



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Joseph A. Cox

This has been a very busy time for the CSL. Walking the halls in Sacramento, testifying for our proposals, appearing at the introduction of one of those proposals and writing letters of support has kept everyone busy.

Our meeting in San Jose was very productive. Our JRC selected a name for our newsletter. There were MANY great suggestions but the majority of the JRC members voted to keep the name that is currently on our newsletter. The minutes will give you the Rest of the Story.

Our Legislative Committee has done a fantastic job in working with legislative members this year. I believe that the rapport is great and this is evident by the number of proposals that has been picked up by legislative members. I walked the halls with the Legislative Committee in April and the feeling that I got from the state legislative members was very productive and helpful. We have a good thing going.

Our check off is a little above last year but we need to continue to work on this item. At

the end of March, we had approximately \$99,000 donated. We need \$250,000 and I hope we can reach this with the April and May donations. We need to work on the late filers now so that we can reach our required amount. REMEMBER, we must get \$250,000 from the Check Off.

Shirley Krohn is hard at work on a video to tell the story of the CSL. This was suggested by several of our members. Proposal requests have been sent out and two bids were returned. After both are reviewed, the JRC will consider these proposals.

Keep up the good work and let people know the good things that the CSL is doing to help seniors.

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### What are Members up to?

**Senior Assembly Member Ellie Bloch** – Had an article written about her and the CSL in the Tiburon *Ark*.

**Senior Assembly Member Elizabeth Payne** – Attended an Alzheimer's Hearing on the State Capitol Building lawn with 1,500 other supporters. She also attended Assembly Member Merv Dymally's campaign kickoff in Inglewood.

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**Senior Assembly Member**

**Shirley Krohn** – Was on a panel for the California Council on Geriatrics and Gerontology Annual Meeting discussing the power of calibration in developing a CSL proposal.

**Senior Senator Joseph A. Cox** – Attended the Financial Abuse of Elders Forum.

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

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If there is anybody or any organization that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name and address to the CSL office and those people will receive a copy every month either by email or snail mail.

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*It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.*

**CSL embarks on new funding venture**

by Horace Mann

Corporate sponsorship can add significantly to our annual budget. Do you have any ties to a corporate office - past employer, family member, friend, yourself? Please send any leads to Senior Senator Horace Mann at [www.fbmann@juno.com](mailto:www.fbmann@juno.com) or my home address 17900 Ocean Drive, #41, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Please do not send just corporate or business name without the name of the person responsible for corporate giving.

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Any news for the June Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by June 5, 2008.

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*It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill. Just add a little dirt.*

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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

By now everyone has received their proposal forms, and are feverishly working on their proposals for the October Session. Remember the deadline for submission is June 15, 2008. Also do not forget that your proposal must be sent in on the proper form. If you have not received a form from the office, let Sherry know. The form is in your resource manual on page 25 of section 4.

The task list is right on target. Tasks for April are completed, and Tasks for May are well on their way. Sherry and I will be meeting with Holiday Inn Staff to work out details for our banquet this month.

Our keynote speaker will be Paul Greenwood, Deputy District Attorney, Elder Abuse prosecution unit in San Diego, Ca. Mr. Greenwood comes highly recommended.

There will be various forms and informational documents sent out to the members (either by email or snail mail) in the next couple of weeks dealing with the upcoming Session. Please be sure to read each one and deal with it appropriately. Information on hotels in the area, requests for volunteers, Program Book ads, Session schedules, Badge and Business Cards reorder form are just some of the documents you will be receiving. The next few months before the Session are going to be busy for this committee and for the office and you can help by sending back the information you need to in a timely fashion.

Also, be thinking about how you will be traveling to Sacramento and remember to go through Sherry in the office for those Southwest Airlines reservations.

For those of you who have a spouse, relative, or friend who is interested in volunteering to help us out at the Session, please get the volunteer form to them for filling out. As you know, these Sessions take a lot of work and we couldn't do it without all of our wonderful volunteers. Volunteering is also a good way to fill up the time while you're waiting for your spouses to get through the meetings **AND** you get free lunches! This might be a good way for some of the retired members to get back into the action as well!

Once again, I am appealing to all of our members. If you have any suggestions that would help to make the session a success, please let me know. My email is [young7458@att.net](mailto:young7458@att.net) and my phone number is (916) 428-4371. I will present any and all suggestions to our session planning committee.

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*We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads.*

*So we're not fat – we're just really intelligent and our heads can't hold anymore so it's filling up the rest of us.*

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**CSL Office Closures**

Due to upcoming Training and Vacation for Sherry, the CSL office will be closed on the following dates:  
May 21-22 – Training  
May 28-30 - Vacation  
June 16-17 – JRC meeting

**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 (**Chaptered**)

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 152 Beall  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

AB 725 Lieber  
Housing: universal rental housing application

AB 1022 Saldaña  
Continuing care home service

AB 1158 Benoit  
Witnesses: conditional examinations

AB 1444 Benoit  
Physical Therapists: scope of practice

AB 1554 Jones  
Health care coverage: rate approval

AB 2038 Lieber  
Persons with disabilities: victims of crime

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian  
Residential Care Facilities

AB 2105 DeSaulnier  
Elder and dependent adult abuse

AB 2137 Saldaña  
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts

AB 2149 Berg  
Investment Advisors

AB 2150 Berg  
Insurance: sales designations

AB 2157 Horton  
Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities:  
licensing

AB 2319 Horton  
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass  
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2439 De La Torre  
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan  
Repayment Program: fees

AB 2475 Horton  
Skilled nursing facilities

AB 2543 Berg  
Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion  
Act

AB 2598 Leno  
Residential care facilities for the elderly

AB 2796 Nava  
Civil obligations

AB 2947 Eng  
Elder and dependent adult abuse: waiver of rights

AB 2967 Lieber  
Health care cost and quality transparency

AB 3000 Wolk  
Health care decisions: life sustaining treatment

SB 1140 Steinberg  
Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults

SB 1164 Scott  
Investigators

SB 1216 Scott  
Insurance: long-term care

SB 1259 Margett  
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

SB 1343 Battin  
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

SB 1400 Simitian  
Sweepstakes

SB 1406 Correa  
Optometry

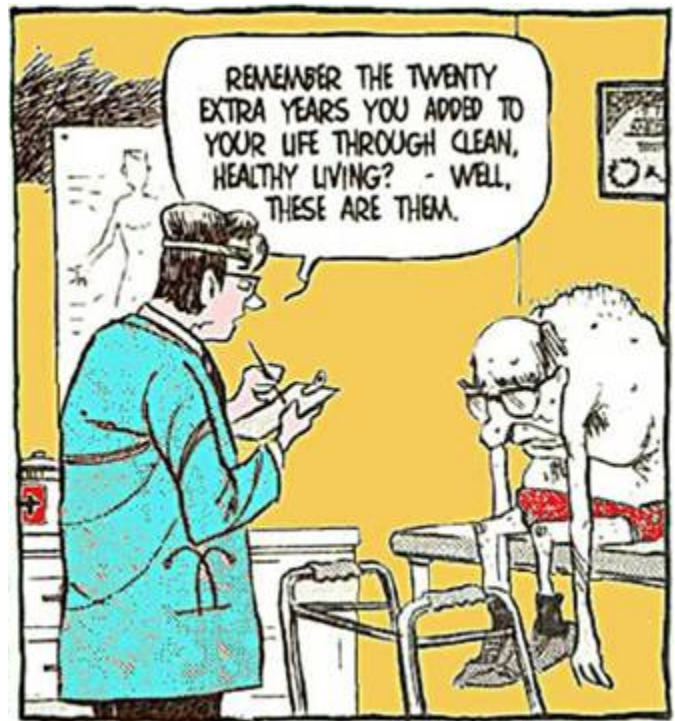
SB 1474 Alquist  
Chronic dialysis clinics

SCR 112 Padilla  
Services for older adults

S 2708 Boxer  
Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

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'Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed,  
there are many rewards; if you disgrace your-  
self, you can always write a book.'

- Ronald Reagan  
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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

June 16, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Sacramento
June 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Sacramento
August 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Sacramento
August 19, 2008	11:00 a.m.	Sacramento
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

**“Help the Golden State Support the Golden Years!”**

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

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	Orange County	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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