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Chair's Corner

By Richard Dahlgren

Can you believe our 30th Annual Session is just around the corner? I am counting the days until we meet in Sacramento and I know it is going to be an exciting time for each and every one of us. As I write this final column before our Annual Session it is time to say thank you all for focusing on the tasks at hand this year. It has been a privilege for me to serve as your JRC Chair. As we focus on the 75 proposals you have submitted for consideration this year I can only say, "Job well done;" you can be proud of your legislative efforts.

I especially want to thank the members of the JRC, and the members of the Legislative Committee for the excellent job they have done this year.

We achieved our goal in raising more than \$ 250,000 in donations thru Code 402 and our legislative achievements are being recognized throughout the State thanks to Anne Mack, Legislative Chair, and her committee members. As we continue to receive donations through our "Focus on Thirty" Campaign, we must always remember to continue our efforts in promoting the California Senior Legislature as an organization that is making life better for Older Californians.

As we look forward to the 30th Annual Session it is time to recognize the hard work of our Session Planning Chairperson, Senior Senator Lola Young, and her two assistants: Senior Assembly Members Evelyn Tom (Local Arrangements), and Julia Rosenberg (Dinner Arrangements and negotiating a contract with the Sacramento Hyatt for the 31st Annual Session). As always our Executive Secretary, Sherry Jenkins (now working as a retired annuitant) has done a wonderful job in coordinating volunteers for the session. We can all be thankful Sherry decided to continue working for CSL as a retired annuitant; her work is sincerely appreciated. A special thank you to our two interns (Allison Sabraw, attending American River College, and George Otiono attending Cosumnes River College) for their assistance.

The new JRC will have a few challenges as it begins the next year. JRC members will need to focus on the following:

- Recruitment of a new Consulting Executive Director;
- Recruitment and hiring a new Office Technician / Executive Secretary;
- Promoting Code 402 and generating revenue for the CFOA;

- Developing a three year "Legislative Education" plan in cooperation with AARP; and
- Hosting the 31st Annual Session at the Sacramento Hyatt.

Lastly, I hope each of you have read through the proposal book, paying special attention to those proposals that will be heard in your committee. Remember you will be hearing proposals from both the Senate and Assembly in your committee.

See all of you at the end of this month!

What are Members up to?

Senior Senator Don Streeper – Submitted an article on the CSL to "The Center" from the Petaluma Senior Center.

Senior Assembly Member Michael Haas – Wrote a book titled "American's War Crimes Quagmire, From Bush to Obama" from Publishing House for Scholars in Los Angeles. The theme of this book is how the war crimes of the Bush Administration rolled over to the Obama presidency.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Attended the National Day of Remembrance at the Inland Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children in Bloomington and spoke about the murdered seniors.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Shared the CSL with the Fontana City Council and the Grand Terrance City Council meetings.

Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Gave a presentation on the CSL to members of the Temple Beth El Synagogue in Aptos.

Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero – Was interviewed by Brian Stuckey of CreaTVsj.org

regarding his proposals. The show will air on October 12, 2010 on Channel 15 on Comcast. They also spoke about the role that lobbyists play in government.

Senior Assembly Member Lauren Rolfe – Gave a CSL presentation to the Napa Commission on Aging.

Senior Senator Jack Alderson and Senior Assembly Member Mary Ella Anderson – Presented proposed CSL legislation to the Area One Agency Advisory Committee.

Senior Assembly Member Mary Ella Anderson – Wrote and posted an article on the September New Member Orientation to the Redwood Times website: redwoodtimes.com.

Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar – Wrote an article on the CSL's legislation for the *Senior Corner* in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

Senior Senator Mickey Peabody and Senior Assembly Member Billie Taylor – Appeared in an article describing the CSL's 30th Anniversary Legislative Session in *The Oakdale Leader*.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn – Made a presentation at the Council on Social Work Education International Meeting. This intergenerational collaboration is between CSL and CSUB where grad students work on legislative projects with their faculty advisor supervising. CSL members are encouraged to contact Senior Assembly Member Krohn for more information on they can join this collaboration.

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 or email the CSL

office the contact name and address at

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Any news for the November Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by November 5, 2010.

Remember when your mother said, "Wear clean underwear in case you GET in an accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you HAVE an accident!

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

WOW! It's October already. Session Planning is in its final stages. We are looking forward to a grand 30th Anniversary Legislative Session.

Are you ready? Here are a few tips:

- **DRESS:** business casual. What does that mean? I would just remind you that all of our floor sessions, and most of our committee meetings are being televised and shown on cable channels, so dress like a lot of people in California are watching, because they are. Every year, I am told by friends and family that they saw me on cable TV. Remember when parents and teachers told us we should wear sensible shoes? This would be a good time to heed that advice. There will be a lot of walking involved.
- **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.

Hopefully you have read the proposals in the proposal book, and are ready with questions for the hearing. Remember each Policy committee will be hearing both Senate (SP) and Assembly (AP) proposals. Also remember that you will be voting for all proposals that pass committee at the floor session, and voting for the top 10 state and top 4 federal proposals at the last joint floor session. It is a good idea to be at least familiar with all the proposals.

We are working on shuttle buses, and hope to have them in place by session time. If we do not, you may take a taxi, and put the expense on your travel expense form. If taxis are needed, I would encourage all of you to taxipool as much as possible to control costs.

Our 30th Anniversary Legislative Session is promising to be a special one. All we need now is you. After all, that is what all this is about. We have a job to do for seniors in California, and we need all of you to make it happen. SEE YOU THERE.

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

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.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

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>

When people say you look great... they add "for your age!"

CSL Office Closure

The CSL office will be closed:
 October 11 – Columbus Day
 October 15 – Mandatory Furlough
 October 22 - Mandatory Furlough
 October 25-29 – Annual Session

Forgetter Be Forgotten?

Author Unknown

*My forgetter's getting better,
 But my rememberer is broke
 To you that may seem funny
 But, to me, that is no joke*

*For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering
 If I really should be 'there'
 And, when I try to think it through,
 I haven't got a prayer!*

*Oft times I walk into a room,
 Say 'what am I here for?'
 I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
 A zero, is my score.*

*When shopping I may see
 someone,
 Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
 And when the person walks away
 I ask myself,
 'who the'heck'was that?*

*Yes, my forgetter's getting better
 While my rememberer is broke,
 And it's driving me plumb crazy
 And that isn't any joke.*

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

**Congratulations, CSL, and
good luck on your
30th Anniversary Legislative
Session!**

From Sherry Jenkins

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
February 1-2, 2011	Sacramento	TBA
April 5-6, 2011	Santa Cruz	TBA
June 14-15, 2011	Merced	TBA
September 13-14, 2011	Sacramento	TBA
November 14-15, 2011	Los Angeles	TBA

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