



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Lola Young

The new JRC had its second meeting on Nov. 20 and 21. The first order of business was to approve the members of the sub-committees. One important point that was brought to my attention was that the ad hoc By-Law's Sub-Committee is specifically established in our by-laws, and the members of the By-laws Sub-Committee as stated in last month's newsletter violated Article IX Section II. That error has been corrected, and the new By-Laws sub-committee will be:

- Senior Senator Roberta Marti, Chair, representing JRC,
- Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson, representing Southern California,
- Senior Assembly Member JD Leitaker, representing Northern California,
- Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Tom, representing the Bay Area
- Senior Senator Bill Young, representing the Central Valley.

The October session evaluations were reviewed and the few that were submitted were most helpful, I want to thank those that submitted their evaluations. Action is already being taken to follow through on most of the

suggestions. Bus schedules and transportation was prominent, and rightly so. That will be corrected. Another problem brought to light was how few members were present at the final floor session, in particular, and the absent members even on the second day's floor session. That is also a problem that needs to be corrected, and the JRC will be looking at ways to correct that as well. Several suggestions were made and will be looked into.

We will be participating in Check Off California again this year. It was decided that at least part of the success we had this year was due to our participation in this program. However, we cannot forget it is the responsibility of each and every member to promote the check off line CODE 402. We will be having a four-day session this year, and I cannot emphasize enough the fact that our members worked hard to exceed the minimum amount for the FTB and that is the reason the four-days are possible. Whether we can continue to have a four-day session will depend on each of us to continue in our efforts to promote CODE 402.

Together we can do it. We just need to keep active. Keep up the good work!

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**What are Members up to?**

**Senior Assembly Member Lola Young** – Gave a presentation of CSL at a Gray Panthers meeting.

**Senior Assembly Members Juanita Beighle and Fran Givens** – Spoke at the Inland Debating Society.

**Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Attended a Veterans Day Celebration in Fontana.

**Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn** – Presented the CSL to a group of over 80 seniors at Summerset III in Brentwood. There are four segments of the Summerset communities and is one of the largest active adult developments in northern California.

**Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht** – Was featured in an article about the CSL's Annual Session and their top priority proposals in *"The Inyo Register."*

**Senior Assembly Member Lola Young** – Is featured in an article on the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in the *Senior Spectrum*.

**Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn** – Attended the California District Attorneys Association Conference and shared CSL with them.

**Senior Senator Richard Lundin** – Was presented with a Proclamation for his services for seniors and veterans from the Solano County Supervisors.

**Senior Senator Bud Winslow** – Was elected to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. He also appeared on a one-hour local public television program discussing the CSL and Elder hostels.

**Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen** – Was featured in an article in the *University of San Francisco Magazine*.

*If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please*

*contact the CSL office.*

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*The more you complain the longer God makes you live!*

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Any news for the January Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by January 5, 2009.

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**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Julia Rosenberg

As this goes to press, we are in full swing planning for next year's October Annual Session! As you know, we are returning to the four-day Session schedule in 2009, which will allow us time to more thoroughly conduct business and not be so rushed. We are in the process of deciding which hotel the banquets will be at and we'll get back to you as soon as that and a block of rooms are arranged. The date has been established as October 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2009, so mark your calendars.

I've heard people offer feedback good and bad on Session effectiveness. Now is the time for you to share your suggestions? We want to know your concerns and always welcome new ideas in order to keep improving the Session!

If you can (and are able to) help on this committee, or have any suggestions for us, please call me

at (310) 316-1013 or you can email me at [jrosenberg@roadrunner.com](mailto:jrosenberg@roadrunner.com).

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**Code 402**

Be sure to check out the new line number for the CSL voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. It will now be Code 402 and will remain that number from now on.

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**Office Closures**

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:  
November 27-28 – Thanksgiving  
December 24-26 – Christmas Vacation  
January 1 – New Year's Eve  
January 2 – Vacation

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**Editor's Note:**

It was discovered that the November's *"Hey, CSL, What's Up"* had several mistakes in it and the editor apologizes. We note:

**New JRC Members:**

➤ Senior Senator Joe Cox is now the immediate past chair.

**New Leg Committee Members:**

➤ Senior Senator Horace Mann was left off as alternate to Senior Senator Bruce Steir.  
➤ Senior Senator Lenwood Long is the primary and Senior Senator Bill Young is the alternate.

**New Standing Sub-Committee Members:**

➤ Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter was left off as alternate to Senior Assembly Member Lola Young on the Budget & Finance Sub-Committee.

**Top Twenty Proposals:**

➤ AP-17 was left off.

**Top Eight Federal Proposals:**

➤ There were 12 listed, not 8, and there is no AFP-9.

**CSL's Top Priority**

SP 22 Senior Senator Eaton  
CSL Funding Repeal Date

**2008/09 CSL Legislation  
Top Twenty Proposals**

AP 3 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Financial Elder Abuse Reporting

AP 6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Food Safety

AP 7 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Relating to Hearing Aids

AP 8 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AP 9 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Nursing Home Reform

AP 10 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
SSI/SSP Benefits

AP 12 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht  
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Sexual abuse or  
touching

AP 14 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch  
Emergency Transportation

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy

AP 19 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Grading System for Nursing Homes

AP 20 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker,  
Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm  
Medi-Cal Benefits: Personal and incidental needs

AP 21 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Senior Convalescent Care Facilities: Personal  
equipment: Permanent marking

AP 24 Senior Assembly Member Bernard  
Weintraub  
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

SP 1 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Universal Health Care

SP 3 Senior Senators Richard Griswold, Connie  
Eaton, and Senior Assembly Members June  
Glasmeier and Larry Hartmann  
Property Tax

SP 5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Senior Housing: Security

SP 6 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SP 11 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Senior Financial Abuse

SP 19 Senior Senator Craig Orange  
Prescription Medication Labels

SP 23 Senior Senator Bill Young  
Support for the Ombudsman Program and the Senior  
Legal Hotline

**Top Eight Federal  
Legislative Proposals**

AFP 1 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Social Security: Cost-of-living adjustment

AFP 2 Senior Assembly Member Bernard  
Weintraub  
Nursing Homes: Disclosure of ownership  
information

AFP 3 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young,  
Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator  
Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young  
Federal Poverty Guidelines

AFP 5 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann  
Godager, Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Senior  
Senator Kathleen Mesler  
Social Security Cards

AFP 7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Federal Income Tax: Deductions: Medical  
expenses

SFP 2 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
The Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SFP 4 Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly  
Member Richard Dahlgren  
Medicare Coverage of Dental Care

SFP 6 Senior Senator John Sorensen and Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Unsolicited Blank Checks

**The Rest of the  
Legislative Proposals**

AP 1 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Lenwood Long  
Transportation: Seniors

AP 2 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Roberta Marti  
Disabled Persons' and Disabled Veterans' Parking Spaces: width and availability

AP 4 Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Freidman and Senior Senator Edward Woods  
HIV/AIDS Education for Older Adults

AP 11 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht  
Crimes against Elders

AP 13 Senior Assembly Member Samuel Park  
California Senior Legislature: California Senior Citizens' Club

AP 15 Senior Assembly Members Billie Taylor and Senior Senator Mickey Peabody  
Notarized Documents: Execution by patient in skilled nursing facility

AP 16 Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young  
California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AP 18 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Caregivers

AP 25 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Patricia Jones  
Funding of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

AFP 4 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin  
Affordable Housing: Families of servicemen and servicewomen deployed to Afghanistan and the Gulf War Zone of Iraq

AFP 6 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Social Security Adjustment

AFP 8 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma  
Medicare: Home health agencies: Patient rights

AFP 10 Senior Assembly Members Patricia Wilson and Richard Wolfe  
Federal Social Security: Continuing disability reviews

AFP 12 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence Hartmann  
Required Tire Safety Information

SP 2 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Goods and Services Tax

SP 4 Senior Senator Dolores Wright  
Target Population: At-risk seniors

SP 7 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Stroke Education Campaign

SP 8 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Senior Volunteers

SP 9 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Automated External Defibrillators: Signs: Public awareness campaign

SP 10 Senior Senators Jim Levy, Richard Lundin, Bob Jaffee, and Senior Assembly Members Austin Lucero and Lola Young  
Increased Access to Community-Based Services

SP 12 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager  
Powers of Attorney

SP 13 Senior Senator Horace Mann  
State Department of Mental Health: Suicide prevention program

SP 14 Senior Senator Bob Jaffee  
Paratransit

SP 15 Senior Senator Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier  
Affordable Senior Housing: Second units

SP 16 Senior Senator William Young and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
In-Home Supportive Services: Expanded services

SP 17 Senior Senator Bruce Steir  
Elder Death Reviews

SP 18 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Statewide Elder Protection Courts

SP 20 Senior Senator George Winslow  
Public Safety: Crosswalk, curb, and sidewalk improvement

SP 21 Senior Senator Dolores Wright  
Free Sport Fishing Licenses

SP 22 Senior Senator Connie Eaton  
Funding for the California Senior Legislature

SFP 1 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Federal Annuitants: Health premiums

SFP 3 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Senior Consumer Protection: Deceptive marketing practices

SFP 5 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Prescription Drug Safety

SFP 7 Senior Senator Horace Mann  
Medicare Support for Shingles Immunization

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*It isn't the age that bothers me, it's the darn  
mileage!*  
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**Jerry Smith Says Good-by!**

Senior Senator Jerry Smith has resigned from the CSL and has moved to Carson City, Nevada, but he would like to share his address and phone number with all the CSL members and encourage all to contact him from time to time. He regrets having to resign but due to health problems must. He has enjoyed his years with the CSL and knowing all the members. His contact information:

Jerry Smith  
127 Royal Drive  
Carson City, Nevada 89706  
(415) 334-3787

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**June Murphy's Obit**

Senior Senator Joe Murphy's loving wife of 52 years, June Mary Murphy, passed away the morning of December 8, 2008. Vigil Service will be held on Sunday, December 14, at 3pm at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 S. Central Ave and a Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, December 15, at 10am at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 163 W Eaton Ave Tracy, Ca 95376. Burial will be at the Tracy Public Cemetery, 600 E. Schulte Rd.

In loving memory please send donations to American Lung Association, American Cancer Society or any charity of your choice. On line guest

book available at [www.frymemorialchapel.com](http://www.frymemorialchapel.com) to send condolences to the family.

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**Nadine Winslow's Obit**

Senior Senator George "Bud" Winslow's wife of 59 years, Nadine, passed away early Thursday morning at home in Capitola. Memorial services were held at the Pacific Gardens Chapel on Monday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m. Nadine always volunteered at the CSL's Annual Legislative Sessions and she will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be sent to either AAUW, WILPF, CAB, Women's Commission, League of Women Voters, or the Grey Bears.

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**The California Senior Legislature extends their sympathy and love to both of these long-time members in their loss.**  
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**Happy Holidays  
to each and every  
one of you  
and your families  
from the CSL  
Office!**

**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

January 6-8, 2009	Sacramento with Leg Committee
February 3-5, 2009	Sacramento
April 7-8, 2009	Sacramento
June 9-10, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-8, 2009	Sacramento with Leg Committee
September 17-18, 2009	Sacramento
October 26-29, 2009	Sacramento

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**Legislative Committee Meetings**

January 6-8, 2009	Sacramento with JRC Members
March 10-11, 2009	Sacramento with Legislative Committee Alternates
May 13-14, 2009	Sacramento
July 7-9, 2009	Sacramento

**California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
February 4, 2009	Sacramento	Senior Center Stakeholder Forum
April 7-8, 2009	Fresno	TBD
June 2-3, 2009	Sonoma	TBD
August 4-5, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	TBD

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