



# Retirees NEWS

## Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for the City and for the DWP:

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

**City Retirement Counselors:**

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| • Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130      | • Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942  |
| • Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000 | • Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930 |
| • Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568   | • Americo Garza (562) 928-2051 |
| • Edward Harding (805) 584-9417   | • Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971    |
| • Harold Danowitz (310) 453-0506  |                                |

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

## For Retirees By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

# April Member Meeting to Focus On LACERS, Current Legislation

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, urges all members to save the date of Friday, April 18, for a membership meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at



**Ed Harding,**  
*RLACEI President*

1 p.m. You can come at noon for a free chicken lunch, but only if you make a reservation with one of the officers on the retirees helpline by April 11.

Harding has invited Robert Aguillo, the new general manager of LACERS, to be a speaker at the meeting. There will be other speakers who will tell about the status of legislation affecting retirees and their spouses. Many valuable door prizes will be passed out.

### Legislative Update

Ken Spiker, our elected commissioner, reports that he is asking the LACERS commissioners to allocate \$2,750 to fund an actuarial study to determine the cost to provide a dental subsidy for surviving spouses.

He indicated that there are 3,058 surviving spouses, many of whom cannot afford a dental plan due to their reduced retirement allowance.

Ken thought that you might be interested in the following data, as of Jan. 14, regarding our retirees:

### Statistics Regarding City Retirees

(all figures are as of 12/31/02)

- Total value of the fund as of close of business: \$6,125,000
- Number of retiree checks issues monthly: 13,894  
Average retiree monthly allowance: \$2,184.44
- Median retiree monthly allowance: \$1,812.39
- Number of retirees receiving a disability allowance: 826
- Number of surviving spouses receiving an allowance: 3,058
- Average surviving spouse monthly allowance: \$1,232.59
- Median retiree age: 72.08
- Average retiree age: 71.42
- Average number of years served (including buyback, service retirement only): 26.40

### Golf Classic

Our annual retirees Golf Classic will again be at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course,

followed by an Awards Luncheon, in the adjacent Almansor Court. The Golf Classic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3.

Retired and active employees and friends are invited. Entry forms will be in the RLACEI spring newsletter. Sponsors are urgently needed to keep the entry fee low. Contact Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130 if you would like to be a sponsor.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**April 18 – General Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center**

**June 3 – Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Golf Course**

**Aug. 15 – Picnic**

**Oct. 17 – Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the UN/SO Senior Center**

**Dec. 11 – Holiday Party, location TBA.**

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

If you change your address, please notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Phone: (323) 728-4930.

### MEMBERSHIP CARD:

If you need a new, green Membership Card, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also, notify LACERS.

# Membership NEWS

■ Frances Kota, winner of last year's poetry contest, has been reelected president of the Kern River Poets and Writers Club.

■ Sampson Jerry Wilson and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary Feb. 13. Jerry retired 28 years ago from the Street Tree Division, where he supervised repairs of all the equipment the tree trimmers used.

■ Walter Couchman, a retiree from the Bureau of Engineering and former director of RLACEI, passed away Jan. 19. A memorial service was held in Pasadena Jan. 25. Some of his former co-workers who attended were Bob Borii, Larry Lewis, Walter Lee, Dick Godward, Frank Granack, Larry Burks and Phil Skarin.

■ Jack Allen, retired building inspector and for many years the RLACEI first vice president, passed away Feb. 8. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, of Sherman Oaks.

SHARE YOUR NEWS: If you have news of a retiree that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call him at (818) 784-0130.

# Online System to Apply for City Jobs Is Really Clicking

■ **Personnel Dept. introduces system to make applying for City jobs easier and more efficient. Here's how to do it.**

The City's Personnel Dept. has a new way to apply for City employment, and it's right at your fingertips: online!

It's available 24 hours a day, every day, and you can apply from the comfort of your home or office. Wherever you have Web access, that's your entry to the Personnel Dept.

Here are some other benefits:

- The online application process saves your basic information, including name, address and telephone number, so you won't have to input it again for future applications;
- There's no need to visit the Personnel Dept. to apply for a particular position;
- There's no standing in line; and
- You don't have to worry about parking.

**Here's how you access and use the department's new online application system:**

- Go to the Personnel Dept.'s Website: [www.lacity.org/per/](http://www.lacity.org/per/)
- Navigate through the Website to find the position in which you're interested. Here's how to do that:
  - Open candidates: click on **Jobs Available**, then to **Current Employment Opportunities**.
  - Current city employees may also click on **For Current City Employees**, then to **Examinations Open for Hiring**.
- Click on the bulletin.
- Click on the **Online Application** link to begin the process!

**Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:**

**Question:** Where do I find the online application?

**Answer:** In the Jobs Available section of the Personnel Dept. Website: [www.lacity.org/per/](http://www.lacity.org/per/)

**Question:** How do I know my online application has been received?

**Answer:** You will receive an electronic message indicating your application can or cannot be accepted online when you click the "submit" button at the end of the application.

**Question:** Is online filing available for all exams?

**Answer:** All exams are now available online.

**Question:** Can I "cut and paste" my work history from another document to the online application?

**Answer:** Yes. You can paste your information from other text documents into the online application.

**Question:** Can I print a copy of my application for my records?



[www.lacity.org/per/](http://www.lacity.org/per/)

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Can I submit a résumé?

**Answer:** You can mail a résumé as a supplement, but it is not necessary. The online work history has room for up to 1,200 characters per job and space for up to 20 jobs.

**Question:** Can I log off and finish my application later?

**Answer:** Yes, if you don't hit the submit button. Once your application is submitted, you cannot return to it.