



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

Great news—we have reached, and exceeded, the magic number of \$250,000 for our California Check Off. I want to congratulate and thank EVERY ONE that contributed in any fashion in this endeavor. A GREAT JOB! We have also been very successful with our legislative proposals.

Our Fund Development Chairperson, Shirley Krohn, has resigned that position and we are now looking for someone to replace her on this important committee. She wants to devote more time to the legislative agenda that she is working on. Do you have someone in mind that you think would be willing and able to take on this awesome responsibility?

Activity is now starting to hum at our CSL headquarters. Time is drawing near when we will convene for our annual session. Have you applied for a leadership position, sent in your committee preference and all of the other things that we have requested you do? If not, DO IT NOW! Active participation by the membership is critical for the success of CSL.

During this Fourth of July, let us all pause and give thanks for the opportunity of living in this great country and give thanks to those who have made it great. Let us also double our efforts to carry out our mission - To Improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Gave a presentation on CSL to the Contra Costa County Retired Employees Association.

Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby – Attended Alameda and Contra Costa Counties strategic planning meetings for the new proposed state budget.

Senior Senator Bud Winslow – is featured in an article in the June 23 Santa Cruz Sentinel stressing SJR 12 (Elder Abuse Stamp) and asking people to notify their Congress Representative to sponsor this bill.

Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg – Was able to discuss SJR 12 – Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp with Congress Woman Jane Harman's field representative Jessica DuBoff while packing boxes for the American soldiers in Iraq.

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Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn - Was invited to have lunch with the Chief of the Division of Geriatrics, Dept of Medicine at the University of CA, SF at the Veterans Hospital with about 20 staff members of the department. She was able to give a mini presentation and answer questions about CSL.

Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold – Presented his SB 1058 to the L.A. Retirement Board for support and they wrote an article on it.

Senior Senator Richard Lundlin – Spoke at the Vallejo Roundtable regarding the CSL.

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

If there is anybody or any organization that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name and address to the CSL office and those people will receive a copy every month either by email or snail mail.

'No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.'

- Ronald Reagan

Proposals Update

The office has received 62 proposals this year and they are over at the Leg Counsel's office being turned into legal language. Good job! Once these proposals come back, Sherry will have them put into a book and will send all the members a copy to read and study before the October Session. These are what you will vote on during the Session so be sure to read them

carefully when you do get the book.

CSL embarks on new Funding Venture

by Horace Mann

Corporate sponsorship can add significantly to our annual budget. Do you have any ties to a corporate office - past employer, family member, friend, yourself? Please send any leads to Senior Senator Horace Mann at www.fbmann@juno.com or my home address 17900 Ocean Drive, #41, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Please do not send just corporate or business name without the name of the person responsible for corporate giving.

Any news for the August Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by August 7, 2008.

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Wow, it's July already! How time flies when you're having fun! This is a busy time for session planning. So much to do, so little time to do it. Session is only three months away!

The hotel we are using this year is the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza. It is not too early to make reservations. A list of nearby hotels was sent to you last month. Some are less expensive than Holiday Inn, some are more expensive but closer to the capitol. Wherever you decide to stay, be sure to make your

reservations soon.

The first night banquet you will have a choice of entrée, grilled pork chops, or Salmon. Of course for those of you who prefer, there will be a veggie dish on both nights. Our second night will feature Prime Rib for the entrée and entertainment before dinner. The dinner reservation letter will be sent out the end of July with a due back date of September 29.

The policy committee request forms have already been sent out to members. Please get them returned by the end of July. REMEMBER if you are a senior assembly member who is a member of the JRC or Leg. Committee, you cannot change your policy committee until next year. However, so that the JRC chair can retain his sanity, please return the form even if you do not intend to change your committee.

Don't forget to turn in your nomination for the Moira Jackson and the Volunteer Recognition Awards. They are due into the office the first of August.

The Senior Senators will be electing members of the JRC and the Leg Committee this year, so any senior senator who wishes to change their policy committee may do so as long as they are not on the JRC or Leg Committee. Again, please return the form whether you want to change or not. That way we know for certain who wishes to remain on a committee.

The key to a successful Session is always cooperation. This is your Session. You can help to

make it a successful one. I thank those who have taken the time to send in their suggestions. I am hoping more will come in. My email is young7458@att.net. I will bring any and all suggestions to the session planning committee. This is your Session - your ideas and suggestions should and will be considered. Please let us hear from you.

Be nice to your children. They will choose your nursing home.

Good news

The CSL office staff (Sherry) now has a cell phone for members to call in an emergency. This phone number is to be called only after hours in emergencies such as problems with traveling to CSL meetings or locating Sherry during the Session or things along this order. The office phone number is still to be used during office hours when you know that Sherry is at work.

The new cell number is:
(916) 710-1599.

Sample Letters

Below is a list of telephone numbers for various counties that will send you a sample letter that will relate to your particular county to send to state legislators to consider other solutions besides 10% cuts. The CSL is asking all its members to call the number related to your county, get a copy of their letter, and send it in as soon as possible. Only if we make a concentrated effort to speak out and let the legislators know that we can't and won't sit still for these cuts can we stop them.

Kern County

Bruce Saathoff (661) 395-0252

Fresno County

Yolanda Moreno (559) 360-3125

Tulare County

Donnell Jordan (916) 288-4937

Los Angeles, Ventura

James Todd (213) 509-7774

Nancy Gomez (818) 317-4772

Orange County

Denise Velasco (714) 350-8015

Placer, Colusa, Del Norte, Glen, Nevada, Shasta

Sr. Marti McCarthy
(916) 441-0387 x 305

Riverside, San Bernardino

Ali Cooper (213) 422-8267
Barbara Smith (951) 372-2522
Charlie LaChance
(909) 466-2989

San Joaquin

John Boisa (209) 601-0617

Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, San Joaquin

Becca Gonzales (916) 849-2284

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Jessica Rothhaar
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Marc Victoria (213) 880-5717

Central Coast

Cory Black (805) 952-4510

Field Director

Shawnda Westly
(916) 201-8582



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 - **Failed**

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

AP-12/2007 AJR 21 (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 - **Failed**

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

SP-2/2006 SB 692 (Ashburn)
Senior Senator Fromm
IHSS: criminal background checks. (**Chaptered**)

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

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 - **Failed**

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 (**Chaptered**)

AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648 (Rangel)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007
(**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 152 Beall
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

AB 725 Lieber
Housing: universal rental housing application

AB 1022 Saldaña
Continuing care home service

AB 1158 Benoit
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit
Physical Therapists: scope of practice - **Failed**

AB 1554 Jones
Health care coverage: rate approval

AB 2038 Lieber
Persons with disabilities: victims of crime

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian
Residential Care Facilities - **Failed**

AB 2105 DeSaulnier
Elder and dependent adult abuse

AB 2137 Saldaña
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts

AB 2149 Berg
Investment Advisors

AB 2150 Berg
Insurance: sales designations

AB 2157 Horton
Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities:
licensing - **Failed**

AB 2319 Horton
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2439 De La Torre
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan
Repayment Program: fees

AB 2475 Horton
Skilled nursing facilities - **Failed**

AB 2543 Berg
Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion
Act

AB 2598 Leno
Residential care facilities for the elderly - **Failed**

AB 2796 Nava
Civil obligations

AB 2947 Eng
Elder and dependent adult abuse: waiver of rights

AB 2967 Lieber
Health care cost and quality transparency

AB 3000 Wolk
Health care decisions: life sustaining treatment

SB 1140 Steinberg
Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults

SB 1164 Scott
Investigators

SB 1216 Scott
Insurance: long-term care

SB 1259 Margett
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse -
Failed

SB 1343 Battin
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

SB 1400 Simitian
Sweepstakes

SB 1406 Correa
Optometry

SB 1474 Alquist
Chronic dialysis clinics - **Failed**

SCR 112 Padilla
Services for older adults

S 2708 Boxer
Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

August 18, 2008	12:00 p.m.	Sacramento
August 19, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
September 15, 2008	12:00 p.m.	Sacramento
September 16, 2008	9:00 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

July 20, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
July 21, 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>
August 6-7, 2008	Orange County	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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