



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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The California Senior Legislature's Mission: To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians

### Chair's Corner

By Joseph A. Cox

Congratulations are in order for the Legislative Committee and several individual members. The CSL has a good number of proposals that have been picked up this year. Congratulations are in order for every CSL member that submitted a proposal. Good job!

I have received several publications from senior organizations with CSL information included in their publications. This indicates to me that there are several CSL members doing a fine job of publicizing the CSL and getting the message out. Are you doing more than your part?

Many of our CSL members are really pulling out all of the stops in promoting Line 52. On behalf of the CSL, I give them my heartfelt thanks. In order to be a successful organization that is 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 in our CSL Resource Library that

you may use in promoting the "California Fund for Senior Citizens" Line 52. Email, call or write Sherry in our Sacramento office and she will be very happy to send you samples that you may revise to fit your individual needs and use in your own media outlets.

As CSL members, we have a great opportunity to improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians.

### IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO US!

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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Senator Joe Cox** – wrote an article for Retired & Senior Volunteer Program newsletter and made a presentation to PSA 31 with Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren. On January 17, Joe made a presentation to the Los Banos Golden Agers.

**Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter** – Was featured in an article in California State University, Fullerton *Inside* regarding her new university program.

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**What are Members up to?  
(cont'd)**

**Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren** – Wrote an article in the *Senior Update* and made a presentation to PSA 31 with Senior Senator Joe Cox.

**Senior Senators Anne Mack and Bob Jaffee** – Attended a Health Fair in San Jose and handed out literature on the CSL and Line 52.

**Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn** – Wrote an article in *The Gatekeeper*, and served on a panel of the California Social Work Education Center CalSWEC, Mental Health Initiative in San Diego.

**Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck** – Hosted a legislative informational session at her place of business.

**Senior Assembly Members Vernon Jones, Foster Lopes, and Austin Lucero** – Manned a table at Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck's Informational Session.

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

**Current CSL Legislation**

AP-12/2006 AB 1765  
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporters

AP-22/SP-8 AB 1900  
Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker & Senior Senator Erwin Fromm  
Seniors: elder abuse: death records: fees.

AFP-7 AJR 31  
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Government Negotiated Drug Prices

AP-19 SB 977  
Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter  
Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades

AP-13 SB 1058  
Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold  
Health & Care Facilities:  
Bacterial Infections

AFP-1/2004 SJR 12  
Retired Member Helen Karr  
Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp

**Other Supported Legislation**

AB 1158 Benoit  
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit  
Physical Therapists: scope of practice

**Be a Quitter**

*Quit whining!  
Quit blaming others!  
Quit procrastinating!  
Quit being average!  
Quit making excuses!  
Quit wishing it would happen and make it happen!*

**Newsletter Name**

Just a reminder that our newsletter needs a name so we would like to challenge each one of you to send in what you think our newsletter should be called. Currently we are looking at publishing our newsletter once a month but can publish more if the need exists. Please send those name suggestions in to Sherry at the office and the JRC will decide on the name at their

March meeting. Make yourself memorialized – send in those names!

**New Proposals**

I hope all of you are thinking of the new proposals that you are going to write and submit this year. Going through this Legislation season should be getting all of you excited and inspire each of you to new heights. Sherry will be sending out the forms and the details in a couple of months with the deadline.

This year, all proposals need to be on the correct form or will be sent back. So, get your thinking caps on and start writing down those ideas!

**Exciting News**

The California Senior Legislature is now having posters printed of the flyers that were sent out to all of you! These posters will be 8-1/2"x11" and should be hung up in public places such as senior centers, grocery stores, post offices, etc., wherever public notices are allowed.

If you will send in emails or call in your request for how many you want, they will be sent out to you as soon as the office receives them from the printer. One more way to get our name out there!

*'Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.'*

Upcoming CSL Office Closures:  
February 18 – President's Day  
March 31 – Caesar Chavez Day

**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

You may not be aware, but session planning started at the first meeting of the JRC in October. The date has been set for the 2008 session – October 20, 21, and 22, 2008.

After reviewing all the proposals from the nearby hotels, it was decided that the session banquets and rooms will be blocked at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza again this year.

We heard so many compliments on the food last year, and so many good things from those who stayed, and the hotel's bid came in as the nearest hotel with the lowest price. It seemed that we would be getting the most for our money. Negotiations went even better, as it seems they loved having us as well. Thank you to all of you for the wonderful impression you made on the staff.

This year, I would really

appreciate any suggestions from any of our members. Please feel free to e mail me at [young7458@att.net](mailto:young7458@att.net) or send suggestions to the office. In the meantime, be aware that I will also be asking our members for help. I will begin by reminding you how important it is for us to have volunteers for our session. So begin now talking to any one you know who might be able to help. When the volunteer forms are sent out, be sure to distribute them quickly.

We are fortunate to have members like Senior Assembly Members Martin Tucker, and Sally Wieck, as they have once again agreed to take charge of the donor letters. The entire body benefits when our members give of their talents, as these two have the past few years. We cannot begin to thank them enough.

This year's Session Planning Committee members are: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman, and Jim Levy; Senior Assembly Members

Lola Young, Sharon Monck, Julia Rosenberg, Billie Taylor, and Sally Wieck. As chair of Session Planning, I want to welcome volunteers from our membership, Senior Senators Connie Eaton, and Jim Levy, and Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck to our Session Planning Committee.

The 2008 CSL session promises to be better than ever. Stay tuned to this newsletter for updates on our progress.

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Any news for the March Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by March 5, 2008.

**Deceased CSL Member**

We are sad to announce that Sally Acosta, a long time, dedicated member of CSL and the Commission on Aging, died January 28, 2008.

**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

March 5, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Teleconference Call
March 6, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Teleconference Call
April 13, 2008	4:30 p.m.	San Jose
April 14, 2008	9:00 a.m.	San Jose
April 15-18, 2008	C4A	San Jose
June 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Teleconference Call
June 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Teleconference Call
August 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Teleconference Call
August 19, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Teleconference Call
September 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
September 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 20, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 22, 2008	2:45 p.m.	Sacramento

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

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

April 28, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
April 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
July 20, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
July 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 22, 2008	2:30 p.m.	Sacramento

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