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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Greetings! We need to continue to work hard in promoting Code 402 this year. Remember the office has a supply of "Support Our Seniors" Code 402 Cards that can be distributed in your community. January donations are lower this year and that is a sign we need to double our efforts. March is expected to be officially announced as "Checkoff California Month" by Governor Schwarzenegger. Now is the time to promote Code 402 contributions as Californians are now busy preparing and filing their State income tax forms.

All 33 PSAs in the State are preparing to conduct elections for new California Senior Legislature (CSL) Senior Assembly and Senior Senate members. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the CSL should contact their respective PSA to obtain the required forms for becoming a candidate. Elections will be held in May.

Remember the new date for submitting proposals is May 1, 2010, with no exceptions. You now have less than two months to complete your proposals. Remember, your proposals must be on the proper form. A copy of the required form is included in your Resource Manual and you should have already received a copy of

the form from our Executive Secretary, Sherry Jenkins. Note: We will not be able to retype proposals that are incorrectly submitted. I have instructed Sherry to return proposals to the sender if they are not on the proper form. May 1st will be here soon so get to work on your proposal. The Leg Committee will assign proposals to the various Policy Committees in July. The new deadline will give us more time to get the proposal books printed and give members more time to read the proposals and prepare for the CSL Annual Session in October.

I want to thank all the JRC (Joint Rules Committee) sub-committee chairpersons for a job well done at our February 8 & 9 meeting. We will be returning to the Holiday Inn for the 2010 Annual Session, which is our 30th anniversary. We are hard at work searching for ways to expand our office staff. We are presently researching college intern programs that may be helpful. A proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 CSL Budget is being prepared by the Budget and Finance sub-committee. Members hope to present the budget to the Department of Finance once it is approved. The Legislative Committee reported at least ten proposals have been authored by State Legislators and everyone is excited about the work being done by CSL members. The next JRC

meeting will be April 12 & 13, 2010 in Sacramento at the Vagabond Inn.

ALL CSL MEMBERS NEED TO KEEP FOCUSED. Visit the CSL Website: www.4csl.org occasionally and take time to review the resource manual, orientation manual, forms, and interesting information (The CSL Newsletters)!

Growing old is only a state of mind – brought on by gray hair, false teeth, wrinkles, a pot belly, and an overall feeling of being totally pooped.

What are Members up to?

Senior Senator Bruce Steir – Shared a presentation on “Hypertension and Stroke Prevention” at the Golden Gate Park Senior Center and then distributed information on Code 402.

Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch – Wrote an article on the CSL’s Code 402 for the *Tiburon Ark*.

Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren – Wrote an article on the CSL’s Code 402 for the *Los Banos Enterprise* and then shared the article with the rest of the CSL members.

Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Wrote a piece on CSL for the Senior Corner Column in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

Senior Senator Bud Winslow and Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Spoke about the CSL and Code 402 on the Santa Cruz County Community Television Show “Let’s Talk” on March 11.

Senior Assembly Member George Tucker – Wrote an article on Code 402 which appeared in “*San Leandro Times*” and “*Hayward Review*”.

Senior Senator Nina Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Were honored by the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health, California Senior Leaders Program for the CSL members leadership working in a wide variety of community activities. (See picture on page 3)

Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren – Wrote an article on the CSL for the *Los Banos Enterprise*.

Senior Senator Jack Alderson and Senior Assembly Member Mary Anderson - Attended the AIAA public hearing in Crescent City and shared the CSL. Senior Assembly Member Anderson also had a letter to the editor printed in the *Redwood Times*.

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 April Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by April 5, 2010.

Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

March already! I hope you are working on your proposal by now as they are due to the CSL office by May 1, 2010. Be sure that your proposal is sent to the office on

the proper form that were previously sent out. If you have not received yours, be sure to call Sherry and have her send one to you. You can also find the proposal form in your resource manual on page 27 of part V. The entire resource manual and the forms are also available on our web site www.4csl.org. **It is extremely important that the proposals are submitted on the form.** Legislative Council will not accept the proposal unless it is on the proper form. If you are submitting a proposal from a past year, you can submit the proposal as it was printed in the proposal book

I wanted to also remind you to ask family, friends, organizations that you belong to, and others that you do business with to purchase an ad in our 2010 Annual Session Program Book. Also don't forget to place an ad of your own. The forms and price list are also available on the web site, or you can call Sherry. Prices for the ads will remain the same as last year. We are proud of the fact that these prices are very reasonable, and have remained the same for several years.

I am looking forward to an exciting 30th anniversary Annual Session. I am still hoping that our members will provide some input as to what will make for a special celebration in our 30th year. Please do not hesitate to email me at lolayoung15@gmail.com or phone me at 916 428 4371.

Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.

**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.

Code 402

Don't forget! When you do your taxes or help somebody else do theirs, remember Code 402 on the California State Income Tax Return. Also, tell all your friends and family!

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
March 19 – Mandatory Furlough
March 31 – Caesar Chavez Day
April 2 – Mandatory Furlough
April 8-12 – Vacation
April 16 – Mandatory Furlough

Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.



Senior Senator Nina Frazier and Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn with their leadership awards.

Current Authored CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB-1970 (Fong)
Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe
Use of IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters

AP-20 AJR-34 (Carter)
Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Hearing Aid Availability and Cost

AP-23 AB 1806 (Hagman)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion

AP-25 AB-2051 (Tran)
Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch
Disaster Emergency Transportation for Disabled
and Seniors

SP-6 SB-1415 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Taxation: homeowners' property tax exemption and
qualified renters' income tax credit: senior citizens

SP-6 SB-1416 (Walters)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Personal Income Taxes: capital gains: sale of
principal residence: senior citizens

SP-12 SCR-74 (Correa)
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

SP-20 SB-1430 (Walters)
Senior Senator Connie Eaton
Property Tax Exemptions

SFP-1 AJR-32 (Monning)
Senior Senator Bud Winslow
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 SJR-20 (Alquist)
Senior Senator Anne Mack
Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence

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

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-24 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Prevention

AP-26 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero
Identity Theft prevention

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-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

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

AB 283 (Chesbro)
California Product Stewardship Act

AB 323 (Yamada)
Automobile Tires

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 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 2555 (Feuer & Nielsen)
Ombudsman programs: appropriation

Other Supported Legislation

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

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 998 (Liu)
Long-Term Care: Assessment and Planning

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

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

April 13-15, 2010	Sacramento with the alternates
July 6-8, 2010	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

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

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