

# RELA CNewsletter

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## Norman Johnson Mourned; Leader of County Parks, LACERA, RELAC

by Bill de la Garza

As Director of Parks & **Recreation for the County of Los** Angeles, Norman S. Johnson set the standard in the development of open-space for large Regional Parks and local community parks for all ages. Upon his retirement from the County, Norm served as a perennial member of the Los Angeles **County Retirement** \*ssociation Board of investments r over 20 years. He was instrumental and played a key role in the development and success of LACERA, one of the finest public retirement pension systems in the country. Norm played a crucial role in assisting RELAC through the early difficult years. His leadership helped RELAC develop into an influential lobby for retiree benefits and a major provider of services to retirees.

A native of Los Angeles, Norman S. Johnson attended Los Angeles High School and the University of Southern California where he received a degree in Public Administration. During World War II he served in the U.S. Air Force. Norm passed away on June 27, 2005 in Pasadena California of natural causes two days before his 93rd birthdate.

A career public servant Norm spent 39 years with the County of Los Angeles in management positions with the Auditor-Controller, Chief Administrative Office, Fire Department and Parks and Recreation. He served 17 years as the Director of Parks and Recreation. During his tenure Parks and Recreation grew from a small



neighborhood Parks Department, located in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, to a large multifaceted Regional Parks system serving all the citizens of Los Angeles and its neighboring counties. His innovative leadership combined with his administrative skills brought his Department to fruition in the early 70's as it became the largest County Parks & Recreation Department in the United States. Norm's passion for open-space recreation facilities paved the way for the development of Castaic Lake and Recreation Area, Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park and Whittier Narrows Regional Park. In addition to playgrounds and swimming pools. Norm wanted the citizens of his county to enjoy Senior Centers, Nature Centers, Cultural Arts Centers, Equestrian Trails, and

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For news of the happy results of the elections for retiree representatives on the LACERA Boards of Retirement and Investments.

And for information about voting in the election for five seats on the RELAC Board of Directors.

Ballots and candidate statements accompany this issue of the Newsletter.

large recreational facilities that included Public Golf Courses, camping, boating, fishing and scuba diving. Norm's love for recreational sports prompted him and his colleagues to organize and develop the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF), a nationally recognized non-profit organization of Public Parks Departments dedicated to fostering recreation sports leagues and programs. Today, SCMAF serves the recreational sports needs of over 250,000 youths and adults.

Norm was recognized throughout the Country for his innovative skills in raising monies to purchase and operate new and needed park facilities. As one of the last Department Heads to enjoy true civil service status, he would not hesitate to take on elected Board Members if he knew he was right. The late County Supervisor, Kenneth Hahn referred to Norm as "Mr. Parks & Rec." He received many national and local awards.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Diane Sandoval

I send you all greetings from Madison, WI. I am visiting my daughter, my son-in-law and most importantly, my grandson. Logan James was born on July 10, 2005 at 5:04 a.m. He is a beautiful baby, has a good appetite and a great set of lungs (especially at 2:00 a.m.).

#### LACERA ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of the RELAC Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you who voted in the recent election and supported the candidates endorsed by the Board. I am happy to report the following:

- Bill de la Garza ran unopposed and will serve his second three-year term as your retiree representative on the LACERA Board of Retirement.
- Ed Morris was elected to the position of Alternate Retired Member and will serve his first three-year term on the LACERA Board of Retirement.
- I was elected to the LACERA Board of Investments and will serve my first three-year term as the retiree representative beginning January 1, 2006.

The RELAC Board sincerely appreciates your support and the trust you've shown by electing the Board's endorsed candidates. Bill, Ed and I look forward to serving and representing you at LACERA Board Meetings.

#### ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST

It's time to elect five individuals to serve on your RELAC Board. Your ballots for this important election may be found in this issue of the Newsletter. As your president, I ask that you consider casting your vote for the following five individuals who have been recommended by the RELAC Board:

- Mary Lou Bangar
- Raymond Guyovich
- Edward Morris
- Ida Ramos
- Greg Walia

Each of the five individuals listed above have proven their commitment to serving retirees by accepting various leadership positions on RELAC's Board and committees.

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FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF
THE RELAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETINGS, INSTALLATION
LUNCHEON AND GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS FOR THE
NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS

Take particular note of the General Membership Meetings (shaded) that are held at various locations. You are cordially invited to attend. Details on the location and program for the next General Membership Meeting are listed on the back page of this Newsletter. A great deal of important information will be given. The Business Meetings listed all begin at 9:30 a.m. and are held at the RELAC Office which is located at 1000 S. Fremont Avenue in Alhambra. Suite 0101, Telephone Nos. (626) 308-0532 or toll free (800) 537-3522.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 14, 2005 (2nd Wednesday)
Cerritos Park East Community Center
13254 East 166th Street
(Located between Shoemaker Ave.
and Carmenita Road)
9:30 AM -12:00 PM

BOARD MEETING September 22, 2005 (4th Thursday) RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING October 27, 2005 (4th Wednesday) RELAC Office

BOARD MEETING November 17, 2005 (3rd Thursday) RELAC Office

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 8, 2005 (2nd Tuesday)
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1324 South Normandie Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90006
(Corner of Normandie Avenue
& Pico Boulevard)
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

12th ANNUAL INSTALLATION
LUNCHEON
January 19, 2006 (3rd Thursday)
Quiet Cannon Restaurant
(Montebello Golf Course Clubhouse)
8901 North Via San Clemente,
Montebello, CA
Cocktail Hour 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Luncheon & Program 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BOARD MEETING January 26, 2006 (4th Thursday) RELAC Office

## VOTE IN ELECTION FOR RELAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your ballot and candidate statements are enclosed. Mark and mail your ballot promptly. Every Vote Counts!

## **Election Slate Nominated for Board of Directors**

At its meeting of June 23, 2005 the RELAC Board of Directors selected five candidates for Board membership for a three-year term beginning in January 2006. The election to fill five positions on the Board will be held in September of this year. Each year elections are held to fill one-third of the positions on the fifteen member Board of Directors.

In selecting this slate, the Board endorsed each of those chosen, finding them to be well qualified to help lead RELAC. They have demonstrated leadership abilities and are committed to serving this organization. The nominated candidates are:

#### MARY LOU BANGAR RAY GUYOVICH EDWARD C. MORRIS IDA LEON RAMOS GREG WALIA

In addition to the incumbents, Bangar, Guyovich, Morris and Walia, the Board recommends Ida Leon Ramos to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Ida retired from the Public Works Department in 2004. She worked for the Department of Public Works from 1989-2004, District Attorney 1984-1989 and various other departments. Ida has already contributed significantly to RELAC as a member of the Membership Committee. She is a good detail person, has strong public relations skills and is recognized as an excellent speaker for training programs and presentations.

Jim Harrigan who has served on the Board of Directors for 14 years has decided to leave at the end of his term in December of this year. Jim and his wife Nancy expect to do more traveling. Jim is recognized as an outstanding leader and has effectively chaired several committees over the years, most notably the Recreation Committee for an extended period. More recently he has been chairman of the Membership/Recruitment and Newsletter committees. We wish the best for Jim and Nancy and we know 'ey will continue to participate in many of RELAC's tivities.

#### Sandoval, Morris, De la Garza Elected To LACERA Boards

All three of RELAC's endorsed candidates to represent retirees on the LACERA Boards of Retirement and Investments have won election. Diane Sandoval defeated six opponents in winning a seat on the Board of Investments; she led the incumbent by more than 2000 votes. Ed Morris was elected by an overwhelming margin to the position of Alternate Retiree Representative on the Board of Retirement. Bill de la Garza was unopposed in retaining his seat on the Board of Retirement.

The three winners and the RELAC Board of Directors appreciate the support that the voters gave the endorsed candidates. Retirees now have an outstanding team to represent them in protecting and strengthening the County's retirement system.

RELAC is pleased that active County employees elected Simon Russin to the Board of Investments. In his past service on LACERA Boards Simon has been a staunch supporter of retiree interests. Regrettably, active employees did not elect RELAC's endorsed candidate, Brian Brooks, to the Board of Retirement.

## MEMBERS APPROVE CHANGES IN ELECTIONS FOR DIRECTORS

RELAC members in attendance at the General Membership Meeting on June 16, 2005 at the Diamond Bar Center voted to ratify the proposal to change the timetable for electing RELAC Directors. The voting will now take place in September instead of November. This change allows the Board to select the officers earlier for the next year so as to have a running start into the new term. The ballots are included in this Newsletter. PLEASE BE SURE TO VOTE.



Thank you so much for my honorary membership card. It means a lot to me. My husband, David J. Klein, spent many happy hours in the Radiation Department of the LAC+USC hospital. He was in charge of the equipment. He passed away March 8, 2003. Also was a World War II veteran in the submarine service in the Pacific, and had many interesting stories to tell! Again, thank you for my honorary membership.

Ruth Klein Los Angeles, CA

#### ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE

by Greg Walia, Chair Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Benefits

Due to recent events that gained national spotlight on who makes decisions in case of terminal illness, we thought of providing you with some useful information.

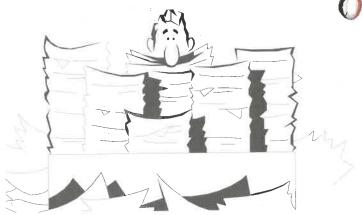
California law gives you the ability to insure that your health care wishes are known and considered if you become unable to make these decisions yourself.

Completing an "Advance Health Care Directive" (AHCD) allows you, under California law (for other States please check with your State Medical Association) to: (a) appoint a health care "agent", and (b) you may write down your health care wishes in the AHCD form. Without going into too much detail, we strongly urge you to obtain AHCD forms by either calling or writing to:

CMA Publications, P.O.Box 7690, San Francisco, CA 94120-7690

Phone: 1-800-882-1262. Internet: www.cmanet.org Ask for the Advance Health Care Directive Kit. There is a charge of \$6.34 for each kit.

## RELAC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICK OFF!



In the face of attacks on public pensions, your RELAC Board approved the first of several initiatives proposed by the Membership Committee to increase RELAC membership. Each quarter, new County Retirees are mailed a RELAC recruitment brochure and membership application form. It has become more critical that we maintain strong membership in order to ensure strength in our efforts to preserve defined benefit pension plans for ourselves and future County retirees. With this in mind, the approximate 800 retirees of the past quarter are being advised that any new member whose completed enrollment form (including payroll deduction authorization) is received in the RELAC office by December 31, will not be required to pay membership dues for their first six months of membership.

Now we need your help! Contact those fellow County retirees and active County employees who have put off enrolling – remind them of the key role RELAC plays in representing the interests of current and future retirees before LACERA, The Board of Supervisors and the California State Legislature. RELAC keeps you informed of matters essential to all of us – the maintenance and enhancement of our pension plans and health care coverages. These two factors are what give us peace of mind and the quality of life we have all earned.

And speaking of quality of life -- let your friends know that RELAC is not all business! Through its bi-monthly newsletter, RELAC announces to all its members scheduled year-round recreational activities including golf tournaments, RV outings, picnics, a Day at the Races, and discounted vacations. It's a means to maintain old County friendships -- and make new ones too!

Support RELAC and our membership drive – if each of our members could commit to getting just one friend RE-TIRED OR ACTIVE to enroll, we can immediately double our membership! For recruitment brochures and enrollment forms contact the RELAC office at (626) 308-0532. Remember: No Dues For First Six Months Of Membership!

## RELAC'S 6TH ANNUAL PICNIC

OCTOBER 8, 2005 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SANTA FE DAM – RECREATIONAL AREA #5 15501 E. ARROW HIGHWAY, IRWINDALE

YOU MUST PRESENT MEMBERSHIP CARD AT ENTRANCE FOR FREE PARKING

THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR – ONLY \$5.00 LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30 P.M.

- Barbecue Ribs & Chicken
- Corn on the Cob
- Luncheon Rolls

- Baked Beans
- · Cole Slaw & Potato Salad
- Ice Cream

FREE BEER/SOFT DRINKS - MUSIC - PRIZE DRAWING

BRING A FOLDING CHAIR
(If you want to sit closer to the music)

ONE ADULT GUEST PER MEMBER

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### MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



## NOTICE TO WEST VALLEY PROBATION DEPARTMENT RETIREES

Probation Department Retirees from the San Fernando Valley are meeting for lunch the last Friday of each month at the Woodland Hills Promenade Mall, in the Food Court, at 11:30 AM. The mall is located on Topanga Canyon Blvd. & Oxnard Street. We welcome your attendance. Contact David Levine at 661-799-0674, if you need further information.

## LA. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE OLD TIMERS' LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 8, 2005
The Proud Bird Restaurant, near LAX
Check in at noon – Buffet served at 1:00 P.M.
Make your reservation now! \$30.00 per person.
Checks payable to Darlene Jones
1801 Masters Drive, Banning, CA 92220
Additional Info: (951) 845-2707
or E-mail: ladymoms@myway.com
Reservation Deadline: SEPTEMBER 25, 2005.

#### SHERIFFS' REUNION IN MC ARTHUR

RELAC 's President, Diane Sandoval, received a letter warmly expressing thanks for the Newsletter's publication of the notice that a reunion for Sheriff retirees was to be held in McArthur, California from June 13 through 17. The letter was signed by 42 persons who attended.

RELAC is always happy to give publicity to events planned by and for persons retired from Los Angeles County. We are pleased to have helped get the word out for the McArthur event.

For those who don't know, McArthur is in northeast California, about 70 miles east of Redding, in a valley between Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta.

#### MARRIED 60+

RELAC Congratulates Members and Their Spouses For Their Many Fine Years Together Catherine & Cornelius Talbot

Married 63 years (06-28-1942)

Norm Johnson (cont. from p. 1)

Those who were close to Norm Johnson recognize that he had two full time careers. One with the County of Los Angeles and the second dedicated to serving County retirees. Immediately following County Retirement, Norm became and elected member of the Los Angeles County Retirement Association (LACERA) Board of Investments where he served for over 20 years. While many individuals have tried to take credit for the development of the STAR COLA program, the truth is that Norm Johnson was the key individual who initiated and found the legislative method for the development and implementation of the STAR COLA program as we know it today. Norm's long tenure as a LACERA Investment Board member has benefited all members of the retirement system.

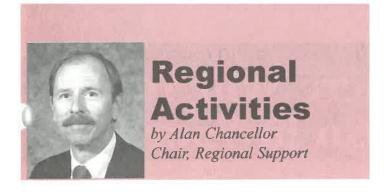
The name Norman S. Johnson is synonymous with the success of RELAC. He served on the RELAC Board of Directors for over 25 years. He served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Editor of the RELAC Newsletter. On May 22, 2003, the RELAC Board of Directors unanimously proclaimed Norman S. Johnson, Board Member "Emeritus". Norm is the only RELAC member to achieve Emeritus status.

I met Norm Johnson in 1960 at an orientation meeting for new Park and Recreation employees. I was an entry level Assistant Park Director assigned to Lomita Park. I can remember he welcomed us to the Department with warmtn and sincerity as he said, "enjoy your job, but if you don't like working with people, you're in the wrong business." With Norm it did not matter whether you were a janitor, Vice President or elected official, he treated everybody the same, with respect and dignity. He made all those around him feel important. Long after Norm had retired I ran into him at the Senior Center are Arcadia County Park. Norm was a volunteer helping Sr. Citizens with their income tax preparations. Norm was doing what he loved to do, "helping people." This is the Norm Johnson that I had the opportunity to know and admire.

In 2000 the County Board of supervisors re-named the swimming facilities at Arcadia County Park "The Norman S. Johnson Aquatic Center"

Two weeks before his death I had a long talk with Norm. He enjoyed being filled in on what was happening in the County Government and in particular LACERA and RELAC. He told me how proud he was of RELAC and the work it was doing on behalf of our retirees. Up until the end he maintained his faculties and his humor. Norm is survived by his wife Dorothy and his son Steven. He enriched the lives of the citizens of Los Angeles County. Norm will always be remembered as a true friend of all County retirees.

We will miss you Norm Johnson . . .



Hello again from your road show coordinator and the Regional Support Committee.

Since our last article we've had some beach fun and have been getting prepared for more fun filled get-togethers.

#### **HUNTINGTON BEACH/ORANGE COUNTY**



Jill Hardy, the Mayor
of Huntington Beach, welcomes
RELAC members and guests
to the highly successful
Regional meeting held in
that city on July 20.
(Photo by Sol Fingold)

The surf was up in Surf City, USA on July 20th. We had a very successful and enjoyable regional meeting in the Huntington Beach Central Library. There were 40 enthusiastic general members in attendance, plus several RELAC Board members and our guest speakers. Huntington Beach Mayor Jill Hardy gave a warm welcoming speech and inspired all of us toward

continued volunteerism. She was followed by Bill Kirkwood (also a HB resident), President of California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA). Bill was informative in sharing insight into statewide retiree issues and the teamwork between RELAC and CRCEA. RELAC Board members de la Garza, Morris, Fleming, and yours truly also briefed attendees on topics ranging from the Retirement Board to member outreach to recruitment and regional support.

We concluded with some well deserved door prizes that are probably adding reading enjoyment and some pounds to the respective winners.

#### **TEMECULA**

We continue to look ahead to our October 12th Temecula luncheon-meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 29345 Pancho California Road in Temecula. Doors will open at :30am with lunch served about 12 noon. We are scheduling informative speakers and many of your RELAC Board members will be in attendance.

We hope you will plan to join us for this excellent event. This is an opportunity to share your retirement concerns and to hear directly from your RELAC Board. It's also a fun time to meet and greet old friends. All of this, a great lunch and prize drawings too, for just \$16.00 per person. To make your reservation simply fill out the form below and mail with your check of \$16.00 per person to RELAC. Don't miss out! October 12th will be here before you know it. And don't forget, bring along a fellow LACO retiree who is not a RELAC member. Once they join in the fun they'll want to be a member too. See you there!

Note: You will not receive a ticket in the mail for the event. Your reservation will be checked at the door.

#### **LAS VEGAS**

As you know from previous articles, our initial Las Vegas luncheon-meeting this year was a resounding success. So much so, that we are making plans for a repeat in 2006.

We have selected March 16th, 2006 for our second Las Vegas event. Place it on your calendars. There will be more to come in each succeeding article, but rest assured it will be fun, informative, entertaining and another great opportunity to enjoy good times with old friends.

Pass our invitation along to your fellow LACO retiree friends who are not RELAC members – we are actively inviting them as well in an effort to increase membership in our RELAC retirement family.

#### **TEMECULA**

Wednesday, October 12, 2005 Doors Open 11:30 am – Lunch @ 12 noon Embassy Suites Hotel 29345 Rancho California Road, Temecula

Name\_\_\_\_\_Address

Guest(s)

#Tickets

x\$16.00 ea

Deadline is September 30, 2005 Mail this completed form to RELAC 1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Unit 15 Alhambra, Ca 91803-8802

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## Where Will You Go in Your RV?

Dear RELAC Member,

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Cars, trucks, vans and motorcycle terms up to 7 years. RV Loan terms up to 15 years, Boat Loan terms up to 20 years. All loans are subject to credit approval.

This advertisement was developed by Southland and approved by RELAC in order to defray the cost of the printing and distribution of this newsletter and as a service to RELAC members.











### DAY AT THE RACES

by Greg Walia, Chair Recreation Committee

#### RELAC DAY AT HOLLYWOOD PARK, JUNE 22, 2005

A record of sorts was established when 118 RELAC retirees and their guests came for a fun filled day at Hollywood Park. We committed for 119 and 118 actually showed up! And some dedicated ones came from far



Winner's all, RELAC members in the Winner's Circle at Hollywood Park

away places like Ventura, Sylmar, Tehachapi, Temecula, Palmdale, Harbor City and Perris (no, not France). The lone no-show missed out on a great lunch, Hollywood Park hospitality, and balmy weather.

In the past, our gathering was at the Finish Line Café, which could accommodate maximum 100 people. This year we were moved to Ascot Terrace due to increased

attendance. Great white canopies, white and green linen tablecloths and sumptuous food and fresh cut chilled fruit ...and oh...those chocolate chip cookies with yummy M&Ms for dessert was a treat to be had.

At the beginning of the seventh race, about 12 of us were escorted to the Winners Circle to have a group picture taken. Since this was my first experience organizing the event, I was totally impressed with attendees' full cooperation and the courtesy shown by the park staff. I am grateful for that. I also want to thank my colleague on the RELAC Board of Directors, Harriet Baker, for her help at the event. Thank you all for coming!

## 11th ANNUAL RELAC DAY AT THE RACES - SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK

Friday, October 21, 2005

Hello Everyone,

Well, what do you know! They say time flies when you're having fun. We all had fun last year at Santa Anita. So, get ready again this year for RELAC's 11th ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES. We have again asked to be seated in the Sierra Vista Terrace with an outstanding view of the track. You will be served a delicious lunch of your choice from the menu items at your table. Each table seats four with a private TV monitor. And folks, bar is close by for you to imbibe!!

As in the past, admission will be \$25.00 per person. This includes: lunch, racing program, a seat in the Terrace AND valet parking. (We retirees do appreciate that, don't we).

Last year 160 attended and everyone had a wonderful time...especially the winners among them. Please fill out the coupon below and mail it to the address shown.

## RELAC'S 11th ANNUAL DAY AT THE RACES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005

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10	000 So. Fremont Av	ve., #15
	lhambra, CA 9180	
Tickets will be mailed	d to you at the above ac	ddress by October 13, 2005.
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#### IN MEMORIAM

#### JUNE/JULY 2005

This list includes retired employees, both RELAC members and non-members
\*Denotes RELAC members

BEACHES & HARBORS
Enriquez, Jesse \*
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICE

Tory, Thomas F. \*

**DPSS** 

King, Carolyn Kirby, Mary D. \* McFarland, Carolyn M. \* Wyant, Clelia Yanez, Natalie L. \*

DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CT. Norvold, Elizabeth A. \*

ENGINEER

Pene, Italo A.\* Sundin, Milton V. \*

FIRE

Edmiston, Larry E. \*
Friend, Richard A. \*
Kington, Kirk R.

FLOOD CONTROL Fields, Leonard \*

HARBOR/UCLA

Christian, Cleophis \*
Eggum, Eleanore B. \*
Neely, Mary F.

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Robinson, Vivian F. \*

HEALTH SERVICES

Ramirez, Maria H. \*
HIGH DESERT HLTH CTR

Escarze, Arturo

HOSPITALS

Waters, Ruth \*
INTERNAL SVCS

Whelan, Vincent M.

LIBRARY

Beals, Frances L. \*

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

Bishop, Barbara L.
Dizon, Adoracion P.
Kevorkian, Armine K.
Silva, Celia, F.
Singhas, Helen L.
Williams, Sallie W.

MASRHAL

Montoya, Luis A. \*

OLIVE VIEW HEALTH SERVICES

Dowell, Shirley J. \*
Howard, Floyd E.
Minnig, Karen \*

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Acosta, Pedro R. Clopton, Julius C. \* Malousis, Francis C. Smith. Ben \*

PERSONNEL

Seward, Doris K. \*

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Bloom, Milton J. \*
Chappell, James F.
Mc Nelson, Louise
Simpson, Paul W.
Smith, Robert F. \*
Valles, Lillian L.\*

Whiting, Ruth G. \*
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Hillman, Kenneth

RANCHO LOS AMIGOS Sinay, Ruth D.

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Laudermill, Johnnie D. Pancho, Angelita A.

ROAD

Netzley, William G. \*

SHERIFF

Boyd, Leroy Schexnayder, Marshall E. Yamanouye, Yuki \*

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Olea, Dora

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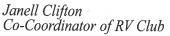
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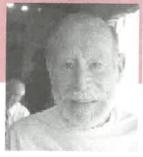
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### **RV News**







Ed Clifton Co-Coordinator of RV Club

#### **RV OUTING NOTES**

Whew, another warm summer is well on its way out of here. As you read this we'll be getting ready for Chula Vista. It'll be fun camping at the beach. Mike and Flora Frazier will be wagon masters. Don't you suppose a few of the campers will make it to Tijuana? Maybe a golf course or two will draw the campers, or Sea World or the zoo could also draw in a few of ''s. If that sounds too tiring sit down and relax while tching up on summer news. Just think of the fun you are missing.

Our next campout will be at Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert. This trip will include our annual costume party and Halloween potluck dinner. Who'll win the prize for best costume this year? Joe and Helen Quintana will be wagon masters. Campout dates are October 24-25-26, 2005. Deadline date for reservations is September 20, 2005. Coupon follows. Always remember table service.

Coordinator Ed Clifton says: Have you thought about being a RELAC RV Camper? We are always on the lookout for new retirees or those of you who haven't been out with us as yet. We will be at the RELAC picnic October 8. Look for our banner as we would love to meet you.

#### **R.V. CAMPOUT RESERVATION**

EMERALD DESERT RV RESORT 76-000 Frank Sinatra Drive Palm Desert, CA 92211

DATES:	October 24-25-26,	2005
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#### **SEE'S CANDIES**

RETIREES. As usual, See's Candies is offering candy to RELAC members at a discount. After December 1, 2005, you may order See's Candies at our special Christmas discount price.

Call 1(800) 877-7337, tell the See's representative you are a retired member of RELAC, where you live and ask where the nearest quantity order shop is to your home. This offer is valid until October 31, 2006.

SHOW YOUR RELAC MEMBERSHIP CARD AT TIME OF PURCHASE





If you have direct deposit, the following information is important for you to know.

Please don't change your direct deposit account until you've contacted LACERA. Each month we have a few members who close their bank accounts and forget to notify us. If your bank account is closed, and we don't have information on your new account, the funds will not go through. The good news is LACERA will process and mail a check to you if this should happen -- but it will take several days to do so.

To avoid any delays in direct deposit, please be sure to notify LACERA when you want to close your old account and open a new one. Or perhaps you want to change banks. In either case, contact us so we may assist you in making the change. It is best to keep your old account open until your retirement allowance begins depositing into your new account.

If you don't have direct deposit, we hope you will consider it.

Each month we get calls from members asking when they will receive their checks. We mail checks the day before the last business day of the month or Friday, if the end of the month falls on a weekend (view the Payday Planning Calendar on LACERA's web site at www.lacera.com). Sometimes members receive their checks in a few days; other times it may take a little longer.

With direct deposit, you'll be able to access your money immediately on pay day, and you won't have to wait around for the check to come in the mail. And, even if your dog should get hold of the mail and eat your direct deposit stub, it won't matter. Your money will be safe in your account where Fido can't get to it.

Please consider signing up for direct deposit today. You may order or print a direct deposit application from LACERA's web site at www.lacera.com, or just call 1-800-786-6464, and we will mail a direct deposit application to you.



#### **FOR SALE**

For Sale – By Owner. Located in Ogallala, Nebraska. Immaculate! 6 yrs. old, 1 acre lot, 3 bd/2.5 baths, office, family rm, 2 car garage + 20x30 shop bldg. \$185,000. (308) 284-6128/View online www. forsalebyowner.com.

Free for Pickup – Electric hospital bed needs new home. L.A Mid-Wilshire area. (323) 951-2971.

**For Sale** – Forest Lawn, Covina Hills, Section Cherished Memory, Lot 3777, spaces 2, 3 & 4. Value \$2100 each. Call (417) 678-7799. Will return call.

**For Sale** – Oceanside beachfront timeshare. One bedroom unit in Oceanside, CA. Red time. \$4800/OBO. (602) 942-5396.

For Sale – Single-story house. Age restricted (55+). Located at exclusive "Sun City Aliante", a Del Webb master plan community in North Las Vegas. Awesome views of the Sheep Mountain, brand new-never lived-in "Primrose" floor plan, 3 bdrms. 2 BA, offers fully desert landscaped front and rear yards, BBQ outlet and great amenities; ie, golf course, recreation center, great spacious park, landscaped streets, etc. Call Lee (702) 396-2236.

For Sale – Miscellaneous: 2 beautifully detailed table lamps (orig \$125 ea) now \$35. Child's wooden table & chairs \$45; little tike bookcase blue/white \$20.00, 2 garment racks-new-\$10 ea;; misc. clothing in excellent condition, sizes 5-8 – cheaper than thrift shop; dressy shoes, size 5-5 ½; antique end table (walnut) \$20.00; pool toys, basketball hoop, giraffe and more. Come see. Call Lillian (818) 348-1968.

Miscellaneous for Sale - Virgin Islands Timeshare - Exchange privileges with RCI worldwide. Value \$9,000. Sell for \$5,000. Maintenance fee \$400 yearly; Ionic Breeze Quadra Silent Air Purifier. Brand new. Value \$350. Sell for \$200; Double Crypt - Inglewood Park Cemetery. Crypt number D85. Sanctuary of Angels. Double Capacity. Sunset Mission Mausoleum. Value \$6,895. Sell for \$4,500. We will pay \$52.50 transfer fee; Large bed backrest with large knee rest. Very good condition. Sell for \$100; 1977 Toyota Land cruiser. Have owned since 1988. Engine and safety in fine condition. Smog tests easily. Sell for \$15,000; State-ofthe-art Treadmill. Value \$800, and recumbent; Exercycle. Value \$500. Sell each for \$300. (Both located in our Big Bear Area Home.); Recumbent Schwinn Exercycle. Value \$500. Sell for \$300. (Located in our Inglewood home); Sugarloaf CA Home. 3 bdrms, 2 brand new BA, 1,200+ sq. ft. 9,300 sq. ft. wild flower-landscaped lot with automatic sprinklers covering entire property. 100 ft. property line abuts San Bernardino National Forest with hundreds of years old animal run coming out of the forest into the center of our property. And, this is the resort are (Big Bear Lake) nearest to Southern California cities (2 ½ hour drive). Fair market value \$280,000. Call Bobbie/Rex -(310)673-7948.

#### **NEW MEMBERS - JUNE & JULY 2005**

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Stevens, Judson B. Jr.

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Furukawa, Alysse

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Williams, Albert D. Magee, Mary G.

TREASURER/TAX: DEPT. NOT DESIGNATED: Diaz, Annabelle C.

Wilkerson, Martha Jones

Phason, Melvin Renta, Linda J.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS: (Active County Employees) SSESSOR: Matsui, Carol K.

LAC+USC MED.CTR.: McNeil, Sarah V. MENTAL HEALTH: Mondorf, Eleanor M.

#### FOR SALE (cont.)

For Sale - Rose Hills - Garden of Affection. Graves 3 & 4, Lt 810. Please contact Trudy Dedman at (714) 484-1973. Will take best offer.

For Sale - Fifth Wheel & Pickup. 2001 F350 Super Cab, Diesel. Duals, Banks System, 32,000 miles. Also, 1999 King of the Road, 36' fifth wheel w/3 slides, 2 air conditioners, 2 furnaces, roof mounted satellite. Front bra and wheel covers, bike rack. Excellent condition. Call (360) 875-5940.

For Sale - Time Share. Spinnaker Resorts, Hilton Head Island, S. Carolina. 2 bdrm, even year/August. Paid \$9,000 OBO. Maintenance fee \$478 (even years). Golf Package. Call (360) 875-5940.

For Sale - Rose Hills Memorial Park, 4 Crypts/ Graves in the Garden of Contentment: Graves 1 and 2, Lot 606; Graves 1 and 2, Lot 607. Cemetery alling Price: \$11,700 each Lot (2 graves); asking 000 each Lot (2 graves) or \$12,000 all 4 crypts. The price for each grave/crypt includes endowment care and a built-in vault. This price is lower than Rose Hills' least expensive new graves plus fees. Call (805) 492-8348.

## Touring With Great Western

626-578-1161 • 800-344-7090 On't forget to ask for your RELAC discount CST# 1016229-40



### San Antonio

Riverwalk Holidays 5 Day Air/Motorcoach Tour

#### Departs November 28, 2005 **Tour Price Includes**

• R/T Air LAX/San Antonio • R/T Airport Transfers Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

• 4-Nights Riverwalk Hotel Accommodations

• 7 Meals: 3 Breakfasts 4 Dinners • Riverwalk Dinner Cruise • Guided Tours of San Antonio, Austin and The Alamo

 LBJ Library & Museum
 Tram Tour of LBJ Ranch • Visit the quaint German village of Fredericksburg

• IMAX Alamo Presentation, The Price of Freedom Sightseeing and Admissions Per Itinerary

Tax & Baggage Handling

Double Per Person:\$1399.00 Single:\$1839.00

## Pre-Mardi Gras

Enjoy the Pre-Mardi Gras Parades from reserved seats on the parade route. 6-Day Air/Motorcoach Tour

#### Departs February 19, 2006

Tour Price Includes

• Roundtrip Air LAX/New Orleans • Airport Transfers

• 8 Meals (3 dinners and 5 breakfasts) including dinner at The Court of Two Sisters

• 3 nights in the picturesque Garden District of New Orleans 2 Nights at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino

• French Quarter walking tour • Longue Vue House and Gardens

• Louisiana Swamp Tour • Mardi Gras World Museum Special Mardi Gras Party including Cajun buffet dinner with

Cajun music and reserved seats for the Pre-Mardi Gras parades • Elms Mansion • Beauvoir-(last home of Jefferson Davis)

Shrimping Boat Excursion

• Bellingrath Gardens with choice of Home Tour or River Cruise Double Per Person: \$1799.00 Single: \$2139.00

### Lewis & Clark's

Departs March 18, 2006

Great Rivers
Of the Northwest

Featuring a 7 Night Cruise of the Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers Aboard the

Queen of the West Sternwheeler

Priced From Only \$1999.00 Dbl. Per Person

Early Booking Discount Extended! Deposit by September 15, 2005 and receive a \$150.00 discount at time of final payment.

**Cruise Price Includes:** 

 Round Trip Airfare LAX/Portland • 7 Night Cruise Aboard the Queen of the West

• Shore Excursions per Itinerary \* All Meals Aboard Ship

• Port Charges & Handling Fees



#### RELAC GOLF ENTRY FORM Lakewood Country Club 3101 Carson Street Lakewood, CA 90712

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005** 

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ENTRY DEADLINE - SEPT 16, 2005 ALL CHECKS MUST BE IN RELAC OFFICE

So.Fremont Ave, Unit 15, Alhambra, CA.

#### FOR OFFICE USE:

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## TOURNAMENT By Ed and Cecile Barrios

It was beautiful at Los Verdes in spite of the fog. Los Verdes continues to draw a crowd with 78 participants.

Yosh Fukumoto had a hole-in-one on #5.

Sam Montes had the lowest gross.

See you at Lakewood on October 3, 2005.

#### Flight "A" (0-19 Handicap) 1st Sims, George (70) 2nd Sexton, Les (71)

3rd Hamasu, Mas (72)

Flight "B" (20-25 Handicap)
1st Lizakowski, Jim (69)\*

2nd Gomez, Bob (69)

3rd Nottke, Jerry (70)

Flight "C" (26-36 Handicap)
1st Fukumoto, Yosh (70)
2nd Kirkman, Don (71)

3rd Lane, Mary (75)\*

Flight "D" (Calloway)
1st San Antonio, Don (72)
2nd Tuano, Nito (73)\*
3rd Fortner, Ray (73)

Ladies "All"
1st Hamasu, Lil (76)
2nd Signer, Nancy (77) \*

Closest to the Pin on 3 Pars
Fortner, Ray on #3
Fukumoto, Yosh on #5
Henry, Mike on #12
Kelsey, Dave on #17

\*indicates tie broken by lower handicap

#### **NEXT TOURNAMENT**

Monday, October 3, 2005 Lakewood Golf Course

#### Golf Tournament Schedule



October 3, Lakewood December 6, Whittier Narrows

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### President's Message (cont. from p.2)

#### WHY JOIN RELAC?

over the past year one of my hot buttons has been membership recruitment. With the threats facing defined benefit plans, it is vital that RELAC increase its membership in order to have a stronger voice in Sacramento. To assist you in recruiting your retired friends who are not members of RELAC, I decided to provide you with a few talking points. Here goes:

#### **RELAC**

- Represents you at LACERA Board Meetings, Board of Supervisors Meetings, and at the State level whenever matters are discussed that affect your pension and medical benefits.
- Keeps you connected by issuing six newsletters per year; holds General Membership and Regional Support Meetings in various locations throughout Los Angeles County and surrounding counties throughout California.
- Collaborates with the California Retired County Employees Association (CRCEA) in sponsoring and initiating legislation relating to our pension and medical benefits.
  - Represents your interests at State Association of County letirement System (SACRS) meetings in matters affecting your pension and medical benefits.
- RELAC Board Members volunteer their time by assuming leadership roles on the CRCEA Executive Board in order to have a stronger and more effective voice with all levels of government.

As you can see, in my opinion, RELAC provides an invaluable service to all Los Angeles County retirees whether or not they reside in California. For additional talking points, please refer to the RELAC Web Page at www.relac.org.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- LACERA Health Fair at the Hyatt in Valencia on September 16th. Please stop by our booth and say "hello".
- RELAC Picnic on October 8th at the Sante Fe Dam, Area 5. Look for the sign-up sheet on page five.
- General Membership Meeting at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral on December 8th.
- RELAC Annual Installation and Awards Luncheon on January 20, 2006 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

once again, thank you for your vote and continued support. I look forward to seeing you at future RELAC events.

## RELAC 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

All members, their spouses and guests are invited to RELAC's Eleventh Annual Installation Luncheon, which will be held Friday. January 19, 2006, at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant (Montebello Goif Course Clubhouse), 8901 North Via San Clemente, Montebello, California. RELAC will subsidize 50% of meal costs for members and their spouses. Choices of entrees – either Beef or Chicken – with complete luncheon, tax and tip included in price.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and may be picked up in banquet room entry. No host cocktail hour 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Free Parking.

Make new friends - Have a good time.

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Quiet Cannon Restaurant - January 19, 2006

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1000 So. Fremont Ave., Unit 15
Alhambra, CA 91803-8802

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 13, 2005



At June 16 Membership Meeting, Dr. Ervin N. Fang, Permanente Medical Group, gave highly informative talk about the effects of aging on the eye. (Photo by Sol Fingold)

# General Membership Meeting



Fred Miller Chair, Program Committee

There will be Reports on LACERA'S Retirement and Investments Boards Reports on Recreation Activities for RELAC Members.

Door Prizes & Raffles Bring your RELAC Membership Card Come and say hello to old friends & co-workers.

Update on Pension & Medical plans including status of Governor's attack on public employee pension systems.

#### YOU ARE INVITED

## CITY OF CERRITOS PARK EAST SENIOR CENTER

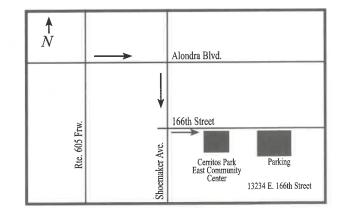
13234 E. 166th Street, Cerritos, California 90703 (1/4 mile east of Shoemaker Avenue)

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Time: 9:15 a.m. - Free Coffee & Donuts 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Starts

#### FEATURED SPEAKER: Kelly Ferrin

Gerontologist, Author, & Speaker Kelly is a graduate of USC's Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and is a consultant to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.



## IMPORTANT Are you moving? Did you change your name?

Cut out the address portion of this newsletter; correct it and mail to:

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or

**Phone:** (800) 537-3522

(CA only)

Phone: 626-308-0532 Fax: 626-308-2901 E-mail: admin@relac.org

Note: It is important that you mail this to RELAC or contact RELAC by phone as we DO NOT receive your address change from LACERA

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** From the 605 Freeway, going either North or South, exit at Alondra Blvd. Proceed East to Shoemaker Avenue and turn right. Turn left on 166th Street. The Senior Center is on the right. Park on the East side of the building.

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