



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

Hello CSL members. It has been a terrible month for me. I have been out of touch for awhile. Most of you know I lost my best friend and soul mate, Senior Senator Bill Young. Life will not be the same for me without him, but in his honor I intend to continue the work we have both begun on behalf of seniors and the disabled. If I didn't, it would be as if his life had no meaning. So, in short. "I'm baa ck" and looking forward to working with you for a great October session.

It is already June, and things are well on the way to a great session. We received 65 proposals this year! And I know you have been keeping up the great job in regards to Code 402. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work.

You should have received a packet with several forms in it. Nominations for Moira Jackson, Volunteer recognition, and Organization that has helped promote the CSL. Please give all of these awards some serious thought an send in nominations.

Don't forget to ask your spouse or any of your friends to volunteer for our session. Volunteers are a vital part of our session. We could no

more do without our volunteers than the state legislator could do without staff.

You also received forms and prices for program book ads. Contact any organizations you belong to, businesses you patronize, friends, family, local and state politicians, and, oh yeah, don't forget yourself.

We are all going to have to do our part to make this a successful session. I know we can do it. I have already seen the results of our working together. Let's get it done!

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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Senator Joe Murphy** – Participated in the Tracy Memorial Day's Services and placed a wreath on behalf of the CSL.

**Senior Assembly Member Lola Young** – Had a CSL table at the Citrus Heights Senior Health Fair and was able to share CSL with that section of Sacramento.

**Senior Senator Jim Levy** – Received a Certificate of Recognition from State Senator Lou Correa for his community commitment.

**Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell** – Presented CSL to the EHI Cardiovascular Committee Meeting and they made a commitment to partner with the CSL in the future.

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

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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](mailto: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.

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

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### 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.

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### Greetings from Session Planning

by Julia Rosenberg

Time is getting closer and we're closing in on some final details. We met with the caterer from the hotel and will make final decisions on the menus at our next Session Planning Meeting in July. We also established a suggested list of people to handle various positions during our 29th Annual Legislative Session in October. So, if Sherry calls you to see if you can perform a certain assignment, please give it serious thought and let her know. We also are establishing an alternate list in case of an unplanned absence, due to illness or family situation, etc. If there is something that you would like to do (pledge, invocation, etc.), please let Sherry know.

HEY PHOTOGRAPHERS! We are looking for someone (member or friend of member) that can volunteer to take photos this year. I think a group photo like we did a few years ago is in order again.....because our member roster changes and this is a nice memento. Plus it can be published in our 30th anniversary book next year! Yes, we're already planning ahead for that one.

TALENTED PEOPLE! Also, if you have a special talent that you would like to share with the group after evening dinner (guitar, violin, singing, musical instrument, dancing, magic tricks, etc.), please let Julia or Sherry know. Or if you know of someone or group that has exceptional talent and would like to perform, let us know. We have already discovered that we have some very talented members and we plan to add some fun to the program this year. Wait till you see what we are working on now!

The hotel has expanded our dining room area (at no cost) so that we can try yet another new concept this year. We will have informational tables at the back of the room (called BOR's) sponsored by various organizations that care about senior concerns (like we all see at conferences we attend). If you know of an organization that is interested, please let me or Sherry know and we will work out the details and contract with them. After all, we do represent personal level contact with over 4 million seniors in our communities! We already have one organization waiting to sign up and it hasn't even been advertised yet.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Once again, this is a call to see if you

know someone that can volunteer this year. It is a fun job and so necessary! But, GOOD NEWS! Georgia Meade, Senior Assembly Member Jerry Meade's wife, has accepted our invitation to chair this committee. She has been volunteering for our CSL Sessions for years, so she is familiar with the needs and demands of this job. We're so lucky she agreed to step up to the plate. THANK YOU, GEORGIA!

Several items of interest include:

- ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84 this year at the Holiday Inn. Make your reservation early by calling 1-800-465-4329 and mentioning QSL to receive our special room rate.
- 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 until June 16<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we are open for YOUR ideas/suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or [jrosenberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:jrosenberg@roadrunner.com).

**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 – **CHAPTER 39**

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 646 (Swanson)  
Physicians and Surgeons: Employment

AB 721 (Nava)  
Physical Therapy Direct Access

AB 724 (DeVore)  
Revocable Transfer on Death Deed

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

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**New Proposals**

This year, 65 proposals have been submitted to the CSL office by its members. These have been sent to the Legislative Counsel to be transferred into legal language and then put into a book. These books will be mailed out to the members to read and study so they can be voted on at the October Session. A big thank you to all who submitted a proposal.

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*No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.*  
-Mark Twain, 1866  
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**Volunteers Needed**

A request will be sent out this month to past volunteers asking for their help again this year's Annual Session so be thinking about who else 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! Call the CSL office for the form to be filled out!

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*Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference*  
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**Sad News!**

Senior Senator Dolores G. Wright and Senior Assembly Members Richard Rangel and Pat Trotter have had to resign from the CSL due to various reasons. Senior Senator Wright represented PSA 16 and Senior Assembly Member Rangel represented PSA 32 with Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter representing PSA 22. They will all be missed!

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**Tragic News!**

Senior Senator William Young passed away Thursday, May 28, 2009. Senior Senator Young has been with the CSL since 2003 and has been responsible for several bills.

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*If you don't read the newspaper you are  
uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are  
misinformed.  
- Mark Twain*

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**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.

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**Question:** *Is it common for 60+ year olds to have  
problems with short term memory storage?*  
**Answer:** *Storing memory is not a problem;  
retrieving it is a problem*

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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

July 7-10, 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**

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

**California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
September 9-10, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	TBD

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