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Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

Greetings! It looks like everyone is in full swing with the Code 402 campaign. January donations were nearly record breaking for that month. Congratulations! March is officially Checkoff California Month, which is a good reason to get out and promote Code 402 now! March and April are also the most important months to get the message out there as this is tax preparation time for many. We are off to a good start! This is very encouraging, but there is still a long way to go. Keep up the good work!

We have lost some members and we have some new members. I want to welcome Senior Senator Steve Lehman, Senior Assembly Member Michael LePeilbet, Senior Assembly Member Luis Monge, Senior Assembly Member Jean Rios, Senior Assembly Member Kenneth Ryan, and Senior Senator Susan Thompson. We are still 8 members short of our 120 seats. If you have a vacancy in your PSA, please encourage your PSA to fill that vacancy as soon as possible. We will miss Senior Senator John Hopkins, Senior Senator Richard Griswold, and Senior Assembly Member Don Mabon. Congratulations to Senior Assembly Members JD Leitaker and Vernon

Uecker as they are now Senior Senators.

It is March already, folks, and proposals need to be turned in by June 1. I hope you are looking for ideas, and getting started on your proposals. Remember, your proposal *MUST BE ON THE PROPER FORM*. Leg counsel will not accept a proposal that is not on the proper form. It is your responsibility to use the proper form when you submit your proposal. The form is in your resource manual and Sherry will be sending these forms out in the mail this month. In the past, Sherry has been kind enough to retype the proposals on the form when members forget. That will not happen this year because, during that time of year, Sherry's time is required to make sure everything is ready for the Session. I have instructed Sherry to return proposals to the sender if they are not on the proper form. The due date for proposals is June 1. There will be no extension this year. When the JRC and Leg Committees meet in July, the proposals will be assigned to policy committees. In order to get the proposal books printed and to our members in a timely manner, so you can have plenty of time to review them and be ready to discuss them at the Session, we must have them ready for Leg

Counsel by June 1.

We had some excellent proposals submitted last year, as evidenced by the number of them that have been authored. Congratulations to all of you! Moreover, I am already getting calls from other senior organizations that are ready with their support for many of our bills. It looks like another successful year for CSL. Remember, seniors all over the state are depending on us to be their voice.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero – Spoke at a Valentine's Luncheon for the Society of Former Special Agents of The FBI, San Francisco Peninsula Chapter regarding the CSL and was presented with a medallion afterwards.

Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier – Was chairperson of the annual Senior Congress sponsored by Future Foundation. The topic this year was "Thanks for the Memory" with 300 in attendance.

Senior Senator Bill Young and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young – Attended a press conference centered around the recent budget signing and Senior Senator Young's picture was in the *Sacramento Bee*.

Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren – Made a presentation to the Los Banos City Council at the Public Forum. This was broadcast live on TV.

Senior Assembly Member George Tucker – Has been invited to speak on CSL at the Kiwanis Club due to a letter to the local newspaper editor.

If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.

 If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name and address to the CSL office at sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov or by snail mail or phone call and those people will receive a copy every month either by email or snail mail.

You know you're getting older when Happy Hour is a nap.

 Any news for the April Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by April 6, 2009.

New Proposals Opportunities

I hope all of you are thinking of the new proposals that you are going to write and submit this year. Starting this Legislation season should be getting all of you excited and inspire each of you to new heights in proposal writing. Sherry will be sending out the forms and details in a couple of weeks and this year's deadline is June 1, 2009.

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
 -George Bernard Shaw

Greetings from Session Planning

by Julia Rosenberg

The Session Planning Committee finalized the contract for a block of rooms and room rate with the Holiday Inn for the October Session!

Several items of interest include:

- ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84 this year at the Holiday Inn.

Make your reservation early (we will tell you how in later issues).

- FREE TRANSPORTATION from airport to the holiday inn if the CSL office knows your schedule. (We are still in the process of negotiating rates to provide THIS.)
- SHARING A ROOM? NEW STATE RULES: You must have a RECEIPT IN YOUR NAME for your portion of room to be reimbursed. DO NOT walk away from the hotel reception desk until you double check the name on your room receipt. We will continue to publish reminders on this IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Currently we are establishing a keynote speaker for Opening Session and we NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS for the Session! If you know of someone, please let us know. While we are working on a few new concepts to spice up our time in Sacramento, we are always open for YOUR ideas/suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or email: rosenberg@roadrunner.com.

AND you know you can always call Sherry....she coordinates all information with all committees.

Office Closures

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:
 March 30 – Vacation
 March 31 – Caesar Chavez Day
 April 3 – State Furlough Day
 April 27-30 - Vacation

Current Authored CSL Legislation

SP-6 SB 38 (Alquist)
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program

SP-8 (Correa)
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-17 (Ammiano)
Senior Senator Bruce Steir
Elder Death Reviews

SP-18/2008 AB 152 (Carter)
Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly
Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane
Godager
Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability:
definition

SP-22 SB 91 (Correa)
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
CSL Funding Repeal Date

SP 23 AB 392 (Feuer and Jones)
Senior Senator Bill Young
Support for the Ombudsman Program and the
Senior Legal Hotline

SFP-2 (Correa)
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program

AP-8 AB 1370 (Soloria)
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AP-21 AB 249 (Carter)
Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment ID

AP 16 AB 324 (Beall)
Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin
Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin
Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young
California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AP 24 AB 1457 (Davis)
Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

AFP-3 AJR 6 (Beall)
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Federal Poverty Guidelines

**2008/09 CSL Legislation
Remainder of the Top Twenty Proposals**

AP 3 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Financial Elder Abuse Reporting

AP 6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Food Safety

AP 7 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Relating to Hearing Aids

AP 9 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Nursing Home Reform

AP 10 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
SSI/SSP Benefits

AP 12 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Sexual abuse or
touching

AP 14 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Emergency Transportation

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy

AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Grading System for Nursing Homes

AP 20 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker,
Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm
Medi-Cal Benefits: Personal and incidental needs

SP 1 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Universal Health Care

SP 3 Senior Senators Richard Griswold, Connie
Eaton, and Senior Assembly Members June
Glasmeier and Larry Hartmann
Property Tax

SP 5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Senior Housing: Security

SP 11 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Senior Financial Abuse

SP 19 Senior Senator Craig Orange
Prescription Medication Labels

Reminder of the Top Eight Federal Legislative Proposals

AFP 1 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Social Security: Cost-of-living adjustment

AFP 2 Senior Assembly Member Bernard
Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Disclosure of ownership
information

AFP 5 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann
Godager, Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Senior
Senator Kathleen Mesler
Social Security Cards

AFP 7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Federal Income Tax: Deductions: Medical
expenses

SFP 4 Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior
Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren
Medicare Coverage of Dental Care

SFP 6 Senior Senator John Sorensen and Senior
Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Unsolicited Blank Checks

The Rest of the CSL's Legislative Proposals

AP 1 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell,
John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Lenwood Long
Transportation: Seniors

AP 2 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell,
Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator
Roberta Marti
Disabled Persons' and Disabled Veterans' Parking
Spaces: width and availability

AP 4 Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Freidman
and Senior Senator Edward Woods
HIV/AIDS Education for Older Adults

AP 11 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht
Crimes against Elders

AP 13 Senior Assembly Member Samuel Park
California Senior Legislature: California Senior
Citizens' Club

AP 15 Senior Assembly Members Billie Taylor and
Senior Senator Mickey Peabody
Notarized Documents: Execution by patient in
skilled nursing facility

AP 18 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Caregivers

AP 25 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell,
Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator
Patricia Jones
Funding of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

AFP 4 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
Affordable Housing: Families of servicemen and
servicewomen deployed to Afghanistan and the
Gulf War Zone of Iraq

AFP 6 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Social Security Adjustment

AFP 8 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma
Medicare: Home health agencies: Patient rights

AFP 10 Senior Assembly Members Patricia Wilson
and Richard Wolfe
Federal Social Security: Continuing disability
reviews

AFP 12 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence
Hartmann
Required Tire Safety Information

SP 2 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Goods and Services Tax

SP 4 Senior Senator Dolores Wright
Target Population: At-risk seniors

SP 7 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Stroke Education Campaign

SP 9 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Automated External Defibrillators: Signs: Public
awareness campaign

SP 10 Senior Senators Jim Levy, Richard Lundin, Bob Jaffee, and Senior Assembly Members Austin Lucero and Lola Young
Increased Access to Community-Based Services

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.
-Thomas Jefferson

SP 12 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager
Powers of Attorney

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.
- Will Rogers

SP 13 Senior Senator Horace Mann
State Department of Mental Health: Suicide prevention program

Code 402

Be sure to check out the new line number for the CSL voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. It will now be Code 402 and will remain that number from now on.

SP 14 Senior Senator Bob Jaffee
Paratransit

Banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.
- Thomas Jefferson

SP 15 Senior Senator Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier
Affordable Senior Housing: Second units

Good-bye to Nell Soto

Former Senator and Assembly Woman Nell Soto passed away on February 26. She had devoted most of her life to public service and was known as a woman of persistence and tenacity. Her legislative priorities included education, infrastructure, public safety, transportation and the environment. She was from Pomona and represented the 61st District. She will be missed!

SP 16 Senior Senator William Young and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
In-Home Supportive Services: Expanded services

SP 18 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Statewide Elder Protection Courts

SP 20 Senior Senator George Winslow
Public Safety: Crosswalk, curb, and sidewalk improvement

SP 21 Senior Senator Dolores Wright
Free Sport Fishing Licenses

SP 22 Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Funding for the California Senior Legislature

SFP 1 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Federal Annuitants: Health premiums

SFP 3 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Senior Consumer Protection: Deceptive marketing practices

SFP 5 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Prescription Drug Safety

SFP 7 Senior Senator Horace Mann
Medicare Support for Shingles Immunization

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

April 7-8, 2009	Sacramento
June 9-10, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-8, 2009	Sacramento with Leg Committee
September 17-18, 2009	Sacramento
October 26-29, 2009	Sacramento

**“Help the Golden State
Support the Golden Years!”**

Legislative Committee Meetings

May 13-14, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-9, 2009	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
April 7-8, 2009	Fresno	Elder Abuse
June 2-3, 2009	Sonoma	Senior Centers of the Future
August 4-5, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	TBD

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