



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I have decided to add "additional members" to JRC Sub-Committees. Non-voting (or "additional") members are not allowed to vote and are not reimbursed for their expenses. They may or may not attend committee meetings and are recorded as guests at any meeting. "Additional members" are asked to share their ideas and suggestions directly with the Sub-Committee Chairperson. This practice is one way of ensuring continuity and interest in CSL Sub-Committees. Thank you to those CSL members who have asked to serve as "additional members" on JRC sub-committees.

The following items of interest have been received from CSL members:

1. It seems being courteous to other members is still an issue during the Annual Session. Please remember that just because somebody has a different opinion does not give you the right to be discourteous!
2. The Membership Years Pins continue to be a problem and the start date for members will be researched in detail this year in order to solve it for the next Session.
3. The election ballots that take place at the Annual Session

must be signed (they were not signed this year). Senior Senators must remember to sign their ballots at the 2010 Annual Session.

At the November 16 JRC meeting, the CSL Organization Chart was reviewed. This chart will be sent to the membership and all Senior Senators and Senior Assembly Members are asked to review it. Note: Only the JRC Chair and Legislative Chair report to the Joint Rules Committee. Vice-Chairs, the Executive Secretary, and all Committee Chairs report directly to the JRC Chair.

Duties of the JRC Chair were also reviewed (page 21 of Part IV of the CSL Resource Manual). Examples of the Chair's duties include serving as the Executive Director, presiding over all meetings, arbitrating disputes, appointing sub-committee chair persons, and presenting the CSL Annual Budget. The Chair asked all members for their support and assistance as we "Focus" on CSL goals for 2010.

WE NEED TO FOCUS ON PREPARING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (May 1, 2010 is the deadline to submit proposals) and promoting Code 402 donations. With your help, our 30<sup>th</sup> year will be a huge success!

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**What are Members up to?**

**Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell** – Helped Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson make a presentation on CSL to the California State University Long Beach, Gerontology Class.

**Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorenson** – Was interviewed live with Comcast Cable State Public Affairs Station during the Annual Session.

**Senior Senators Erwin Fromm and Martin Tucker, and Senior Assembly Members Ada Battle, Nery Hartschen, Zelda Hutcherson, Charles Mitchell, Margaret Sowma, Bernie Weintraub, and Pat Wilson** – Were among those who attended the C4A Conference in Los Angeles.

**The Newly Elected CSL JRC Members** – Were congratulated by Lynn Daucher, Director of California Department of Aging, at the C4A Conference in Los Angeles. (See pictures on page 3)

**Senior Assembly Member Luis Monge** – Was featured in an article about CSL in the *el latino* in San Diego. Good job, Luis, getting knowledge of the CSL out in the Spanish community.

**Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar** – Wrote an article on the CSL's Annual Session in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and listed the top 10 state proposals.

**Senior Senator Joe Cox** – Has been elected National President of the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II. Organized in 1955 and Chartered by Congress on November 20, 1981, this World War II veterans organization has approximately 3,661 members nationwide. Senior Senator Cox will serve as National President until September of 2010.

**Senior Senator Richard Lundin** – Was awarded the Commander's

Medal for Public Service from the Adjutant General for his work with seniors and veterans.

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

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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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Any news for the January Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by January 8, 2010.

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### 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.

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*Q: Where do 60+ year olds look for fashionable glasses?*

*A: Their foreheads.*

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### Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Greetings from Session Planning. The date for our next session has been sent. October 25 thru 28, 2010. Our committee will have our first meeting December 8, 2009. We will be reviewing your comments from last session. It is not too late to send in your comments. We appreciate all who took the time to let us know what went well and what didn't. If you

noticed in your packet, the return envelope for your travel expense claim was a regular envelope this year and that was because of a suggestion last year. We do take note of suggestions.

I am looking forward to working with our session planning committee. Senior Senators Kitty Mesler and Carla Treuting, Senior Assembly Members Julia Rosenberg and Evelyn Tom.

There were so many positive comments on the banquets and entertainment I will be asking Senior Assembly Julia Rosenberg to take charge of the banquets this year as well. Good job, Julia! I hope you will consider taking on the job again this year.

A friendly reminder, that the new proposal deadline is May 1, 2010. I hope that you are all working diligently on your proposals. The time flies faster as we get older. I am personally finding that out by experience. Now is not too early to get started.

There is more to come next month, as more definite plans are made. Until then, remember we welcome any suggestions. This will be our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary so please feel free to everyone becoming session planning committee members, and send in any thoughts on what we can do to make this upcoming session the special session it ought to be.

Please feel free to email me at [lolayoung15@gmail.com](mailto:lolayoung15@gmail.com) with any suggestions.

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*Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.*

*Today, it's called golf.*  
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**C4A Conference**

CSL members attended the C4A Conference in Los Angeles November 17 and 18, 2009. In the first picture, Lynn Daucher, Director of California Department of Aging has congratulated the new JRC officers. Ms. Daucher is a strong supporter of the CSL.



Left to right, Senior Senator Dee Erman, Vice Chair, Placentia, Lynn Daucher, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Chair, Los Banos and Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, Vice Chair, Redondo Beach, at C4A Conference in Los Angeles.



Attendees at the C4A Conference in Los Angeles:  
Left to Right Back Row: Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson, Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub, Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren, Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom.  
Front Row: Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma and Senior Assembly Member Pat Wilson.

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**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
December 25 – Christmas  
January 1 – New Year's Eve  
January 8 – Mandatory Furlough Day  
January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
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*Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.*  
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**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.  
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*One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.*  
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**Happy  
Holidays  
To Everybody  
From the CSL Office!**



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**2009/10 CSL Legislation  
Top Twenty Proposals**

AP-2 Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe  
Use of IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub  
Health Care Facility Event Reporting

AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub  
Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Training

AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Ken Ryan  
Interstate Provision of Medicaid Services

AP-12 Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz  
Waiving Fees for Security Freeze on Seniors'  
Credit Report

AP-13 Senior Assembly Member Art Serrin  
Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program  
Awareness

AP-14 Senior Assembly Member Herbert Schwartz  
Community College Education for Older Adults

AP-20 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion

AP-24 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-25 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch  
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled  
and Seniors

AP-26 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Identity Theft prevention

SP-1 Senior Senator Lola Young  
Expanded IHSS Services

SP-6 Senior Senator Anne Mack  
Sale of Senior Residence

SP-7 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Abuse by Financial Institutions

SP-8 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Long-Term Care Facility Security and Surveillance

SP-9 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Exclusive Elder Protection Courts

SP-20 Senior Senator Connie Eaton  
Property Tax Exemptions

SP-21 Senior Senator Erwin Fromm  
Conservatee and Dependent Adult Abduction

**Top Eight Federal  
Legislative Proposals**

AFP-1 Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold  
Grocery Scanner Recall Alerts

AFP-5 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AFP-8 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Medical Expense Tax Deductions

AFP-11 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Income Tax on Social Security Benefits

SFP-1 Senior Senator Bud Winslow  
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 Senior Senator Anne Mack  
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

SFP-7 Senior Senator Edward Woods  
Medicare and Medicaid Minimum Hospital Stay  
Coverage

SFP-8 Senior Senator Larry Hartmann  
Tire Safety Identification

**The Rest of the  
Legislative Proposals**

AP-1 Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren  
Senior Center Month

AP-4 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Grading System for Long-Term Facilities

AP-5 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Certification and Registration of all Supportive  
Services Caregivers

AP-8 Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor  
Ombudsman Witness for Notarized Documents

AP-9 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma  
Adult Physical Education Programs

AP-10 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Restaurant Menus for Seniors

AP-15 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell  
Free Public Transportation for Seniors

AP-16 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell  
Availability and Dimensions of Disabled Parking  
Spaces

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell  
Medi-Cal Eligibility

AP-18 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell  
Pharmaceutical Funding for Nutrition Services

AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar  
Adequate Affordable Senior Housing

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-27 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Care Facility Safety

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell  
Marked Senior Crosswalks

AP-29 Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne  
Tenant Emergency Contact Information

SP-2 Senior Senator Sorensen  
Criminal Public Official Remuneration

SP-3 Senior Senator Lynn Pankhurst  
Consolidation and Integration of Senior Services

SP-4 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler  
Witnessing Seniors' Power of Attorney

SP-5 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler  
Designated Payees of Care Facilities Benefits

SP-10 Senior Senator Jim Levy  
Community-Based Program Funding

SP-11 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Automated Defibrillator Awareness

SP-12 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-13 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Stroke Education Campaign

SP-14 Senior Senator Larry Hartmann  
Fall Prevention Awareness Week

SP-16 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Universal Health Care

SP-17 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Enforcing Disabled Persons Parking Entitlement

SP-18 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Condominium Fire Insurance

SP-19 Senior Senator Connie Eaton  
Zoning Requirements for Second Unit Construction

AFP-6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Food Package Safety Marking

AFP-7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Taxable Social Security Earnings

AFP-9 Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens  
Reverse Mortgages for Older Mobilehomes

AFP-10 Senior Assembly Member Richard  
Dahlgren  
Senior Center Month

SFP-3 Senior Senator Lynn Pankhurst  
Medicaid Eligibility Expansion

SFP-5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Federal Annuitant Health Insurance Premiums

SFP-6 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Financial Institution Integrity

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*If you take out the killings, Washington actually has  
a very low crime rate.*

*By Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, D.C.*  
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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

February 8-9, 2010	Sacramento
April 12-13, 2010	Sacramento
June 14-15, 2010	Sacramento
September 13-14, 2010	Sacramento
October 25-28, 2010	Sacramento

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

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

February 2-3, 2010	Sacramento
March 23-25, 2010	Sacramento with the alternates
May 19-20, 2010	Sacramento
July 7-8, 2010	Sacramento

**California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
February 2-3, 2010	Sacramento	Senior Center Initiative
April 13-14, 2010	Riverside County	Mental Health
June 8-9, 2010	Merced	TBD
September 14-15, 2010	Eureka	TBD
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council

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