



Hey, CSL

What's Up?

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Chair's Corner

By Joseph A. Cox

Our CSL members have been hard at work promoting the CSL. However; we do need to pick up the pace. As the April 15th tax filing time has passed, we need to concentrate on the late filers. We are ahead of last year at this time but still short of our \$250,000 requirement. Have you made your best effort? Can you help us find a grant writer? It would be great to have another source of income and not have to depend on the check off list.

Now is the time to be working on proposals, for our October session, that will benefit seniors. We have been very successful this year in getting our proposals picked up because we had some really good ones. Hopefully the 2008 session will have all outstanding proposals. It is up to you. Don't be afraid to ask for help. The Sacramento office has some suggestions if you are having difficulty finding something that is worthwhile. Contact Sherry.

Several leadership positions will be open when we hold our October session. Why not throw your hat in the ring? Now is the time to polish up your

resume and prepare to apply for a position.

What are Members up to?

Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier – Spoke about the CSL to AARP in Pt. Hueneme, Ca.

Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby – Spoke at various Alameda County workshops regarding Line 52.

Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn - Wrote an article for the Contra Costa Retired Employees Assoc. newsletter.

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young – Testified at the Legislative Briefing on Achieving Health Equity on March 13 for CSL.

Senior Assembly Members Fran Givens and Jane Godager – Spoke at the San Bernardino Democratic Luncheon Club.

Senior Senator Kathleen Mesler – Was honored by Assemblymember Bill Emmerson with 63 other women at the Fourth Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon. They were recognized for their outstanding contributions and accomplishments within the community.

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Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren – Wrote a press release related to the Economic Stimulus Project and making donations to CSL.

Senior Senator Anne M. Mack and Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Attended the Democratic State Convention in San Jose.

Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens – Attended the Veterans for Peace Dinner in Moreno Valley. She was also appointed a At-Large Commissioner to the Senior Affairs Commission in San Bernardino County.

Senior Senator Carla Treuting – Had the Line 52 flyer posted in the *Kaweah Commonwealth* (her local paper). She also distributed 1,000 flyers around two counties.

Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes – Was written up in two articles, one in the Santa Clara Weekly and one in Santa Clara Senior Center News.

Senior Senators Anne Mack and Bob Jaffee – Worked a booth at a Resource Fair in San Jose handing out information on CSL

If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

by Ronald Reagan

New Proposals

We have received the first two proposals for this year! Thank you, Senior Assembly Members Frank Rosten and Dorothy Sorensen! I hope all of you are

thinking of the new proposals that you are going to write and submit this year. Going through this Legislation season should be getting all of you excited and inspire each of you to new heights. Sherry has already sent out the forms and the details with the deadline but can send it again if you need more. Just contact her at the CSL office.

This year, all proposals need to be on the correct form or will be sent back. So, get your thinking caps on and start writing down those ideas!

Sad News

We had to say good-bye to long-time friend and advocate, Robert MacLaughlin this month. Robert has been a strong supporter of the CSL for many years in his role of Consultant for the Subcommittee on Aging and Long-Term Care. Robert has decided that he wants to be a stay-at-home Dad and take care of his four-year old daughter. He is also an avid scuba diver and is looking forward to seeking out new frontiers beneath the blue waters.

Jean-Paul Buchanan will be taking over Robert's position and we will be working closely with him so that he will learn all about the CSL.

While we wish Robert the very best, we will miss him greatly.

When asked what was his secret for longevity, the 99 year old said, "Simple! I just keep breathing!"

Even Sadder News

Senior Assembly Member Frances Greenwood's husband

passed away the end of March. She has asked that any donations be made to the CSL at the California Foundation on Aging.

 Any news for the May Newsletter needs to be submitted to the CSL office by May 5, 2008.

Greetings from Session Planning

by Lola Young

Session Planning is right on track. We will once again be using Capitol Plaza Holiday for our banquets. Invitations for speakers have been sent. We are waiting for responses.

We need to be thinking about legislators to preside at our Senior Assembly and Senior Senate Legislative Sessions. If you have a relationship with your state legislators, begin asking them about the possibility of leading one of our sessions in October. Be sure to let Sherry know if they are interested so that she can send an invitation to them. It is not too early to ask.

Our next Session Planning committee meeting will be April 15, 2008. We will be discussing more details at that time. As always, suggestions from our members are welcome. If you have any ideas that will make our session better, please let us know. Email suggestions to myself at young7458@att.net, or to Sherry at the office.

CSL Office Closures

Due to upcoming Training and Vacation for Sherry, the CSL office will be closed on the following dates:
 April 16, May 9-16, May 21-22

Current CSL Legislation

AP-2 AB 2139 (De La Torre)
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
IHSS Provider Auto Insurance

AP-4 AB 2100 (Wolk/Berg/Krekorian)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder Abuse Reporting

AP-10 AB 2516 (Mendoza)
Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck
Prescriptions: electric transmissions

AP-12/2006 AB 1765 (Blakeslee)
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporters

AP-12/2007 AB 2521 (Portantino)
Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin
Housing authorities: federal vouchers and
certificates: shared housing

AP-13 SB 1058 (Alquist/Florez)
Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold
Health & Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections

AP-19 SB 977 (Correa)
Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter
Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades

AP-22/SP-8 AB 1900 (Nava)
Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker & Senior
Senator Erwin Fromm
Seniors: elder abuse: death records: fees.

AP-28 AB 2051 (Anderson)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Elder abuse offender registry

(Krohn) AB 2543 (Berg)
Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn
Geriatric & Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act

SP-2/2006 SB 692 (Ashburn)
Senior Senator Fromm
IHSS: criminal background checks. (**Chaptered**)

SP-16 AB 2229 (Huffman)
Senior Senator Dolores G. Wright
Medi-Cal: dental examinations

SP-18 AB 2160 (Carter)
Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly
Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane
Godager

Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability:
definition

SP-22 AB 2460 (Davis)
Senior Senator Marvin Goldman
Consumer Loans: seniors

SP-29 AJR 111 (Huffman)
Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby
Senior Volunteer Month

AFP-1/2004 SJR 12 (Simitian)
Retired Member Helen Karr
Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp (**Chaptered**)

AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648 (Rangel)
Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes
Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007
(**Public Law #110-142 12/20/2007**)

AFP-7 AJR 31 (Jones/Machado)
Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
Government Negotiated Drug Prices

Other Supported Legislation

AB 1158 Benoit
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit
Physical Therapists: scope of practice

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian
Residential Care Facilities

AB 2137 Saldaña
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts

AB 2149 Berg
Investment Advisors

AB 2150 Berg
Insurance: sales designations

AB 2319 Horton
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2475 Horton
Skilled nursing facilities

SB 1343 Battin
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

Joint Rules Committee Meetings

June 16, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Teleconference Call
June 17, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Teleconference Call
August 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Teleconference Call
August 19, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Teleconference Call
September 15, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
September 16, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 20, 2008	10:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 22, 2008	2:45 p.m.	Sacramento

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Legislative Committee Meetings

April 28, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
April 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
July 20, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
July 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
October 22, 2008	2:30 p.m.	Sacramento

California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
June 4-5, 2008	Sacramento	Access to Health Care
August 6-7, 2008	To Be Determined	Access to Health Care
October 15-16, 2008	Redding (Shasta County)	Access to Health Care
December 3-4, 2008	Sacramento	Access to Health Care

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