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What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Congratulations are in order for the Legislative Committee! The CSL has a good number of proposals that have been picked up this year. Every member of the Legislative Committee has done an excellent job.

Many of our CSL members are also getting the word out about Code 402. Even so, our January Franchise Tax Board report shows contributions are down from last year. We must work even harder to meet our goal set for this year. We have received notice that the Certified Public Accountants organization has joined the "Check-off California" campaign. The CSL contribution to the campaign is \$2,500 and we certainly were able to see the results last year as CSL received more than \$330,000 in contributions.

In order to be a successful organization dedicated to "Improving the Quality of Life for Aging Californians," it is essential that the CSL has the full support of every member. We have several articles and public relations tools in our CSL Resource Library that you may use in promoting the "California Fund for Senior Citizens" Code 402 on your State Income Tax form. Email, call, or write Sherry Jenkins in our

Sacramento office and she will be very happy to send you samples that you may revise to fit your individual needs.

I want to personally thank every member of the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) of the CSL for their participation in our February 8 and 9 meeting in Sacramento. The following are some of the items discussed at the meeting:

- The Chair expressed thanks to the Bay Area and Los Angeles Area Caucuses for providing minutes of their meetings. It is great to see so many CSL members hard at work attending monthly meetings.
- JRC members unanimously voted to remind all Area Agency on Aging Organizations to hold CSL meetings to elect Senior Assembly Members and Senior Senators this May.
- The Session Planning Subcommittee will be meeting to discuss having an orientation for new members during the Annual Session. Your ideas regarding the orientation are welcomed and will be discussed at our April JRC meeting.
- Several suggestions are being explored to bolster our office staff including but not limited to the following: College Intern Programs, AARP Older Worker Program, Temporary

Help, Hiring a Secretary, Conservation Corps Members, and reviewing other staff options.

Keep focused on our goals and we will have another successful year!

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Made presentations to the San Lorenzo Valley Senior Center in Ben Lomond and at the Live Oak Senior Center in Capitola.

Senior Assembly Member Mary Anderson – Visited Cedar Street Senior Housing in Garberville and the Healy Senior Center in Redway and shared CSL and Code 402.

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 March Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by March 5, 2010.

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.

The economy is so bad, if the bank returns your check marked "insufficient funds", you call and ask if they meant you or them.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Session Planning Committee had a very productive meeting on February 8. We will be using the Holiday Inn again this year for our Annual Session. Our banquet chair, Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, has been very busy. It was her hope that we could go to the Hyatt this year, but unfortunately, the Hyatt was not available for the dates that we needed. However, she has talked to them about next year, and that is a possibility. I want to commend Julia for her hard work and I am confident that she will make our banquets memorable for our 30th anniversary.

Program ads will remain at the same prices. It is not too early to start asking your local representatives, organizations, and places where you do business to place an ad in our program book.

Several names have been submitted for our keynote speaker. It was suggested that we should get Attorney General Jerry Brown as our keynote speaker, as he was the governor who signed the legislation that brought the CSL into existence. In the event that he cannot do it, Lynn Daucher, Director of Department of Aging; Kim Belshé, Secretary of California Health and Human Services; and Senator Elaine Alquist were all mentioned as possibilities.

I want to thank the entire committee for the work that has been put into the session planning this year. Everyone is contributing to this effort. We are looking forward

to having a memorable 30th anniversary Annual Session.

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
March 5 – Mandatory Furlough
March 31 – Caesar Chavez Day
April 2 – Mandatory Furlough

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

Retired Member Passes

Retired Senior Senator Laing Sibbet has passed away at the age of 93. He was a former CSL member and Chair of the Joint Rules Committee and was with the CSL almost from the beginning. He spent years advocating for California seniors and he will be missed.

Member Moving

Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht from PSA 16 is leaving the CSL due to moving to Nevada. In preparation for the move, he contacted the local Retired Senior Volunteer Program in the new area and is now going to be working for them. Senior Assembly Member Gerbracht is the only CSL member in his district and will be solely missed for that as well as his contribution to the CSL. The CSL wished you luck, Roland!

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

Code 402

Don't forget! When you do your taxes or help somebody else do theirs, remember Code 402 on the California State Income Tax Return. Also, tell all your friends and family!

More Census Information

According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are 10 questions that MUST BE FILLED OUT, and no more.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in question 1?
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home? (Owned, rented, leased, or lived in rent free?)
4. What is your phone number (including area code)?
5. Please provide information for each person living here, starting with person living here or rents, (starting with #1).
6. What is person #1's sex? (Mark one box)
7. What is person 1's age and what is person 1's date of birth?
8. Is person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
9. What is person 1's race" (Mark 1 or more boxes).
10. Does person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

According to the Census Bureau, all forms will be mailed out first. If the form you received is not filled out completely, truthfully, or you do not fill it out at all, a list will be given by the U.S. Census Bureau to a Census taker who will then come to your house and fill out the form with you. If you refuse to co-operate with the person who has to come to your house the first fine will be \$500.00. They can come with an officer of the law and arrest you if you refuse to co-operate with the Census Bureau or Census taker. You can go on-line and thoroughly read every page written by the Census Bureau. As much as you may think this is a total invasion of privacy, it looks like we have no choice but to fill the thing out.

More Annual Session Pictures



Senior Assembly Member John Kirwin



Senior Assembly Member Luis Monge



Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker

Current Authored CSL Legislation

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

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

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

AP-23 AB 1806 (Hagman)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion

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

SP-6 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Sale of Senior Residence

SP-12 SCR 74 (Correa)
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-20 (Walters)
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Property Tax Exemptions

SFP-1 (Monning)
Senior Senator Bud Winslow
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 SJR 20 (Alquist)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

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

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-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-24 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-26 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Identity Theft prevention

SP-1 Senior Senator Lola Young
Expanded IHSS Services

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-21 Senior Senator Erwin Fromm
Conservatee and Dependent Adult Abduction

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

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

AP-21 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Food Package Safety Marking

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell
Marked Senior Crosswalks

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

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

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

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

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

*If you take out the killings, Washington actually has
a very low crime rate.
By Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, D.C.*

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

April 13-15, 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>
April 13-14, 2010	Riverside County	Mental Health
June 8-9, 2010	Sacramento	Senior Center Initiative
September 14-15, 2010	Eureka	TBD
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council

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