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What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I want to take this opportunity, as the Chair of the JRC, to say to the members of the CSL, the members of the Legislative committee and our Executive Secretary how much I look forward to working with you this year. Thanks to all the members of the CSL Joint Rules Committee for their support. Being elected as Chairperson of the Joint Rules Committee of CSL is an honor. I am committed to doing the best job I can do as we "Focus" on the tasks needed to keep CSL on the move.

The theme for my year in office is going to be "**Focus 2010**" and the five focus points I want all CSL members to consider will be:

1. Legislation (Proposal writing and advocacy)
2. Code 402 (Fund raising and promoting Code 402)
3. Annual Session (Scheduling, Entertainment, Sponsors, Program Ads)
4. Member Involvement (Orientation, Committee Work, and Community Resources)
5. Staff Development (Part time, Interns, Volunteers, inter-agency co-operation)

The Joint Rules Committee of the California Senior Legislature has the following sub-committees:

1. Budget and Finance (Don MacAllister, Chair)
2. Fund Development and Public Relations (Julia Rosenberg, Chair)
3. Policies and Procedures (Joanna Kim-Selby, Chair)
4. Session Planning (Lola Young, Chair)

Two CSL members are needed to serve on each of these sub-committees. Unfortunately we cannot pay for the expenses of non JRC members to attend sub-committee meetings. Any member can share their opinions and suggestions directly with a sub-committee chairperson. With proper notice, teleconference meetings can also be held by each sub-committee. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on a committee; we need your ideas.

Keep sending me your comments and suggestions. Feel free to continue to email me at eranimone@aol.com; or you may contact me by phone at (209) 826-0936. Stay "Focused" as we embark on a new year of service to California Seniors.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero – Was interviewed by Channel 15 in San Jose regarding the CSL.

Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg – Was the keynote speaker regarding CSL at an Area C Conference of California Federation Women's Club with approximately 225 women attending.

Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe – Gave a presentation on CSL to the Solano County Senior Coalition.

Senior Senator Mickey Peabody – Was featured with her picture in *The Oakdale Leader* regarding the CSL's Annual Session.

Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht – Was featured in an article in *The Inyo Register* talking about the CSL Annual Session in Sacramento.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Has been awarded the 2010-2011 California Senior Leaders Award. She was selected along with 29 other leaders who are making major contributions to community building and/or healthy aging and working toward social justice. She will join other seniors in advancing aging policy issues in the state.

Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson – Made a presentation on CSL to the California State Long Beach, Gerontology Class

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 November Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by November 6, 2009.

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.

I believe that everything happens for a reason. Usually, the reason is that somebody screwed up.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

I am flattered that our new JRC chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, has asked me to chair the session planning committee this year, especially since this will be our 30th anniversary session. What an honor!

Some great ideas have already been suggested by our previous Session planning chair, Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, and, hopefully, she will be on the committee this year as well.

We have received the session evaluations from this year's session, and will be reviewing them at our first session planning meeting. Thank you every one who has taken the time to fill out the evaluation and send it in. Please do not feel it is too late to offer your suggestions. We are always open to ideas to improve our session, and any member who would like to make a suggestion should not hesitate to send in the suggestion to the office, or to me at lolayoung15@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to working with the session planning committee, and all of our members to make our 30th Anniversary a memorable session.

New Deadline for 2010 Proposals

Don't forget that there is now a deadline for submitted proposals of May 1, 2010! So get those proposals started so that there will be a full proposed legislation book next year!

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
November 16 – JRC Meeting in LA
November 26&27 – Thanksgiving
December 4 – Mandatory Furlough
December 25 – Christmas
January 1 – New Year's Eve

Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.

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.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, she looks good, doesn't she?"

Sad News

Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier's husband, Paul, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2009, after a long illness. The CSL's condolences to the family.

New JRC Members

Senators:

Vice Chair, Dee Erman
Alternate: Lynn Pankhurst
Joanna Kim-Selby
Alternate: None
Bud Winslow
Alternate: Betty Mulholland
Kitty Mesler
Alternate: Tim O'Keefe
Carla Treuting
Alternate: Mattye Fegan-Perry

Assembly Members:

Quincy Campbell
Alternate: Richard Wolfe
Chair, Richard Dahlgren
Alternate: Nery Hartschen
Don MacAllister
Alternate: Sharon Lamagno
Vice Chair, Julia Rosenberg
Alternate: Jerry Meade
Evelyn Tom
Alternate: Patricia Wilson

New Leg Committee Members

Senators:

Jim Levy
Alternate: Vernon Uecker
Lenwood Long
Alternate: None
Chair, Anne Mack
Alternate: None
Craig Orange
Alternate: Marion Faustman
Bruce Steir
Alternate: Horace Mann

Assembly Members:

Eleanor Bloch
Alternate: Zelda Hutcherson
Jane Ann Godager
Alternate: Margaret Sowma
Allan Hurst
Alternate: Fran Givens
Alice Loh
Alternate: Billie Taylor
Richard Shontz
Alternate: Anne Warren

New JRC Sub Committee Members

Public Relations and Fund Development:

Chair, Julia Rosenberg
Quincy Campbell
Rick Dahlgren
Dee Erman
Evelyn Tom
Bud Winslow

Policies and Procedures:

Chair, Joanna Kim-Selby
Don MacAllister
Anne Mack
Kitty Mesler
Carla Treuting
Lola Young

Session Planning:

Chair, Lola Young
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Bud Winslow

Question: What is the most common remark made by 60+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

Answer: "I remember these."

New Member

Please welcome Senior Assembly Member Mary Anderson from Redway in Humboldt County. She may have missed our Annual Session but she is ready to represent all the seniors up in her area! Welcome to the CSL, Mary!



Happy Thanksgiving To Everybody From the CSL Office!



**2009/10 CSL Legislation
Top Twenty Proposals**

AP-2 Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe
Use of IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub
Health Care Facility Event Reporting

AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Training

AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Ken Ryan
Interstate Provision of Medicaid Services

AP-12 Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz
Waiving Fees for Security Freeze on Seniors'
Credit Report

AP-13 Senior Assembly Member Art Serrin
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program
Awareness

AP-14 Senior Assembly Member Herbert Schwartz
Community College Education for Older Adults

AP-20 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion

AP-24 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-25 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled
and Seniors

AP-26 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Identity Theft prevention

SP-1 Senior Senator Lola Young
Expanded IHSS Services

SP-6 Senior Senator Anne Mack
Sale of Senior Residence

SP-7 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Abuse by Financial Institutions

SP-8 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Long-Term Care Facility Security and Surveillance

SP-9 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Exclusive Elder Protection Courts

SP-20 Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Property Tax Exemptions

SP-21 Senior Senator Erwin Fromm
Conservatee and Dependent Adult Education

**Top Eight Federal
Legislative Proposals**

AFP-1 Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold
Grocery Scanner Recall Alerts

AFP-5 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AFP-8 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Medical Expense Tax Deductions

AFP-11 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Income Tax on Social Security Benefits

SFP-1 Senior Senator Bud Winslow
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 Senior Senator Anne Mack
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

SFP-7 Senior Senator Edward Woods
Medicare and Medicaid Minimum Hospital Stay
Coverage

SFP-8 Senior Senator Larry Hartmann
Tire Safety Identification

**The Rest of the
Legislative Proposals**

AP-1 Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren
Senior Center Month

AP-4 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Grading System for Long-Term Facilities

AP-5 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe
Certification and Registration of all Supportive
Services Caregivers

AP-8 Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor
Ombudsman Witness for Notarized Documents

AP-9 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma
Adult Physical Education Programs

AP-10 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Restaurant Menus for Seniors

AP-15 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell
Free Public Transportation for Seniors

AP-16 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell
Availability and Dimensions of Disabled Parking
Spaces

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell
Medi-Cal Eligibility

AP-18 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell
Pharmaceutical Funding for Nutrition Services

AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar
Adequate Affordable Senior Housing

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-27 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen
Care Facility Safety

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell
Marked Senior Crosswalks

AP-29 Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne
Tenant Emergency Contact Information

SP-2 Senior Senator Sorensen
Criminal Public Official Remuneration

SP-3 Senior Senator Lynn Pankhurst
Consolidation and Integration of Senior Services

SP-4 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler
Witnessing Seniors' Power of Attorney

SP-5 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler
Designated Payees of Care Facilities Benefits

SP-10 Senior Senator Jim Levy
Community-Based Program Funding

SP-11 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Automated Defibrillator Awareness

SP-12 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-13 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Stroke Education Campaign

SP-14 Senior Senator Larry Hartmann
Fall Prevention Awareness Week

SP-16 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Universal Health Care

SP-17 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Enforcing Disabled Persons Parking Entitlement

SP-18 Senior Senator Clifford Erven
Condominium Fire Insurance

SP-19 Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Zoning Requirements for Second Unit Construction

AFP-6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Food Package Safety Marking

AFP-7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Taxable Social Security Earnings

AFP-9 Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens
Reverse Mortgages for Older Mobilehomes

AFP-10 Senior Assembly Member Richard
Dahlgren
Senior Center Month

SFP-3 Senior Senator Lynn Pankhurst
Medicaid Eligibility Expansion

SFP-5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin
Federal Annuitant Health Insurance Premiums

SFP-6 Senior Senator Marion Faustman
Financial Institution Integrity

*Giving money and power to government is like
giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.*
-P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

December 8-10, 2010	Sacramento with the Leg Com
February 8-9, 2010	Sacramento
April 12-13, 2010	Sacramento
June 14-15, 2010	Sacramento
September 13-14, 2010	Sacramento
October 25-28, 2010	Sacramento

“Help the Golden State Support the Golden Years!”

Legislative Committee Meetings

December 8-10, 2009	Sacramento with JRC members
March 23-25, 2010	Sacramento with the alternates
May 19-20, 2010	Sacramento
July 7-8, 2010	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
February 2-3, 2010	Sacramento	Senior Center Initiative
April 13-14, 2010	Riverside County	Mental Health
June 8-9, 2010	Merced	TBD
September 14-15, 2010	Eureka	TBD
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council

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