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## President's Message

by Linda C. Hopkins

### Save the Date! Thursday, June 4, 2026

RELAC will present its annual Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, June 4, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena, California.



LASD Honor Guard presents the colors at 2025 Recognition Luncheon.

The luncheon theme is "Uniting the Future and Possibility" and joins with the country as "America Celebrates 250 Years of Courage," a nod to its founding in 1776. RELAC also will recognize at the luncheon its veteran members, who served in various branches of the U.S. military. The veterans will march in with the honor guard and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

You are invited to join me, the Board of Directors and fellow retirees as we honor five outstanding students as the 2026 RELAC scholarship recipients. They are Christiana Ravenell, Maya Marquez Rabena, Tiffany Williams, Joshua Kim and Anthony Comres. Each student's background includes stellar academic and community achievements, which will be detailed at the luncheon.

Your support of the event, an example of RELAC giving back to the community, is appreciated, and I encourage you to attend. Visit [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org) to purchase tickets, which have been reduced to \$49 per person from \$77. Entrees include a vegetarian option.

The scholarship program was started to assist close RELAC family members, who demonstrate academic achievement and plan to attend a college, university or trade school accredited by the



President Hopkins greets Recognition Luncheon attendees DeLora Ellis Grant and guest, representing LACAAEA.

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## Brian Berger Steps Back From Serving on Executive Committee

by Victoria Pipkin Lane, Editor



Brian and Genevra Berger

Immediate Past President Brian Berger has stepped back from serving on the RELAC Executive Committee, effective immediately.

In a letter to President Linda C. Hopkins and the Board of Directors, Berger wrote, "While I attended the Board meeting in January and was feeling pretty good...I had another medical surprise that required surgery and additional recovery time. I am feeling fine now, fully recovered.... But it's time to take it easier, get rid of the stress and extra responsibilities. I wish you all the best of health and happiness."

Berger has decided "to resign as a member of the RELAC Board of Directors where it has been my pleasure to serve throughout these many years." He will continue to serve RELAC on an ad hoc basis in a new, proposed role as President Emeritus.

His years with RELAC were valued by his peers.

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## Southland Partnership with RELAC Expands to Financial Webinars; Next One on June 17

RELAC and long-time partner Southland Credit Union share a common commitment to support retired individuals through meaningful programs and resources. That partnership continues with a free, financial education seminar exclusively for RELAC members.

Titled, "Investment 101 – Asset Allocation: Balancing Your Risks and Rewards," the webinar will take place on June 17, 2026 at 11 a.m. Access to the webinar is available at [www.SouthlandCU.org/RELAC](http://www.SouthlandCU.org/RELAC).

The educational seminar will focus on retirement income planning and discuss how to protect yourself in retirement, determine how long savings may last, and suggest strategies to effectively plan for the desired lifestyle.

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## Board of Retirement

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

The CPI numbers for February increased only .2%, which I personally find unbelievable. Gasoline prices are skyrocketing everywhere and here in L.A. County. LACERA uses the CPI to calculate the annual COLA which everyone receives in April.

Currently, LACERA's investment portfolio is doing quite well at nearly \$97 billion total Assets Under Management (AUM). The 10 year-average return is 8% and the 5-year average is 10%. Current benchmark is 7%, and if LACERA hits that number each year the AUM will continue to be in an acceptable funded status category, 82%. Now, things can change very quickly and economic volatility is not a good thing.

The LACERA Pension dollar remains unchanged with \$.68 of each dollar coming from investments, \$.22 from employer contributions and \$.10 cents from employees (members). Currently, there is \$608.6 million in the STAR reserve.

LACERA's total membership count is 200,812 and includes active, retired and survivor members. Among the active members 88,178 are General members, and 12,252 are Safety members. There are 20,840 General and 1,597 Safety amongst the inactive members. There are 62,798 retired General members and 15,147 retired Safety members.

I want to give a shout out to a friend, Gary Kramer, who is a professional wildlife photographer and also organizes trips to a variety of places. Kramer is a retired California Fish and Game agent and his trips, one of which I and Cindy have been on, are terrific. For 2027, he is planning a trip to the Galapagos Islands, from May 26 to June 5, 2027. There are only spaces for 12 people, priced at \$8,225 per person double occupancy, all-inclusive except airfare to and from Ecuador. A deposit of \$2,500 is required. Contact Gary at gkramer@cwo.com.

March Madness is the term used at LACERA for the end of year retirement work. Annual retirements can fluctuate based on a number of factors ranging from pay raises to corresponding fluctuations in the hiring periods that took place nearly 30 years ago. Here are some figures for the last three March Madness periods: March, 2024---819 retirements with 131 from LASD and 66 from LACFD. March 2025---896 retirements with 129 from LASD and 70 from LACFD. 2026---936 retirements with 123 LASD and 42 LACFD.

Where LACERA retirees live makes for a fascinating conversation. Most retirees and survivors (64,349) reside in California. The 254 retirees living abroad are spread out in 56 different countries with the Philippines having the largest number at

## RELAC 2025 Financial Statement Now Available Upon Request

California Corporation Code Section 8321 requires the Retired Employees of Los Angeles County (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 2025 Fiscal Year. Call the RELAC Office at (800) 537-3522 or (626) 308-0532, or send an e-mail to admin@relac.org, or send a written request to RELAC, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Unit 15, Alhambra, CA 91803-8802.

## RELAC & Southland Credit Union Co-Sponsor "City Slickers" Showing



RELAC staff member Elva Espinoza, fourth from left, and family members catch up with staff members Mary Ramirez and Maria Gustavson, second and third from right, respectively, prior to showing of "City Slickers" at Starlight Cinema in Lakewood, California.

In partnership with Southland Credit Union, RELAC sponsored a low-cost showing of comedian Billy Crystal's hit movie, "City Slickers" as part of a "Munch and a Movie" get together on April 4 at the Starlight Cinema in the Lakewood Center Mall.

"There was a lot of good energy in the house and RELAC members welcomed the time to visit and network with former colleagues," said President Linda C. Hopkins. "In the three opportunity drawings winners received two tickets to the L.A. Dodgers game v. Atlanta Braves on May 8 and two, \$100 visa gift cards."

Hopkins thanked the L.A. County Chicano Employees Association for donating the tickets to the Dodgers game, which also will be Miguel Rojas Bobblehead Night.

Southland Credit Union is a longtime supporter of RELAC. The financial institution has created a web page specifically for RELAC members, which includes membership information and other programs for retirees, and is accessible at <https://www.southlandcu.org/RELAC>.

"City Slickers" stars Crystal as an aspiring cowboy tutored by Oscar-winning actor Jack Palance.

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L.A. County scroll to RELAC

U.S. Department of Education. It reflects RELAC's ongoing commitment to supporting educational advancement and fostering community engagement. Festivities also will include acknowledgment of RELAC's fundraising campaigns on behalf of the March of Dimes March for Babies and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. The 2026 Ambassador Family of the March of Dimes will attend and speak at the event.

In addition, LACERA has partnered with RELAC on a Memorial Day Donation Drive to support local veterans through the Food Bank campaign. To make a donation visit [www.give.lafoodbankla.org/relac-lacera](http://www.give.lafoodbankla.org/relac-lacera).

Finally, summer is upon us and a good time to focus on wellness. Take time to schedule the necessary examinations, tests and appointments with healthcare providers. We all want a healthy and happy retirement.

As always, send me your feedback at [AskLinda@relac.org](mailto:AskLinda@relac.org).

## Southland Partnership with RELAC *Continued from pg. 1*

Webinar presenters will walk through the steps to estimate the amount of money needed to meet goals, including key factors such as health care costs, taxes and inflation. Information will be shared on options to supplement fixed income sources such as Social Security, employer pensions and retirement savings. Also covered will be strategies, product options, sustainable withdrawal rates and the most effective schedule for withdrawing from the accounts.

RELAC members are eligible to join Southland Credit Union, which promotes a not-for-profit model that puts members first. To make joining even more rewarding, Southland is offering a "new member" incentive: open a new savings account with \$50\* and Southland will match it with an additional \$50\*. For more details, go to [www.SouthlandCU.org/RELAC](http://www.SouthlandCU.org/RELAC).

Southland Credit Union is celebrating 90 years of service, a milestone reached by maintaining its long-standing dedication to financial education, community involvement and trusted partnerships, such as the one shared with RELAC.

The financial institution remains committed to supporting retirees with the tools, knowledge and personal service needed to maintain financial confidence throughout retirement.

(\*A primary share savings account with a minimum deposit of \$25 is required to establish membership. The bonus, exclusively for RELAC, will be deposited into the account 30 days after opening.)

## Brian Berger Steps Back *Continued from pg. 1*

"It's good to hear you are feeling fine and fully recovered," said President Linda C. Hopkins in a communication to Berger. "We will miss seeing your smiling face and look forward to your assistance on an ad hoc basis to continue your legacy of service which was much appreciated. Thanks for all that you personally did for me," she said.

Similar comments were made by a fellow director.

"It saddens me to learn that you had a medical setback...but that feeling is overwhelmingly outweighed by learning that you're fully recovered and you're doing great now," said Vice President Bobbie Fesler in an e-mail to Berger.

"To say that you've earned the right to relax, kick back and enjoy life definitely is an understatement," she wrote. "Thanks for your guidance and support when I joined the Board. You made becoming a new member a very easy task."

**(Editor's Note:** Supervisor Kathy Barger is preparing a Board of Supervisors commendation for Berger. She worked with him during his County career, which spans service in the Assessor and Chief Executive Office and as director of the Department of Animal Care and Control.)

RETIREMENT EMPLOYEES OF RELAC GENERAL MEETING & RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

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Celebrate our members, honor five 2026 scholarship recipients, and recognize our impact supporting:

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DATE	THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026	LOCATION	BROOKSIDE GOLF COURSE, PASADENA
TIME	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	PROGRAM STARTS	11:00 AM

LIMITED-TIME OFFER: \$77 • \$49 per person (Includes full lunch & program)

- Pan-Roasted Herb Chicken Breast
- 6 oz. Grilled Flat Iron Steak
- Fettucine al la Vodka

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# RELAC General Meeting Features Blue Line Dogs LA - Therapy Canines

by Victoria Pipkin Lane, Editor



RELAC member Judy Hammond and others listen to the Blue Line Dogs LA presentation.

Where do first responders go when they need help coping with the unimaginable things they see on the job? They often risk their lives to save people too.

A capacity crowd in attendance at RELAC's General Membership meeting in March learned about Blue Line Dogs L.A., which was founded to serve first responders.

Guest speaker Gil Escontrias, who retired after more than four decades with LAPD, returned to the law enforcement agency to spearhead the animal-assisted therapy program. "Our mission is to strengthen the wellness of First Responders by recruiting, training and deploying therapy dog teams," said Escontrias. He started with four dogs and the project now has 25 canines.



Therapy dogs Charger & Willowbrook were highlighted during the Blue Line Dogs LA presentation. From left are Jennifer Stott, Kelly Walper, Dave Muir, RELAC Past President, Rosalind Charles, opportunity drawing winner, Debbie Martin McMullen, Executive Director and Gil Escontrias.

He was joined at the meeting by therapy dogs Charger and Willowbrook, and their handlers Kelly Walper and Jennifer Stott, respectively. Charger works exclusively with staff in the local jails, while Willowbrook visits LAPD, LASD and L.A. City Fire stations. The furry friends "are doing important work and bring smiles to the faces of first responders," said Walper.

Blue Line Dogs is a volunteer canine consultant to the U.S. Veterans Administration "Puppies Assisting Service Members (PAWS) program. Go to <https://bluelinedogsla.com> for more information.

Tim Brown, partner with Public Promise Insurance – NACo, gave an update on RELAC's Supplemental Benefits. "Think of the program as a wrap-around to help cover extra expenses for dental, vision and health services," said Brown.

A major benefit of the supplemental services is cash payments are made to reimburse enrollees for costs associated with accidents, ambulance services and other healthcare needs. More information on RELAC's Supplemental Benefits is available by calling toll free (877) 201-0544 or visiting [www.benefitsdetails.com/relac](http://www.benefitsdetails.com/relac).

In other business, minutes of RELAC's December 2, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Patricia Owens with a second by Betty Norton Taylor. Owens retired from Aging &

Disabilities Department and Taylor retired from Probation. Will Wade, U.S. Army Veteran and member, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opportunity drawing winners were Patricia Owens and Rosalind Charles, a Public Social Services retiree.

President Hopkins encouraged members to participate in RELAC's two, annual fundraising efforts: the March of Dimes March for Babies (held in April) and a Memorial Day Donation drive for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, in partnership with LACERA to benefit County veterans.

"We continue to donate to the March of Dimes because it provides vital prenatal services and resources at County hospitals that are designed to prevent infant mortality and support maternal health," said Hopkins. *Continued on page 10*

## Chumash Casino Trip Luck and a Visit to Solvang are Highlights

by Elva Espinoza, RELAC Staff Member



Bingo winner & January birthday celebrant, Gloria Davis.

A recent trip to Chumash Casino was highlighted by RELAC members trying their luck at the casino while others explored the charming town of Solvang.

"Participants were able to discover unique shops, dining options and wine tasting in Solvang, and also hike trails that offered scenic views of the Santa Barbara region," said Debbie Martin-McMullen, Executive Director.

"One RELAC member enjoyed a relaxing spa day," she said adding, "everyone had the freedom to spend the day their way."

Attendees praised the comfortable bus seats, smooth logistics and the fun and relaxed experience with many returning home with new friends and great memories.



RELAC member Diane Knott & Art Ramirez received a casino credit.

The Chumash Casino bus ride included onboard activities such as bingo, where a King and Queen were crowned, celebrating January, February and March birthdays, and gift cards provided by RELAC partners. The Los Angeles Chicano Employees Association donated two tickets to the June 19, 2026 L.A. Dodgers game, "Mookie Betts Bobblehead Night."



Liz Mackey won tickets to June 19, 2026 LA Dodgers game.



Bingo King Steve Casselman

# RV News - Members Enjoy Barbecue

by Chickee Nelson, RELAC member



RELAC members socialize at luncheon.

We had a nice turnout for the March 12 gathering of our camping group. More than 20 RELAC members, who participate regularly in the quarterly luncheons and guests, attended the March 12 gathering at Lucille's Smokehouse in Long Beach, California.

Although we had a table of 20 people, another table was added to seat all in attendance. We laughed and talked as usual and enjoyed the fellowship. Joining in the festivities were Janet Cerate, Dave and Jan Coleman, Janice Hayhurst, Pat Jackson, Linda Gutierrez, Jeanne Klauk, Dorie Fregeau, Betsy Morgan, Jesse Murph, Norman Nelson, Mike and Veronica Reyes, Bob and Linda Reyes, Helen Quintans, Dian Stegall, Kenny Quintana, Darlene Sorensen and Jonathan Quintana.



The barbecue entree was a hit at RELAC luncheon.

On a sad note, longtime member Leon Stegall attended the luncheon and transitioned the next day. We all mourn his passing and he will be missed.

The next luncheon of the RV group will take place on Thursday, May 21, 11 a.m., at Geezers Restaurant, 12120 Telegraph Road, Santa Fe Springs, California. Ms. Klauk will be the host. RV Camping Group welcomes new members so join us. For more information, contact Mike Reyes at (909) 556-8751.

# Welcome New Members

February 2026 and March 2026

- Sudria Andrews-Hawkins, Reaver Bingham, Judy J. George** - Probation
- Nora Baquer, Maricela Guerrero, Rena Medina, Shirley Petetan, Penny Williams** - Public Social Services
- Sally Becerra, Christy Callahan, Gilbert Callahan Jr., Leonardo Castro, Gary Chan, Josefina Delgado, John Gannon, Rhonda Hennessey, Rachel Jimenez, Taryton Johnson, Michael McCarty, Brenda Rawls, William Taylor** - Sheriff
- April Blackwood, William Saul** - Public Defender
- Vickie Bradley, Michelle Dronge, Osagie Edogun, Diana Hampton, Eufemia Iida, Ralph Taylor** - Health Services
- Ramon Calubaquib, Harold Carney, Priscilla Lexin-Hail,** - Public Works
- Carol Dolle, Donna Koch** - County Counsel
- Pauline Flores, Ken Sholders** - Mental Health
- Jozell Gallion-Robertson, Youn Kim** - Public Health
- Eileen Gomez** - Internal Services
- Scott Graham, Robert Mundt, David Shimahara, Randal Swain, Clyde Taylor, Ray Thompson** - Fire
- Jerrell Griffin** - Aging & Disabilities
- Malaisha Hughes** - Parks & Recreation
- Leon Johnson** - Mechanical
- Gilbert C. Mellendez** - Comptroller
- Laura Perez, Jayme Wilson** - Board of Supervisors
- Michael Rangel** - AQMD
- Shahzad Shishegar, Louberta Tedford** - Children & Family Services
- Patricia Thompson** - District Attorney

### • No Department Listed •

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| Warren Bury          | Marcia P. Mckeever | Maria A. Rodriguez |
| Lora M. Lacy Marshal | Margaret Moreno    | Marion Stilson     |

### • Associate Members •

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Anthony Hawkins | Felix Robertson | Nash Suber       | Sylvia Ramos-Rangel |
| Yvonne Bury     | Lori Gannon     | Dave Hail        | Casey Sartin        |
| Sally Castro    | Un Hack Kim     | Michelle McCarty | Oneida C.J. Swain   |
| Aura Chan       |                 |                  |                     |

### • New Member Referrals — Thank you! •

(Editor's Note: New member in bold followed by referring RELAC member.)

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| <b>Gilbert Callahan Jr.</b> , Christy Callahan | <b>Shahzad Shishegar</b> , Beverly Williams     |
| <b>Ramon Calubaquib</b> , Edelmor Quevedo      | <b>Ralph Taylor</b> , Les Robbins & Harvey Kern |
| <b>Laura Perez</b> , Victoria Pipkin Lane      | <b>William Taylor</b> , Linda Danhieser         |

**Support Local Veterans  
Through the L.A. Regional Food Bank!**

# RELAC-LACERA MEMORIAL DAY DONATION DRIVE

This Memorial Day, RELAC and LACERA are honoring fallen service members by helping veterans in need. No one should go hungry after serving our country, so donate today to help feed unhoused or food insecure veterans. Our members have donated \$160,000 since 2020!




Scan the QR code or visit [give.lafoodbank.org/relac-lacera](http://give.lafoodbank.org/relac-lacera) to donate now!

**Your gift:**

- Makes an immediate impact
- Provides meals and hope


**Share the legacy!**

- Donate in memory of a loved one
- Encourage others to give

Please add "RELAC" to the memo line of any donations to help us track our impact.



Join the RELAC-LACERA Memorial Day Donation Drive today and let our veterans know we remember their service and sacrifice.



## Happy Birthday RELAC CENTENARIANS

• MAY •

**Marian Cosner**, 101, LAC+USC Medical Center

**Dorothy Elfont**, 101, Health Services (Environmental Management)

**Eleanor Henley**, 102, Public Works (Roads)

**Betty A. Josephson**, 100, Assessor

**Reynaldo E. Lopez**, 100, Probation

**Evelyn Lowe**, 101, Public Library

**Patricia T. Munger**, 101, No Department Listed

**Alene A. Sarsten**, 101, Public Social Services

**George E. Smith**, 104, Assessor

• JUNE •

**Eva. M Betz**, 100, Sheriff

**Leroy Daniel, Jr.**, 100, Public Works (Roads)

**Jetta M. Davis**, 100, Health Services (Women's Hospital)

**Anderson Johnson**, 112, Sheriff

**Anna F. Urata**, 100, Health Services



## Inside LA County

by Judy Hammond, RELAC Member,  
L.A. County Director of Public Affairs (Ret.)

Voters in 2024 approved a quarter-cent sales tax increase to pay for homeless services.

Now County supervisors want another half-cent hike to pay for health services. Supervisor Kathryn Barger was the sole vote against putting the measure on the June ballot, saying the sales tax is already too high – the increase would bring it to 11.75 percent in some cities. Though Supervisor Holly Mitchell said she was reluctant to ask for the increase, she saw no other viable and timely option to raise the \$2 billion the County is projected to lose over the next three years in federal health care funding. Opponents have also argued that by asking for a countywide general tax increase instead of a special tax, the County could use the money for other purposes. In addition to the flexibility in the use of the tax, a general tax measure takes only a majority of the votes for passage, while a special tax would require a two-thirds vote.

A measure going to voters in November would take away the power of the Board of Supervisors to make the final decision on contract disputes regarding pay and working conditions for public safety workers by establishing a three-person binding arbitration panel to rule on disputes reaching impasse. The supervisors themselves voted (with Supervisor Holly Mitchell abstaining) to put the proposal on the ballot, saying it would be an incentive to both parties to come to a fair agreement.

The federal government has begun a study, expected to be completed in 2027, to decide if the National Park Service should take over control of L.A. County coastal areas stretching from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance. The question is whether the National Park Service would better protect resources and public access.

Following accusations that the late labor leader Cesar Chavez had sexually abused women and girls, the Board of Supervisors asked a process be established to remove his name and image from any County observance, program, facility, street or property.

The County has enacted a hard-hiring freeze -- with the exception of health and safety, mandated, and critical positions, positions used for high-priority service delivery, and/or offset with continuing and stable revenue streams, as determined by the acting chief executive officer -- and a freeze on non-essential services, supplies, and equipment purchases.

The state Department of Justice is investigating whether race, age or disability played a role in the delayed emergency response in west Altadena during the January 2025 fires.

The County is among the defendants in a lawsuit filed by the City of Malibu for alleged failures that allowed the 2025 Palisades Fire -- which killed 12 people and destroyed some 7,000 buildings -- to ignite and spread. The lawsuit says pumps, tanks and backup generators belonging to the County Waterworks District 29 in Malibu failed when the fire melted electrical connections installed with above-ground, vulnerable plastic conduits, contributing to low or no water pressure at fire hydrants in the Big Rock neighborhood.

While updating a computer system, the L.A. Superior Court discovered it had not reported the outcomes of 464,000 criminal cases involving 380,000 convictions to the state Department of Justice (DOJ) in cases from the early 1980s to 2023. The DOJ database is used by police agencies, schools, employers and agencies to do background checks.

The County is being sued by the mother of a Long Beach girl who claims the Department of Children and Family Services should have known that the toddler's father -- who has been charged with torturing and killing the 14-month-old -- was an "extreme and foreseeable danger" since he had served four years in prison for child abuse.

Supervisors authorized the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk to spend \$700,000 for a keycard system at its Norwalk headquarters to replace what the department calls an "antiquated system" that has compromised security and operations. The system failed or malfunctioned 23 times in 30 months, requiring doors to be propped open to allow employee access, leaving sensitive areas exposed to unauthorized access.

Misconduct of County employees continues to cost the taxpayers millions of dollars. At a recent meeting, for example, the Board of Supervisors approved \$11,835,000 to settle 10 cases relating to retaliation and discrimination, traffic accidents, excessive force and assaults. One month earlier three settlements totaling almost \$2.6 million were approved involving the death of jail inmates.

County libraries are asking residents to donate their favorite reading materials for jail inmates. Not acceptable are textbooks, pornography, and depictions or descriptions on how to commit crimes, illegal gambling or unlawful lottery.

Ground has been broken on a County project to use six vacant buildings on the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk to create a mental health "village" to provide a wide range of services, including locked psychiatric treatment, interim housing and long-term supportive housing.

A Feb. 26 memo from Undersheriff April Tardy to the department personnel administration bureau authorizes personnel to work over 96 hours of overtime per month, up to 120 hours, due to critical staffing shortages.

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## LACAAEA Honors Judge Armstead, Curley Bonds, M.D. at Fundraiser

by Joe Kelly, RELAC Member and L.A. County Treasurer-Tax Collector (Ret.)



Joe Kelly, left, congratulates honoree Curley L. Bonds, M.D., at LACAAEA gala.

Judge Songhai Armstead and Curley L. Bonds, M.D., were honored for career achievements at the annual Black History Month Gala and fundraiser of the Los Angeles County African American Employees Association (LACAAEA) held in February at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza downtown.

A capacity attended the great event where guests included Supervisor Holly Mitchell, County department directors and chief deputies.

Proceeds from the dinner event will benefit LACAAEA's scholarship program that supports and uplifts students in pursuit of higher education. More information about the organization is available on its website, <https://lacaaea.org>.

Dr. Armstead is the retired director of the Justice Care and Opportunities Department. Dr. Bonds is the chief medical officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.



Rodney Collins, Chief Deputy, L.A. County Department of Human Resources, greets Joe Kelly at the LACAAEA fundraiser.



Enjoying the LACAAEA event are, from left, Jane Yang, Chief Deputy, Alternate Public Defender, Yolanda Pina, Chief Deputy, L.A. County Library, Nicole Davis Tinkham, Chief Deputy, County Counsel, and Stacey Medlock-Winters, Administrative Deputy, Chief Executive Office.

## RELAC Open House

### New Offices at Alhambra Campus



Staff member Mary Ramirez greets visitors to RELAC's new office.

It was a day filled with warm greetings and refreshments as RELAC staff welcomed visitors to its new office at the Alhambra Campus in the San Gabriel Valley. Jeanette Villa, Office Manager, LA County Chicano Employees Association, welcomed RELAC to its new space.

"We have relocated to Building A-9, Room 9131W on the same campus, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, California 91803," said Executive Director Debbie Martin-McMullen.

"The move is part of RELAC's reassessment of its office needs as staff members work remotely on several days," she said. However, there is staff in the workplace during office hours, which are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

McMullen made it clear that RELAC operations continue during the week and individuals seeking information may send an e-mail to [admin@relac.org](mailto:admin@relac.org) or call (800) 537-3522.



Armando Nogal stands ready to greet County employees and explain to future retirees the benefits of joining RELAC.



President Hopkins, left, and Elva Espinoza, staff member, right, express appreciation to Jeanette Villa, LA County Chicano Employees Association, for supporting RELAC's open house.

## Nominations Open for Upcoming Election of RELAC Board Directors

by Dave Muir, Past President and RELAC Director

RELAC members in good standing may apply to be a candidate in the election of directors, announced Linda C. Hopkins, President.

"The deadline to file papers to be candidate for the RELAC Board of Directors is Friday, June 5, 2026 at 5 p.m.," said Hopkins.

RELAC members who wish to be a candidate for the Board of Directors must file a petition signed by not less than 25 RELAC members. Individuals who sign the petition must be a member in good standing at least 180 days prior to the filing of the petition.

The petition form and candidate instructions for submitting a Statement of Qualifications and other matters may be obtained by contacting Debbie Martin McMullen, Executive Director, at [Debbie.Martin@relac.org](mailto:Debbie.Martin@relac.org).

Pursuant to RELAC's bylaws, a person who holds, or within 24 months held, a leadership position with an organization that represents County retirees, and has a goal or policy that may be incompatible or in conflict with a goal or policy of RELAC is ineligible to serve as a director of RELAC.

Directors are expected to attend monthly Board business meetings, four membership meetings a year, committee meetings on an as-needed basis, and to participate in RELAC activities and events.

For additional information and answers to questions about the election process, call Martin-McMullen at (626) 308-0532.

## Board of Retirement *Continued from pg. 2*

48, Canada second with 23 and Thailand coming in third with 21. Mexico and S. Korea are ranked at 16 and 10 respectively. There are a total of 77,868 retirees and survivors living in the United States.

Amongst the out of state population there appears to be a larger percentage who come from the safety member population. The State with the largest population of retirees, other than California, is Arizona with a total of 2,007 (including 314 survivors), 1,129 of whom are receiving a service retirement and 564 of whom are receiving a disability retirement pension. Nevada is #2 with 1,794 of which 297 are survivors and 1,197 being on a service retirement and 300 receiving a disability retirement.

Texas is #3 with 1,570 of which are 211 survivors, 1,048 receive service retirements and 311 have a

disability retirement. Idaho is #4 with 859 total retirees and survivors, and 369 receive a disability retirement and 397 a service retirement. The state of Washington is #5 at 740, Florida is #6 with 670, Oregon at #7 with 636. Tennessee, Georgia, Colorado, and are the next 3 in line with 501, 477, and 425 respectively.

There are a handful of U.S. Territories categorized by LACERA- Puerto Rico, Guam, and The Virgin Islands.

Unfortunately, there is no significant news about the LACERA lawsuit with the County. Oral arguments are to be scheduled before the State Supreme Court. This is a very important issue for LACERA because its Board of Retirement and Board of Investments must maintain the authority to make the necessary decisions to best represent and protect its members. This is the basis of the litigation. I will keep everyone informed as the case moves forward.

In the meantime, be well and enjoy your retirement. I can always be reached at [leslasd@aol.com](mailto:leslasd@aol.com).

## Inside LA County *Continued from pg. 6*

Supervisors voted 5-0 to support state legislation that would allow persons visiting youths at juvenile halls to exchange hugs – all contact is now prohibited, even holding hands. Probation Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa, however, worries that a change in policy might increase contraband being brought in and require additional staff for supervision, costing \$1 million.

State Attorney General Rob Bona has filed a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department, saying there is a "shocking" number of deaths in the jails. There were 46 in-custody deaths in 2025 and 32 in 2024. Sheriff Robert Luna, who has asked the National Institute of Corrections to examine the jail conditions and practices to get an outside unbiased view, said the higher death rate is partially due to inmates being older and sicker than prior populations and in need of more intensive care than can be provided in the jails. Four in five inmates have a mental or physical health issue, he said.

Public Works engineer Eric Batman has sued the County for refusing to let him work remotely when the Pride flag was being flown at the department headquarters, claiming he was discriminated against because he was Christian.

The County set aside \$5.13 million to provide \$2,500- \$5,000 grants to small businesses economically damaged because their customers were afraid to patronize them during the ICE raids.

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# PASSAGES

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**RETIREMENTS:** **Lourdes Saab**, the County's chief of protocol, Board of Supervisors, who served in a similar role with the City of Los Angeles when she assumed the County position 20 years ago. **Lennie LaGuire**, director of countywide communications, Chief Executive Office, since October 2018; a former Los Angeles Times city editor who began her County career in 2009 to work on website of then-Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. **Kerri Webb**, public information officer of the Probation Department for 13 years, leaving in May 2020, granted a deferred retirement. **Jeanette Hartfield**, who was the human resources manager in the County Counsel's Office, with more than 26 years of service. Senior Assistant County Counsel **Rosanne Wong**, who supervised several divisions, including workers compensation, which she had specialized in both at County Counsel and the Metropolitan Transportation Agency, with 37 years of service. Assistant County Counsel **Joyce Aiello**, who served as division chief of the Contracts, Labor and Employment, Probate, and Workers' Compensation divisions, the office's Public Records Act coordinator, and the inaugural division chief of the Office of County Hearing Officer Division, with 32 years of service. LACERA Assistant Executive Officer **Laura Guglielmo**, who for the past four years has supervised the Systems, Administrative Services, Human Resources, and Financial and Accounting divisions. **Richard Bendall**, LACERA's chief of internal audit, with 23 years at LACERA and more than 38 years of County service. Assistant Fire Chief **Ray Mitchison**.

**DEATHS:** **Gerald (Jerry) F. Crump**, 91, who served 12 years as chief assistant county counsel, retiring in 1997, 34 years after beginning his County career as a deputy county counsel. **Ron Mellan**, 79, assistant executive officer for the Board of Supervisors when he retired 25 years ago; from a heart attack. **Darren Levine**, 65, deputy district attorney since 1991 and named L.A. Deputy District Attorney of the year in 2003, from complications of accidental smoke inhalation. **Martha E. Bellinger**, deputy district attorney and appointed to L.A. Superior Court in 2005, from leukemia. Retired Sheriff's Chief **David L. Fender**, who retired as Head of the Custody Services Division in 2017 after a 43-year career. He began his career in 1974. West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Deputy **Brian Sneed**, killed in an off-duty accident. Former Senior Deputy County Counsel **Steven De Salvo**, 64, after a year-long battle with cancer. Sheriff's Deputy **Levi Vargas**, 30, who suffered a medical emergency during the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. **Randolph "Randy" G. Bittner**, who began County employment as a carpenter in the Internal Services Department. **Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran**, 77, former Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner 1992-2013, and consultant and director of operations 2017-2018, from lung issues. He served 35 years in the Coroner's Office.

**APPOINTMENTS:** **London McBride**, community engagement officer at the UCLA Police Department, named by the Board of Supervisors to the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to replace Sean Kennedy, who vacated the seat a year earlier. **Domingo Hindoyan** will become music director of the Los Angeles Opera in July, replacing James Conlon, who will be named conductor laureate upon his departure. Hindoyan will retain position as chief conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. Journalist **Robert Greene**, who covered L.A. County government and courts for the LA Weekly and Metropolitan News between 1992-2006 before becoming an editorial writer for the L.A. Times for 18 years, leaving in 2024, named a John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation fellow to monitor and write articles about L.A. County and L.A. City governance reforms. Filmmaker, writer and director **Robert Port**, who has served as a reserve sheriff's deputy for 10 years, hired to a new position as LAPD communications strategist, at \$191,000 salary, after Police Chief Jim McDonnell (former County sheriff) said he needed outside expertise in shaping the department's image within and outside the department. Capt. **Aaron D. Katon**, who has spent 10 of his 18-year fire service career with the County Fire Department, named head of the Communications Division to lead the Public Information Office/Special Events Section, replacing **Sheila Kelliher-Berkoh**, who retired last fall. **Leepi Shimkhada** named chief program officer at the new Homeless Services and Housing Department; an 18-year employee of the Department of Health Services, she most recently served as deputy director and director of housing and services.

**DEPARTURES:** **Fesia Davenport**, who has served as chief executive officer since September 2020, resigned due to health reasons, effective April 16. A County employee for almost 30 years, she had been on medical leave. Davenport's chief deputy, **Joe Nicchitta**, who had been acting CEO during her absence, continues in that role, while **Jeremy Gray**, the CEO's manager of strategic initiatives, fills Nicchitta's old job. The Sheriff's Department removed **Trevor Kirk** as a deputy on Feb. 20 — one year after his conviction of excessive force and four months after he lost his certification to work as a peace officer. The action came one day after activists asked at a Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission meeting why he was still employed. Colleagues have rallied behind Kirk, saying he was unjustifiably prosecuted. **Evelyn Larrubia**, who covered L.A. County government and courts as a reporter for the L.A. Times and associate editor of the L.A. Daily Journal from 1997 to 2011, was among more than 300 employees laid off by the Washington Post as the newspaper shed a third of its staff. She had been senior editor, business and technology investigations since November 2022.

**COURTS:** Former Department of Health Services intermediate clerk **Derrick Callella**, 42, arrested for allegedly sending a phony ransom note to NBC Today host Savannah Guthrie and her family after their mother, Nancy, disappeared from her Tucson home. He had earlier been charged by the District Attorney's Office for receiving \$10,000 in unemployment benefits during pandemic while working. **Nancy Lemus**, widow of Sheriff's Detective **Victor Lemus**, one of three deputies killed when a grenade exploded at the Biscailuz Center Training Academy in July 2025, has filed a claim against the County, saying her husband was not formally trained to handle explosives and was exposed to danger by colleagues who did not follow department bomb protocols.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** A biography of Wisconsin civil rights trailblazer Vel Phillips written by **Jerrienne Hayslett**, director of public information, L.A. Superior Court 1991-2002, is a finalist in *Foreword Magazine's* 2025 INDIES Book of the Year awards.

**CORRECTION:** The March-April edition of the Passages column mistakenly reported that RELAC member James D. Jacobs, retiree of the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office, had died. In fact, it was James A. Jacobs of the Sheriff's Department that died. We apologize for the error.



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# Retired DHS Managers Update

by Barry Hunt, RELAC Member



Barry Hunt

This month was filled with learning, fun, appreciation and inspiration from gatherings at Cal State LA and elsewhere.

For the 16th consecutive year, I am coaching a team of graduate students for the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) College Bowl Tournament in a case study competition with similar teams of Master of Healthcare Management (MSHCM) students from 11 universities in California, including UCLA, USC, other CSUs, and Loma Linda. Dr. Charleata Battle is an Academic Senator.

The teams present oral and written proposals to turn around an actual consortium of medical centers facing multiple challenges in various areas - financial, legal, market share, technology, environment, accreditation, to name a few.

Judging the competition are hospital administrators from the Southern California chapter (ACHESoCal). Cal State LA's team won first place in 2023 and 2019. I am proud and delighted to report that our teams have placed among the top three universities in five of the last six years. It was dedication and hard work that has led to these achievements.

My new class in Management Leadership and Organizational Design is a real joy. It is a Capstone course at the end of the two-year MSHCM Program. We teach all aspects of healthcare management via case studies, best practices, research methods, field study internships, and experiential role-playing exercises.

This is the 16th anniversary of my retirement from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (March 2010). Several RELAC members spoke at my retirement party at Luminarias Restaurant. This honor is much appreciated. In fact, retirement keeps getting better and better, thanks to active participation in RELAC and LACERA activities!

## Membership Meeting *Continued from pg. 4*



RELAC President Linda C. Hopkins, second from left, is joined by Debbie Martin McMullen, left, and David Muir, right, to congratulate opportunity drawing winner Patricia Owens.

RELAC's next General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena, California.

"Many veterans, who have served their country, now face food insecurity," she said. "RELAC and LACERA have joined together on a Memorial Day Donation Drive to support local veterans through the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank," she added.

Contributions may be made online at [www.give.lafoodbank.org/relac-lacera](http://www.give.lafoodbank.org/relac-lacera).

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Beverly Williams and a second by Gina Gonzalez.



# Golf News

by Gil Sandoval, RELAC Golf Director

## Los Verdes Golf Tournament – March 23, 2026

Katy Stringer and Dee Dee Sexton lead the way, playing the best golf over the men! Dee Dee won the Women's Flight, and Katy Stringer took 2nd with just two strokes behind Dee Dee with a Net 66. It was great to have Sue Bleacher return to the golf tournament after not playing since last year. She placed 3rd with a Net 78.

Women have an open invitation to join RELAC's golf outings, and golf lovers may go to the RELAC website, [www.relac.org](http://www.relac.org), and follow the link Golf to sign up for future tournaments. Online payments are now accepted.

The "A" Flight was a close battle between Mike Pearson, Bobby Bradford, and Dave Runke, as Mike's Net 73 edged out Dave and Bobby for the win. Dave and Bobby with Net 74's played to a card off, with Dave taking 2nd and Bobby in 3rd place. It was just like a horse race with an exciting finish!

Mike Davis played steady throughout the tournament, winning the "B" Flight with a Net 74. Taking 2nd place was yours truly and Les Bacon with a Net 77 but I prevailed because of a birdie on the first hole. Les finished in 3rd place. Winning the "C" Flight was Terry Black with a Net 69, Aurelio Anaya came in 2nd with a Net 71, followed by Jose Alvarez with a Net 74. He edged out new player Armando Munoz by one stroke for 3rd place.

Watch future newsletters for information on the RELAC Scholarship and Charity Tournament, which will be held at Lakewood Golf Course on Monday, October 26, 2026. Save the date, and plan to bring your family and friends for a nice round of golf for a great cause. The next golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Santa Anita Golf Course. Entries must be received by May 26, 2026.

### Los Verdes Golf Tournament Results

"A" Flight Winners (19 & under)	"C" Flight Winners (27 & above)	Closest to the Pin Men
1. Mike Pearson (73)	1. Terry Black (65)	#3 - Ricky Lee
2. Dave Runke (74)	2. Aurelio Anaya (71)	#5 - RELAC
3. Ricky Lee (76)	3. Jose Alvarez (76)	#12 - Dave Runke
		#17 - Greg Mason
"B" Flight Winners (20-26)	Ladies Flight	Women
1. Mike Davis (74)	1. Dee Dee Carter (64)	#3 - Norma Gutierrez
2. Gil Sandoval (77)*	2. Katy Springer (66)	#5 - Norma Gutierrez
3. Leslie Bacon (77)	3. Sue Bleacher (7)	#12 - Natalie Burtson
		#17 - Sue Bleacher

# IN MEMORIAM

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

## JANUARY 2026

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**Alcohol/Drug Pgms. Admin.** - Joycelyn T. Whiten  
**Alhambra Superior Court** - Dominic S. Polimeni  
**Ambulatory Care Network** - Calvin Alexander  
**Assessor** - Auria Munetones, Greg R. Stewart  
**Auditor** - Controller - Brian Henricks  
**Beaches & Harbors** - Nancy Quatse  
**Chief Information Office** - John W. Greenwade  
**Child Support Services** - Lawrence E. Hicks  
**Children & Family Services** - Marilyn Joyce Boatwright, Stephen J. Chernack, Martha Maria Garduno, Ruby L. Kennedy, M Joan Maguire, Kai J. Parker, Sheilah L. Sulliger, Shirleen P. Thorpe, Stella A. Vickers  
**Citrus Municipal Court** - Beverly J. Wilson  
**Correctional Health** - Andy M. Domingo, Patrick C. Paik  
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**Juvenile Court Health Services** - Julie M. Blanco  
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**LACERA** - George E. Landgraf  
**Mental Health** - Calvin P. Bruton, Maria E. Cevallos, John W. Fears, Nury Martina Labrada, Bernadette H. Lee, Michael D. Malkin, Zide Qian, Fathy I. Sedky, Oliver Thomas, Sr.  
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**Parks & Recreation** - Juan Sandoval, Jose A. Valenzuela  
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**Workforce Dev Aging & Comm Services** - Gilbert A. Vargas

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