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# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

Here it is April already. I am proud to be chair of the JRC this year. Our members have been working so hard on Code 402 that February's report showed a total of \$60,460.00. Twelve of our proposals have become bills, with one of them, having already passed committee and the Assembly floor.

Legislators and other senior organizations are now calling us, asking for our support. The CSL is becoming known and respected in the legislature and in the communities we serve. All of this is due to the hard work of our members. Keep up the good work.

The proposal forms have been sent out. Please remember your proposal *must* be on the form this year. Leg Counsel will not accept them unless they are. I want to remind you that Sherry is extremely busy for the next six months. I have asked her not to retype any proposals that are not on a proper form. Instead she will return it to the author to be resubmitted. This could delay your submission, and if it is not returned on the proper form before June 1, 2009, it will not be considered. There will be no exceptions. The timeline is short

for submitting proposals to leg counsel and getting them back in time to have them printed and back to our members to review before the session.

I am looking forward to working with all of you on a successful 29<sup>th</sup> annual Session. It may seem a long way off, but if the next six months pass as fast as the last six months have passed, October is just around the corner. Our numbers are still growing. We now have 114 members. If there is an opening in your PSA, continue to urge them to fill the vacancies. It would be wonderful if we could have 120 members to swear in at opening ceremonies this year.

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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Senator John Sorensen and Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen** – Attended the San Mateo County Senior Forum celebration of the Presidents' Day luncheon in the Menlo Park Senior center's Grand Ballroom. They addressed approximately 75 seniors there regarding CSL. Both of these CSL members were in an article in the Bay Area News Group.

**Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager** – Presented to the Perris Hill Senior Center in San Bernardino Governor Schwarzen-

egger's proclamation that February was Senior Center Month in California. The occasion was the celebration of Perris Hills' 20<sup>th</sup> years of service. She also attended the symposium "Sacramento on Senior Centers of the Future."

**Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch** – Wrote an article for the *Great Age*, Quarterly Newsletter of the Marin County Commission on Aging, regarding CSL's legislation.

**Senior Assembly Member Samuel Song Park** – Attended the SINO and the Korean CAP Association meetings and asked for their support of the CSL Code 402.

**Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn** – Was elected as the Member-at-Large for the California Council on Gerontology & Geriatrics.

**Senior Senator Horace Mann** – Was featured in an article in *"The Mendocino Beacon"* recently with the CSL's proposals listed.

**Senior Assembly Member Julie Rosenberg** – Gave CSL presentations to the Airport-Torrance Rotary and the Los Cerritos District Convention in Buena Park.

**Senior Assembly Members Jane Ann Godager and Fran Givens** – Were interviewed on KCAA Station 1050 AM in San Bernardino regarding CSL.

**Senior Senator Nina Frazier** – Has started her brand new membership with the CSL with a bang by giving two different presentations on CSL – one with the Palmdale Senior Center Advisory Board and the Palmdale Chapter of AAARP.

*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](mailto: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.

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*The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.*

-Mark Twain

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Any news for the May Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by May 6, 2009.

### New Proposals Opportunities

I hope all of you are thinking of the new proposals that you are going to write and submit this year. This Legislation season should be getting all of you excited and inspire each of you to new heights in proposal writing. Sherry has sent out the forms and details already and this year's deadline is June 1, 2009, with no exceptions.

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*I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope*

### Greetings from Session Planning

by Julia Rosenberg

The Session Planning Committee finalized the contract for a block of rooms and room rate with the Holiday Inn for the October Session!

Great news! The Lt. Governor John Garamendi has accepted our invitation to be our keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony.

Several items of interest include:

- ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84 this year at the Holiday Inn. Make your reservation early (we will tell you how in later issues).
- FREE TRANSPORTATION from airport to the holiday inn if the CSL office knows your schedule. (We are still in the process of negotiating rates to provide THIS.)
- SHARING A ROOM? NEW STATE RULES: You must have a RECEIPT IN YOUR NAME for your portion of room to be reimbursed. DO NOT walk away from the hotel reception desk until you double check the name on your room receipt. We will continue to publish reminders on this IMPORTANT CHANGE.
- Airline reservations for the Session can be made through the office the beginning of June.

Brenda Austin, our Volunteer Coordinator last year, had to resign from this position this year due to new job conflicts. We always have a minimum of 40 volunteers so this is a very important position and we want to thank you for doing this last year. If you know of somebody that would like to fill this position for us, please call myself or Sherry in the office. The volunteers are the backbone of our annual sessions. They make the process work! The call for volunteers will go out soon.

We are working on a few new concepts to spice up our time in Sacramento, but we are always open for YOUR ideas/ suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or [rosenberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:rosenberg@roadrunner.com).

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**Office Closures**

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:

April 16-17 – Funeral  
 April 27-30 – Vacation

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**Current Authored CSL Legislation**

SP-6 SB 38 (Alquist)  
 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
 Silver Alert Program

SP-8 SCR 28 (Correa)  
 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
 Senior Volunteer Month

SP-17 AB 535 (Ammiano)  
 Senior Senator Bruce Steir  
 Elder Death Reviews

SP-18/2008 AB 152 (Carter)  
 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly  
 Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane  
 Godager  
 Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability:  
 definition

SP-22 SB 91 (Correa & Alquist)  
 Senior Senator Connie Eaton  
 CSL Funding Repeal Date

SP 23 AB 392 (Feuer and Jones)  
 Senior Senator Bill Young  
 Support for the Ombudsman Program and the  
 Senior Legal Hotline

SFP-2 SJR 4 (Correa)  
 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
 Silver Alert Program

AP-8 AB 1370 (Soloria)  
 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
 Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AP-21 AB 249 (Carter)  
 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
 Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment ID

AP 16 AB 324 (Beall)  
 Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin  
 Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin  
 Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young  
 California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AP 24 AB 1457 (Davis)  
 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub  
 Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

AFP-3 AJR 6 (Beall)  
 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
 Federal Poverty Guidelines

**Other Supported Legislation**

SB 290 (Leno)  
 Tenancy: notices.

SB 303 (Alquist)  
 Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent

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 781 (Leno)  
 Eviction procedure

SB 804 (Leno)  
 Mobilehomes: sales and replacements procedure

AB 108 (Hayashi)  
 Individual health care coverage

AB 110 (Smyth)  
 Parks and open space: Rim of the Valley Trail  
 Corridor: boundary revisions

AB 123 (Portantino)  
 Housing for elderly or disabled persons

AB 138 (Hayashi)  
Accounting firms: peer review

AB 142 (Hayashi)  
Health studios: external defibrillator unit requirements

AB 214 (Chesbro)  
Health care coverage: durable medical equipment

AB 215 (Feuer & Smyth)  
Nursing Home Grade Postings

AB 235 (Hayashi)  
Emergency services and care

AB 283 (Chesbro)  
California Product Stewardship Act

AB 292 (Yamada)  
Personal income taxes: contributions: Alzheimer's disease

AB 323 (Yamada)  
Automobile Tires

AB 329 (Feuer)  
Reverse mortgages

AB 341 (Anderson)  
Income and corporate taxes: credits: enterprise zones

AB 344 (Caballero)  
State Highway Route 146

AB 356 (Fletcher)  
Radiologic technology: licentiates of the healing arts

AB 378 (Cook)  
In-Home Supportive Services: provider training

AB 393 (Yamada)  
Vehicle warranties: disabled rights

AB 398 (Monning and Chesbro)  
Acquired brain trauma: administration

AB 445 (Salas)  
Use of X-ray equipment: prohibition: exemptions

AB 452 (Yamada)

In-Home Supportive Services: California Independence Act of 2009

AB 478 (Chesbro)  
California Global Warning Solutions Act of 2006

AB 479 (Chesbro)  
California's recycling requirements

AB 498 (Hayashi)  
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 583 (Hayashi)  
Health care practitioners: disclosure of education and office hours

AB 661 (Torlakson)  
Special education: behavioral intervention plans: mandate claim: funding

AB 721 (Pedro Nava)  
Physical Therapy Direct Access

AB 768 (Torres)  
Elder abuse

AB 885 (Nestande)  
Area agencies on aging and independent living centers: funding

AB 1259 (Arambula)  
Area agencies on aging: federal funding allocations

AB 1519 (De La Torre)  
Elections: vote by mail ballots

AB 1535 (Jones)  
Audiologists: hearing aids

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**Code 402**

Be sure to check out the new line number for the CSL voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. It will now be Code 402 and will remain that number from now on.

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*Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.*  
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### Welcome to New Members

The CSL welcomes Senior Senator Nina Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Chuck Molnar to our team. She is from PSA 19, Palmdale, and is replacing Senior Senator Roberta Marti. He is from PSA 13, Santa Cruz. Welcome Senior Senator Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Molnar! Updated Member Rosters will be sent out shortly.

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### New Proposals

The CSL office has received three new proposals from members as of the date of this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing all of the others and know that next year's Legislation Session will be very exciting! All new proposals are due postmarked by no later than June 1, 2009.

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*Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*

*-- Carl Bard*

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### Volunteers Needed

A request will be sent out soon asking for volunteers for this year's Annual Session so be thinking about who you can ask to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to attend the Session to see how the whole process works and they will receive free meals! Any family or friends that you can think of will be welcome as well!

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*If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.*

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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

June 9-10, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-8, 2009	Sacramento with Leg Committee
September 17-18, 2009	Sacramento
October 26-29, 2009	Sacramento

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

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

May 13-14, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-9, 2009	Sacramento

**California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
June 2-3, 2009	Sonoma	Senior Centers of the Future
August 4-5, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	TBD

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