Berger. "Our members



RELAC commended Judy Hammond, third from left, and Gil Sandoval, third from right, at Recognition Luncheon, and joining in the celebration, from left, are President Brian Berger, Board Member Nora Jackson, Board Secretary Bobbie Fesler, and Vice President Linda Hopkins.

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News From LACERA

by JJ Popowich
Assistant Executive Officer

I hope everyone is having a great Spring and Summer. It's currently June 3rd as I write this article. The sky is overcast but I just finished reading an article this morning about how we are getting ready to enter into a heatwave. Please remember to take care of yourselves as we enter into summer. Stay cool. Stay hydrated.

Twice a year the Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments hold an offsite meeting which allows staff and various guests to spend more time with the trustees than we normally get to spend in our monthly meetings and delve into retirement administration topics a bit more deeply. At the Spring offsite is the Board of Retirement's and staff and outside expert guests spent two days discussing topics including updates on our Strategic Plan priorities, ethics training, governance discussions, and a whole day focused on retiree healthcare topics such as the latest information on Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease, and an overview of our healthcare business partner's plans.

I'm really excited about our Member Experience (MX) strategic priority and the exciting things the team is working on. As I've shared in the past, the MX program is designed to ensure we are looking at the various journeys a member goes through during their LACERA lifecycle and finding ways to improve each journey.

There are two priorities we're focusing on right now and that is the Member Experience and the Enhancing the Retiree Healthcare Experience. We have formed an internal team called the Member Experience Council which includes representatives from every division who interacts with a member or supports members directly. This Council is designed to ensure that we are coordinating efforts as we identify specific journeys that we will be improving. This helps ensure we are all focused on the same goals.

The MX Council has selected the New Hire Journey as its first area of focus. One of the consistent things we've heard from members during their ready to retire journey is that they didn't know much about their retirement plan early in their careers and they wished they had. The MX Council will be working on new ways to strengthen our relationship with members early in their careers allowing them more time to maximize their plan benefits, purchase previous service early, and learn more about retirement planning.

Over on the Enhancing the Retiree Healthcare team, which we have nicknamed the Guardians, they are focusing on three initiatives including; creating a Retiree Healthcare Roadmap to help members transition from the active healthcare plans to the retiree healthcare plans, expanding the information we provide to both active and retired members in our two newsletters (Pathways to Retirement [active members] and Spotlight on Retirement [retired members]), and efforts to improve self-service and back office automation which will improve our service levels and member satisfaction.

If you want to check out our progress on these and our other initiative, you can visit: lacera.com/leadership/strategic-plan (or just search for LACERA 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. On the left-hand side of your screen you'll see links to each of our five priorities and each one now shows our project plans and our progress charts.

RELAC 2023 Financial Statement Now Available Upon Request

California Corporations Code section 8321 requires RELAC to prepare an annual financial report, which includes the balance sheet, income statement, a statement of cash flows for the previous fiscal year, and where the names and addresses of current members are located. There are several ways a member may receive a copy of the report for the 2023 fiscal year: Call the RELAC office at (626) 308-0532; send an e-mail to admin@relac.org; or, send a written request to RELAC at 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802.

Investment Report

by Debbie Martin, RELAC Director
Trustee, LACERA Board of Investments



LACERA uses diversification when investing the pension portfolio, which consists of the contributions you have made to the fund. This strategy is aimed at spreading investments to mitigate exposure to any single asset type.

Successful investing hinges on striking a balance between your comfort level with risk and your time horizon. If you're too conservative at a young age, you risk your investment not keeping pace with inflation or growing to the desired amount. Conversely, being too aggressive when you're older may leave your savings vulnerable to market volatility, impacting your ability to recoup losses.

A diversified portfolio typically encompasses four primary components:

1. Domestic Stocks: Representing the most aggressive segment of your portfolio.
2. Bonds: Providing regular interest income and exhibiting lower volatility than stocks.
3. Money Market Funds/Certificates of Deposit – Serving as conservative options.
4. International Stocks: Offering both high potential returns and heightened risk.

Diversification aims not only to maximize returns but also to cushion the impact of market volatility on your portfolio.

In retirement a significant portion of your portfolio should shift to more stable, lower-risk investments that generate income. However, even in retirement, diversification remains crucial for risk management. Outliving your assets becomes a significant concern, making it advisable to maintain some exposure to growth-orientated investments to combat inflation and ensure your assets last throughout retirement.

Regardless of your goal, time horizon, or risk tolerance, a diversified portfolio forms the bedrock of any sound investment strategy.



Board of Retirement

by Les Robbins, RELAC Director
Trustee, LACERA Board of Retirement

As L.A. County retirees we have the very good fortune of having access to quality healthcare and affordable prices. Also, as LACERA members

we have the ability to change plans up to twice in any 24-month period unlike when we were active members when we could only make a switch during the once-a-year open enrollment period.

It is important to remember, however, that when you do make a decision to change plans the waiting period is six (6) months from the time you begin the process to switch. As retirees it is important to put some thought into this waiting period when you do your planning.

We also know, as retirees, that not all of our plans are available to everyone, everywhere. In other words, where you choose to live in retirement may play a big part in the selection of a health plan in which you choose to enroll. For example, Kaiser Permanente is not

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want to hear more from the Assessor, and maybe have the opportunity to engage in a question-and-answer session with him about ways to avoid property fraud schemes," said Berger.

He thanked the Assessor for taking time out of his busy schedule to honor with certificates RELAC's five scholarship recipients, three of whom were present: William Raymond, who will attend Cal State Long Beach, and Ainsley Ghaman and Bryauna Hill, who will decide soon on the university in which they plan to enroll. Unable to attend were scholarship recipients Molly Melia and McKinnen Robert.

Assessor Prang also joined RELAC to honor longtime members for their service to the organization. The recipients were Judy Hammond, former editor and former Board member, Gil Sandoval, golf director, and Don Fandry, Board member.

Other highlights of the Recognition Luncheon included stellar, well-received performances of the National Anthem and other songs by the Transportation Security Authority (TSA Chorus), led by Ernie Perez. Board member J.P. Harris delivered an inspiring invocation, while U.S. Army veteran Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition, Vice President Linda Hopkins commended volunteers Jackie Guevarra, Loretta Lopez, Elizabeth "Liz" Baca, Alice Parker, Valeria Caesar, and Gracie McCloyn. She also introduced Dr. Tanya Adolph and Morgan Goldstein, who gave an update on RELAC's March of Dimes (nearly \$5,000) and L.A. Regional Food Bank (\$10,975) fundraising campaigns, respectively. President Berger acknowledged RELAC members, who have served in various branches of the U.S. Military, and Board member Nora Jackson recognized members, who are 90 years young and older.



RELAC Board Secretary Bobbie Fesler, third from right, rear, and Vice President Linda Hopkins, fifth from left, rear, and Board Member Nora Jackson, left, join in honoring volunteers, Jackie Guevarra, Loretta Lopez, Elizabeth Baca, Gracie McCloyn, Alice Parker, and Valeria Caesar.



LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann, an opportunity drawing winner.



Assessor Jeffrey Prang with opportunity drawing winner, Anne-Marie Williams.



Morgan Goldstein and Dr. Tanya Adolph.



Assessor Prang congratulates scholarship recipients, from left, William Raymond, Ainsley Ghaman and Bryauna Hill.



Judy Hammond and Animal Care & Control Director Marcia Mayeda.



Retired County employees reunite at luncheon, from left, Joel Bellman, Kerry Silverstrom, Loren Clapp, Pam Everett, and Gwen Andrizzi.



Ernie Perez, third from right, leads the TSA Chorus in a stellar repertoire of music, including the national anthem.



RELAC staff members enjoying the event, front row, from left, Sheila Simpson, Mary Ramirez, and Toni Simmons, and, rear, from left, John Allison, Margaret Bell and Brenda Stephens.

RV News

by Chickee Nelson

The RELAC RV Retirees Group is back in business with regularly scheduled quarterly meetings in different locations.

In May, the group met at Max's Mexican Cuisine in Azusa, CA where we enjoyed a delicious meal, laughed and talked for hours. Our get togethers allow us to stay in touch, have fun and renew friendships.

Attending the gathering were Janet Cerato, Janice Hayhurst, Veronica and Mike Reyes, Bob and Linda Reyes, Joe and Helen Quintana, Linda Gutierrez, Dulcy Gerdes, Max Georgi, Dian and Leon Stegall, and myself and Norman Nelson.

We missed seeing a few of our regular campers, who were unable to attend due to illness. We hope they are feeling better.

Previously, the retired campers met in January at the Road House Grill in the Long Beach Towne Center. Present were Janet Cerato, Jan and Dave Coleman, Bob and Linda Reyes, Max Georgi, Dian and Leon Stegall, Dulcy Gerdes, Dorie Fregeau, Pat and Sam Jackson, Jeanne Klauk, Betsy and Ron Morgan, Mike Reyes, and myself. A few days before we met, Bill Hayhurst transitioned but his wife, Janice, attended. We all have fond memories of him.

Our next luncheon will be in July.



RV Campers attending May meeting, from left, Dian and Leon Stegall, Max Georgi, Dulcy Gerdes, Linda Reyes, Linda Gutierrez and Helen Quintana.



RV Campers gather at Max's Mexican Cuisine. From left, Joe Quintana, Bob Reyes, Mike and Veronica Reyes, Janice Hayhurst, Janet Cerato and Norman Nelson.

RELAC Continues Support of March of Dimes; Participates in Annual March for Babies

by Victoria Pipkin-Lane
Editor

"RELAC members proudly support the campaign against premature births," said President Brian Berger at the annual March of Dimes March for Babies held on Saturday, May 18, in downtown Los Angeles. "These donations are used to provide resources that help to provide Moms with access to quality care during pregnancy and post-delivery," he said.

More than 1,000 people turned out at Gloria Molina Grand Park to participate in the March for Babies. The March for Babies teams "make a visible difference in the community now and for generations to come," said officials.

The March of Dimes Los Angeles funds important research, and provides education programs with the goal of making a positive change in the lives of all families, especially mothers and babies. Education on healthy pregnancies, prenatal care and other services are offered to reduce the risk of preterm birth and other poor birth outcomes.

Significant racial and ethnic disparities persist in rates of preterm birth, low birthweight, and infant mortality for babies born in the U.S., according to March of Dimes research. "We're deeply concerned about the impact these gaps in birth outcomes are having on the health and well-being of babies, families and society as a whole," said officials.



RELAC Board member Victoria Pipkin-Lane and David Miller of the March of Dimes.

March of Dimes programs also support families whose babies need specialized care in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The organization partners with hospitals such as the County's Los Angeles General Medical Center to provide care for neonates with disease complexity and severity, who are at very high-risk and often extremely premature.

Nearly four million babies are born across the U.S. every year, and the fundraising campaign helps ensure that every mom and baby is healthy. To date, the Los Angeles County team has raised nearly \$40,000 for the March of Dimes March for Babies.



Members of the County March of Dimes team prepare to participate in the annual March for Babies at Gloria Molina Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles.



RELAC President Brian Berger and Stephanie Shibata at March of Dimes March for Babies.



Keeping Up with Retirees

Ana Gaona

(Editor's Note: Ana Gaona retired after 26 years with the County. A proud mother of three and grandmother of two, she began her career in County government with the Department of Public Social Services, moved on to the CAO, now CEO (Workplace Programs), and then to the Department of Health Services (Research and Innovation, LAC+USC). Gaona is the co-owner of Two Peacocks Travel. She agreed to answer questions about her life in retirement. The answers below have been edited for space.)

Ana Gaona

When did you decide to retire?

I decided in January 2022, after two months of medical leave taking care of my mom. I retired in February of 2022

Was it suddenly or a planned exit?

I had thought about retiring in 2021 as I reached 25 years of service; however, due to the pandemic, I made the decision to stay for my team. A year later, my mom had an unfortunate accident at home and needed 24-hour care. That was the turning point for me. My mom needed me.

What led to the creation of Two Peacocks?

I co-created Two Peacocks Travel with my friend Sandy Correa. Our endeavor began because of the pandemic's impact on our children who faced social isolation during high school. As moms, we wanted to counter this isolation and offer a safe space they could experience transformative travel, creating a new way out of the pandemic life. This was the beginning of our transition from public service to travel, combining our skills to create something new, recognizing there were profound benefits to travel.

After piloting our student travel experience with our kids, we created Two Peacocks Travel and then called our new initiative, WanderBridge, a cultural and social immersion program, tailored for students ready to embrace their next chapter in life. These experiences go beyond traditional tourism. We encourage students to create their own narratives. Once we embarked on this journey, it then led us to our women's group travel.

Our business name came from a story of a woman trying to board a flight with her emotional support peacock. Given our former careers as hospital administrators, we were each other's emotional support.

What travels have you taken so far?

We've achieved several travel milestones, including successfully running two student programs in Cordoba, Spain and organizing eight group trips across 13 countries as of May 2024. Travels include La Havana, Cuba, Caribbean (Aruba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, & Curacao), Mexico (Oaxaca and San Miguel de Allende), Spain (Madrid, Barcelona, Sevilla, Malaga, Cordoba, and Granada), Italy (Rome, Florence, Milan, Venezia), Slovenia, Croatia, Morocco, and Switzerland (Crans Montana and Geneva).

How many students do you take on the international travels?

Our Wanderbridge program currently accommodates up to 10 students ages 18-25. Our first and second year we had three students each year. This year we are taking six students.

Do they pay for the trips or are they subsidized?

Both. Some students pay in full for the trips, while others are sponsored through our collaboration with a non-profit organization, The Grace and Wisdom Institute. This partnership allows us to offer



Ana and Cesar



Ana Gaona, left, and husband Caesar Gaona, right, and son, Nicolas, and daughter, Alexia.

subsidized travel opportunities to ensure that students from all backgrounds can participate.

Why the young girls?

We decided to expand our cultural immersion programs to all students to make travel opportunities more inclusive, especially for students of color who often face barriers. Travel and cultural experiences are valuable for everyone, and by offering our program to a diverse group, we aim to bridge the gap and ensure all students have the chance to explore the world, learn about different cultures, and grow personally and academically. This inclusive approach helps foster understanding and empathy among students from various backgrounds, enriching their overall experience.

What is the focus of the trips taken thus far?

Each trip is curated for unforgettable experiences that empower students and women to explore the world and grow personally. We've traveled with individuals who have never taken trips in the past, some who are in a life transition, and those who simply are looking to reinvent themselves after finishing a career or retired and are seeking a new endeavor. We're passionate about providing enriching travel adventures, and focus on transformation rather than merely visiting a new city or country. The mission of Two Peacocks Travel shows the power of travel with regard to mental well-being and we arrange all aspects of the trip, from planning a detailed itinerary to ensuring the accommodations and the transportation needs are acceptable to our clients.

The mission of Two Peacocks Travel is one of transformation, going beyond geographic and cultural boundaries to inspire students, especially women, and other individuals to redefine their life's purpose, path and direction to seek to make a lasting impact on the world.

What has been the reaction of the students to the places they have visited with Two Peacocks.

At first, the students might feel homesick and ask for familiar foods like pizza and hamburgers. But by the end of the program, they've fully embraced the local culture and foods, and we all get teary-eyed when it's time to leave.

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Inside LA County

by Judy Hammond
RELAC Member

For the fifth year in a row, Dr. Sebo Amirkhonian Namagerdy, an anesthesiologist in Rancho Los Amigos Hospital's intensive care unit, was the highest-paid County employee, earning \$1.26 million. His ICU colleague, pulmonologist Dr. Amarish D. Pradhan, earned \$736,000, making him among the County's top 20 highest-paid employees. To get those payouts, the physicians had to work a lot of overtime: Namagerdy an average of 94 hours a week and

Pradhan 71 hours. This despite a County agreement with the union that limits relief physicians from working more than 24 hours a week outside their standard hours. Critics say the excessive overtime is due to the ICU not being adequately staffed and this creates a safety issue for patients. Namagerdy earned \$467,000 for his regular 40-hour work week and nearly \$800,000 for the overtime hours.

County supervisors have asked for a review of the telework program to determine the number of employees working from home, how it is impacting services, cost savings and recommendations for change. It is estimated that 32 percent of the employees are teleworking, with more than half working from home more than 50 percent of the time. In the initial motion authored by Supervisors Lindsay Horvath and Kathryn Barger, they noted that telework is a management option, not a universal employee benefit, and should be used only when it is mutually beneficial to the department and the employee.

A proposal will be on the November ballot to repeal Measure M, L.A. County's quarter cent sales tax for homeless services that is set to expire in 2027, and replace it with a permanent half cent sales tax, estimated to raise \$1.2 billion annually. Opponents are questioning the effectiveness of Measure M spending, noting that homelessness has increased, and the wisdom of further increasing the tax burden on residents. One of the measure's five named backers during the petition drive was Miguel Santana, chief executive of the California Community Foundation, who was a former chief deputy to Supervisor Gloria Molina and later a deputy chief executive officer to Bill Fujioka.

The Mental Health Department has entered into a two-year \$2.4 million contract with Wolf Connection to implement a program for youth aged 11 to 18 in the Antelope Valley to practice awareness of themselves and their environment by interacting with wolves. The department says the non-traditional program will encourage participants to "believe in their worthiness and capacity for personal growth and the power of the pack or community." In approving the contract, the Board of Supervisors asked staff to review within 30 days the feasibility of expanding the program to include other areas of the County where youth have higher rates of depression, anxiety, crime and gang violence.

Assessor Jeff Prang says that property values are anticipated to increase about 4.75% over 2023, marking 14 years of continuous growth, as well as for the first time breaking the \$2 trillion ceiling for net total value. That's good news for the County budget as it means more property taxes to be collected. The annual assessment roll closes in early July.

When an early-morning fire broke out in County Fire Station 164 in Huntington Park, all the firefighters were asleep. Awakened by a passerby who rang the station's doorbell, the crew fought the fire in T-shirts and flip-flops until a nearby station responded. None of the firefighters were injured, but the station was severely damaged and the engines and paramedic units destroyed.

The Probation Department announced on May 13 that it had put 66 sworn probation officers on administrative leave since Jan. 1 pending internal affairs investigations into allegations of official misconduct, including at county juvenile facilities. Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa said the officers represent a small minority of the nearly 2,800 sworn personnel, but the information was being publicly released to regain public trust "as it roots out employees who cultivate or contribute to a culture of violence, drug use, neglect and sexual misconduct."

Supervisors approved an ordinance that goes into effect July 2025 requiring retailers and grocers in unincorporated areas that have 300 or more employees nationwide to give workers their schedules two weeks in advance, pay them for last-minute schedule changes and space out their shifts by at least 10 hours. The ordinance will affect about 200 businesses and 6,000 workers.

Center Theatre Group will reopen the Mark Taper Forum at the Music Center – dark for 16 months due to a budget shortfall – in October with the Green Day's rock opera "American Idiot."

Metro has certified the final environment impact report for the first segment of the Southeast Gateway Line, the final hurdle to begin construction. The project will

connect the southeast area of the County to downtown L.A. The initial phase could begin serving passengers in 2035, with the second phase scheduled for completion in 2053.

The Catalina Island Conservancy canceled its plans to kill an estimated 2,000 mule deer by sharpshooters in helicopters after County supervisors joined public opposition. The Conservancy says less drastic methods will be taken to thin the herd – which has been destroying the island's native plants and animals and damaging the ecosystem -- such as mass sterilization or birth control, relocation, and expanding deer hunting season.

After receiving backlash from the public, most notably veterans, Vietnamese-American residents and state officeholders, the Board of Supervisors will no longer designate April 30 as Jane Fonda Day in L.A. County. The board honored the actress this year "for her tenacious advocacy for environmental justice and climate action" but did not realize that April 30 is a solemn day for many of the 2.3 million Vietnamese-Americans in the U.S., who call it Black April and marks the fall of Saigon in the Vietnam War. "This honor for Ms. Fonda is an affront to the service and sacrifice of American and South Vietnamese soldiers who gave everything in the cause of freedom," said a letter from state lawmakers. Fonda opposed the war and became known as Hanoi Jane after posing with anti-aircraft guns in North Vietnam in 1972. She has since apologized, saying she never intended to be against American troops, just the war. Supervisors (with Supervisor Kathryn Barger abstaining) voted to continue to honor the actress but to move Jane Fonda Day to April 8 "out of respect for the community voices who have spoken up."

Among the goals of the 2024-25 budget presented by Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport is to clear a homeless encampment every two weeks and add another 452 mental health clinicians to work with the homeless (half of the homeless populace is said to be mentally ill). Davenport also proposed allocating \$2.4 million to expand a guaranteed income program for 200 more transition age youth for two years, giving them \$1,000 monthly.

The County's Diamond Bar Golf Course, closed since September 2021 while improvements were being made to the 57 and 60 freeways, has reopened. The golf course was renovated during that time, made possible by a \$23 million grant from Metro.

The Hollywood Bowl is closing half of its four parking lots off Highland – 350 of the 1,700 plus parking spaces – to streamline ride-share, shuttle and bus traffic. The obvious downside is that it will make parking more difficult.

Mobile vaccine clinics operated by the Public Health Department are bringing health care directly to communities, without charge and without requiring insurance, helping those – especially the homeless -- who have difficulty getting to health care facilities.

Government agencies are struggling with finding storage for RVs owned by homeless individuals transitioning to interim or permanent housing. Nearly 6,500 homeless individuals are living in about 4,000 RVs within the city of L.A. – a 40% increase since 2018.

The County has launched a new program for those aged 60 and older or disabled who need help with technology, providing a tablet, cybersecurity training, two-year 5G Internet access, and digital courses.

Los Angeles County's two largest juvenile detention

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facilities, at risk of closure for failing to meet minimum standards of safety and care, won a last-minute reprieve when state regulators allowed them to remain open.

The Museum of Art is sharing its expertise and collections with the Las Vegas Museum of Art, which hopes to open in 2028. LACMA says it wants to pull more of its collection out of storage and make it accessible to as many people as possible, and that the partnership will broaden its cultural reach, influence and presence in the West. The city of Lancaster has sued the County, claiming the County has overcharged dozens of cities more than \$10 million because, due to a staffing crisis, the Sheriff's Department is paying deputies overtime to patrol, which is cheaper than hiring additional officers, but the savings is not being passed on to the cities.

As part of a \$2.7 million settlement, the Department of Children Services has eliminated a psychology screening for social worker trainees it had used for more than 40 years. A lawsuit was filed by two women, both sexual assault victims experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, who lost their internships and jobs at the department. The USC graduates said the County should have explored possible accommodations for them. Their attorney said no other children's agency in the U.S. administered the test.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2045 Climate Action Plan, a guide to achieving zero-carbon buildings, concentrating more housing and jobs near transit, and conserving more water.

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offered in every U.S. State. If you are enrolled in Kaiser and choose to move out of the State of California you will find that Kaiser service areas are only found in Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Maryland, Oregon, Washington, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

So, if you are moving to any other area you will have to choose a new healthcare provider. Many retirees will choose one of the Anthem Plans. LACERA offers the following plans available to County retirees. I am providing the number of retirees enrolled in each plan as well.

- SCAN---382
- SCAN Arizona---7
- SCAN Nevada---12
- CIGNA---369
- UNITED HEALTHCARE---1,455
- UNITED HC MEDICARE---3,979
- KAISER SENIOR ADVANTAGE---26,290
- KAISER COLORADO---74
- KAISER GEORGIA---147
- KAISER HAWAII---59
- KAISER OREGON---137
- KAISER WASHINGTON---41
- ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PRUDENT BUYER---784
- ANTHEM BLUE CROSS I---858
- ANTHEM BLUE CROSS II---5,627
- ANTHEM BLUE CROSS III---13,592

In addition, there are 58,181 retirees enrolled in one of the two CIGNA Dental Plans.

Many of you know there is a lifetime \$1 million cap on the ABC I, II, and Prudent Buyer plans. Although we have been trying to work out an agreement with the County to either increase or eliminate that cap, so far we have been unsuccessful. However, the LACERA Board of Retirement continues to pursue this goal.



Happy Birthday, RELAC Centenarians August 2024

- Rose M. Becerra, 107, LAC+USC Medical Center
- Leonard J. Kenyon, 101, Road
- Florence P. Paik, 102, Health Services
- Leonard Rouse, 104, No Dept. Listed

Golf News

By Gil Sandoval
RELAC Golf Director



Santa Anita Golf Tournament June 3, 2024

Starting with an overcast morning, RELAC golfers were rewarded with a beautiful day of golf. We normally have more ladies participate, and encourage you to share future golf tournament information with your friends.

The RELAC membership has decreased compared to prior years. We are actively recruiting new members, and you can help by providing potential golfers with the dates of future tournaments. Share the RELAC web page with them (www.relac.org) where the entry form can be found under the link, "Calendar of events".

Next tournament will be Monday, July 29, 2024 at the Los Verdes Golf Course, 7000 W. Los Verdes Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Entries must be received by July 10, 2024. (NOTE: Only ONE Guest per member. Enclose check for number of golfers at \$46 per golfer. Please make check payable to RELAC, and mail entry form to RELAC, Attn: Golf, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802.

Santa Anita Golf Tournament Winner Results

"A" Flight Winners (19 and under)

1st	Julio Gonzales	(67)	\$16
2nd	Dave Runke	(70)	\$12
3rd	Bob Egusa	(72)	\$8

"B" Flight Winners (20-26)

1st	Kenneth Reed	(75)	\$16
2nd	Reynato Daluyen	(76)	\$12
3rd	Les Bacon	(76)	\$8

"C" Flight Winners (27 and Above)

1st	Richard Duran	(76)	\$16
2nd	Ernest Jones III	(82)	\$12
3rd	Terry Black	(87)	\$8

Women's Flight

1st	Katherine Stringer	(73)	\$16
2nd	Molly Silva	(80)	\$12
3rd	No Participant	(81)	\$0

Closest to the Pin

Men			
#4	Stephen Lee		\$8
#8	Bob Boucher		\$8
#12	Jeff Phillips		\$8
#15	Julio Gonzales		\$8
Women			
#4	Katherine Stringer		\$8
#8	No Winner		\$0
#12	Katherine Stringer		\$8
#15	No Winner		\$0

Total Tournament Payout: \$184



Letters To The Editor

Write On!

I'd really like to come to the RELAC General (Membership) Meetings but it's just too far for me to drive at this time. And thanks for the e-mail reminder. Perhaps I'll be at the next meeting.

Wendy Rebel
Oceano, California

What is the latest information regarding the "government pension offset" Senate Bill that would reverse penalizing some county retirees such as myself? Thank you.

John Madrid
Whittier, California

Why is RELAC not lobbying to reverse the windfall [elimination] bill for L.A. County employees?

Oretta Bonds
(Editor's Note: RELAC has sent a letter to U.S. Congressman Jason Smith, Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, in support of H.R.82, Social Security Fairness Act of 2023. The bill will repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. A copy of the letter is posted to the RELAC website at www.relac.org.)

I really like the pocket calendar. I never received one and it is past due the usual time (when it is) mailed to me. I really depend on it, so can you please mail one to me. I hope it has not been discontinued!

Judith Pachciarz
North Hollywood, California

It's the beginning of March and I still haven't received my pocket calendar. I use it daily and my commitments have now gone beyond June. Hope you send them out soon. Thank you.

Denise Fiore
Rossmoor, California

I have given up waiting to get the calendar for 2024. I know the 2023 goes through June 2024, but this isn't useful for me. I'm wondering if they are no longer going to be sent annually.

Kathleen Bergstrom
North Hollywood, California

(Editor's Note: The RELAC pocket calendar has been mailed to the membership. It is an 18-month calendar, from July 2024 to December 2025. We apologize for the delay.)

I just wanted to let you know: 1) I'm ok with the increase in membership fees; 2) But, I am most disappointed that there has not been the pocket calendar. My kids all know that the calendar holds my life. It is sorely missed. Thank you for all the past years.

Kathleen M. Rivet
Covina, California

Thank you to the Membership Outreach Committee for the generous work you do each month, coming into the RELAC office to write birthday and holiday cards to members, who are 90 years of age and older. As the former office manager, I frequently witnessed how seriously the committee took its mission to send personalized birthday greetings to the older members. Many of them are unable to attend RELAC events and greatly appreciate the cards. It makes them feel remembered. The committee provides a special service of kindness and generosity, which is greatly appreciated by the members, who often send thank you cards and

letters via e-mail. God bless you all for taking on this role and for everything you do.

Sheila Simpson
Palmdale, California

DHS Retired Managers Celebrate Graduation of Masters Students

by Barry Hunt, RELAC Member



Barry Hunt

DHS Retired Managers recently celebrated the graduation of students in the Masters of Healthcare Management and Accounting Programs at Cal State University – Los Angeles (CSU-LA). The ceremony was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. There were more than 5,700 CSU-LA graduates, who received

their degrees in six ceremonies held in May over two days. It was my privilege to be one of the commencement speakers.

Two of my best multilingual, international students attended the installation of student officers of the Healthcare Leadership Association (HLA), along with the Healthcare Management Faculty. This is the CSU-LA Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives of Southern California (ACHE/So-Cal).

In April, the HLA Public Health Student Association held a student-faculty networking event. It was an honor for me to serve as the keynote speaker. I encouraged and recommended that the students pursue careers in the L.A. County Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health, a career path pursued by DHS retired Roster Members years ago.

CSU-LA's Master of Science in Nursing program continues to be ranked among the best in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2024 edition of *Best Graduate Schools*. It was ranked No. 41 and was one of only two public universities in Los Angeles County included in the listing. Check out the full story here: <https://news.calstatela.edu/2024/04/11/cal-state-las-nursing-graduate-program-ranks-among-the-best-in-the-nation/>.



Healthcare Leadership Association conducts an installation of officers session.



Barry Hunt, seated third from right, front row, joins graduating students at CSU-LA.

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PASSAGES

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DEATHS:

Former Director of Public Works **James "Jim" Noyes**, 81, who began his County career as a civil engineering assistant at the Flood Control District, retiring in 2004 after 38 years of County service. Deputy **Alfredo "Freddy" Flores**, 51, a 22-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, from injuries sustained six months earlier in a fire that broke out inside a mobile shooting range at the Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic. Capt. **Henry H. Flores**, who served 23 years with the Fire Department, while on duty at Fire Station 169 in El Monte. Dr. **Rodney W. Burgoyne**, 90, who retired in 1996 as medical director of the Mental Health Department, after brief battle with dementia. Burgoyne married Toni Martinez, former aide to Supervisor Baxter Ward, in 1981. Deputy **Jonathan Stewart**, who joined the Sheriff's Department in 2006, found unresponsive at the South Los Angeles Station, where he was field training officer; the cause of death was not announced. **Martin Barrera III**, 81, head of the graphic arts section of the Chief Administrative Office when he retired Jan. 31, 2006, responsible for overseeing calligraphers and graphic artists who prepared scrolls and print and digital designs for the Board of Supervisors, with 25 years of County service. Sheriff Comdr. **Arthur Herrera**, who was in the detective division when he retired in 2001 after 36 years of service. Sheriff Lt. **Calvin Shows**, who served in the Office of Public Safety for nine years, retiring in 2005. Sheriff's Capt. **Robert Mirabella**, who was in the contract law enforcement bureau when he retired in 1997, with 27 years of service. **Ralph Terrazas**, retired chief photographer for the Board of Supervisors.

RETIREMENTS:

Former Chief Deputy County Counsel **Lester "Les" Tolnai**, with more than 49 years of service, one of a very few non-retired Plan A members. Deputy Fire Chief **Vince Pena**, with 43 years of service. Chief Deputy Public Defender **Ruben J. Marquez**, with almost 41 years of service. **Stephanie Maxwell**, a human services administrator in the Economic and Workforce Development Department who once acted as the county ombudsman, with 46 years of service. **Jeff Redford**, a senior graphic artist in the Board of Supervisors Executive Office who prepared scrolls for county supervisors, with almost 35 ½ years of service. **Moon "Brian" Lew**, once the public information officer for the Public Social Services Department and the county assistant director of public affairs, most recently working in the Chief Executive Office's risk management division, with more than 29 years of service. **Sara Hough**, a psychologist in the Mental Health Department who headed the mental health clinical program and recently settled her retaliation lawsuit against the department for \$1.65 million, with 29 years of service. Assistant County Counsel **Ruben Baeza, Jr.**, who was in charge of the litigation monitoring team, with almost 29 years of service.

APPOINTMENTS:

Michael Ow, chief deputy director of the Internal Services Department who had been serving as interim director following departure of Selwyn Hollins, named to head the department, the first person of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage to hold the post, at annual salary of \$351,401. Chief Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector **Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg** selected to head the department, at annual \$300,000 salary, replacing Keith Knox, who retired. **Edward "Eddie" Yen**, assistant executive officer of the Board of Supervisors, overseeing technology, planning, legislation, operations, and the Assessment Appeals Board, named the Board's Executive Officer at an annual salary of \$328,894, replacing Celia Zavala, who retired. Yen has 18 years of County service, including as assessment and public services director and general counsel of the Assessor's Office and as a deputy county counsel. **Kim Noltemy**, president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Symphony Association since 2018, named the new chief executive and president of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, replacing Daniel Song, who had served as interim since the resignation last fall of Chad Smith. **Susan Herman**, who was initially hired by the Chief Administrative Office 17 years ago to develop a County TV channel but later transferred to Public Works Department to work on small business issues, retiring March 29, appointed as a 120-day temporary employee at DPW at \$101 hourly rate to train and transition staff involved in high-profile homelessness initiatives. Retiree **Matthew McGloin**, the County's budget manager within the Chief Executive Office from 2017-2024, returned as 120-day temporary employee, at \$178 hourly rate to assist in developing and overseeing the 2024-25 budget. Retired Deputy Public Defender **Janet Araujo** approved for 120-day temporary assignment at the Alhambra branch office at \$69.14 per hour.

DEPARTURES:

The Southern California News Group reported that County records showed that Harbor-UCLA orthopedics chief Dr. **Louis Kwong** was fired for inappropriate workplace actions, and for failing to report more than \$738,000 in payments from a company whose products he routinely used during surgery.

COURTS:

Assistant District Attorney **Diana Teran**, one of DA George Gascon's top advisors, charged by State Attorney General's Office with 11 felony counts relating to downloading confidential data about 11 deputies in 2018 when she worked at Sheriff's Department and then using it three years later when she joined the DA's Office. Former Sheriff's Deputy **Sean Essex**, 53, sentenced to 40 years in prison after pleading no contest to sexually abusing four girls between the ages of 4 and 13, one in 2006 and the others between 2013 and 2022. He had served as a deputy for 22 years before his arrest in 2022.

HONORS:

Three L.A. County's officers' names were added to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument in Sacramento in May honoring those who died in the line of duty. They were: Sheriff's Deputies **Alfredo "Freddy" Flores**, who died April 20, 2024, and **Ryan Clinkunbroomer**, who died Sept 16, 2023; and Probation Officer **Michael Edward Hall**, who died April 30, 2021. Also in May, the names of eight County firefighters were added to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Roll of Honor in Washington, D.C. Added were: Battalion Chief **Mark Tolbert**, Capt. **William Lee Knott**, Capt. **Manuel Ramos, Jr.**, Capt. **Kenneth Renz**, Firefighter Specialist **Robert Brantley**, Firefighter Specialist **Samuel Neubauer**, Firefighter **Russell Fagan**, and Firefighter **Joseph Gandara**.

HEALTH:

Former County Supervisor **Don Knabe** recovering after undergoing open heart surgery.

FOR THE RECORD: It was incorrectly reported in the May-June Passages column that Principal Deputy County Counsel Richard Brouwer had retired. In fact, Brouwer rescinded his retirement request. We apologize for the error.



Noltemy



Flores



Noyes



Ginsberg



Shows



Ow



LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann

LACERA Hosts “Staying Healthy” Workshop

by Jason H. Williams
RELAC Member

Although the workshops for the Retiree Wellness Program of LACERA were paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the series resumed in April with an overflowing crowd.

More than 500 County retirees attended the “Staying Healthy” workshop, held at Almansor Court in Alhambra. LACERA CEO Santos Kreimann and Cassandra Smith, director of retiree healthcare, joined the gathering. After welcome remarks by Deputy CEO Luis Lugo, the audience heard from three speakers.

Dr. Kayla L. Fisher, M.D., J.D. provided information on “Living Your Best Life: Optimizing Memory and Connectedness in the Golden Years.”

A “Yoga Demonstration” was led by Lindsay Gill, M.P.H., and Dr. Virgil Benjamin, D.M.D., gave a talk on “Oral Health and The Power of Prevention.”

Information booths were manned by staff from Cigna, Kaiser Permanente and Anthem Blue Cross. Massage therapists, provided by the health agencies, offered services to workshop attendees free of charge.

Several retirees were winners of door prizes and rose bouquets. Healthy box lunches and beverages were served at the half-day event.



Massages are provided to attendees.



Workshop attendees visit the information booths.



The workshop audience listens intently to a presentation.

RELAC Connections (Serving Members & the Community)

by Linda Hopkins, Chair

The County of Los Angeles has selected RELAC as one of the departments to which employees may make charitable donations for its March of Dimes (MOD) and the L.A. Regional Food Bank fundraising campaigns. We are very close to reaching the \$5,000 target for MOD. I am pleased to report that we have exceeded the \$10,000 fundraising goal for the Food Bank.

The link for March of Dimes is www.marchforbabies.org/team/RELAC
The link for the L.A. Regional Food Bank is <https://give.lafoodbank.org/relac-24>

Elder Justice Champions

The Community Advisory Board of NCEA (National Center on Elder Abuse) is still accepting applications from retirees, who want to advocate on behalf of the elderly. This is a unique opportunity to keep older adults safe from abuse and neglect.

There are a variety of ways to get involved. For more information and to submit an online application and resume (optional), contact elaine.chen@med.usc.edu.

As the RELAC Board representative for this program, I may be reached via e-mail at lhopkins1054@gmail.com.

Tickets At Work

RELAC members have a new opportunity to save on the purchase of movie tickets, theme parks, rental cars, concerts and sports events at info@email.ticketsatwork.com.

Keeping Up with Retirees Continued from p.5

What future trips are on your agenda this year and in 2025?

For our 2024 women group travels, we visited Dubai in June, and have scheduled Peru in August, Oaxaca in October/November, Egypt in November and in December we are taking a river cruise to the Christmas markets in Austria and Germany. For 2025, we have started an interest list for Vietnam in January, Morocco in February, and Cuba in March. Other countries will be added later.

There are multiple ways to stay informed about Two Peacocks Travel:

e-mail – twopeacockstravel@1891911270.com, our newsletter, and social media channels. Our mailing address: Two Peacocks Travel, 1308 E. Colorado Blvd., #2083, Pasadena, CA 91106.



Save the Date – December 5, 2024

RELAC’s annual General Membership meeting/ Holiday Luncheon & Toy Drive, the latter a partnership with L.A. County Fire Dept., will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, 11:00 a.m., at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602.

IN MEMORIAM

This list includes retired employees, both RELAC members and non-members.

Assessor - Vicente R. Buenviaje

Auditor-Controller - Jenna P. Carrasco, Ethel L. Martin

Beaches & Harbors - Rene Moreno

Board of Supervisors - George A. Roqueni

California Children's Services - Kathleen S. Malone

Chief Executive Office - Jack R. Damate, Elliot Meyer Marcus

Children & Family Services - Karen Bowman, Donnis Greene, Elvia Islas, Oliver Johnson, Debra A. Rankin, Cherrill E. Renwick, Victoria Scheele, Gina E. Tax, Barbara Grace Tilden, Sonja Tran, Barbara F. Witas, Patsy C. Yu

Citrus Municipal Court - Ruth B. Cash

Correctional Health - Jose G. Ante II

County Counsel - Shan K. Thever

District Attorney - Amelia M. Bernal, Kristie S. Hutchinson, Patricia Y. Myers, Fred V. Sainz, Burton J. Schneirow, Elton M. Sims Jr., Kim E. Smith, Diane L. Vezzani

Engineer Facilities - Floyd E. Brooks, James R. Paisley, Lois S. Yagi

Fire - Everett B. Millican, Dennis W. Ortiz, Michael A. Potechin, Richard E. Raabe, John W. Schreyer

Flood Control - Akiko Kuratomi

Grand Jury - Marc E. Boyer

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center - Damon R. Hall, Gloria J. Love, Generoso Manuel, Cresencia Ramiscal, Jeaneva Reese, Gerald A. Washington

Health Department - Harry H. Matoba

Health Services Administration - Greg Layman, Karl E. Lemmons, Vivian J. Stewart, Edward Watson

Internal Services - Chester Lewis Cook, Alice G. Frandsen, Sharon L. Klink, Everett Martin

Juvenile Court Health Services - Virginia Miller

King-Drew Medical Center - William F. Coleman, Linda Cunningham, Shirley H. Johnson, Margaret A. Jones, Bernice B. Kelley, Daisy M. Spence, Michael S. Tetzloff

LAC+USC Medical Center - Deborah A. Coffman, Theodore L. Ebenkamp, Norva J. Fowler, Evelyn Ingram, Luz Ledesma, Johnny M. Love, Teryl A. Nichols, Evelyn Radford, Jeanne Marcelle Reems, Nancy B. Ring, Carmen Soria, Anne M. Stark, Tom Thurmond Jr., Ruth Urbano, Margaret Woodard

Mental Health - Angelina Alpuerto, Cora Currie, Julian Kivowitz, Iris Wasserman

Olive View/UCLA Medical Center - Maria J. Bueno, Reina Asuncion D. Canton, Natalie G. Duncan, Samuel Y. Oh, Sheldon Payne

Parks and Recreation - Rito Cervantes, Tomas Colon, Deborah L. Pepe

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Public Defender - Daisy Flores

Public Health Program - Muriel De Koning, Richard Falasco, Retha M. Freeman, Diane Harvey, Magdalene O. Onyemere, Karen A. Roby

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Public Works - Jimmy Davis Jr., James A. Noyes, Khorin Salmassian, William R. Swindle Jr., Leonard A. Vanderhoof, Michael Wright

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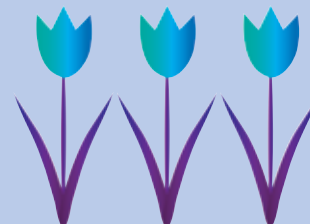
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**RELAC Special Events
(Recreation & Activities)**

by Nora Jackson, Chair



Night at the Dodgers

RELAC invites members to purchase tickets for the Dodgers v. Pittsburgh Pirates game on Friday, August 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m. A limited number of promotional items, including Dusty Baker bobbleheads, will be given out to those who arrive early.

RELAC members are able to purchase two (2) tickets at a discounted price of \$49 each. Additional tickets will cost \$54, which is still below the general admission cost. Limited Reserved seating is in Sections 6RS and 8RS.

The reservation form is available below and, on the website, www.relac.org. Please mail in your check with the completed reservation form by the Monday, July 8, 2024 deadline. The envelope must be postmarked by the deadline.

Note: Dodger Stadium is a cash-free, paperless venue. All game tickets are digital, and will be e-mailed at least two (2) weeks prior to the game with detailed instructions on how to download tickets to a cellphone. Digital tickets must be shown at entry gates. For more information, please call RELAC at (626) 308-0532, or e-mail the office, www.admin@relac.org.

Beaches & Harbors Events

The Department of Beaches & Harbors is offering Marina Movie Nights through September 28; Symphonic Concerts on July 11 and 25 and August 8; and Marina Drum Circle August 18 to October 20. For more information, visit <https://beaches.lacounty.gov/>.

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Dodgers vs. Pirates – Reservation Form
Friday, August 9, 2024, 7 p.m.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
(Provide email address for receipt of tickets)

Two Digital Tickets _____ \$49 each
 Additional Digital Tickets _____ \$54 each
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form with check payable to RELAC:
RELAC, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit #15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Reservation Deadline: July 8

Ticket order must be received in the RELAC office by July 8 unless other arrangements are made.

For questions, please call (626) 308-0532 or email to admin@relac.org

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