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# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Congratulations to all of you! Our Code 402 fund stands at \$265,387 as of the end of June. We have met the minimum and will continue to receive funds for the next six months. Now we need to concentrate on raising funds for the California Foundation on Aging (CFOA). We are not going to reduce our Session budget but we must raise more funds to adequately honor our 30 years of existence. Keep focused on our mission and goals

It is just three months before the annual session commemorating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have lots of work to do. The Senate Members will be electing members of the JRC and Leg Committee at this year's session and I would encourage members who are eligible to send in their applications now. We have several Senior Senate Members that were new last year, but are eligible this year. If you have been in the CSL for one year by the October session, you are eligible. While I encourage members to apply, I would also remind you that it is a two-year commitment; not just to the committee you apply for, but also to the policy committee you are elected from.

Policy Committee request forms have been sent out and we are in

the process of making appointments to the various committees for the coming year. All CSL members must submit the policy committee request form. Even if you are not changing committees, you must send in the form to let us know you do not want to change. Every effort will be made to comply with your first choice. However several factors will determine whether that is possible:

1. Members who do not wish to change the committee they are already on will be given preference on that committee.
2. Preference for vacancies will be given on a first come first served basis, so the earlier you send in the form the better your chances are of getting your #1 choice.
3. If your #1 choice does not have a vacancy; your #2 choice will be used.
4. Every committee that is nominating Leg and JRC members must have four members that are eligible and willing to run. In the event that a policy committee roster does not have four eligible members, members will be moved in order to comply with this.

The JRC Executive Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, August 9, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Vagabond Inn in Sacramento. The

agenda will include a review of sub-committee progress and a discussion of recommendations for increased staffing in the CSL Office. The Executive Committee includes Vice-chairs Dee Erman and Julia Rosenberg along with Chairperson Richard Dahlgren. Any action recommended at this meeting will be reviewed at the September JRC meeting.

The Legislative Committee met this month and assigned the 79 new proposals to their Policy Committees so be watching for that book to be sent to you in a couple of months and be sure to study the proposals that will be in your committee. Also, remember to keep your *Focus on the CSL* to raise funds and promote!

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*Now that you can afford  
 expensive jewelry, it's not safe to  
 wear it anywhere.*  
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**What are Members up to?**

**Senior Assembly Members Fran Givens and Phyllis Purcell** – Attended Senior Senator Lenwood Long's funeral in Perris, CA, and Senior Assembly Givens read aloud the Resolution that was presented to Senior Senator Long by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

**Senior Assembly Member Allan Hurst** – Was written up in an article in the Palm Desert Tennis Club *The Racqueteer* when he was re-elected to the CSL.

**Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award for Region 16 by the Democrats of North Orange County.

**Senior Senator Sandra Miller and Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch** – Gave presentations on the CSL at the Senior Fair in the Tiburon Town Hall in Tiburon.

*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 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 August Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by August 6, 2010.  
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*I knew the romance was dead  
 when I drank champagne out of  
 the old girl's slipper and choked  
 on a Dr. Scholl's footpad.*  
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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

It is already July and it seems like I was just celebrating New Years the other day. I hope you have all received your package containing policy committee request forms, program book ad forms, and award nomination forms. If you have not, please let Sherry know. Remember, you must return your policy committee request to the office by August 6. The Chair usually goes by first come first served, so for a better chance at getting your number one choice, get those forms in early.

Senior Senators, if you plan to run for Joint Rules, or Leg committee, the forms for that should also be in the packet. If they are not, contact Sherry, and let her know. These forms are also in your Resource Manual, page 11 through 13 of Section VII.

We are planning an orientation for new members on September 14<sup>th</sup>. New members can contact Sherry for travel and lodging arrange-

ments. This is a chance for new members to meet with Joint Rules Committee members, get to know the function and duties of CSL membership, and get any questions you have answered. Please mark your calendar and join us for this important day of education and fellowship.

Our keynote speaker this year at the Opening Ceremonies is the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kim Belshé. And the details have been worked out with the new Lt. Governor Abel Maldonado for the Tuesday morning breakfast to take place in his office, so things are shaping up to be another exciting Session at the Capitol this year. Don't forget to reserve your motel room!

Several items of interest include:

- ROOM RATE IS ONLY \$84 this year at the Holiday Inn and will be billed directly to the CSL, unless you are sharing a room. Make your reservation early by calling 1-800-465-4329 and mention QSL to receive our special room rate.
- BANQUET ROOM cannot be entered until 6:00 p.m. due to hotel set up.
- SHARING A ROOM? STATE RULES: You must have a RECEIPT IN YOUR NAME for your portion of room to be reimbursed. DO NOT walk away from the hotel reception desk until you double check the name on your room receipt.

We are having informational tables during the banquets at the back of the room again this year sponsored by various organizations that care about senior concerns (like you see at conferences you attend). If you

know of an organization that would be interested in being represented, please let Sherry know and she will contact them.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Once again, this is a call to see if you know someone that can volunteer this year. It is a fun job and so necessary! If you don't have a form, call or email Sherry at the office and she will see that you get one.

I am so looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends in October. This our 30<sup>th</sup> Session and it promises to be a memorable one. Hope to see all of you there.

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*I knew I was going bald when it was taking longer and longer to wash my face.*  
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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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*I've often thought that life is like a roll of toilet tissue – the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.*  
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**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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*You used to say,  
"I hope my kids GET married ...  
Now, "I hope they STAY married!"*  
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**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
August 4-10 - Vacation  
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**Sad News**

Senior Senator Lenwood Long died in an automobile accident on Saturday, June 26, Perris, CA. Senior Senator Long has been a member of the CSL since 1997 and was currently a member of the Legislative Committee. He will be very much missed.

His wife, Gola, has advised that their favorite charity is the American Cancer Society and any donations should be made there. Condolence cards may be mailed to their home address at 2464 Johnston Street, Perris, CA 92571.  
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**More Sad News**

Dr. Edward Friedman, D.D.S., husband of Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Friedman from Encino, CA, died on May 31, 2010, after a long illness.  
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**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) - **Chaptered**  
Senior Senator Bud Winslow  
Gender Discrimination

SFP-4 SJR-20 (Alquist) - **Chaptered**  
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) - **Failed**  
Pharmaceuticals: adverse drug reactions: Drug  
Safety and Effectiveness Program

SB 344 (Strickland) - **Failed**  
Crimes against elders and dependent adults

SB 687 (Alquist) - **Failed**  
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

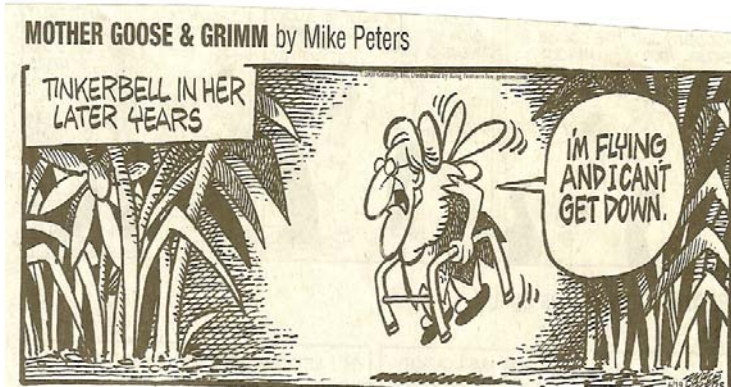
AB 1801 (Yamada)  
In-Home Supportive Services: Quality Assurance

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

AB 2555 (Feuer/Nielsen/Jones)  
Ombudsman programs: appropriation



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*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,  
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the  
lawn mower is broken.*  
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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

August 9, 2010	Executive Committee
September 13-14, 2010	Sacramento JRC Meeting and Member 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**

October 28, 2010	Sacramento
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**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 Living Council

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