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# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

I want to welcome all the newly elected and returning members to the California Senior Legislature (CSL). I'm looking forward to getting to know and work with each one of you. I think you will find that working for the CSL can be a very full and rewarding experience if you allow that to happen. This organization has helped many California seniors by proposing and supporting legislation that has improved their quality of living. We are looking forward to the future and know that with your help, our achievements will continue. You will find it exciting to be a part of the CSL experience if you get involved.

Our Executive Secretary, Sherry Jenkins, will be contacting all of the new members sometime in June to discuss the paperwork that is required of our new members and to welcome you as well. You will enjoy meeting Sherry and working with her as you complete your travel expenses claims and other paperwork required of all of our members.

Please keep in mind that if you have any questions about the CSL, you can contact Sherry at the CSL office. I am also available to help answer any questions you

may have. I encourage each of you, new and returning members, to get acquainted with our website, [www.4csl.org](http://www.4csl.org); You will find the history and orientation information very valuable as you begin your CSL journey. Again, welcome!

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*You forget names ... but it's okay because other people forgot they even knew you!*  
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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby** – Was honored at the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisor's Meeting when they presented her Senior Volunteer Month.

**Senior Senator Larry Hartmann** – Attended a Caregivers seminar in Ventura, wrote about it in his Senior Moments monthly column, and then gave a report about it to a seniors' group.

**Senior Senator Larry Hartmann** – Taught a seniors' AARP Driver Safety Course.

**Senior Assembly Member Marcia Gould** – Was honored by the Northern Area of Hadassah for 38 years of service volunteering her time promoting them and raising money for various projects. A nuclear medicine workstation was donated to the new hospital tower in Israel in her honor.

**Senior Senator Jack Alderson** – Moderated a panel at a symposium on how seniors can maximize influence with elected officials at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center in Eureka.

**Senior Senator Jack Alderson** – Was written up in an article in the *Times-Standard* regarding his winning the senior senator seat with the CSL in PSA 1.

**Senior Senator Richard Lundin** – Participated at The Living Legacy Awards at the Fairfield Senior Center.

**Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold** – Gave a presentation at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU 721) in Los Angeles. Check out the picture of his presentation board on page 5.

**Senior Assembly Member Bernie Weintraub** – Was just elected the president of the newly formed Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults. This organization is a merging of the former Commission on Aging and the Area Agency on Aging. Congratulations, Bernie!

**Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell** – Attended an Economic Empowerment Forum at the Hilton Oakland Airport. This Forum provided information on how to work together to promote economic growth in communities. Also, information on changes in credit card laws was shared.

**Senior Senator Kitty Mesler** – Published her CSL business card for a year in a local publication, *The Canyon*.

*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 either call the CSL office or email the contact name and address at [sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov](mailto:sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov).

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Any news for the July Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by July 9, 2010.  
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*What used to be freckles are now liver spots.*

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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

We are in full swing for our October Session. Plans are going right on schedule.

Information packets will be soon sent out. Remember Senior Assembly Members who are on the Leg Committee or JRC, you may not change policy committee until your term is up. Everyone else should send in your policy committee request as soon as possible when you receive the form. DO NOT assume that you will remain on the same policy committee if you do not send in the form. Be sure to make a #1, #2, and #3 choice for the policy committee you want. The requests received in the office will be considered first. Those who have not sent in a request will be placed wherever the need is.

The packet will also include forms for Senior Senators who wish to run for Legislative Committee or Joint Rules Committee. Senior Assembly will NOT be electing for either committee this year. Nomination forms for the Moira Jackson Award and other annual awards will be included in your packet as well.

It is important that you read everything in the packet you receive. Information regarding the October session will be included in the packet.

New members, keep an eye on this newsletter, and packets you

receive. We are planning a special orientation meeting for new members the second week in September. Full details will be mailed to you from the office.

Experienced members, please remember that there will be many new members at this 30<sup>th</sup> annual session. So look around and if you see a member who may look a little confused, stop and lend a hand (even if they aren't new). Let's make our new members feel especially welcome.

On a sadder note, some members that have been a part of CSL for many years will not be returning this year. We want to thank them for their years of service, and let them know that they will be missed.

Looking forward to seeing old friends, and making new friends in October. Hope to see all of you there.

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*When you needed the discount you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything, movies, hotels, flights, but you're too tired to use them.*

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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 mailings. Let Sherry Jenkins know of your change of address, email or telephone number AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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*The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.*

**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!

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**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>

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*I miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.*

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**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
July 2 – Mandatory Furlough  
July 5 – Holiday  
July 16 – Mandatory Furlough

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**The California Elder Abuse Statewide Summit**

The California Elder Abuse Statewide Summit was held in San Francisco on April 29th and 30th. Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn was a delegate at this session representing the CSL. What made this Summit different from others was the willingness of the delegates to actually make commitments to get things done, rather than just sit through a session and walk away.

Senior Assembly Member Krohn committed to three actions: 1) find a university student to conduct research on jurisdictional issues related to abuse and potentially create a legislative proposal; 2) participate in a monthly conference call with Mary Twomey (UCI Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse) and July Hitchcock (Legal Assistance to the Elderly)

to share information about pending elder abuse legislation and advocacy efforts needed for passage; and 3) work with Laurinda Ochoa, Alameda County DAs Office, Alameda County DAs Elder Abuse Team, along with Hitchcock and Twomey to track legislation and make suggestions for new legislation.

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**Jails vs. Nursing Homes**

Author unknown

Let's put the seniors in jail and the criminals in a nursing home. This way the seniors would have access to showers, hobbies, and walks. They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs, etc., and they'd receive money instead of paying it out.

They would have constant video monitoring so they could be helped instantly if they fell or needed assistance. Bedding would be washed twice a week and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them.

A guard would check on them every 20 minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their cell. They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose. They would have access to a library, weight room, spiritual counseling, pool, and education. Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJs and legal aid would be free on request.

Private, secure rooms for all, with an exercise outdoor yard with gardens would be available. Each senior could have a P.C., a TV, radio, and daily phone calls. There would be a board of directors, to hear complaints, and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered to.

The criminals would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised, with lights off at 8:00 p.m., and showers once a week. They would live in a tiny room and pay \$5,000 per month and have no hope of ever getting out.

Justice for all!

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*But old is good in some things - old songs - old movies. And best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!*

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**Sad News**

Senior Assembly Member Jerry Meade from PSA 22 (Orange County) passed away this morning in Minnesota due to a massive coronary. A memorial service will be conducted sometime in the future in the City of Westminster.

Senior Assembly Member Meade was an outstanding advocate and an all around dedicated individual and well liked person. He will be missed by many of his CSL friends.

**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) - **Chaptered**  
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

**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 724 (DeVore)  
Transfers: Revocable Transfer Upon Death Deeds

AB 1763 (Lieu)  
In-Home Supportive Services

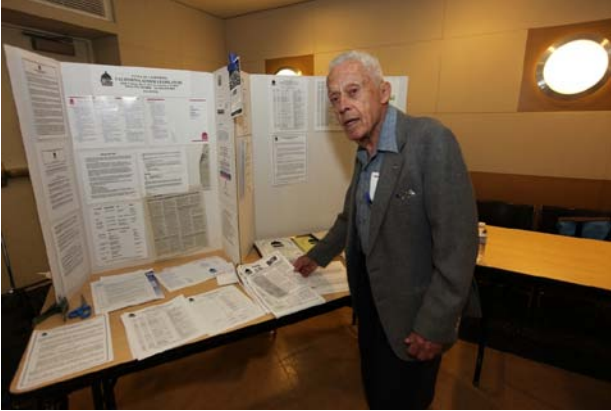
AB 1801 (Yamada)  
In-Home Supportive Services: Quality Assurance

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 Sol Fingold and his CSL presentation board.

**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| August 9, 2010        | Executive Committee                                 |
| September 13-14, 2010 | Sacramento<br>JRC Meeting and Member<br>Orientation |
| October 25-28, 2010   | Sacramento  |
| November 15-17, 2010  | Los Angeles with C4A                                |

**“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**

| <u>Date</u>           | <u>Location</u> | <u>Field Hearing Topic</u>                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| September 14-15, 2010 | Eureka          | TBD   |
| December 7-8, 2010    | Burlingame      | Joint Activity with State Independent<br>Living Council |

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