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Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

Wow, September is here. If you haven't already made your reservations for the hotel do it today. If you are flying, be sure that Sherry books your flight.

For anyone who has not already heard, we have exceeded the \$250,000 required to stay on Code 402. We have a little over \$305,000 from the Code 402 line. This is great news and congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your hard work.

If you have not already received your Proposal Book, you will be soon receiving it. If you have not received it by September 25, let Sherry know. The committee assignments will be in the same package that the proposal book comes in.

Be sure to read the proposals that are assigned to your committee first. Then review the proposals from the same committee of the opposite house. These are the proposals you will be asked to vote on in your committee. Just a helpful hint - when I review the proposals for my committee, I write any questions I have on a note paper. Then I have them when the proposal is presented.

Once you have done that, you should read all the proposals, as

you will be voting on them at the floor session if they pass committee. It is also a good idea to make note of the proposals you think are most important so you will have an idea which to vote on when we do our priority voting on the last day.

This promises to be a wonderful session. I am looking forward to working with all of you in October. This has been an eventful year for me, and I want to thank all of you for the great cooperation I have received as chair. See you next month!

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Attended a SCAN Foundation meeting to discuss the direct care workforce for the California seniors.

Senior Senator Richard Lundin – Participated on "Senior's Today," a TV show on the Vallejo Community Access Television Station to discuss senior issues

Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe – Gave a presentation on CSL to the Napa Senior Activity Center.

Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes – Hosted a CSL table at the Santa Clara Wine Festival.

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 October Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by October 8, 2009.

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.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
-- Billy Crystal

Greetings from Session Planning

by Julia Rosenberg

The rooms have been booked, the menu has been planned, the speakers have been invited and the Session is coming together. Things are shaping up that we will have a great Session this year and we are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there!

HEY PHOTOGRAPHERS! We are still looking for someone (member or friend of member)

that can volunteer to take photos this year. I think a group photo like we did a few years ago is in order again because our member roster changes and this is a nice memento. Plus it can be published in our 30th anniversary book next year! Yes, we're already planning ahead for that one.

TALENTED PEOPLE! Also, if you have a special talent that you would like to share with the group after evening dinner (guitar, violin, singing, musical instrument, dancing, magic tricks, etc.), please let Julia or Sherry know. Or if you know of someone or group that has exceptional talent and would like to perform, let us know. We have already discovered that we have some very talented members and we plan to add some fun to the program this year. Wait till you see what we are working on now!

The hotel has expanded our dining room area (at no cost) so that we can try yet another new concept this year. We will have information tables at the back of the room sponsored by various organizations that deal with senior concerns (like we all see at conferences we attend). If you know of an organization that is interested, please let me or Sherry know and we will work out the details and contract with them. After all, we do represent personal level contact with over 4 million seniors in our communities! We already have one organization waiting to sign up and it hasn't even been advertised yet.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Once again, this is a call to see if you know someone that can volunteer this year. It is a fun job and it is very necessary!

Several items of interest include:

- **ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84** this year at the Holiday Inn. Make your reservation early by calling 1-800-465-4329 and mention QSL to receive our special room rate.
- **BANQUET ROOM** cannot be entered until 6:00 p.m. due to hotel set up.
- **FREE TRANSPORTATION** from airport to the holiday inn if the CSL office knows your schedule.
- **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.**
- **NEED A TAXI** at the Session? **NEW STATE RULES** say that you are to please use any of the following four:
 1. State Capital Cab (916) 225-9996
 2. Crown Cab Company (916) 858-7777
 3. Yellow Cab Company (916) 444-4696
 4. Chazcabcom (916) 952-8531

As always, we are open for YOUR ideas/suggestions. Do you have an idea? Please call me at 310-316-1013 or irosenberg@roadrunner.com.

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
October 2 – Mandatory Furlough
October 12 – Columbus Day

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Code 402

Be sure to check out the 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.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation as you grow older, it will avoid you.

-- Winston Churchill

Annual Session Information Tables

This year we are doing something new to increase the experience of attending the Annual Session and that is information tables around the room at the evening banquets. This is a new thing for the CSL and we are looking forward to seeing the vendors.

So far two companies have leased tables for all three nights. In the knowledge of the swine flu and other diseases prevalent today, Germstar will be joining us and will have information and products for the prevention of spreading diseases. SCAN Health will also be there to give out information. We are excited to have these two companies join us this year.

There are more tables available for lease so if you know of any companies that deal with seniors that might be interested in attending this year's Annual Session and showing their products or services, please share this information. Forms can be obtained from the CSL office by email, fax or hard copy.

Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?

More New Members

There are two more new CSL members! Senior Senator Jack Alderson is from PSA 1. Then we have Senior Assembly Member Bobbie Day from PSA 22. Be sure to welcome them to the CSL!

If the PSAs keep this up, we might even have a full membership soon! Good job, PSAs!

Sad News

A 21-year member of the CSL, Irene Tonello died August 23, 2009, in Gainesville, Texas, two weeks short of her 99th birthday. She was buried in Sacramento, California on August 29, 2009. Ms. Tonello had been both a senior assemblywoman and a senior senator and was a past JRC Chair. She had also received the esteemed Moira Jackson Award for her service to her community and organizations. She was an active member of society and in her family up until her death and she will be sorely missed by all.

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States

and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

- ** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.
- ** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

Current Authored CSL Legislation

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

SB 91 (Correa & Alquist) SP-22
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
CSL Funding Repeal Date – **CHAPTER 29**

SCR 28 (Correa) SP-8
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month – **CHAPTER 39**

SJR 4 (Correa) SFP-2
Senior Senator Joe Murphy
Silver Alert Program – **CHAPTER 87**

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

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

AB 324 (Beall) AP-16
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
– **To Enrollment**

AB 392 (Feuer and Jones) SP-23
Senior Senator Bill Young – First half
Support for the Ombudsman Program and the
Senior Legal Hotline – **CHAPTER 102**

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

AB 935 (Feuer and Jones) SP-23
Senior Senator Bill Young – Second half
Long-Term Health Care Facilities

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

AB 1457 (Davis) AP-24
Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership – **To
Enrollment**

AJR 6 (Beall) AFP-3
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Federal Poverty Guidelines – **CHAPTER 92**

Other Supported Legislation

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

SB 161 (Wright)
Health care coverage: chemotherapy treatment –
To Enrollment

SB 290 (Leno)
Tenancy: notices – **To Enrollment**

SB 303 (Alquist)
Nursing Facility Resident Informed Consent – **To
Enrollment**

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 – **To Enrollment**

SB 804 (Leno)
Mobilehomes: sales and replacements procedure –
CHAPTER 66

AB 108 (Hayashi)
Individual health care coverage – **To Enrollment**

AB 123 (Portantino)
Housing for elderly or disabled persons –
CHAPTER 82

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

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

AB 235 (Hayashi)
Emergency services and care – **To Enrollment**

AB 283 (Chesbro)
California Product Stewardship Act

AB 292 (Yamada)
Personal income taxes: contributions: Alzheimer's disease – **To Enrollment**

AB 323 (Yamada)
Automobile Tires

AB 329 (Feuer)
Reverse mortgages – **To Enrollment**

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

AB 393 (Yamada)
Vehicle warranties: disabled rights

AB 452 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: California Independence Act of 2009

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 583 (Hayashi)
Health care practitio - **Inactive**

AB 646 (Swanson)
Physicians and Surgeons: Employment

AB 721 (Nava)
Physical Therapy Direct Access

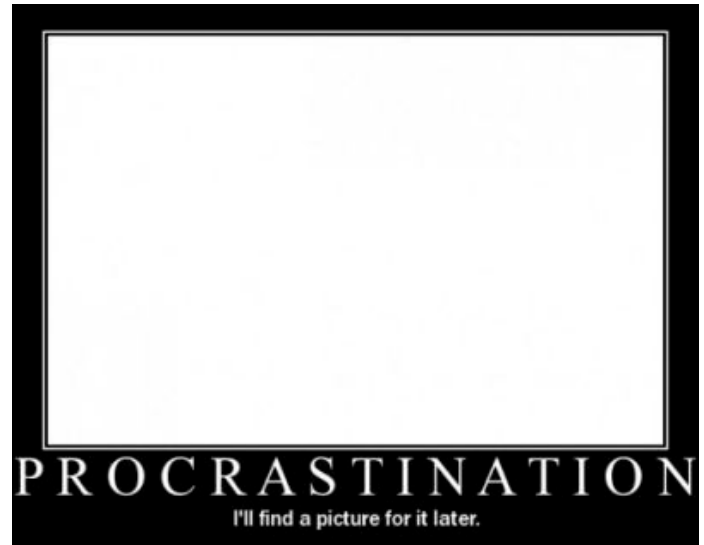
AB 724 (DeVore)
Revocable Transfer on Death Deed

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 1535 (Jones)
Audiologists: hearing aids – **To Enrollment**



Dinner Reservations

Don't forget to turn in your dinner reservations for the Session Banquets this year to Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier. If you don't have a reservation, you probably won't have any food! If you need a reservation form, call or email the CSL office for one.

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

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

October 26-29, 2009 Sacramento

Legislative Committee Meetings

October 29, 2009 Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
November 17-18, 2009	Los Angeles	Elder Abuse Part II

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