



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 and thanks to Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck. Sally was on the stage with the Governor and First Lady Maria Shriver when Governor Schwarzenegger announced and signed the Executive Order creating the "First-in-the-Nation" cabinet level position for "Service and Volunteering." This was a historic occasion and puts volunteerism on the front burner. Check out the Governor's web page.

This creation of the cabinet level position for "Service and Volunteering" gives us a great opportunity to promote Line 52, California Fund for Senior Citizens. In January 2008, we had 136 more individuals donate on Line 52 than donated last year. This is a good start! HOWEVER, we must continue to do everything in our power to let everyone know how much we need their financial help. If we are to continue to "Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians," we must stay on the check off list.

We are receiving good results

with our proposals this year. Seventeen have been picked up by state legislators. Keep up the good work and start preparing your proposals for the 2008 session. Seniors need our help.

If you need posters, flyers, press release examples, etc., be sure to contact the Sacramento office.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Thomas Lacey – Was interviewed by Time Warner Channel 3 in the LA area regarding the CSL's accomplishments and the CA Fund for Senior Citizens, Line 52. This was aired five times on February 19, once on February 23 and February 24.

Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry, and Senior Assembly Members Zelda Hutcherson, Elizabeth Payne, and Richard Wolfe – Attended a 200+ participants Senior Appreciation Luncheon given by Assemblyman Mervyn M. Dymally on February 15, and distributed CSL information.

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Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould – Wrote an article for *The Scoop*, CA Retired Teachers newsletter regarding the CA Fund for Senior Citizens.

Senior Senator Joe Cox - Participated in a Telephone Conference call with the CDA Senior Oral Health Work group February 19.

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young – Attended the Elder Standard Index Hearing at the State Capitol on February 26.

Senior Senator Bud Winslow – Wrote an article on CSL for the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe – Spoke at an intensive and interactive presentation at CAHF regarding the CSL.

Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck – Attended a Governor's Press Conference at Cal State Northridge and sat on stage with the Governor and his wife. She represented the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and was able to speak with the Governor about CSL afterwards.

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young – Attended a Disability Rights Conference in LA on March 7 and 8.

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

The most terrifying words in the English language are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."
by Ronald Reagan

New Proposals

I hope all of you are thinking of the new proposals that you are going to write and submit this year. Reading our current CSL Legislation 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.

If you need an idea for a proposal, call the CSL office as Sherry has three proposal ideas from other organizations that will work for CSL.

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 exciting news for this month is all 17 of our new bills are listed on page 3 of this newsletter! Congratulations to each one of you who wrote these opportunities to improve the quality of life for Californian Seniors!

Any news for the April Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by April 4, 2008.

Deceased CSL Member

We are sad to announce that Shirley Shaffer passed away on February 19, 2008. Shirley represented the Los Angeles County when she was a CSL member and was an advocate for the elderly all the way to the end.

*Remember the three Rs:
Respect for yourself, Respect for others and Responsibility for all your actions.*

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Session Planning is right on schedule. Notices will soon be going out calling for Volunteers so be thinking about anyone who will be willing to help us with our session. We will need at least 40 volunteers.

I hope everyone has been thinking about proposals to be sent in this year. Deadline is June 15. It is not too early to begin the research. Proposals have to be on the proposal form this year or will be sent back to you to be properly submitted.

You will soon receive the request for leadership positions and request for policy committees. Remember that leadership positions are two-year terms, so if you are elected as JRC or Leg Committee member or alternate, request for change from the policy committee that elected you will be denied until the term is completed.

Session Planning is really a team effort and suggestions are always welcome. We continually keep in mind comments from our evaluation sheets from last session. We want your input, so if you have any suggestions, please email me at young7458@attn.net. I will present all suggestions to our Session Planning Committee.

Current CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB 2139 (De La Torre)
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
IHSS Provider Auto Insurance

AP-4 AB 2100 (Wolk/Berg/Krekorian)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Reporting

AP-10 AB 2516 (Mendoza)
Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck
Prescriptions: electric transmissions

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

AP-12/2007 AB 2521 (Portantino)
Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
Housing authorities: federal vouchers and
certificates: shared housing

AP-13 SB 1058 (Alquist/Florez)
Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold
Health & Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections

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

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

AP-28 AB 2051 (Anderson)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder abuse offender registry

(Krohn) AB 2543 (Berg)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Geriatric & Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act

SP-16 AB 2229 (Huffman)
Senior Senator Dolores G. Wright
Medi-Cal: dental examinations

SP-18 AB 2160 (Carter)
Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly
Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane
Godager
Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability:
definition

SP-22 AB 2460 (Davis)
Senior Senator Marvin Goldman
Consumer Loans: seniors

SP-29 AJR 111 (Huffman)
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

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

AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648
(Rangel)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007
Made into Public Law #110-142 12/20/2007

AFP-7 AJR 31 (Jones/Machado)
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Government Negotiated Drug Prices

Other Supported Legislation

AB 1158 Benoit
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit
Physical Therapists: scope of practice

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian
Residential Care Facilities

AB 2137 Saldaña
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts

AB 2149 Berg
Investment Advisors

AB 2150 Berg
Insurance: sales designations

AB 2319 Horton
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2475 Horton
Skilled nursing facilities

SB 1343 Battin
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
April 14-15, 2008	San Jose (held in conjunction with the Coordinated Leadership Conference)	Accessibility For All
June 4-5, 2008	Sacramento	Access to Health Care
August 6-7, 2008	To Be Determined	Access to Health Care
October 15-16, 2008	Redding (Shasta County)	Access to Health Care
December 3-4, 2008	Sacramento	Access to Health Care

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