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What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

This has been a very busy time for the CSL. The Leg Committee walking the halls in Sacramento, testifying for our proposals, and writing letters of support, has kept everyone busy. Our April Joint Rules Committee meeting in Sacramento was very productive. The Legislative Committee has done a fantastic job in working with legislative members this year. The great rapport with our legislators is evident by the proposals that have been picked up by legislative members this year.

Our Code 402 check-off California is a little below last year so we need to continue to work on this item. At the end of March, we had \$104,311 donated. We need \$250,000 and I hope we can reach this with the April and May donations. We need to work on the late filers now so that we can reach our required amount. REMEMBER, we must get \$250,000 from the check-off campaign to remain on the State Income Tax form.

By now every PSA should have conducted their elections for Senior Senators and Senior Assembly Members. Congratulations to those who have been re-elected and to those who have been elected to serve their first four-year term. I was reminded by our parliamentarian that new CSL

members do not officially assume their duties until after being administered the oath of office at the October CSL session which is held in Sacramento.

Thank you to CSL members who have submitted Legislative proposals by the May 1, 2010 deadline. If you did not get your proposal in by the May 1st deadline, keep working on the proposal and submit it next year. If you are re-submitting a proposal you should contact the original author(s) of the proposal to gain their support; you might even ask them to be co-authors of the re-submitted proposal.

The next Joint Rules Committee meeting of the CSL will be June 14 and 15 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento. If you have a concern or have been thinking about an item that should be placed on the June JRC agenda, please email me at erantumone@aol.com. Two items that will be of interest to all CSL members will be the proposed CSL Budget for 2011-12 and the placement of one or more interns with CSL in the near future.

*The economy is so bad Hot
Wheels and Matchbox stocks are
trading higher than Chrysler and
GM.*

What are Members up to?

Senior Senator Jack Alderson and Senior Assembly Member Mary Anderson – Were featured in an article in the *Times-Standard* regarding the CSL election in May.

Senior Senator Kitty Mesler – Was featured in an article on the CSL election in her local newspaper.

Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold – Gave a presentation on the CSL to the Ventura Mobile home Residents Council Meeting.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Created a poster regarding the CSL and it is shown on the California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics website.

Senior Senator Joe Murphy and Senior Assembly Member Terry Sonnefeld – Participated at a senior health fair and senior issues forum in Tracy.

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 needs to be submitted to the CSL office by June 11, 2010.

I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Hopefully, you have already sent in your proposal for the October session. The deadline was May 1. Session planning is right on track.

Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg is in charge of banquets this year, and has been working hard to make them our best ever. It was Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg's suggestion to have one person in charge of the banquets, and it has been evident that she was right from the very beginning. Thank You Julia, for the outstanding job you have been doing. I am looking forward to our banquets and the entertainment.

This year, we will have many newly elected members at our session. We will be having a brief orientation for those members, and any other members who would like to become more familiar with the capitol, just prior to opening ceremonies. Once the abbreviated schedule for the session is finalized, it will be sent to all members, and the time will be noted.

I want to thank members who have submitted suggestions for making our 30th year a special celebration. Also, I want to encourage anyone who has a suggestion to let me know either by sending it to Sherry at the office or to me at young7458@att.net. You may also phone me at 916 428 4371.

Beginning this month, until the session you will be getting updates and mailings from the office. Please read all of them, as it will be information regarding our October session.

There will be more information to come in the following months. Many of the session activities are tradition; however, every now and then even tradition has to be updated. Watch this newsletter, and check email and snail mail regularly.

I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than Kay.

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 keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.

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!

Website for Ombudsmen

For some information on Ombudsmen on a federal level try this link:

<http://www.ltcombudsman.org/sites/default/files/library/gazette/Feb-Mar2010-Gaz.pdf>

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out!

Current Authored CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB-1970 (Fong)
Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe
Use of IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters

AP-20 AJR-34 (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 AB-2051 (Tran)
Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled and Seniors

SP-6 SB-1415 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Taxation: homeowners' property tax exemption and qualified renters' income tax credit: senior citizens

SP-6 SB-1416 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Personal Income Taxes: capital gains: sale of principal residence: senior citizens

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

SP-20 SB-1430 (Walters)
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Property Tax Exemptions

SP-23 AB-2555 (Feuer)
Senior Senator Bill Young
Ombudsman Programs: Appropriation

SFP-1 AJR-32 (Monning)
Senior Senator Bud Winslow
Gender Discrimination

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

Other Supported Legislation

SB 110 (Liu)
People with Disabilities: Victims of Crime

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 961 (Wright)
Health care coverage: cancer treatment

SB 998 (Liu)
Long-Term Care: Assessment and Planning

SB 1106 (Yee)
Prescribers: dispensing of samples

SB 1329 (Leno)
Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 1763 (Lieu)
In-Home Supportive Services

AB 1801 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: Quality Assurance

AB 2029 (Cook)
Mobilehomes: annual registration fee

AB 2234 (Lowenthal, B)
Mental Health: Target Populations: Older Adults

AB 2493 (Fuller)
Conservators: Photograph of Missing Conservatee

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
May 27 – 31 – Vacation
June 4 – Mandatory Furlough
June 11 – Mandatory Furlough
June 18 – Mandatory Furlough

*I smile because I don't know what
the hell is going on.*

**Helpful Information on the
New Health Care Bill**

The Scan Foundation has written a helpful summary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Modifications by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. You can access this information by http://www.thescanfoundation.org/sites/default/files/TSF%20Policy%20Brief%20No.%20%202%20Mar%20%202010%20-%20Side-by-Side_0.pdf.

If you don't have a computer, you may call the CSL office for a copy of this summary.



I've sure gotten old!
I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement,
New knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes,
I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine,
Take 40 different medications that make me dizzy,
Winded, and subject to blackouts.
I have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation,
Hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, have lost all my friends.
But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

July 7-8, 2010	Sacramento
October 28, 2010	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

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