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President's Message

by Brian Berger



It's hard to believe summer is now in our rearview mirror, and we are moving swiftly into the holiday season. Looking back, it has been a productive year for RELAC as we continue to focus on improving customer service.

The IT modernization project has vastly improved security and system management. We are now enjoying seamless remote work capabilities, and on the horizon is a move to more office digitization, proper file organization and effective file search. When RELAC members call the office, staff is able to quickly access files and provide the information requested.

A new position of general manager was created to enhance leadership in the office. Debbie Martin McMullen, RELAC's representative on the LACERA Board of Investments, was appointed to serve as GM. (See the article on this page for more details.)

Another major development in RELAC news is the move to a new vendor to provide supplemental benefits for members. The new program includes additional benefit options. (See Page 3 for more information.)

There are three (3) openings on the Board of Directors, and I hope those who are able will consider stepping up and bringing their talents to RELAC. We have several committees, such as Special Events and General Membership, where your contributions are needed. Call the RELAC Office at (800) 537-3522, or e-mail your contact information to admin@relac.org.

We will wrap up the year with a General Membership meeting, followed by the annual Holiday luncheon and toy drive on December 5, in Whittier. This a great opportunity to visit with former colleagues, and make a toy donation for a family in need.

On behalf of the RELAC Board of Directors, I wish all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.



RELAC Conducts Annual Meeting Dec. 5; Holiday Toy Drive to Benefit Needy Children

RELAC will conduct its final General Membership meeting of the year and Holiday Toy Drive on Thursday, December 5 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 7320 Greenleaf Ave., Whittier, CA 90602.

A buffet luncheon will be offered after the meeting, which will take place in the Atrium Ballroom of the hotel. Reservations are recommended by calling the RELAC office at 800-537-3522, or sending an e-mail to: admin@relac.org.

"We will again partner with the Los Angeles County Fire Department on its "Spark of Love" Toy Drive, and RELAC members are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting," said Brian Berger, president. "The toys are donated to low-income families across the County," he said.

Fire Chief Anthony Marrone has been invited to join RELAC at the annual luncheon and toy drive. Last year, RELAC members donated three barrels of toys to the Spark of Love Campaign.

Debbie Martin Appointed General Manager of RELAC

by Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Editor

The RELAC Board of Directors, in a move to improve office operations, has appointed Debbie Martin as general manager, effective September 9, 2024. Presently, she serves as RELAC's representative on retirees' Board of Investments.

"Martin brings a wealth of personnel knowledge and hands-on experience to the general manager position, which will greatly benefit RELAC and improve its day-to-day office operations," said Brian Berger, president.

She will focus on increasing public awareness of RELAC, broaden the organization's reputation with members and stakeholders, as well as serve as a spokesperson for RELAC's mission and purpose.

"I am humbled and honored to serve RELAC as its general manager," said Martin. "I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and staff to build on the strong foundation we already have established," she said.

Martin, who resigned her position as a RELAC director upon her appointment as general manager, said she is committed to "leading our organization towards new achievements while furthering our collective mission."

She retired from the County in 2021 with 35 years of County service in six departments, including Auditor-Controller, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and Public Social Services, where she was the Chief Deputy Director.

While in the Auditor-Controller's Office, she earned a certified public accountant license and a master's degree in public administration. At the TTC, Martin had oversight responsibility for investment policy, ensuring investment transactions followed established guidelines.

As a candidate for the LACERA Board of Investments last year, she was endorsed by RELAC Director Les Robbins, who serves as the representative on LACERA's Board of Retirement. He also has served on the Board of Investments.

"Martin has a very impressive resume, and many years of management and financial experience with the County of Los Angeles," said Robbins, at the time. "I am very confident in both her qualifications and commitment to being a sound fiduciary," he said.



News From LACERA

by JJ Popowich

Assistant Executive Officer

It is the beginning of October as I write this column, and I'm just returning from a weeklong vacation. My daughter, an adjunct professor at California State University Fullerton, was presenting at a conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I tagged along with her and got to watch her presentation and take in some of the sights of Pittsburgh. There is nothing like spending time with the family and recharging and of course being a proud poppa. Now I'm back at work and getting caught up on all the work that needs to be done.

Last month we shared exciting news regarding our efforts to set up an alternative payment solution for members who are unbanked and receiving payments by check. The team is working with our vendor to launch the LACERA debit card program. We are working on the technical details and planning on how we will roll the program out to members.

Just this week we received approval for the design of the LACERA card. It is exciting to see things happening on this project. My staff and I are hopeful this will be a huge benefit to those members who rely on receiving checks every month. For the unbanked, a debit card like this can help reduce costs of cashing checks at check cashing businesses which always takes a percentage of whatever the amount is.

We have many problems with the USPS delivering mail later and later, which is very hard on members who have bills due at the first of the month and rely on that check. Hopefully soon I will be able to share with you the rollout plan and more details about the specifics of the program.

Recently we made some changes to LACERA.com's homepage that we hope will make it easier for members to find information they need. In the center of the homepage, we have a set of tiles that serve as a gateway to commonly viewed pages or most searched for information. The six tiles are (from left to right) "Ready to Retire," "Sign Up for My LACERA," a new tile called "Resource Center," and on the second row, "Investments," "Careers," and "Board Meetings and Agendas". The newest "Resource Tile" is super helpful as it takes members to a landing page that includes a variety of resources accessible throughout the website, including a new "Video Library." Now you can access all our multi-media content through the video library.

Part of our plans for delivering on our strategic goal to provide a Superior Member Experience includes providing many different channels for members to access information and make it as easy as possible to understand. This includes expanding the multi-media content on LACERA.com and to enhance the Retiree Healthcare experience.

We are very pleased to announce that we have created a super informative video titled, "Intro to Retiree Healthcare and Medicare Enrollment," accessible through our new Resource Center. It's a great overview of our retiree healthcare plans and a resource for those who may have questions about enrolling in Medicare. While most retirees are already enrolled in a LACERA healthcare plan, the video still serves as a great refresher.

For those members who are eligible for Medicare, and approaching the age they can enroll in Medicare this video is a great resource to help you through that process. The team is working on "how to videos" for filling out retiree healthcare forms too. Of course, our Retiree Healthcare staff is also ready and available to answer any questions you have as well.

Well, that's it for this edition. As always, thank you for your contributions to Los Angeles County and its citizens. Take care of yourself and be sure to enjoy every moment of your retirement – you've earned it!



Investment Report

by Debbie Martin, RELAC General Manager
Trustee, LACERA Board of Investments



Leveraging your pension's stability can be a strategic approach to retirement planning. A pension provides a predictable and steady income stream, allowing you to structure your investments more flexibly. Here are some suggestions on using your retirement to your advantage while managing risks and addressing inflation concerns.

1. Use Your Pension as a Foundation

Your pension serves as the baseline for your income in retirement, likely covering essential expenses such as housing, utilities, and groceries.

With basic needs covered, you may feel more confident taking a balanced approach to your investment portfolio, as you're not relying entirely on it to meet day-to-day expenses.

2. Balancing Risk with Your Pension

Even with a stable pension, avoiding overexposure to high-risk investments like speculative stocks, private equity, or complex instruments like derivatives is essential.

Instead, aim for a balanced portfolio with:

Moderate-risk assets: These include bonds, dividend-paying stocks, and balanced funds, which provide a blend of stability and growth.

Lower-risk assets: Treasury bonds, high-quality corporate bonds, or money market funds can provide more security without sacrificing too much growth potential.

3. Inflation Considerations

One key concern for retirees with a pension is inflation. While pensions provide steady income, many do not adjust fully for inflation, which can erode your purchasing power as healthcare, housing, and other costs rise.

To protect against inflation:

Invest in inflation-protected assets such as Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities.

Real estate: Investment in real estate.

4. Maintain Flexibility in Your Spending and Investment Strategy

Be prepared to review and adjust your portfolio and spending habits periodically. If inflation erodes your pension's value, you may want to shift more assets toward income-generating or inflation-protected investments.

5. Plan for Longevity

Pensions often provide lifetime income, reassuring, but you should still plan for longevity risk—the possibility of living longer than expected and outliving other financial assets.

To manage this risk, consider investments that offer long-term stability, such as:

Annuities: These can provide a guaranteed income for life, though they typically come with fees.

Long-term care insurance: This helps cover healthcare costs later in life, protecting your savings from being depleted by medical expenses.

6. Emergency Fund

Even with a pension, keeping an emergency fund in highly liquid assets like savings, money market accounts, or short-term bonds is essential. This ensures you have quick access to cash for unforeseen expenses.

Conclusion:

Leveraging your pension's stability allows you to take a more balanced approach to investing, focusing on income generation and growth while protecting against inflation. However, avoiding overexposure to high-risk assets and maintaining a diversified portfolio that aligns with your risk tolerance and long-term goals is essential.

A measured approach can maximize your pension and ensure financial security throughout retirement.



RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF LA COUNTY: IT'S TIME TO ENROLL IN YOUR BENEFITS.

Dental | Vision | Life and AD&D | Supplemental Benefits



ACTION REQUIRED

If you are currently enrolled in RELAC supplemental benefits you need to call in to update your elections with our new and improved program!



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Golf News

By Gil Sandoval
RELAC Golf Director



La Mirada Golf Tournament December 2, 2024

We're preparing for the final golf tournament of the year on Monday, December 2, 2024 at La Mirada Golf Course, 15501 E. Alicante Road, La Mirada, CA 90638. RELAC members may bring along one guest to play. Hurry! The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 11, 2024. (See RELAC golf tournament entry form on this page.)

2025 Golf Tournament Schedule

Mark your calendars for the first golf tournament of 2025 on January 27 at the Chester Washington Golf Course in South Los Angeles. Visit the RELAC website at www.relac.org for more detailed information.

Questions, comments, suggestions about golf, you may reach me via e-mail at gil8sandoval40@outlook.com.

Golf Entry Form

La Mirada Golf Course

15501 Alicante Rd., La Mirada 90638
www.lamirada.com

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 8:00 a.m. start

Please Print

1. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fees: \$46.00 PER GOLFER - CART EXTRA

please include addresses and phone of ALL additional members/guests

2. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

3. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

4. Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Early _____ Late _____ No preference _____

NOTE: Only ONE GUEST per member.

Enclose check for _____ golfers @ \$46 per golfer.

Make checks payable to RELAC.

Mail to: RELAC-Golf • 1000 So. Fremont Ave., #15,
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

Entry Deadline Nov. 11, 2024

All payments must be in RELAC office

For Office Use:

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

July 2024 - September 2024

JULY 2024

Assessor – **Aaron Hicks**

Child Support Services – **Rosa Duran-Jimenez, Jodi Sherman, Elizabeth Rivera**

Children & Family Services – **Alan Weisbart, Resa B. Nafariyeh, Beverly Jacobs**

Children Services – **Cynthia Jackson Kemp**

District Attorney – **Rita Alvarez, Norma Odell**

Fire – **David S. Martinez, Jorge Guidos, Brad Idol**

Harbor/UCLA Medical Center – **Mary Lou Martinez**

Health Services - **Julie Kyaw, Rebecca Lewthwaite, Bethwam Ogoke, Lauren Simmons**

Internal Services – **Ki M. King**

Library – **Betty Htay**

Mental Health – **Joseph Shepherd Sr., Dan Sherman**

Probation – **Allen F. Prieto, Alex Rodriguez**

Public Defender – **Rose Castellanos**

Public Social Services – **Lupe T. Chacon, Mary Sherman-Jones, Stefanie Zamfir,**

Adrine Khatchadourian, Debbie Harris, Linda Lewis

Public Works – **Lori O'Bryan, Majid Ranjbar, Deirdre Jenkins**

Regional Planning – **Weleta Haregewein**

Sheriff – **Maximiano Rodil, Yu Ying Tse, Richard T. Phares, Barbara Jewell, Suzanne Gutierrez, Terri Sim, Michael Scholl, Andrea Howe, Micael Howe, Allen Jacobs**

Superior Court - **Yvette Sanders, Alicia Redmon Del Real**

Associate Members – **Rudy Chacon, Caro Egerger, Shannon Fiorica, Ana**

Gamez-Ortiz, Mayra Guidos, Gary Horne, Shawn Aleshia Hughes, Marie Idol,

Susan Jacobs, Ara Khatchadourian, Josephine N. Martinez, Bahram Nafariyeh,

Bob Ortego, Josephine Ortego, Evelyn Rodriguez, Amacho Rodriguez,

Elena Shepherd, Karyn Stephens, Lucille C. Wang, Regina Winston

AUGUST 2024

Assessor - **Marie Ramirez, Brian Donnelly**

Auditor-Controller - **Diana Oarhms**

Child Support Services - **Verna Thompson**

Children & Family Services - **Ronnie Dan-Honor**

District Attorney - **Craig Utley, Pamela Booth**

DPSS - **Wendy Tran, Hung Nguyen**

Fire - **Alex Ornelas**

Health Services - **Judith Sherman, Soo Young Yang, Julie Kyaw**

Human Resources - **Leslie Foxvog**

King-Drew Medical Center - **Janice Pierce, Estella V Richardson**

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center - **Evageline Ancheta**

Probation - **Frederick Taylor**

Public Works - **Pedro Sanque**

Sheriff - **Jose Pena, James Mulvihill, Rainier Castillo**

Superior Court - **Gail Stephen**

Unknown Department

Marie Lucero, John Mc Knight, Almaz Moges, Gabriel Morales, Everil Nelson,

Ofelia Ortega, Joel Paco, Antonia D. Sanchez, Socorro Shipman, Barbara

Warren, Regina Wilms

Associate Members - **Engida Bekele, Tomi Morales, Salvador Ortega, Natalio J.**

Ramirez, Carol Mulvihill, Teresa Castillo, Walter Williams

SEPTEMBER 2024

Alternate Public Defender – **Robert Meneses**

Board of Supervisors – **Erlinda Reyes**

Children & Family Services – **Sharon Langley, Linda Reusser**

Internal Services – **Mark Carlson**

Public Works – **Pamela Manning**

Superior Court – **Maria Hurtado**

Sheriff – **Robert Borngrebe, Lakisha Long, Robert Maybury**

Associate Members – **Oscar Hurtado, Michelle Maybury**

RELAC Members Educated on Property Tax Process and Homelessness Efforts in L.A.

By Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Editor

The property tax process may be daunting for some homeowners, but the Los Angeles County Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) has streamlined the process using technology.

In the past year, there has been a 5.1 percent drop in homelessness across Los Angeles County, from 55,155 in 2023 to 52,365 in 2024.

These are some of the facts shared with RELAC members at the September meeting held at the Department of Public Works headquarters in Alhambra, CA.

Retired TTC Keith Knox, in a keynote address on “Protecting Ourselves As We Age,” educated RELAC members on how to successfully navigate the property tax process and safeguard assets.

For starters, “property owners may save time and money by paying online. Pin numbers are no longer required to make payments,” he said. The use of a credit or debit card will incur a 2.22% fee.

“Payments also may be made in person, by telephone or via U.S. mail,” said Knox. The latter method could lead to fraud. Criminals are fishing mail out of postal boxes and looking for envelopes that appear to include bills or checks. For those who are more comfortable paying by check, Knox advised property owners to “drop off checks inside a post office.”

Another important role of the TTC is Public Administrator, an appointment made by the Probate Court when there is no executor, personal representative or administrator for a decedent’s property or the property is subject to loss, injury or waste.

Knox encouraged retirees to have a plan for their financial and property assets, outlined in a will or trust, with an established power of attorney that includes healthcare and burial instructions.

“Estate planning or more accurately estate organization is important,” and ensures the assets are protected, Knox said. More information about the TTC may be obtained by visiting www.ttc.lacounty.gov.

Darick Blackshere, Community Relations Supervisor for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), gave an insightful presentation on initiatives to reduce homelessness in Los Angeles City and County. “This year’s homeless count numbers suggest that our unprecedented coordinated emergency response is making a difference,” said Blackshere. LAHSA’s Multi-Departmental Crisis Response Teams (MDCRT) leads the initiative.

“Coordinated encampment resolution efforts with City and County partners helped decrease makeshift shelters,” leading to the 5.1 percent drop in unsheltered homelessness, he said. At the same time, the number of people in shelter rose by 12.7 percent. “Our unified response is contributing to meaningful change,” said Blackshere.

But there remain undeniable facts about the issue. Data shows that historic exclusionary policies still result in a disproportionate number of people of color experiencing homelessness, and Latinos remain the largest ethnic group in this category.

There are 29,823 people experiencing chronic homelessness this year, according to the 2024 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Homeless Count. But there is positive news too. LAHSA’s “key performance indicators show people are moving through our rehousing system faster,” said Blackshere.

“L.A. County increased street to interim housing placements through outreach by almost 50 percent from 2022-2023, and in the same timeframe, the number of people moving from interim housing to permanent housing increased by 25 percent,” he added.

The September meeting, led by President Brian Berger, also included an announcement that RELAC is making changes to its Supplemental Benefits programs (See Page 3 in this newsletter).

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Protecting Ourselves As We Age

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- ▶ Paying Property Taxes Securely/Carefully
- ▶ Estate Planning Organization

Keynote Speaker Keith Knox



RELAC Treasurer Dyanne Nelson and Vice President Linda C. Hopkins



RELAC President Brian Berger and speaker Keith Knox congratulate Opportunity Drawing winner Imad Abboud of Public Works.

Drawing Rewards for RELAC Members Recruiting Others

You still have time to win some cash for recruiting new RELAC members this year.

The deadline to submit applications for the upcoming drawing is Dec. 31, with members receiving one entry for every person they recruit.

Twenty \$25 prizes will be awarded in January, with multiple prizes to the same individual allowed. In addition to this year’s referrals, others who have recruited members since the drawing began in 2021 and have not won will be automatically entered in the upcoming drawing.

So, get your former colleagues to join RELAC and remind them to list your name on the application as making the referral. The easiest way to join is to fill out an online application on RELAC’s website at relac.org. Applications may also be downloaded from the website or the RELAC office will mail an application upon request.

RELAC Board members and staff are not eligible for the drawing.



Inside LA County

by Judy Hammond
RELAC Member

County supervisors approved a “countywide language access policy” as a framework for its departments to provide linguistically and culturally responsive services to residents who do not speak English, noting that more than 200 languages and dialects are spoken in L.A. County and more than half of its residents speak a language other than English at home. The supervisors said that the ability for residents to access services in their preferred language can improve health outcomes, economic security, educational achievement and employment opportunities.

Already ahead of the game is the Registrar-Recorder’s Office, which offers election materials in 18 languages, and the Department of Health Services (DHS), which provides interpreter services in over 100 languages. In its recent annual report, DHS said in 2023, 54 percent (more than 1 million) of patient visits were conducted in a language other than English. Spanish was the most preferred language, followed by English. These were followed by Mandarin, Korean, Armenian, Tagalog, Russian, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Arabic.

Hope they are investing in buying Forever stamps... The Treasurer-Tax Collector will be mailing out approximately 2.4 million property tax bills in November. The Registrar-Recorder sent sample ballot books and vote-by-mail ballots in October to 5.7 million voters.

Due to a shortage of court reporters, the Superior Court has authorized the use of recording devices in certain family law, probate and civil proceedings.

The Sheriff’s Department continues to handle parking enforcement services, but the Board of Supervisors has given the department three years to improve its performance, embedding a Public Works employee within the unit and instructing the DPW to prepare a “day one” business plan should the Board decide to transfer the responsibility.

The L.A. County Democratic Party, after hearing a plea from Supervisor Hilda Solis to support the measure and from Supervisor Holly Mitchell to oppose it (both Democrats), endorsed Measure G, which would increase the number of supervisors to nine and make the chief executive officer an elected position.

Supervisors approved a \$10,994,000 budget increase for the restoration of the County Library headquarters in Downey, which was extensively damaged by a fire in November 2021, bringing the total to \$26,425,000. The upgrades are expected to be completed in about two years.

The U.S. Department of the Interior awarded \$15 million and the state Wildlife Conservation Board awarded \$12.5 million to help the County create the 142-acre Puente Hills Regional Park in Hacienda Heights on the 1,365 acre-site of the former Puente Hills Landfill. It will be the County’s first new regional park in more than 35 years. It is a personal victory for Supervisor Hilda Solis, who grew up in an unincorporated area near the landfill. “I can still remember garbage trucks driving through our streets – leaving a stench throughout my neighborhood. To that end, I vowed to do everything I could to close the landfill and one day, restore its lands,” she said.

The County’s newest park, the San Gabriel River Park (formerly known as Duck Farm River Park), spans 80+ acres of riverfront land along the San Gabriel River in the unincorporated area of Avocado Heights and is a key component of the regional Emerald Necklace Park Network, connecting 10 cities in the San Gabriel Valley with a 17-mile loop of parks and greenways.

Watchdog Center for Climate Integrity says the County and its 88 cities will need to spend \$12.5 billion over the next 16 years to cope with climate changes to prevent flooding, wildfire damage and deaths from extreme heat exposure and diseases.

The County expanded its free gun lock program, providing the locks at medical centers and some libraries.

The Department of Children and Family Services has extended its pilot program countywide to provide hands-on training to foster parents on understanding different hair textures.

The West Covina Library has reopened after undergoing a \$12.6 million renovation.

The Board of Supervisors approved \$16 million to refurbish County Fire Station 164 in Huntington Park, which was destroyed in a fire in May.

The County is nearing completion of the legal steps to transfer Hart Park and Museum to the City of Santa Clarita.

Breathe, the County’s guaranteed income program which began by supporting 1,000 County residents with \$1,000 a month for three years, is expanding to include 2,000 youths transitioning out of the foster care system. The youths, aged 18-21, will receive \$500 monthly or \$1,500 quarterly for up to 18 months.

Officers at Camp Joseph Paige in La Verne took one of the youths in custody to visit his newborn daughter in the hospital and sign the birth certificate, allowing him to bond with the baby and hold her for two hours.

Efforts continue to transform MacLaren Hall, the former County facility in El Monte that housed youth in foster care from 1961 to 2003, into a park and affordable housing project. Supervisors have approved plans to demolish eight structures to make room for a \$45 million, 5.6-acre park, increased the budget by \$28.2 million for 202 affordable rentals for low-income, seniors, transition-aged youth and persons with special needs, and approved an initial \$8.8 million budget for a medical building.

The County Code has been amended to prohibit an official leaving County service from lobbying the County for two years. There had been a one-year waiting period.

The Board of Supervisors, unhappy with the profit markups in the jail commissaries, has asked the Sheriff’s Department to reduce the prices it charges inmates.

After the Downey City Council banned the Pride flag from flying on city property, L.A. County flew the flag at its nine facilities in the city.

Supervisors have approved \$7.2 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of 44-year-old firefighter Tory Carlon, who was shot and killed at a fire station by a colleague. The family alleged that firefighter Jonathan Tatone’s “dangerous conduct” was known by fire officials for years. The settlement is inclusive of approximately \$584,176 in legal fees.

Supervisors also approved a \$7 million settlement to Samuel Nelson in a civil rights lawsuit that alleged excessive force in his detention and arrest by an off-duty deputy at the Whittier Courthouse. The deputy, who suspected Nelson was burglarizing cars, said he shot Nelson because he thought Nelson was reaching for a gun when confronted. Nelson had a knife, but no gun.

The Department of Public Health will begin in November inspecting all rental housing properties with two or more units, and tenant-occupied single-family homes in unincorporated areas to ensure they are meeting state and County safety codes. The goal is to inspect each rental once every four years.

The City of Los Angeles gave the County \$1,662,625 to buy and distribute carts to sidewalk vendors within city limits. The County, saying the boundary lines between the city and unincorporated areas are often “blurred” for most vendors, will charge 10-15 percent to handle the work. The Board approved using \$2.5 million of federal funding to buy carts.



Barry Hunt and CSU-LA President, Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes.



Linda Hopkins, right, RELAC presents a gift card to Opportunity Drawing winner Kathy



Keynote speaker Keith Knox

DHS Managers Update

by Barry Hunt
RELAC Member

Friends, the beat goes on with more teaching, learning and socializing with friends and colleagues over the decades.

At **Cal State LA's Fall Convocation** in August, the administrators, faculty and staff celebrated recent campus achievements. We also conducted an orientation for 30 new Master of Healthcare Management students. My graduate summer healthcare accounting class went very well. The undergraduate Leadership/Management course has just started. More about the course next month.

The new artwork in the garden of the Luckman Auditorium is beautiful. It was my pleasure to meet the dynamic, new CSU-LA President, Dr. **Berenecea Johnson Eanes**. She described the formative experiences in her life, beginning with her father's admonition: "Chickens look down. (Golden) Eagles soar high!"

It was wonderful to chat with current and former IT colleagues from the State, County and City at the Gov/Tech Summit held in August at the Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. We heard industry leaders and vendors discuss the latest on a variety of topics, including:

- The Age of Digital Disruption: Navigating Readiness and Adoption of Artificial Intelligence;
- Data Mastery: Building a Solid Foundation for Public Sector Innovation;
- Creating Resilient Cybersecurity Frameworks, Safeguarding AI: Privacy, Security, and Ethical Use, Crisis Management and Continuity Recovery.

I hope to see you at the upcoming RELAC Christmas Party and Toy Drive on December 5, 2024, at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, 7320 Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier.



RELAC Brian Berger, left, and Keynote Speaker Keith Knox congratulate Opportunity Drawing winner

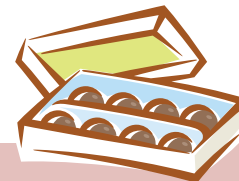
General Membership Meeting cont. from p.5

Linda Hopkins, Vice President and Chair of RELAC Connections committee, reminded RELAC members who have served in various branches of the U.S. military to enter the newly launched Veterans Opportunity Drawing. It was started to honor veterans for their bravery and service to the country.

Winning Veterans

- Sylvia Mercado, Pasadena, California
- Jan Musial, Flagstaff, Arizona
- Ricky Taira, Gardena, California
- Willie Wade, San Dimas, California
- Howard N. Wald, Las Vegas, Nevada

The next General Membership meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 10 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Whittier. It will precede RELAC's annual Holiday luncheon and Toy Drive. To RSVP, contact RELAC via e-mail at admin@relac.org or by calling the office at (800) 537-3522.



Attention RELAC Members!!!

RELAC has renewed its discount program with See's Candies. How sweet it is.

Members may purchase See's Candies at a reduced price at any See's Volume Savings Discount Shop. To find a location near you, call (800) 877-7337 and let the See's representative know you are a RELAC member.

You also may find a list of See's Volume Savings Discount Shops on the RELAC website, www.relac.org. Click on the Member Discount tab. Staff also will provide assistance, if needed. Call (800) 537-3522.

Remember, you must show your RELAC membership card at time of purchase.

Letters To The Editor

Write On!

Thank you for selecting my name in the Spring drawing. I appreciate the monetary contribution. It was helpful during this time of soaring prices. The newsletter is highly informative and keeps me up to date on happenings with fellow employees. Again, thank you!

Patricia Moore
Pasadena, California

Thank you for the annual gift of the 2024-2025 pocket calendar. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Lorena Pulliam
Jonesboro, Georgia

I was so honored to be selected as a recipient of the prestigious RELAC scholarship. Please know it is my intent to do you proud at the next level of my academic career at UCLA. Your generosity is truly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Molly Melia
Torrance, California

Aloha from Hawaii. I enjoy the RELAC newsletter, especially the notes from Gil Sandoval on the RELAC golf. Keep up the excellent work and keep on swinging!

Bob Bogawa
Honolulu, Hawaii

Thank you very much for the birthday card that you sent me for my 96th birthday!

Paul Hopkins
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Any thought of having a (RELAC General Membership) meeting on the west side of the San Fernando Valley? We are part of Los Angeles County.

Robin Hell
Woodland Hills, California

(Editor's Note: The request has been referred to the General Membership Committee for consideration as it plans the 2025 meeting schedule.)

I am currently 103 years old and a former employee of Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. I went to work in 1947 when John Quinn was the Assessor. I retired in 1979. I am likely to be the only person left of the WW2 Veterans hired by Mr. Quinn in 1947 and 1948. If any of you are still alive, please call me at (310) 459-2120 or send me a note.

Martin Copenhafer
Malibu, California

RELAC Launches 2025 Scholarship Program at End of December

RELAC will launch a new and improved scholarship program for members and immediate family members at the end of December, according to Linda Hopkins, Vice President and Chair of the RELAC Connections Committee, which coordinates the annual program.

"We will roll out an improved electronic filing system, where applicants will submit all of the requested documents online," said Hopkins. "The paper application will still be available upon request," she said.

The scholarship filing period opens January 1, 2025 and continues until March 31, 2025. Winners will be notified soon after the filing deadline.

"Our scholarship program was started to support RELAC members and their families in pursuing education goals," said Brian Berger, President. "The cost of higher education continues to increase, and I encourage members to apply," he said. Many of RELAC's past scholarship recipients were nominated by grandparents.

RELAC has reserved \$5,000 to fund five (5), \$1,000 scholarships for students attending an eligible educational institution. More information will be available from the RELAC office, (800) 537-3522, and the website, www.relac.org.

Letters Continued

Thank you for the birthday card. You're only 91 once. LOL!

Larry Jenks
Bakersfield, California

Thank you very much for my September birthday card. I was 99 years old. My son, daughter and six grandchildren with their spouses and children came together for my special day. It became a 3-day celebration. I thank you for all the birthday and Christmas cards I received since retiring. Amazing!

Ilse Kraemer
San Juan Capistrano, California



Happy Birthday,
RELAC Centenarians

November

Juliette Avalos, 100, Public Social Services
Virginia J. Weaver, 106, Public Social Services
LeRoy Wilkey, 102, Public Works

December

Mary D. Dykman-Wrinkle, 100, Road Department

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RETIREMENTS:

John Baackes, 78, retiring as chief executive officer of the publicly funded L.A. Care Health Plan after nearly a decade of service, but will continue as chair of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Sciences. Retirees **Leslie Foxvog**, an administrative deputy II in the Department of Human Resources (DHR), and **Mark Martinez**, a senior information technology specialist within the purchasing and contract service section of the Internal Services Department (ISD), approved by Board of Supervisors to return as 120-day temporary employees without the normal 180-day waiting period to transition or bring projects to closure. Martinez, who will earn \$100 per hour, will provide expertise needed to replace the current enterprise legacy system (eCAPS) with a modern eProcurement system. Foxvog, whose compensation was not disclosed in Board papers, will assist DHR with the implementation of the Department Finance Management Academy, assist the Chief Executive Office as part of the COVID-19 financial recovery team and close out the American Rescue Plan Act federal claims.



Arcos

DEATHS:

Les Swancutt, 89, who retired as administrator of LAC+USC Medical Center's Psychiatric Hospital in 1993 after 32 years of County service that included positions in the Bureau of Public Assistance, Assessor's Office, Chief Administrative Office, and Health Services; from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. **Edward J. McAniff**, 89, who served more than 50 years on the board of directors of Master Chorale, 10 years as chair, and was emeritus director of the Music Center; instrumental in the restructure of the Music Center organization that resulted in the Los Angeles Master Chorale becoming a resident company of Walt Disney Concert Hall. Renowned cosmetic dermatologist Dr. **David Michael Duffy**, born in 1933, who served as director of the Dermatologic Surgery Center at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and was an international lecturer. **Anne Hennigan Raine**, 74, who became a deputy district attorney in 1990, a position she held throughout her career, serving in the major crimes, hard-core gangs and homicide units. **Dustin Roberto**, who served five years as a firefighter paramedic, assigned to Station 93 in Palmdale; following a short-term illness. Sheriff's Deputy **Gonzalo Galvez**, 47, a 24-year member of the department and two-time medal of valor recipient; from gastric cancer. Former Superior Court Judge **Halley Fromholz**, 85, of Pasadena, who oversaw more than 700 Southern California Catholic Church clergy abuse cases, first appointed by then-Gov. Pete Wilson in 1994 and retiring in 2007; from complications of Parkinson's disease. Former Superior Court Judge **Richard Clegg Hubbell**, 93, who presided over the landmark case involving the Oakland Raiders and the National Football League. **Francine Oschin**, 81, former chair of the County Beach Commission. **Ralph Terrazas**, who served as chief photographer in Chief Administrative Office, in charge of photographers for the Board of Supervisors. **Carlos A. Uranga**, 83, a former public defender who served as an Alhambra Superior Court judge for more than 30 years; following a brief illness. Dr. **Dorothy McVann**, 101, a physician in the County Health Department for decades, continuing in private practice following retirement, maintaining her medical license for 74 years (1949-2023).



Fromholz

APPOINTMENTS:

RELAC member former Sheriff **Jim McDonnell**, who served in the L.A. Police Department (LAPD) for 28 years before serving as chief of the Long Beach Police Department and then being elected Los Angeles County Sheriff in 2014, named chief of the LAPD. **Robert "Bobby" Arcos**, a former L.A. Police Department assistant chief who now is chief of the Bureau of Investigation in the District Attorney's Office, was among finalists considered for the position. Lakewood Mayor **Todd Rogers**, a 32-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, including serving as assistant chief for four years and commanding officer of the Carson Sheriff's Station for six years, selected as first chief of Rio Hondo College's new Police and Campus Safety Department.



Galvez

HONORS:

The L.A. City Council proclaimed Aug. 29 as **Gloria Molina** Day in Los Angeles City. Molina, who died in 2023 after a three-year cancer battle, was the first Latina to serve on the L.A. City Council, the County Board of Supervisors and in the California State Assembly. **Arelle Middleton**, 16, who plays on the junior varsity wheelchair basketball team at the County's Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, won the silver medal in the women's shot put F64 at the Paris Paralympics. She is the youngest athlete to medal in this event and the youngest member of Team USA to earn a medal at the Paralympics. The driver rehabilitation and training program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which gained international recognition under the leadership of **Edith Gillespie** during her 31 years at Rancho, has been named in honor of the deceased occupational therapist. After Gillespie's death, the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation received a gift of more than \$1 million from her trust. "Her legacy will undoubtedly live on through the countless individuals who will benefit from her generosity," said Health Services Director Dr. Christina Ghaly. "Her belief in the power of engaging in occupations for those with disabilities to fully participate in life will continue to shape the lives of many."



Hennigan Raine

ELECTIONS:

Manhattan Beach Councilman **Steve Napolitano**, who served as a senior deputy to former Supervisor Don Knabe, was endorsed by the L.A. Times over Deputy Public Defender **George Turner Jr.** for Superior Court judge, seat 39.



Hubbell



Gillespie

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art – 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036
FREE general admission for all visitors on the second Tuesday of each month, and FREE general admission to L.A. County residents Monday through Friday after 3:00 p.m. (closed on Wednesday). L.A. County Senior residents (65+) with ID \$16 per ticket.

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On the third Tuesday (Summer Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) of the month, admission is FREE. Reservations required for free tickets. Daily Senior (62+) admission is \$11 per ticket.

Natural History Museum – 900 Exposition Park, Los Angeles, CA 90007
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