



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Wow, September is here. If you haven't already made your reservations for the hotel for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Session in October; do it today. Remember be prepared to cover your own costs temporarily for the Annual Session if the State Budget is not passed. **REMINDER:** October 1st is the deadline to submit your ads for our Session Book.

For anyone who has not already heard, we have exceeded the \$250,000 required to remain on the State Income Tax Form (Code 402). This is great news and congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your hard work in making our "Check-off California (Code 402) campaign a success.

Now we have another fund raising task before us. **Contributions to the California Foundation on Aging (CFOA) are needed to help offset the costs of our Annual Session banquets; these costs cannot be included in our State budget.** If you have not sent a check for \$30 or more to CSL/CFOA do it today and mail it direct to Sherry at the CSL Office: 1020 N Street, Room 513, Sacramento, CA 95814. Those who make this contribution will be listed on a special page in the 2010 Program Book.

If you have not already received your session Proposal Book, you will receive it soon. Please call the office, (916) 552-8056, and let Sherry know if you have not received this information. Your Policy Committee assignments are included with your proposal books. Be sure to read the proposals that are assigned to your committee first. Then review the proposals from the same committee of the opposite house (Senior Assembly or Senior Senate). These are the proposals you will be asked to vote on in your committee. Just a helpful hint: when reviewing proposals, write any questions you may have on a tablet. You can then ask the questions when the proposal is presented. Once you have done that, you should read all the proposals, as you will be voting on them at the floor session if they pass committee. It is also a good idea to make note of the proposals you think are most important so you will have an idea which to vote on when the priority voting is done on the last day of the Annual Session.

The CSL office now has two interns helping Sherry out with the office work. Allison Sabraw is pursuing a degree in Gerontology with the American River Community College. She works on Monday in the office.

CSL has also entered into an Agreement with Los Rios Community College and George Otiono is serving as a "Work Experience" student. George will be assisting Sherry and performing specific work study assignments through December on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Our efforts to work with various State Agencies in obtaining approval to hire a part-time consulting Executive Director continue and we are recruiting for a secretary to replace Sherry Jenkins who is now working as a retired annuitant.

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**What are Members up to?**

**Senior Assembly Member Quincy Campbell** – Attended a Diversity, Inclusion and Multi-Cultural Workshop for Volunteer Facilities at the AARP in Sacramento.

**Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne** – Was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Inglewood Council person and Mayor Pro Tem for being a Team Captain for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Her group of seniors, the Inglewood Travelaire Club, brought in \$3,400.00 for cancer research.

**Senior Senator Sol Fingold** – Attended a presentation on Alzheimer's and dementia patients given by Dr. Arnold Bresky, Preventive Gerontologist, Behavioral Neurology.

**Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar** – Wrote an article on the CSL's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legislative Session that was published in the "Seniors Corner" in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

**Newly Elected Senior Assembly Member Gloria Duran** – Was feted for her record of community

service at the Seventh Annual Patriots Award Breakfast and Charity Banquet at the American Red Cross, Rio Hondo Chapter in Whittier.

**Senior Senator Dee Erman** – Submitted an article on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legislative Session asking for Program Book ads in her local media.

*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 or email the CSL office the contact name and address at

[sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov](mailto:sjenkins@seniorleg.ca.gov)

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Any news for the October Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by October 8, 2010.

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*Water is composed of two gins – Oxygen and Hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin and Hydrogen has gin and water.*

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**Corrections**

In the June *What's Up, CSL*, in "What are Members up to?" the listing of Senior Senator Richard Lundin was stated incorrectly. It should have said:

**Senior Senator Richard Lundin** – Was presented with a Living Legacy award at the The Living Legacy Awards at the Fairfield Senior Center.

In the August *What's Up, CSL*, in "What are Members up to?" the listing of Senior Assembly Member Mary Ann Anderson should not have been listed. It was not her article. Also, the newly elected members of PSA 18 were incorrectly listed. It should say:

Senior Senator Lawrence Hartmann  
Senior Assembly Member June

Glasseier  
Senior Assembly Member Steve Lehman

The Editor apologizes for these mistakes.

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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

Greetings, CSL members. We are in the final steps of planning our 30<sup>th</sup> annual session. By now, your travel and lodging reservations should be in place. Our chair, in his wisdom, has authorized Sunday arrival for anyone who needs it.

Just one last reminder for all of you to ask organizations, legislators, and businesses that you are associated with to place an ad in our program book. Forms have been sent to you in the last mailing. If you need more, please contact Sherry at the office. October 1 is the deadline for submitting these ads, so you need to hurry!

By now you have also received the proposal book. If you have not, call the office and let Sherry know immediately. Please review all the proposals, as you will be voting on most of them. Pay special attention to the proposals that are assigned to your committee, and remember that you will be hearing proposals from both houses in your committee, so an extra review of proposals in both the Senior Senate and Senior Assembly committees should precede the committee hearing.

Several items of interest include:

- **If the state budget is not signed by October**, please be prepared to pay for your own lodging wherever you stay and submit the receipts

with your travel expense claims.

- 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.

I want to thank my Co-Chair, Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom, Banquet Chair, Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg, and committee members Senior Senators Kitty Mesler and Anne Mack for all the work they have done to make this session memorable.

Many exciting things are planned for this 30<sup>th</sup> annual session, but it will not be a successful session without each one of you. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends.

Dinner reservations for the three evening banquets are now underway and your reservation form will be in your mail next week. Due to the short turnaround, please be sure you fill out your form and get it mailed to Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. If for any reason Sherry is not available, I will be happy to help. My phone is 916-428-4371 and my email is [lolayoung15@gmail.com](mailto:lolayoung15@gmail.com)

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in October.

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*Smoke detectors need to be tested from time to time. So sometimes I cook something.*

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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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*Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.*

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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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**New and Returning Members Onboard**

Riverside County has just announced that Senior Senator Ann Kasper will replace Senior Senator Lenwood Long in PSA 21. In the Fresno-Madera PSA 14, Senior Assembly Member Nancy

Walker was elected. Also, Senior Assembly Member Pat Wilson has been appointed back to CSL by PSA 25. Welcome, Ann, Nancy, and Pat!

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*The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.*

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**CSL Office Closure**

The CSL office will be closed:  
September 17 – Mandatory Furlough  
September 24 - Mandatory Furlough  
October 11 – Columbus Day

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*Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.*

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**Note from the Longs**

Dear CSL Members,

I thank all of you for your kind words and memories about Lenwood. He spoke often of his friendship with his many associates. I know you all meant a great deal to him. Many of his fellow CSL members have expressed such beautiful sentiments, that I have no trouble seeing why Lenwood enjoyed doing the things he did for the seniors. I want to thank all the members who made a contribution to the American Cancer Society in Memory of Lenwood. He and I both had cancer so these donations mean a lot to me.

Sincerely,  
Gola Long

**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) – **Enrolled**  
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) – **Enrolled**  
Health care coverage: cancer treatment

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

SB 1106 (Yee)  
Prescribers: dispensing of samples

SB 1329 (Leno) – **Enrolled**  
Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly

AB 498 (Hayashi) – **Enrolled**  
Affordable housing: veterans

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

AB 1763 (Lieu) - **Inactive**  
In-Home Supportive Services

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

AB 2029 (Cook)  
Mobilehomes: annual registration fee

AB 2167 (Nava) – **Enrolled**  
Clinical Social Workers: Examination Requirements

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

AB 2493 (Fuller)  
Conservators: Photograph of Missing Conservatee -  
**Chaptered**

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

### New Member Orientation

CSL held a New Member Orientation on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in Sacramento and 40 members attended. Various subjects were covered such as:

- October Session:
  - ✓ Getting around the Capitol Building
  - ✓ What can be expected at the Session
- Legislature and CSL Working Together
- Annual Calendar for Members
- Duties and Responsibilities
- Travel Expense Claims

Lunch was Pizza by the Pool and members were encouraged to interact and get acquainted with each other. The main theme was once arriving at the Session, if you are uncertain, follow or befriend (or both) members that have been to previous Sessions and they will lead you to where you need to go.

For those members who were unable to attend this orientation, information packets are available through the CSL office. For members with the CSL for three years or less, these packets will automatically be mailed to them. For more seasoned members, please call or email the CSL office for their packets.

If you have not made your motel reservations yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Holiday Inn is now completely full but the Vagabond Inn still has openings. You may reserve a room there by calling 800-522-1555 and specify the motel at 909 Third Street.

**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

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

**California Commission on Aging Meetings**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
December 7-8, 2010	Burlingame	Joint Activity with State Independent Living Council

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