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Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

The first thing I want to do is apologize to members that I have not been able to be on top of things as closely this last month. Senior Senator Bill Young was admitted to the hospital on April 7, 2009 for lung cancer surgery. While the surgery was successful, there were complications following the surgery, and Bill was admitted to intensive care on April 13, and has been there ever since. The prognosis is not very encouraging. We all know he is a fighter, and he may still come through this. I would ask that you all keep us both in your thoughts and prayers.

In the meantime, I hope you are all busy working on your proposals for the October session. Please remember that the deadline for arrival at the CSL office is June 1, 2009.

Be sure to also take a look at our current By-Laws, and send your suggestions for any changes to them by July 30, 2009

Deadlines are set for an important purpose. The Leg Committee and By-Laws committee need to have time to review proposals, and proposed By-Law changes, and prepare them for the October session. When we ignore deadlines, we are making the

work of these committees that much harder. If this session is to be successful and a little less stressful, we all need to cooperate, and observe the deadlines.

Tax time has come and gone, but that does not mean we can relax our efforts to encourage those who have extensions to contribute to Code 402. So far this year we are doing very well. Keep up the good work.

CSL is fast becoming a leader in the senior advocacy community and recognized in the legislature as such. It is a tribute to the hard work of each and every one of you. Congratulations!

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch – Was featured in an article in *The Ark Newspaper* and CSL was described.

Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren – Wrote a column on both CSL and SB 91 in the *Merced County Snap Senior News & Programs*.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Attended the Art Institute of California–Inland Empire to meet the staff and learned about the academic programs of study as a CSL representative.

Senior Senators Joe Cox and Joe Murphy and Senior Assembly Members Terry Sonnefeld and Lola Young – Was introduced at Senator Elaine Alquist's press conference regarding CSL's SB 38 (Alquist) Silver Alert Program.

Senior Senators Joanna Kim-Selby, Joe Murphy, and Vernon Uecker – Was introduced from the Senate Chambers Floor in connection with the announcement of SJR 4 (Correa) Alzheimer Silver Alert Program.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Gave a presentation on CSL at Cal State in Bakersfield.

Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby – Reported that there was an article on CSL in the *Planet of Berkeley Free Newspaper* centering around SCR 28.

Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier – Made a presentation on CSL to the PSA 18 Advisory Council.

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.

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

Updated Contacts Needed

If you have moved, you must let the office know your new address so that you receive updated

mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs!

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!

Great news! The Lt. Governor John Garamendi has accepted our invitation to be our keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony.

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.
- Airline reservations for the Session can be made through the office the beginning of

June. Brenda Austin, our Volunteer Coordinator last year, had to resign from this position this year due to new job conflicts. We always have a minimum of 40 volunteers so this is a very important position and we want to thank you for doing this last year. If you know of somebody that would like to fill this position for us, please call myself or Sherry in the office. The volunteers are the backbone of our annual sessions. They make the process work! The call for volunteers will go out soon.

We are working on a few new concepts to spice up our time in Sacramento, but we are always open for YOUR ideas / suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or rosenberg@roadrunner.com.

Office Closures

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:
May 25 – Memorial Day
June 4-9 - Vacation

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.

Sad News!

Ted Gehrig, husband of ex-Senior Senator Ann Gehrig, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Ted has volunteered at many CSL Annual Legislative Sessions for years, as well as helping with the Legislative Committee, and will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Current Authored CSL Legislation

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

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

SCR 28 (Correa) SP-8
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SJR 4 (Correa) SFP-2
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program

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

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

AB 324 (Beall) AP-16
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

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

AB 535 (Ammiano) SP-17
Senior Senator Bruce Steir
Elder Death Reviews

AB 935 (Feuer and Jones) SP-23
Senior Senator Bill Young – Second half
Long-Term Health Care Facilities

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

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

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

Other Supported Legislation

SB 161 (Wright)
Health care coverage: chemotherapy treatment

SB 290 (Leno)
Tenancy: notices.

SB 303 (Alquist)
Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent

SB 341 (DeSaulnier)
Pharmaceuticals: adverse drug reactions: Drug
Safety and Effectiveness Program

SB 344 (Strickland)
Crimes against elders and dependent adults

SB 687 (Alquist)
Long-term care facilities: healthcare associated
infection

SB 732 (Alquist)
Medi-Cal: long-term care reimbursement: cost
reporting methodology

SB 781 (Leno)
Eviction procedure

SB 804 (Leno)
Mobilehomes: sales and replacements procedure

AB 108 (Hayashi)
Individual health care coverage

AB 110 (Smyth)
Parks and open space: Rim of the Valley Trail
Corridor: boundary revisions

AB 123 (Portantino)
Housing for elderly or disabled persons

AB 142 (Hayashi)
Health studios: external defibrillator unit
requirements

AB 214 (Chesbro)
Health care coverage: durable medical equipment

AB 235 (Hayashi)
Emergency services and care

AB 283 (Chesbro)
California Product Stewardship Act

AB 292 (Yamada)
Personal income taxes: contributions: Alzheimer's disease

AB 323 (Yamada)
Automobile Tires

AB 329 (Feuer)
Reverse mortgages

AB 341 (Anderson)
Income and corporate taxes: credits: enterprise zones

AB 378 (Cook)
In-Home Supportive Services: provider training

AB 393 (Yamada)
Vehicle warranties: disabled rights

AB 452 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: California Independence Act of 2009

AB 478 (Chesbro)
California Global Warning Solutions Act of 2006

AB 479 (Chesbro)
California's recycling requirements

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 583 (Hayashi)
Health care practitioners: disclosure of education and office hours

AB 721 (Pedro Nava)
Physical Therapy Direct Access

AB 768 (Torres)
Elder abuse

AB 885 (Nestande)
Area agencies on aging and independent living centers: funding

AB 1259 (Arambula)
Area agencies on aging: federal funding allocations

AB 1519 (De La Torre)
Elections: vote by mail ballots

AB 1535 (Jones)
Audiologists: hearing aids

New Proposals

The CSL office has received several new proposals from members as of the date of this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing all of the others and know that next year's Legislation Session will be very exciting! All new proposals are due postmarked by no later than June 1, 2009.

The Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Volunteers Needed

A request will be sent out soon asking for volunteers for this year's Annual Session so be thinking about who you can ask to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to attend the Session to see how the whole process works and receive free meals! Any family or friends that you can think of will be welcome as well!

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.
- G. Gordon Liddy

As people age, they sleep more soundly, but usually in the afternoon.

Welcome to New Members

The CSL welcomes Senior Senator Nina Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Chuck Molnar to our team. She is from PSA 19, Palmdale, and is replacing Senior Senator Roberta Marti. He is from PSA 13, Santa Cruz. Welcome Senior Senator Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Molnar! Updated Member Rosters will be sent out shortly.



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

TODAY'S
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AND BLUE



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Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

Legislative Committee Meetings

July 7-9, 2009	Sacramento
October 26, 2009	Sacramento
October 29, 2009	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
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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