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What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I appreciate your emails and ideas - keep them coming. Continue to focus on the following and remember next October will be the 30th Annual Session of the California Senior Legislature:

Promote Code 402:

Our CSL members have been hard at work promoting Code 402; reminding all their friends and relatives to "Check-off Code 402" on their State income tax form to contribute to the California Fund for Senior Citizens. We do need to pick up the pace; the April 15th tax filing deadline is rapidly approaching. We are falling behind the pace of last year and must double our efforts to meet our minimum goal of receiving \$250,000 in donations. Now is the time to focus on promoting code 402 to urge everyone to "Support our Seniors".

Submit Legislative Proposals:

Remember: May 1, 2010 is the deadline for submitting legislative proposals to be considered at our 30th Annual session this coming October. You have less than a month to send your proposal in to the CSL Sacramento office. Proposals must be submitted on the proper forms, and those are available on our website: www.4csl.org or you can call or email the office to have the form mailed to you. We have been very

successful this past year in getting our proposals picked up because you submitted great proposals. But now you need to get those 2010 legislative proposals submitted now.

California Senior Legislature Elections:

This is the year CSL elections are taking place in all Planning and Service Areas (PSA's). The election process is in full swing and by the end of May we should know the names of our new Senior Assembly and Senior Senate members. The term of office is four years for all members. Remember, the Senior Senate will be electing members of the Joint Rules Committee (JRC) at our 30th Annual Session this October. Several other leadership positions will be open when we hold our October session; it is not too early for you to think about serving CSL in a leadership capacity.

JRC Meets April 12 & 13:

Your Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meets April 12 and 13 at the Vagabond Inn, Sacramento. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting; however, only JRC members are reimbursed for their expenses. The meeting agenda is posted on our website. Among the items we will be focusing on are:

- 30th Annual Session to be held October 25th – 28th

- Office Staffing Needs
- Orientations (Review Orientation Information in Resource Manual, new ideas)
- Sub-Committee Reports and Recommendations

*The economy is so bad Motel 6
 won't leave the light on anymore.*

What are Members up to?

Senior Senator Carla Treuting – Presented the CSL at the Presbyterian Church Firesiders and at the Three Rivers Senior League.

Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold – Attended a Budget Town Hall meeting in Santa Monica where Mac Taylor spoke and stressed just how severe a problem that the budget deficit is in California.

Senior Senator Sandy Miller – Wrote an article on the CSL for the *Marin Voice*.

Senior Senator Kitty Mesler and Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Spoke about the CSL at the West Valley Regional Council on Aging in Rancho Cucamonga.

Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly Members Fran Givens and Jane Ann Godager – Spoke about the CSL at the Senior Affairs Commission in San Bernardino.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Wears her CSL badge whenever she goes out into public and hands out CSL brochures to whoever asks about her badge.

Senior Senator Joe Cox – Is the president of the U.S. Submarines Veterans of World War II and recently attended and officiated at a dedication ceremony in San Diego for the new submarine memorial established on the old Naval Training Center.

Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Presented CSL to approximately 50 members of the Market Street Senior Center in Santa Cruz.

Senior Senator Lola Young and Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell – Attended the Elder Financial Abuse in San Francisco. They saw former CSL members Helen Karr and Sharon Monck there as well.

Senior Senator Carla Treuting – Arranged to have the California Checkoff ad run in her local newspaper *The Kaweah Commonwealth* for several weeks.

Senior Senator Kitty Mesler and Senior Assembly Members Fran Givens and Jane Ann Godager – Presented CSL to the Senior Affairs Commission in PSA 20.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Promoted Code 402 to the Fontana City Council Meeting.

Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma – Was recognized and thanked for all of the hours she has volunteered for the Red Cross by the *Volunteer Connection* in Pomona.

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 May Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by May 7, 2010.

*I totally take back all those times I
 didn't want to nap when I was
 younger.*

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

We are in the throes of serious session planning. We will be at the Holiday Inn again this year. We are trying to locate a better shuttle service and would appreciate any and all help anyone could give us in that regard.

We have invited Attorney General Jerry Brown to be our keynote speaker, as he was governor when CSL was formed and he accepted the first rules and regulations of CSL. We still need to have leaders for one Senior Senate and both Senior Assembly floor sessions. If you have contacts with your senator or assembly member, please check and see if they might be available. It makes for great publicity for them. The abbreviated schedule has been finalized at the April JRC meeting and will be sent to all members soon. If you get a positive response, please let Senior Senator Dee Erman know as she will be coordinating the floor session leaders.

Don't forget proposals are due May 1, 2010. They must be submitted on the proper form. Proposals not on the proper form will be returned to the author.

If we all work together, this can be a session to remember for our 30th year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. I am still hoping that our members will provide some input as to what will make for a special celebration in our 30th Anniversary Legislative Session. Please do not hesitate to email me at lolayoung15@gmail.com or phone me at 916 428 4371.

Bad decisions make good stories.

**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.

I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste!

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!

Website for Ombudsmen

For some information on Ombudsmen on a federal level try this link:

<http://www.ltcombudsman.org/sites/default/files/library/gazette/Feb-Mar2010-Gaz.pdf>

Q: What is the most frequent thought when going from one room to another?

A: "What did I come here for?"

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
April 16 – Mandatory Furlough
May 7 – Mandatory Furlough
May 14 – Mandatory Furlough
May 27 – 31 - Vacation

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

SP-23 AB-2555 (Feuer)
Senior Senator Bill Young
Ombudsman Programs: Appropriation

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

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 961 (Wright)
Health care coverage: cancer treatment

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

SB 1106 (Yee)
Prescribers: dispensing of samples

SB 1329 (Leno)
Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

AB 498 (Hayashi)
Affordable housing: veterans

AB 1763 (Lieu)
In-Home Supportive Services

AB 1801 (Yamada)
In-Home Supportive Services: Quality Assurance

AB 2029 (Cook)
Mobilehomes: annual registration fee

AB 2234 (Lowenthal, B)
Mental Health: Target Populations: Older Adults

AB 2493 (Fuller)
Conservators: Photograph of Missing Conservatee

Members' Photos



Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Standing in front of a poster produced by the
University students she is working with on an
intergenerational mentor approach for achieving
social policy-related gerontology competencies for
the CCGG Conference 2010



Congressman Mike Thompson speaking at the
Aquatic Center in Eureka and to the right of him,
Joyce Hayes, Executive Director of the Humboldt
Senior Resource Center and then Senior Senator
Jack Alderson and Senior Assembly Member Mary
Anderson

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

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

July 6-8, 2010 Sacramento
October 28, 2010 Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
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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