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## FLASH — SEE INSERT

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lawrence C. Nosco



#### "EXERCISE TO A HEALTHIER LIFE STYLE"

*I found this article in a new bulletin that is a follow up to my previous President's Message.*

Why is it that people who exercise feel and look wonderful despite their age? There's a growing amount of evidence indicating that the body ages faster when there is a lack of exercise. And if young athletic people are put on forced bed rest for 3 weeks, they lose 30% of their former level of fitness. This is fairly dramatic proof of what a sedentary life style does for a person.

Exercise also improves agility and keeps your muscles and joints more flexible. Exercise improves joint mobility for people with arthritis and helps diabetics control blood sugar levels. Blood pressure is easier to control with regular exercise.

"Anyone can exercise to some degree!" Be sure to check with your doctor as to an exercise program.

1. Select an activity you really enjoy
2. Get a complete physical from your doctor including an exercise stress test.
3. Always warm up, stretch out, and cool down to prevent injuries.

Some people feel that exercising alone can become boring, so try to exercise together with your mate. If you are single, try to join another or even a group. My wife and I enjoy doing our calisthenics in our home. We alternate in selecting each exercise. We also exercise in the morning before breakfast. The important thing to remember before exercising is to limber the muscles and body by stretching and starting the exercise routine very slowly.

It is never too late to start getting healthier! Much good luck to all.

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT

by Robert A. Stotelmeyer

#### NEW PROPOSED MEDICAL PLANS

In 1990 the Board of Retirement approved four new medical plans. But before they were approved by Los Angeles County the new plans were sent back to the Insurance and Benefits Committee for further consideration because of changes in the Medicare Laws.

After several months of study the Committee has again asked the Board of Retirement to approve the new plans. The original study was undertaken because of the Committee concern with the continued increase in the medical premiums and the fact that over 400 retired members are cancelling their LACERA medical plans each year because they can no longer afford the medical premiums. The following recommendations were to the Board.

Add to our present medical plans, F.H.P. Golden Health Care and Pacificare Secure Horizons. These plans are Medicare risk contracts as is the present Kaiser Health Pledge Plan. Start a new Provident Medical Plan #3 that would be a Medicare Supplement Indemnity Plan. LACERA retirees who have both Part A and B of Medicare and assigned Medicare to FHP, Pacificare, Kaiser Pledge or be enrolled in Provident #3, would then have their Medicare medical part "B" premiums paid by Los Angeles County. This would cover both the retiree and spouse. Also proposed is the addition of a Hospital PPO benefit to the Provident #2 medical plan which would provide a 90% reimbursement to Provident insured that use the approved PPO Hospitals. For those that elected to not use the official PPO Hospitals the claims would be continued to be paid at 80%.

Since the new plans would be official LACERA Medical Plans, members who enroll in the new plans would be entitled to change medical plans with a six month notice back to one of our other LACERA Medical plans. Also our insured would have the protection of LACERA to help in any disputed claims.

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## RETIREMENT BOARD

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For those LACERA members that have Medicare Part A and B coverage the new proposed medical plans will have a much lower premium. This should help those that have less than 25 years retirement credit with paying the medical premiums and being able to continue their medical coverage. On August 7, the Board of Retirement again approved the new plans, if Los Angeles County gives its approval the new medical plans would start on July 1, 1992. When and if the new plans are approved the Board of Retirement will send to all LACERA insured full information on enrollment. **Please do not phone or write the LACERA or RELAC Staffs** as they have no information at this time about the new plans.

## INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Ever since the Insurance and Benefits Committee was started at my request (about ten years ago), the

Committee has worked to improve and protect your COLA's and medical benefits. We are very concerned about the steady rise in the cost of medical premiums and are trying to find ways to maintain or improve our medical coverage and still keep the cost down. The Committee is hoping these new plans will give LACERA retirees a wider choice of medical coverage at a more reasonable cost.

## MAILBOX

*Thank you Bob Stotelmeyer for your part in getting the 5 year limit on Catastrophic Cancer with Washington National eliminated. I think all our members who have Catastrophic Insurance should thank you for helping this to happen. I know I have pushed you as have several other members. I lost my insurance on my illness 2½ years ago so I know how much this will help me. Keep up the good work, we're all with you.*

Kay

*RELAC Retired Employees—Robert Stotelmeyer and all the others who make this "Star Cola" so wonderful. I want to thank you for the increase you gave me in April which is so helpful and appreciated—Thanks again, I will keep good thoughts for everyone for Cola and all in the future.*

Arline Folan

*To all our County Friends*

*We have moved to Redding, CA. after 32 years in So. California and would love to have company to keep us from being lonely. Our address is: Bob and Lori Hicks, 12718 River Hills Dr., Bella Vista, CA 96008, Tel. (916) 549-4660.*

*Appreciating the Star Cola Program. We have been able to do so many things which we never have done. Thanks to all the Board Members and Office Staff.*

Nell & Joe Gryder

## 660 CANCER AND CATASTROPHIC POLICY

by Robert A. Stotelmeyer

During the past year several retired members have been asking me to see if there was any way to remove the 5-year limitation for payment of claims for any one illness that was covered under the Washington National Policy. Many of these retirees have had their illness continuously for over 5-years and therefore were no longer covered for that one illness. I asked Washington National Insurance Co. and 660 Benefits Director, Marilyn Lundstrom, to try and remove the 5-year limit. Happy to say, Marilyn was successful! So on July 1, 1991 this 5-Year limit was removed and any covered medical claims for treatment after July 1, should be paid. Members will not be paid retroactively, however, if the limit has already elapsed for the five years before July 1, 1991. Also, many other benefits under this policy have been increased, and doubled in some areas of coverage. The daily hospital-income benefits for any qualified policy-covered illness will go up from \$40.00 to \$80.00 for the first 30 days, and after that, \$30.00 a day up to a maximum of \$20,000 per claim. The maximum total policy coverage is now \$500,000. There are many other increased benefits. Those that are insured should receive an official notice from 660 in the future. We should thank Marilyn Lundstrom for her very good efforts in negotiating this much better coverage and the cancellation of the 5-year limitation. There will be no increase in the premium for anyone covered by the policy.

People can be divided into three groups: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

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## RELAC ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the By-laws, the Nominations and Election Procedures Committee presented the 1992 Slate of Candidates for Director to the Membership on August 22, 1991.

The following retirees were nominated for the position of Director:

John Fleming  
Jack Gillespie  
Hideko Maruyama

Clara McAdams  
George Villavicencio

Article VI-Section 2 Nominations for Director may be filed by a signed petition of not less than 50 members, which petition must be submitted to the Board of Directors at least 50 days prior to the December Meeting. A letter of acceptance from the nominees must accompany the petition. All petitions must be received by October 28, 1991 at the RELAC Office.

### OTHER PLACES TO INVEST YOUR SAVINGS

Frightened by the savings and loan fiasco, junk-bond scams and problems at some commercial banks and insurance companies, millions of Americans are wondering just where their money is secure. "Safer" options exist, but in general, the bigger the reward, the bigger the risk.

NEST EGG	CONDITIONS	WORDS TO THE WISE
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	Among the safest havens. Americans have deposited \$3.5 trillion in savings accounts. Nearly all are federally insured up to \$100,000 per account. Yields, though, are lower than for most other investments.	Best strategy for big savers: divide your deposits among money-center banks, viewed by federal regulators as too big to fail. In recent debacles, such accounts have been effectively insured, when they held more than \$100,000.
<b>Credit Unions</b>	62 million Americans have \$209 billion on deposit. Through the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, 90% of these 14,000 institutions cover account balances up to \$100,000.	One-tenth of all credit unions are privately insured. Some, in Idaho and New Hampshire, are not insured at all. Better find out if your deposits are adequately protected. But in general, their track record is solid.
<b>Money-Market Funds</b>	Savers have deposited \$461 billion in 20 million money-market accounts. Those in commercial banks and member S&Ls are federally insured up to \$100,000.	High-yielding commercial paper accounts for as much as 89% of the investments in top funds, but it carries greater risk. Check your fund: safest bets include S&P A-1 and Moody's P-1 securities.
<b>Municipal Bond Funds</b>	Investors in bond funds own \$216 billion worth of municipals, most of them tax free and some insured. Long valued as conservative tax shelters.	Some municipals are losing propositions. While yields combined with tax benefits give them a gloss, they can be tarnished by the declining fortunes of the cities they finance. One possible danger zone: municipal junk-bond funds.
<b>Mutual Funds</b>	Shareholders own \$287 billion worth of equity mutual funds. Federal backing is limited to \$500,000, however, and the funds' value rises and falls with the performance of the individual stocks and bonds they own.	Find out what your fund owns and see how it performs relative to others. Check to see if yours includes the new multimarket trusts, which use sophisticated hedging strategies to reach for high yields in the volatile foreign-exchange market.
<b>Treasury Bills</b>	Backed by the "full faith and credit of the U.S. government," T-bills, at \$10,000 and up, are one of the safest investments for those who can afford them. The yield on a 6-month bill is now about 5.6%.	Since investments are locked in at fixed rates from 3 to 6 months, T-bills are a little too safe for some tastes. In exchange for peace of mind, investors must wave goodbye to passing opportunities.

**FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE  
RELAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETINGS AND GENERAL  
MEETINGS FOR THE  
NEXT FOUR MONTHS**

Take particular note of the General Meetings (shaded) held in the outlying areas and plan to attend those meetings. There is a great deal of information available to you at these general meetings over and above the "questions and answers" put in the Newsletter.

*Board Meeting (Business Only)*  
*September 26, 1991 4th Thursday*  
417 South Date Avenue (3rd Floor)  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

■ **General Meeting**  
*October 22, 1991 4th Tuesday*  
West San Gabriel Valley  
Board of Realtors Auditorium  
1532 S. Palm Ave.  
San Gabriel, CA  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Board Meeting (Business Only)*  
*November 21, 1991 3rd Thursday*  
417 S. Date Avenue (3rd Floor)  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

■ **General Meeting**  
*December 17, 1991 3rd Tuesday*  
Fellowship Hall  
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
1324 S. Normandie Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Let us be thankful for fools.  
If not for them the rest  
of us could not succeed.*

**Mark Twain**

## UPDATE ON STAR COLA

*by Robert Stotelmeyer and Norman Johnson*

Reference is made to the last three issues of the RELAC Newsletter as pertains to the current status of our most precious "STAR COLA" program. We write this jointly so as to insure you of the mutual concern and interest of both the Investments Board and the Retirement Board as to what is going on and the prospects of a continuance of the "STAR" program.

As you so well know, the program is totally dependent on the availability of excess earnings and the annual renewal recommendations of both Boards. Under such circumstances one **can not count on a full renewal or partial renewal** and therefore should not obligate themselves for any long term financial commitments that are dependent upon the "STAR COLA" program.

Our projections are that the program can be funded for 1992 at the current rates,

but without funds being added to the reserve during 1992, there can be no assurance for 1993. In this month of September, the Investments Board will be making a full financial analysis of the current status of the fund to determine the ability to add any additional funds to the reserve. These findings and a recommendation will be made to the Retirement Board who shall make the decision as to the amount of bonus for 1992 with the added knowledge of projection for 1993.

All this is related to projected excess earnings and the disappointing fiscal year (July 1, 1990-June 30, 1991). Although not overly optimistic, one can see the world recovery from the economic doldrums and with the absence of any major world conflicts, 1992 should be a better year and the "STAR" program will continue to provide the benefits to each and every one of you.

## INVESTMENT BOARD REDUCES COST

*by Norman S. Johnson*

At its meeting of July 24, the Investments Board took unanimous action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, that the setting of the Assumption Rate continue at 8% and the Crediting Rate be reduced to 7%.

The Assumption Rate is the projected rate of return on the investments of the fund for the next fiscal year. The board has strong feelings that such rates should be projected on a long term basis and not subjected to slight fluctuations in the market. The 8% rate has been in effect for a full seven years.

The Crediting Rate is the rate of interest added to active county employees retirement accounts during their

employment years with the county. Do you remember? You received this report every year while you were working.

The Crediting Rate has been identical to the Assumption Rate in prior years and was credited at 8% last year. The only concern of this rate is those **active employees who contemplate leaving the county and withdrawing their retirement funds**. This is their contributions plus interest. The recommended reduction from 8% to 7% is thought to be fair in comparison with, if not better, than any private account in a bank or savings and loan. This likewise affects only those few who contemplate departure from the county. This reduction of costs to the fund obviously helps the overall position of the fund.

## KITCHEN CORNER

### KAY MC CORMICK

Let us know how you are enjoying this column or if you have tried any of the recipes. How about these two. I've had the "Hot Tamale Casserole" and it is good. Try it.

#### HOT TAMALE CASSEROLE

1/2 lb Pork Sausage  
1 lb Ground Beef (lean)  
(I use all beef instead of pork sausage)  
1 Onion

1 Clove Garlic  
1-2 1/2 can tomatoes  
1 tsp salt or less  
2 tsp chili powder  
3/4 C Corn Meal

1 1/2 C Ripe Olives  
2 C Sliced Celery  
1 Can Kernal Corn (don't drain)  
1 1/2 C Cheddar Cheese grated

Cook sausage till lightly brown, drain, add beef and cook and stir till browned—add garlic, onion and celery, cook until onion is transparent—add tomatoes, corn, salt, chile and boil slowly about 15 minutes. Slowly stir in the Cornmeal and cook until its thickened, stir in olives—turn into greased 2 qt casserole and top with cheese. Bake 350° about 45 minutes. Freezes well if cold bring to room temperature before baking.

*Ann S.*

#### CHINESE CHEWS

1 C Flour  
1/2 C Butter  
2 tbs Sugar

Mix and press into 8" x 10" pan—  
Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

Mix:

1 1/2 C Brown Sugar  
2 Eggs  
1/4 C Moist Coconut  
2 tbsp Flour  
1 C Chopped Nuts

Spread over baked crust and bake at 325° for 25 minutes. Cut into bars. Makes 24 bars.

*Marjorie Larsen*

#### HELPFUL HINTS

To thicken soupy mashed potatoes add a block of cream cheese. Gradually beat the cheese into the potatoes until they are light and fluffy.

Cooking up a batch of tomato sauce? Try rubbing down the inside of the pot with butter before you bring the mixture to a boil. The sauce won't spatter on the stove and will only simmer to the butter line, no further.

## Senior Information Guide

### Health Services—(You can receive assistance for many of your health needs)

Los Angeles Co. Health Dept.  
313 N. Figueroa, L.A. 90012—(213) 974-7711  
Los Angeles Co. Health Line Information—(213) 250-8055

### Medicare & Social Security—(Do you have any questions? Do you need any help?)

General Information—(818) 575-7963  
Social Security Administration—(213) 381-6361  
Medicare Advocacy Project—(213) 741-0566 • (800) 824-0780

### Social Services

Los Angeles Co. Dept. of Public Social Services Info Line  
Los Angeles—(213) 686-0950 • (818) 350-6833  
Los Angeles Co. Dept. of Sr. Citizen Affairs—(213) 857-6466

### Transportation

Buses - RTD - General Information—(213) 972-6000  
Bus Schedules—(213) 626-4455  
Reduced rates for Disabled—(213) 972-3509  
Reduced rates for Sr. Citizens—(213) 626-4455  
L.A. Dial-A-Ride—(213) 666-0895

### Housing Assistance—(If you need assistance in finding affordable housing)

L.A. Co. Community Development Commission—(213) 725-7422  
Fair Housing Council—(213) 251-7114 • (818) 791-0211

### Volunteer Services

Retired Sr. Volunteer Program (RSVP)—(213) 726-8884 • (818) 792-3281

### Legal Services

L.A. Co. Bar Association—(Elderline)—(213) 622-3809  
Nursing Home Ombudsman—(213) 624-9283  
Legal Aid Foundation—(818) 795-3233 • (213) 266-6550  
L.A. City Attorney  
Victims Assistance Program—(213) 485-6967  
Consumer Protection—(213) 485-4515  
L.A. County District Attorney  
Victim Assistance Program—(213) 974-7499  
Consumer Protection—(213) 974-3970

## ARE YOU AN HONORARY MEMBER?

As per Article II, Section C:

"Upon proper notification to the RELAC office, the annual dues will be cancelled for any RELAC member or associate member reaching 80 years of age and having been a RELAC member for the five (5) consecutive prior years. They will be Honorary members and entitled to all the privileges of a regular member."

Proper notification means a copy of Birth Certificate, Passport, Baptismal Certificate, or California Drivers License.



# **Welcome NEW MEMBERS**

## **JUNE 1991**

Atlas, Raphael D. (Child Svcs.)  
 Baird, Jane M. (Assessor)  
 Ballantyne, Burt R. (Prob.)  
 Ballard, Myrtice E. (DPSS)  
 Boyd, LeRoy Jr. (Sheriff)  
 Cooke, Thomas H. (Sheriff)  
 Coury, Don (DPSS)  
 Cyrus, Gerald G. (MLK)  
 Fenner, Clifford C. (Mech.)  
 Fisher, Henry (For & FW)  
 Grant, Beverly J. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Hadley, James M. (Prob.)  
 Halladay, Richard S. (Sheriff)  
 Harrell, Arthur M. (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Henderson, Varnell R. (USC Med.)  
 Ho-King, James Jr. (Ped. Hosp.)  
 Honzay, Dennis E. (Prob.)  
 Koike, Hideo R. (Sheriff)  
 Kovach, Fred (Fac Mgmt)  
 Krouse, Marlys (Sheriff)  
 Larner, Janice J. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Lee, William Y C (USC Med.)  
 Lesinski, George A. (Child Svcs.)  
 Little, Ann E. (Reg-Rec.)  
 Little, Odette A. (Hi Dst. Hosp.)  
 Lopp, Myrna C. (Pub. Hlth.)  
 Madden, Doris T. (USC Med.)  
 Maisterra, Michael M. (Mtl. Hlth.)  
 Martin, James H. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Mikles, Constance W. (Child Svcs.)  
 Miller, Marion Jr. (Pub. Hlth.)  
 Moore, Clennon E. (Hosp.)  
 Morrow, Margaret H. (DPSS)  
 McCarroll, Carroll (Sheriff)  
 Olson, Donald S. (Sheriff)  
 Ortega, Lorenzo (Pub. Wrks.)  
 Ottoson, Ray A. (Pub. Wrks.)  
 Oxley, Elizabeth A. (DPSS)  
 Patterson, Joseph H. (Sheriff)  
 Purvey, Edgar B., Sr. (Child Svcs.)  
 Rainville, Katharine M. (Asser.)  
 Reames, Sue N. (DPSS)  
 Reyes, Enrique (Hi/Dst. Hosp.)  
 Roberson, Pearline A. (MLK)  
 Roosa, Don L. (Fire)  
 Sabas, Joseph M. (Sheriff)  
 Sanders, Willie Jr. (Sheriff)  
 Spruill, Jack L. (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Taylor, Winston A. (Prob.)

Trumbull, Donalyn I (Pub. Hlth.)  
 Tsai, George Y. (DPSS)  
 Urioste, Maria L. (Prob.)  
 Vick, Alfred R. (Mech.)  
 Walburn, Robert S. (Sheriff)  
 Ward, Madeline F. (Prob.)  
 Williams, Ruth L. (DPSS)  
 Woods, Sylvia J. (DPSS)  
 Zimmerly, Stephen K. (DPSS)

## **JULY 1991**

Acosta, Raul A. (Sup. Ct.)  
 Adkins, Elizabeth A. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Aguilar, Joseph Jr. (Pub. Wks.)  
 Akens, Mose F. (Sheriff)  
 Anderson, Margueritte (UCLA Med.)  
 Arguello, Virginia H. (Sheriff)  
 Artizada, Porfirio C. (Pk. & Rec.)  
 Barton, Clay (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Berger, Marilyn B. (Child Svcs.)  
 Black, Richard D. (Prob.)  
 Borsig, Werner L. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Brown, Wanda F. (Agr. Comm.)  
 Casals, Nieves R. (DPSS)  
 Chastek, Loretta H. (USC Med.)  
 Cooper, George J., Jr. (Sheriff)  
 Cousar, Marva R. (MLK Hosp.)  
 Crawford, Jacob (Sheriff)  
 Currie, Harry (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Curtis, Robert W. (Fire)  
 Daedler, Lawrence R. (Fire)  
 Danielson, Melvin C. (DPSS)  
 Davidson, Carroll D. (Prob.)  
 Deardorff, Leonard H. (Pub. Wrks.)  
 DeLeon, Andrew (Marshal)  
 DeRosa, Edward A. (Pub. Wrks.)  
 Donnelly, Don (Fire)  
 Duggan, John A. (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Eggleston, Naomi E. (DPSS)  
 Fisher, Rose M. (DPSS)  
 Fountain, Helen E. (MLK Med.)  
 Galceran, David D. (Sheriff)  
 Gandara, Joe A. (Pur-Stores)  
 Grant, Mary J. (Sheriff)  
 Greathouse, Denice (Hlth.)  
 Hall, Hubertine (Art Mus.)  
 Hall, Vera B. (Reg-Rec.)  
 Harber, Joseph J. (Hum. Rel.)  
 Hellman, Gary B. (Sheriff)  
 Heltzel, Gerald W. (Sheriff)  
 Higgins, James O. (Mental)  
 Hillier, Donald M. (Fac. Mgmt.)

Holman, Sharon Ann (Dist. Atty.)  
 Houston, Blanche (Prob.)  
 Ichikawa, Hideko (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Jones, Marilouise (Harbor Med.)  
 Kent, Dorothy (Culver Muni.)  
 Kim, Tamiko (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Kume, Yuki K. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Lewin, Harry T. (Sheriff)  
 Lintemoot, Daniel M. (Pub. Wks.)  
 Little, Howard E. (Sheriff)  
 Looper, Doryanne (Rancho)  
 Maeda, Yukiko (Hlth. Svcs.)  
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 Murray, Cordelia J. (Hlth.)  
 Neely, Mary F. (Hlth.)  
 Nelson, Carrol W. (Pur. Stores)  
 Newhall, Blanche B. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Newmark, Paul (Air Poll.)  
 Newman, Louis (Prob.)  
 Nix, Gloria (Co. Counsel)  
 Okubo, Hikaru (Int. Svcs.)  
 Oldman, Barbara L. (Pub. Wks.)  
 Patterson, Dorothy M. (DPSS)  
 Pearse, Mike S. (Fire)  
 Phillips, Gwendolyn M. (Sup. Ct.)  
 Rice, Royal K. (Fire)  
 Robinson, Carolyn D. (Prob.)  
 Rolls, Dean L. (Fire)  
 Rose, Marion Allen (Mech.)  
 Ruiz, Ricardo (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Salgado, Gerardo (Pub. Wks.)  
 Schultz, Biruta K. (Juv. Ct.)  
 Searl, Leland L. (Fire)  
 Seiichi, Saito (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Simes, Marina (DPSS)  
 Simonetti, Catherine (Pub. Lib.)  
 Smith, Mary J. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Smith, Willie B. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Snider, Kathryn E. (Prob.)  
 Stockwell, John W. (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Tanikawa, Ruby S. (Pub. Wrks.)  
 Weeks, Lyle C. (Pub. Wrks.)  
 Wheeler, Catherine (DPSS)  
 Williams, Lorraine (Fac. Mgmt.)  
 Woods, Robert M. (Sheriff)  
 Woodworth, Elizabeth A. (Hlth.)  
 Yates, Reginald (Dist. Atty.)  
 Yoshizumi, Margie (DPSS)  
 Zuliani, Anne A. (Hlth.)

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN SACRAMENTO?

Many of you have attempted to keep pace with what was going on in Sacramento as relates to the various public pension plans. All that's happened was in the dead of night and was **all** related to the **State Employees Retirement Plan**.

**RELAC**, in its continuous efforts to keep you abreast of what's going on, contacted Mr. Dave Cox, a private consultant and former staff employee of the California Legislature, to offer us an evaluation of what happened and the possible long-term effects it may have on our 1937 Retirement Act.

AB702, which is now law, and **only** effects the **state retirement**, is a bit involved but we are sure you can digest the results and the trend as established. The last paragraph of Mr. Cox's letter refers to the **California Retired Employees Association** of which **RELAC** is a member is already intensely involved in the full ramification of AB702 and any spill-overs as may affect the 37 Act.

Co-Editors

McCormick & Johnson

## **IS THERE A AB 702 IN YOUR FUTURE?**

AB 702 (Frizzelle), Chapter 83, Statutes of 1991, was signed into law on June 30 of this year.

The measure makes substantial changes in the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERS), the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), and the State Teachers' Retirement Law (STRS). In the opinion of many, these changes could have a negative impact on active and retired members of PERS and STRS, as well as active and retired employees participating in PEMHCA.

It is also possible that the measure may have an impact on the health and retirement benefits of members participating in retirement systems operating under the provisions of the County Retirement Law of 1937 (37 Act Systems).

How? By establishing certain precedents that might be attractive to 37 Act County Board of Supervisors or other entities that might desire to reduce benefits or gain a greater degree of control over the administration of a 37 Act retirement system. While a major change in the structure of a 37 act county retirement system would most probably require a change in 37 Act Law, it should be noted that AB 702, an urgency measure, passed through the legislature in less than one week, and by a 56 to 18 vote in the Assembly and a 27 to 12 vote in the Senate.

Provisions contained in AB 702 which may be of interest include:

### **Health Care**

1. AB 702 amended the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) to provide that the state employers' contribution towards the health care coverage of state employees covered by bargaining units shall be determined by an MOU.

This change in PEMHCA will have serious implications for retired state employees. Prior to AB 702, all state employees, active and retired, were treated as a single group, entitled to the same employer contribution (set by law), and the same health care benefits. Making the employers' contribution towards the health care of active employees subject to collective bargaining is the first step toward separating active and retired members into separate experience groups for determining health care costs, and eventually into separate health care programs. Although eligible, no 37 Act county participates in PEMHCA at this time. Regardless, PEMHCA has always been considered a model health care plan that guarantees equal health care protection to both active and retired public employees. As a result of AB 702, this no longer will be true.



## Retirement

1. AB 702 authorizes the Governor, rather than the PERS Board of Administration, to choose the system's actuary. The actuary will be paid by the system, is defined as a fiduciary, and will be responsible for performing all actuarial determinations for PERS, including setting the employer retirement contribution rates.
2. The measure repeals the PERS IDDA/EPDA cost-of-living programs, which provided a purchasing power guarantee of up to 80 percent, paid from excess returns on investments.
3. The bill provides that all of the money now in the IDDA/EPDA accounts (in excess of \$1.6 billion) shall be used to reduce employer retirement contributions.
4. AB 702 replaces the IDDA/EPDA programs with a "targeted" 75 percent purchasing power guarantee program to be funded from 1.1 percent of the net earnings on member contributions.
5. The bill permits the state's PERS contributions for the 1991-92 fiscal year to be made semi-annually, rather than quarterly.
6. The measure provides that the state will make quarterly (rather than monthly) payments to the State Teacher' Retirement Fund to help eliminate that system's existing unfunded liability.

In essence, the provisions of AB 702 reflected above would appear to be saying that it is O.K. to use "surplus" retirement funds to reduce the employer's contributions towards retirement and that the employer should determine the amount of retirement contributions to be made, as well as the frequency of those payments. In other words, it is the employer, rather than the retirement system, who knows how to best determine and administer the retirement benefits of its employees.

In addition, if the Governor (the employer) is given the authority to make all actuarial determinations, why not extend to the employer additional authority such as the right to choose the system's chief legal counsel, investment officer, or chief executive officer?

The California Retired County Employees Association should closely follow the implementation of AB 702, and guard against any "spinoff" legislation that might try to make similar changes in the County Retirement Law of 1937.

The first of these is the fact that the data are not normally distributed. This is evident from the fact that the distribution is skewed to the right, with a long tail extending to the right. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The second of these is the fact that the data are not independent. This is evident from the fact that the data are correlated, with a positive correlation between the variables. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The third of these is the fact that the data are not stationary. This is evident from the fact that the data are changing over time, with a clear upward trend. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The fourth of these is the fact that the data are not homogeneous. This is evident from the fact that the data are coming from different sources, with different characteristics. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The fifth of these is the fact that the data are not complete. This is evident from the fact that there are missing values in the data, which can lead to biased results. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The sixth of these is the fact that the data are not representative. This is evident from the fact that the data are only a sample of the population, and they may not accurately reflect the population as a whole. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The seventh of these is the fact that the data are not reliable. This is evident from the fact that the data are subject to measurement error, which can lead to inaccurate results. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The eighth of these is the fact that the data are not valid. This is evident from the fact that the data are not based on sound theory or evidence, and they may not accurately reflect the underlying phenomenon. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

The ninth of these is the fact that the data are not useful. This is evident from the fact that the data do not provide any useful information, and they are therefore of little value. This is a common feature of many real-world data sets, and it is important to take this into account when analyzing the data.

# IN MEMORIAM

## JUNE 1991

Allison, Elsie L. (Olive View)  
 Altree, Wayne E. (Sheriff)  
 Baldwin, Viola D. (DPSS)  
 Barber, Margaret O. (Harb. Gen.)  
 Bebb, Ivadel M. (Assessor)  
 Berg, Theodore, R. (Prob.)  
 Bowen, Ray I. (Sheriff)  
 Bracey, Benjamin J. (Fire)  
 Brodar, Eva (DPSS)  
 Campise, Samuel (Fire)  
 Childers, Keith M. (Rancho Los Am.)  
 Crane, Martha L. (Road)  
 Crutchfield, James E. Pks./Rec.)  
 Davie, Anna C. (Road)  
 Dennison, Dorothy R.  
 Dixon, Frances A. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Dochnahl, Myrtle (Fld. Contr.)  
 Donlan Jr., Thomas F. (Engr.)  
 Dudley, Ella M. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Dunning, Nelma (Comm.)  
 Early, Amy H. (DPSS)  
 Eastin, Orland (Air Qua. Contr.)  
 Edwards, Alice F. (Bldg. Serv.)  
 Ekholm, Peter H. (Sheriff)  
 Fisher, Constance Y. (DPSS)  
 Foster, Herbert A. (Fire)  
 Gilman, Bertha (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Girdon, Doreen S. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Greene, Gerald J. (Bldg. Serv.)  
 Haller, Edythe S. (Reg./Rec.)  
 Hernandez, Celia P. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Heyman, Mary P. (Prob.)  
 Hinman, Richard A. (L.A. Muni. Ct.)  
 Jackson, Juanita E. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Jacobs, Ralph D. (Mech.)  
 Kato, Frank N. (King/Drew)  
 Lawrence, Grace G. (DPSS)  
 Litwin, Helen G. (Sup. Ct. Ofc.s.)  
 Ludvickson, Gordon (Engr.)  
 Lunsford, Anna L. (DPSS)  
 Molina, Edward (Engr.)  
 Morgan, George J. (LA/USC Med. Ctr.)  
 Morris, Kate (Co. Council)  
 Nicols, Anne M. (Rancho Los Am.)  
 Nisbet, Wallace S. (Sheriff)  
 Olcott, Raymond W. (Assessor)  
 Orsat, Rolland (Pks./Rec.)  
 Padgett, William J. (DPSS)  
 Pickens, Grace B. (Olive View)  
 Pinkerton, Lucille E. (Rancho Los Am.)  
 Plews, Ruth (Hlth. Serv.)  
 Plunkett, H.L. (Mech.)  
 Powell, Christopher (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Prenavost, Jean F. (Data Proc.)  
 Pross, Edith J. (Hlth. Serv.)

Rainey, Howard (Mech.)  
 Ratliff, Clarence A. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Rawson, Marie B. (Fire)  
 Reed, Kenneth M. (Fire)  
 Rone, Ronald (DPSS)  
 Sharpe, Elsie B. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Slack, Floyd E. (Mira Loma Hosp.)  
 Smith, Lucile G. (Sheriff)  
 Snider, Glenn D. (Mech.)  
 Suarez, Cecil (Fld. Contr.)  
 Talmachoff, Peter J. (Co. Clk.)  
 Thomas, Robert H. (Fire)  
 Titel, Frederic G. (Prob.)  
 Tongco, Angel L. (Aud./Contr.)  
 Underwood, Bessie L. (DPSS)  
 Van Keuren, Violet (L.B. Muni. Ct.)  
 Walker, Ilaweese A. (Hlth. Svs.)  
 Ward, Artis N. (Hlth. Svs.)  
 Weatherhead, Dorothy W. (Mus. Ntl/Hist.)  
 White, Myrtle L. (Gen Hosp.)  
 Wise, Harold J. (Med. Exam.)

## JULY 1991

Alexander, Marcelle W. (Rancho L.A.)  
 Anderson, E. Louise (DPSS)  
 Axelrod, Louis (DPSS)  
 Barden, Lenora (Comm.)  
 Baxter, Eva I. (Child. Serv.)  
 Billups, Eunice (DPSS)  
 Bourtz, Hazel E. (Pers.)  
 Brennen, Inez F. (Assessor)  
 Campbell, Charles F. (Mech.)  
 Caro, Lois L. (Bldg. Svcs.)  
 Catchins, Rosebud (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Chiodo, Gabriel W. (Assessor)  
 Constantin, Guilleamette (Olive View)  
 Corral, Loretta E. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Dominguez, Gloria G. (DPSS)  
 Dunkle, John G. (Co. Clk.)  
 Edgeworth, A.D. (Road)  
 Elliott, James D. (Road)  
 Fernandez, Gilbert M. (Aud./Cont.)  
 Flores, Sr., Eligio (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Forest, Terese C. (Sup. Ct.)  
 Foster, Jr., Howell J. (Sheriff)  
 Fowler, Arthur (Fire)  
 Garcia, Ernest (Road)  
 Gonoekman, Robert L. (Prob.)  
 Gross, Nancy M. (DPSS)  
 Greenlaw, Colin T. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Hansen, (Plaza) Esther G. (DPSS)  
 Haskin, Marcella N. (DPSS)  
 Hawkins, Annie L. (DPSS)  
 Healy, Mary A.C. (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Herbert, Viola (DPSS)  
 Holver, Chester, L. (Hlth. Svcs.)  
 Holifield, J.T. (Bd./Sup.)

Imlach, Lillian K. (Sup./Ct.)  
 Jackson, Earl B. (Mech.)  
 Javier, Feliciano G. (Sup./Sch.)  
 Jensen, Esther P. (L.B. Gen. Hosp.)  
 Johnson, Charles A. (Arb./Bot. Gdns.)  
 Johnson, Dora E. (Rancho L.A.)  
 Johnson, Wilson (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Jones, Clyde E. (Ol./View)  
 Jones, William (Harb. Med. Ctr.)  
 Keene, Helen R. (Pub. Lib.)  
 Kilgore, Ernest C. (Fld. Cont.)  
 Koller, Charles J. (Engr.)  
 Lamb, Roy D. (CAO)  
 Lean, Helen M. (Reg./Rec.)  
 Lee, Rosa L. (Marshal)  
 Lindsay, Thomas H. (Fire)  
 Mackintosh, Robert L. (Bldg. Svcs.)  
 Malin, Harry (Engr.)  
 McCauley, John E. (Pks./Rec.)  
 McGriff, Gether L. (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 McKusick, Marcelle (Road)  
 Monllor, Frances (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 Mooneyham, Bill M. (DPSS)  
 Moreno, Samuel A. (Mech.)  
 Ocampo, Joseph A. (Fld./Contr.)  
 O'Uell, Ella M. (DPSS)  
 O'Neill, William (Marshal)  
 Pape, Myrtle M. (Med./Ctr.)  
 Penny, Robert F. (Sheriff)  
 Pollock, Eleanor N. (Pub./Lib.)  
 Pothoff, William H. (L.A. Muni. Ct.)  
 Purefoy, Vivian (L.B. Gen. Hosp.)  
 Ross, Jean E. (Adoptions)  
 Sanborn, Margaret A. (Sheriff)  
 Schempp, Herbert H. (Pks./Rec.)  
 Schraeder, Ray (Fld./Contr.)  
 Scott, Paul W. (Pub./Lib.)  
 Smith, Jacqueline B. (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 Smith, Ralph B. (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 Sprague, A.H. (Engr.)  
 Stevens, Dewey D. (Sheriff)  
 Stout, Osmyu (Prob.)  
 Symmonds, Harold W. (Engr.)  
 Taylor, Irene E. (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 Tokar, Michael (DPSS)  
 Taylor, Laree (Rancho L.A.)  
 Trujillo, Rose (Gen. Hosp.)  
 Tsubochi, Tsuneo J. (Olive View)  
 Vail, John (Purch./Strs.)  
 Valencia, Elizabeth R. (DPSS)  
 Velasquez, Thomas U. (Pks./Rec.)  
 Volve, Marie K. (Health)  
 Walezak, Thomas A. (Med./Exam.)  
 Weisstein, Theodore (Olive View)  
 Wilcox, Richard H. (Hlth./Svcs.)  
 Wilkuski, Louis J. (Prob.)  
 Zahn, Thomas C. (Beaches)  
 Zurbrigen, Robert A. (Data Proc.)

# LACERA

Charles F. Conrad  
Retirement Administrator

By Alice Natale

The summer has rapidly drawn to a close with LACERA fine-tuning the new computer system to eliminate the major problems of the payroll conversion.

As we draw a proverbial breath of air, attention can wander to other areas of concern.

In the area of insurance coverage we have found four problem areas:

The first problem relates to minor children who reach their majority, but the member continues to pay a premium even though the child is no longer eligible for coverage. Our literature in the insurance enrollment package specifically states that it is the member's responsibility to remove dependents who are no longer eligible. LACERA will refund (1) year only for overpaid premiums. With respect to your children, you must notify us when they reach age 18, and if still enrolled full-time in school, provide a statement from their school each semester showing that the child is fully enrolled, (12 units or more). When the child finishes college or attains age 22, it is your responsibility to remove the child from your plan.

The second problem area is with eligible spouses. As time goes by we may lose a spouse who we have named as beneficiary. It's your responsibility to provide us with the information of the death of that spouse. You also may wish to name a new beneficiary for the \$750.00 death benefit from your account at that time.

If you lose a spouse through divorce, remember that our policies specifically exclude ex-spouses from coverage.

Remember insurance costs are impressive, but each little bit can help reduce overall costs.

A third issue applies to the addition of new dependents.

If you marry after retirement you have 30 days in which to enroll a new spouse in our plan. You must submit a copy of the marriage document. If you have a new child, again within 30 days, we need a copy of the birth certificate.

A fourth issue relates to moving out of the HMO servicing areas. Should this occur, and you wish to continue with LACERA's plans you need to contact us for information on plans that will cover you in the new area.

If you have any questions, or concerns, you may reach me at (818) 564-6000.

## ADS

**FOR SALE:** Gravesite in Valhalla Memorial Park North Hollywood Lot 4 Section 10690 Block IJ. Cost \$725. Make offer. Contact C.M. Wheeler, 4140 Via Real #4, Carpentaria, CA 93013 Phone (805) 684-3860.

**FOR SALE:** Camper Resort of America. Full membership & "AA" rating. Lake Peris Campground Near Riverside. Off #60 Fwy. All existing and future parks. Low yearly dues are currently paid up thru 1991. Sacrifice \$2500.00 plus transfer fee \$300. Phone Betty Blaisdell (714) 659-2693.

**FOR SALE:** 2½ Acres, High Desert. House, 2 BR, Bath Air Conditioning, Patio, Garage. Sat. Dish, Secure fence. Shade & Fruit trees, Irrigation system. View San Jacinto, \$76,500 Cash. Contact Jeanette Clinkingbeard, P.O. Box 520, Morongo Valley, CA 92256, Phone (619) 363-6790.

**FOR SALE:** R.V. Campground Membership—CCR Coast to Coast (500 resorts in 37 States, Canada & Baja & Catalina) Home Resort—Camelot & Mountain Lakes—Value \$6500—Ill health—Will Sacrifice for \$2500—O.B.O.—(619) 451-2477.

**FOR SALE:** WWII COMMEMORATIVE—M1911A1 45 and case and single lot in Rose Hills—Alder Lawn, Lot 813—Phone (213) 699-3778.

**FOR SALE:** Companion Space (for two) in the sold out hilltop section of Summit Lawn (204-B), Green Hills Memorial Lawn, Rancho Palos Verdes (San Pedro). Value: \$4,600. Please make offer. (213) 382-1800 or write to P.O. Box 69124, L.A. CA 90069

**FOR SALE:** Like new three wheel scooter for people who have difficulty walking. Up front controls, batteries, battery charger. Easy assembly and disassembly; will fit in trunk of car. For more information call (213) 777-6127.

**FOR SALE:** NACO WEST Camping membership—\$3,000—Membership dues paid. Contact Eyleen Scheibe at 35218 Fir Ave., Space #112, Yucaipa CA 92399. Phone: (714) 797-0312.

**FOR SALE:** Banning Sunlakes CC, 2 + 2, den, detached home, landscaped, auto spkrs, patio, 15th fairway, \$155K. (714) 845-6590, p.p. Ask for Connie.

## NOTICES

Attention all Alumni of the County Assessor's Office. The Assessor's Newsletter is published every other month. If you would like to receive this house organ, please send us your name and address. If you would like us to include an item about you—your former colleagues would be interested in hearing about you—please dispatch such news to:

Editor John Carl Brogdon, Special Assistant, The Office of Assessor, Room 320, 500 W. Temple, County Hall of Administration, L.A., CA 90012

Assessor Kenny Hahn is anxious to make our alumni remain very much a part of the Assessor Family. We hope you will keep in touch.



# RECREATION NEWS

Jack T. Gillespie & Mary Gutierrez



**GOLF**

**TRAVEL**



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Alhambra Municipal Golf Course — June 17, 1991**

*by Jack Hibbs*

Either our golfers are getting good or our math is getting bad. The average net for 81 golfers was a cool below par 68. The ladies were devastating, as usual, taking 3 of the 5 closest to the pin prizes. The course was in fine shape (discounting the confusing 18th hole for 10th hole play), the greens were true and apparently very forgiving, and the weather was just what was ordered. Also, perhaps, having carts as a mandatory requirement not only speeded up play, but was also a factor in the low scores. Tournament results and Congratulations to the following:

### **FLIGHT A. (0-21) Handicap**

**\*LOW NET:** Richard Kuhns (60)

**Second:** George Envall (60)

**\*Third:** Arnie Langton (61)

### **FLIGHT B. (22-30) Handicap**

**LOW NET:** Ed Petterson (58)

**Second:** Earvin Calomee (59)

**\*Third:** Les Curtis (60)

### **FLIGHT C. (31-50) Handicap**

**LOW NET:** Alex Porter (52)

**Second:** Jack Hibbs (56)

**Third:** Eugene Mobley (57)

### **FLIGHT D. (Ladies)**

**LOW NET:** "Lu" Adams (58)

**\*Second:** Marie Connor (61)

### **FLIGHT E. (Member/Callaway)**

**LOW NET:** Herbert Motonaga (75)

**\*Second:** Roy Ito (76)

### **FLIGHT F. (Guest/Callaway)**

**\*LOW NET:** Bob Davis (72)

**\*Second:** N. Little (72)

### **NEAREST TO PIN ON 3-PAR HOLES**

No. 7: Nancy Goya

No. 8: Lloyd Flanagan

No. 11: Cherry Uyeda

No. 13: Winifred Lee

No. 15: Les Curtis

\* In case of ties, lowest handicap takes preference. If a tie score still exists, then best of #1 hole.

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY**

La Mirada Golf Course  
15501 E. Alicante Road  
La Mirada, CA 90638  
Monday, October 21, 1991

☐ Cart

Name

Address

City  Zip

Phone

Wish to be in foursome with

(1) Name  Member ☐

Address  Guest ☐

City  Zip

(2) Name  Member ☐

Address  Guest ☐

City  Zip

(3) Name  Member ☐

Address  Guest ☐

City  Zip

**NOTE:** Only one guest per member  
**You must furnish address**

Enclose check for \$15 payable to **RELAC GOLF**, and mail to  
RELAC Golf, P.O. Box 7729, Alhambra, CA 91802-7729.  
(Deadline 9/30/91).

Nothing is perfect, by the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have played Los Verdes, Wednesday, August 14, 1991. Hope everyone remembered that all putts fall toward the ocean. Our next tournament stop will be at La Mirada on Monday, October 21, 1991. See you there! See coupon on this page.

**P.S.** We are still seeking a volunteer with IBM compatible PC to help with handicapping. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,** contact either Jack Gillespie or John Hays if you can help! Phone RELAC office—(818) 308-0532 or (800) 53-RELAC.

### **NOTE:**

There will be no change  
for green fees on County Courses  
until next year

Marshall Minard who made a hole-in-one at the Mountain Meadows Golf Course was given a dozen golf balls for his major feat.



## TRAVEL GREAT WESTERN TRAVEL

RELAC members and their guests are welcome to participate in the following tours conducted by GREAT WESTERN TRAVEL. Brochures and reservation forms may be obtained from the office of GREAT WESTERN TRAVEL.

**Yosemite. 4 Day Motorcoach Tour** departs October 15th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$319.00. Help celebrate the beginning of Yosemite National Park's second century! Three night's hotel accommodations will be included at the Yosemite Lodge (deluxe units), along with tours of the Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove. Lunch will also be offered at the luxurious Ahwahnee Hotel, along with time to relax and experience the wondrous beauty of the Park.

**Autumn in Arizona. 6 Day Motorcoach Tour** departs October 20th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$429.00. Enjoy the vibrant fall colors and wealth of attractions of our amazingly diverse neighbor state. We'll begin the tour with a delightful "Dinner at the Races" at the deluxe Greyhound Park in Phoenix. From the Valley of the Sun, we head for the alpine beauty of Pinetop and the White Mountains of Central Arizona. During our two night stay in Cottonwood, enjoy visits to Sedona and a half-day excursion on the brand-new Arizona Central Railroad through the Verde River Canyon. Tours of historic Prescott and Jerome will conclude the tour, along with a lavish dinner and overnight stay at Prescott's Hassayampa Inn.

**Orlando Magic. 7 Day Air/Motorcoach Tour** departs November 9th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$998.00. Visit America's most popular destination! The Walt Disney World Vacation Kingdom offers three fantastic parks to enchant you: Epcot Center, MGM/Disney Studios and the Magic Kingdom. Tour our nation's oldest city: historic St. Augustine. Experience the beauty of Cypress Gardens. Be fascinated by Spaceport, USA, at the Kennedy Space Center. Three meals and three full-day Disney passports are all included in the tour price.

**Thanksgiving at Wonder Valley. 4 Day Motorcoach Tour** departs November 26th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$295.00. Return with us to the era of the Western Ranch at Wonder Valley, nestled in the foothills of the Sierras. Nine delicious, home-style meals will be offered (including Thanksgiving day dinner with all the trimmings), along with hayrides, casino nights and a full day at nearby Sequoia National Park.

**San Antonio Celebration. 5 Day Air/Motorcoach Tour** departs December 13th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$679.00 and includes round-trip air from Los Angeles! Enjoy four nights in historic San Antonio at the luxurious Hyatt Regency, overlooking on one side the scenic Riverwalk with its spectacular luminaria display and the famed Alamo on the other. A full day and a half will be spent exploring just a few of the many attractions in the San Antonio area. In addition, day trips will be offered to the state capital of Austin, the LBJ Ranch and the quaint German town of Fredericksburg, with its charming Christmas market. A total of three meals are also featured.

**Utah Winter Wonderland. 6 Day Rail/Motorcoach Tour** departs December 17th. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$698.00 and includes round-trip rail fare, Los Angeles/Salt Lake City. We'll spend two nights in Salt Lake City and two nights at the Homestead Resort (one of America's classic country inns), with a total of 8 meals offered for your enjoyment.

**Arizona Grand Christmas. 5 Day Motorcoach Tour** departs December 23rd. Price per person (double occupancy) is \$398.00. The tour will include two nights at the deluxe Sheraton Prescott, with Christmas night at the Grand Canyon and Laughlin for our last evening together. A total of 6 meals are included.

**San Diego Christmas. 3 Day Motorcoach Tour** departs December 23rd. Price per person (double occupancy) is

\$365.00. Enjoy two nights at the luxurious Omni Hotel in downtown San Diego, with a total of five meals, a guided tour and harbor excursion also offered.

### TRAVEL COUPON GREAT WESTERN TRAVEL

Please send me brochures and reservation forms for the tours which I have checked below:

- ☐ Yosemite
- ☐ Autumn in Arizona
- ☐ Orlando Magic
- ☐ Thanksgiving at Wonder Valley
- ☐ San Antonio Celebration
- ☐ Utah Winter Wonderland
- ☐ Arizona Grand Christmas
- ☐ San Diego Christmas
- ☐ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this coupon to **GREAT WESTERN TRAVEL, 3814 E. Colorado Blvd., Suite 200, Pasadena, CA 91107**. Phone (toll free in So. Cal.), (800) 344-7090 or (collect outside of So. Ca.), (818) 578-1161.

### ARE YOU MOVING?

Cut the address portion from this Newsletter, correct showing current address, and mail to:

**RELAC**  
P.O. Box 7729  
Alhambra, California 91802-7729  
Or Phone

(800) 537-3522 (CA only)  
(800) 53-RELAC (CA only)

**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.

## BASEBALL

by Larry C. Nosco

The July 5, 1991 baseball game at the Dodgers Stadium was a sell-out game of over 50,000 in attendance. The Atlanta Braves pitcher, Tom Glavin, performed tremendously over the Dodgers. The Atlanta Braves beat the Dodgers team by the score of four to one. 140 RELAC members were treated to an excellent game despite of the loss to the Braves.

The Dodgers gave recognition to RELAC on the beautiful Diamond Screen. The fireworks that followed were exceptional, perhaps the best ever shown at the Dodgers Stadium.

### 3rd Annual RV Christmas Luncheon

Robert and Marie May are inviting RELAC Members to a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 5, 1991 at Sir George's Buffet in Arcadia.

Social Hour 11:30 and luncheon at 12:00 Noon \$5.25 per person.

Reservations must be received by November 28, 1991. Seating will be limited to 60.

Sir George's, 9 W. Las Tunas Dr., Arcadia, 91006.

Mail Coupon and check to, Robert May, 9814 Broadway, Temple City, CA 91780, (818) 285-5797.

### TRAVEL COUPON CAL WEST ENTERPRISES

Please send me brochures and reservation forms for the tours which I have checked below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Solvang, September 21  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tahoe, October 7-10

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this coupon to RELAC Travel, P.O. Box 7729, Alhambra, CA 91802-7729.

## SOLEDAD CANYON CAMPOUT

The June 3, 4, & 5, 1991 RELAC Campout was held at Soledad Canyon Thousand Trails. Wagon Masters Herbert and Ruth Barnum ordered and received super weather along with ideal R.V. locations.

Typical breakfast of bagels, cheeses, coffee, juices, etc. was under the very capable hands of J.T. and Betty Robinson. Pat Montgomery of Western Bagel Company furnished the variety of bagels and cheeses. Our sincere thanks to the Montgomery family.

RELAC RVers welcomed John and Elsie House, Art and Carmen Fisch, and **Barnums** partner, the **Baileys**. A lasting partnership is expected.

Co-ordinator John Hays intentionally was the last person in line at the new Acton Sizzler and intended to pick up the tab for the RELAC group. Alas, he forgot to notify the group and they went dutch treat. Maybe next time.

Next outing, Chula Vista, September 16, 17, 18. See coupon below for details.

### R.V. CAMP-OUT RESERVATION

Chula Vista R.V. Resort  
September 16, 17, & 18, 1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check for \$48.36

Wagon Masters Ken Steward & Wendall Dean

12620 Tustin Street

Poway, CA 92064

Phone: (619) 486-0535

### R.V. CAMP-OUT RESERVATION

Palomar Valley Preserve Campground  
Aguanga, CA—November 11, 12, & 13, 1991

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Check for \$39.00 (3 night's fee) to:

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# SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 22, 1991

The next RELAC Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1991 at the West San Gabriel Valley Board of Realtors Auditorium, 1532 South Palm Avenue, San Gabriel, California. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Grace Whitcomb, Business Program Representative with the Equal Opportunity Department of Southern California Edison Company. She will give a presentation on "Earthquake Preparedness", which will include:

1. Preparation you can do to minimize loss of lives and property in the event of an earthquake.
2. Special information for the handicapped and elderly.
3. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours after the quake.

If time permits, she will discuss:

1. Toll free Energy Management Programs Information Hotline.
2. Residential In-Home Energy Survey.
3. Energy-Efficient Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs.
4. Simple things you can do to cut your energy bills.

A question and answer period will follow.

Ms Whitcomb began her career with Edison in 1983, as a stenographer and has gained a good perspective of the Company's activities through various job assignments, including office manager's supervisor and the Productivity improvement Program administrator. She was born in Macau and educated in Hong Kong. She came to California in 1974, attended a two-year course at the Institute of Design and Merchandising and graduated with an AA Degree.

We will also be favored by brief informative talks by members of the RELAC Board of Directors. Questions from our members will be welcomed.

Ample parking available. We are looking forward to greeting all of our members and prospective members in the area.



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