



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

October session is getting closer and closer. Many of our PSAs have new members. I would encourage all of our members to mentor any new member in your PSA. At the session, all CSL members should be on the look-out for new members, and make a point of helping any way you can.

Several reminders:

Don't forget to ask businesses and organizations you are affiliated with to place an ad in our program book. Also, don't forget to send your own ad in.

The deadline for award nominations is fast approaching. If you have a nomination for the Moira Jackson Award or the Volunteer Recognition Award, get it into Sherry before August 31.

If you have not already sent your request for your choice of policy committee, it needs to be sent in to the office by August 31, as well. Remember every member must send in the request even if you want to remain on the same committee. Members who do not send in the request will not be guaranteed their spot.

JRC voted at the July meeting that roll call will be taken at the end of the last floor session. Any

member that is not present for that roll call, except for a medical emergency, will not be reimbursed for the Wednesday night's hotel.

The proposal book will soon be printed and sent to every member. Be sure to read all the proposals, as you will eventually be voting on all that pass committees. Take special care to study the proposals that will be heard in your own policy committee. Committee assignments will be sent with the proposal book.

This promises to be a very successful session. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne** – Attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration in New York for the NAACP.

**Senior Senator Craig Orange** – Wrote an article about the CSL for the NCSHL.

**Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby** – Was featured in an article in the *NARFE Quarterly News* regarding her proposal SP-8 Senior Volunteer Month being chaptered and made into law.

*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 September Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by September 4, 2009.

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**Updated Contacts Needed**

If you have moved, you must let the office know your new address so that you can continue to receive updated mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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*A kind word never broke any mouth!*

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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Julia Rosenberg

The rooms have been booked, the menu has been planned, the speakers have been invited and the Session is coming together. Things are shaping up that we will have a great Session this year and we are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

HEY PHOTOGRAPHERS! We are still 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!

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 mention QSL to receive our special room rate.
- BANQUET ROOM cannot be entered until 6:00 p.m. due to hotel set up.
- 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.

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).

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**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
August 14 – Mandated Furlough  
August 21 – Mandated Furlough  
September 4 – Mandated Furlough  
September 7 – Labor Day  
September 11– Mandated Furlough

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*I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.*  
- Will Rogers

**Volunteers Needed**

Requests have been sent out to past volunteers asking for their help again at 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 application and any additional information!

*Talk is cheap ... except when Congress does it.*  
- Unknown

**Code 402**

Be sure to check out the 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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*How you can tell when you're getting old:*

*By Dan Hendricks  
Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*

- *You and your teeth don't sleep together.*
- *It takes twice as long to look half as good.*
- *Your idea of weight lifting is standing up.*
- *It takes longer to rest than it did to get tired.*
- *When your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.*
- *You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it moving.*
- *At breakfast you hear snap, crackle, pop, and you're not eating cereal.*
- *You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover that you aren't wearing any.*
- *When happy hour is a nap.*

**Good and Bad News**

There are new CSL members! Senior Assembly Member Robert Petty is from PSA 32. He is finishing out Richard Rangel's term. Then we have Senior Senator Sandra Miller from PSA 5. She is finishing out Larry Glazier's term. Be sure to welcome them to the CSL!

Senior Senator Lawrence Glazier of PSA 5 has had to resign effective September 1, 2009, due to his health. Larry has been a CSL member since 2006. We are sorry to see him go!

**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 – **CHAPTER 29**

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 – **CHAPTER 102**

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 –  
**CHAPTER 66**

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 –  
**CHAPTER 82**

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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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

September 17-18, 2009 Sacramento  
October 26-29, 2009 Sacramento

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

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

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
November 17-18, 2009	Los Angeles	Elder Abuse Part II

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