



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I want to wish you all a very happy, prosperous, and healthy 2010. This year it will be critically important to get out and promote CODE 402. The survival of CSL depends on meeting our goal of receiving a minimum of \$250,000 in contributions by next September. Each and every one of us must promote CODE 402. The Check-Off California campaign is looking for a new sponsor and as a result we may need to work even harder this year. We have printed cards promoting "Support Our Seniors" and Code 402. Simply contact the CSL Office to receive a supply of cards for distribution. Code 402 is the Life Blood for CSL.

The JRC and Leg Committee Members delivered the top twenty state and top eight Federal priority proposal books to the legislators December 8, 9, and 10th. Reports from all team members were very positive. It looks like we will have another successful year with seven proposals already authored. Good job, Leg Committee and JRC members.

**Reminder: 2010 proposals are due May 1.**

**TRAVEL EXPENSES:** The first batch of travel expense reimbursement checks have been sent to the State Controller's Office for distribution. It seems reimbursements have been delayed for two reasons: Members do not fill out their TEC forms correctly, and the State takes a while to review claims.

**JRC MEETING:** The Joint Rules Committee (JRC) will meet at the Vagabond Inn in Sacramento on February 8 and 9. We will FOCUS on the following:

- Selection of 2010 Annual Session Hotel
- Committee Reports
- Code 402 Promotions
- CSL Elections/PSA's
- 2010 Legislation Proposal Deadline, May 1

You are encouraged to ask questions if you would like to know more about CSL. We will make every effort to answer your inquiries as they are received. This is your newsletter so use it by contributing information and making suggestions. You may contact me at [eranumone@aol.com](mailto:eranumone@aol.com); or send your inquiries to the CSL office.

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*Every morning is the dawn of a new error.*  
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**What are Members up to?**

**Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar** – Made a presentation on CSL to the Central Coast National Association of Retired Federal Employees in Capitola.

**Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar** – Wrote an second column in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and listed the second top ten state CSL proposals.

**Senior Senator Richard Lundin** – Was interviewed by Frank Newton for a column in the *Santa Barbara News-Press* newspaper regarding Senior Senator Lundin's legislation on "Abuse by Financial Institutions."

**Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero** – Was interviewed by Frank Newton for a column in the *Santa Barbara News-Press* newspaper regarding the CSL's Annual Session and some of the various proposals that were presented there.

**Senior Assembly Member Herbert Schwartz** – Was appointed to the Advisory Board for the Institute for Memory Impairment. He MC'd an event entitled "*Bridge and Your Brain in the War Against Dementia*" in Irvine.

**Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen** – Administered H1N1 flu shots at the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. She was working with Dr. Michael Vaughan of the Physician Foundation at the California Pacific Medical Center.

**Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell** – Was presented the Tulman's Award by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for her hard work in volunteering in the county. She was selected by the Advisory Council of the Office of Aging.

**Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker** – Presented CSL to the Santa Barbara Rotary Club.

*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 February Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by February 5, 2010.

**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: Why should 60+ year old people use valet parking?*

*A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.*

**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

Greetings, members, we are moving right along with our session planning. There will be many special plans made for our 30<sup>th</sup> session. As always, we want to have input from all of you. So, if you have any ideas on how we can make this 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary session a memorable one, please let us know. You can email the office or me directly at [lolayoung15@gmail.com](mailto:lolayoung15@gmail.com).

I hope you have all been working hard on your proposals for the session. Remember, the new deadline is May 1, 2010. That is only three and a half months away.

At February's session planning meeting, we will be talking about keynote speakers. We would very much like to have Jerry Brown as our keynote speaker, and we will be inviting him. It seems appropriate, given that he signed the legislation that began the CSL. However, we do need to have suggestions for other speakers in case he is not available. Please send any ideas to the above e mail.

There are also many other legislators that have been involved with CSL over the years, If some of you members that have been here 10 years or more can think of any former legislators that have supported CSL over the years, please let us know. If we can get their contact information, we would also like to have them attend our session.

If we all put our heads together, we can make this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary a memorable one. I look forward to hearing from you.

**CSL Office Closure**

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The CSL office will be closed:  
January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 19-22 – Vacation  
February 5 – Mandatory Furlough  
February 12-15 – President's Day

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*Blessed are those who can give without remembering,  
And take without forgetting.*

Testifying CSL Members at the 2009 Annual Session

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation

Senior Senator Jim Levy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Senator Lou Correa at Senator Correa's Holiday Open House in Santa Ana in December. Senator Correa carried Senior Senator Levy's proposal in the 2009 Legislative Season.



Senior Assembly Members Sol Fingold and Bernie Weintraub presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Assembly Member Mike Feuer in the district office in West Hollywood.



Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

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.



Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh



Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero



Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub



Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen

**Current Authored CSL Legislation**

- AP-12 (Blumenfield)  
Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz  
Waiving Fees for Security Freeze on Seniors' Credit Report
- AP-20 (Carter)  
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost
- AP-24 (Correa)  
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Elder Abuse Prevention
- AP-26 (De La Torres)  
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Identity Theft prevention
- SP-6 (Denham)  
Senior Senator Anne Mack  
Sale of Senior Residence
- SP-12 (Correa)  
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Senior Volunteer Month
- SFP-1 (Monning)  
Senior Senator Bud Winslow  
Gender Discrimination
- SFP-4 (Alquist)  
Senior Senator Anne Mack  
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

**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-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-23 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion
- AP-25 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch  
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled and Seniors
- SP-1 Senior Senator Lola Young  
Expanded IHSS Services
- 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-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-9 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma  
Adult Physical Education Programs

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

AP-21 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Food Package Safety Marking

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Charles Mitchell  
Marked Senior Crosswalks

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

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

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

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

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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**More Testifying CSL Members**



Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier



Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens



Senior Assembly Member Herb Schwartz

**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 1-3, 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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