



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:

• 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

Retirees Group Welcomes New City Council Members

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, wants to extend our congratulations to the following people who were recently elected to the City Council: Wendy Greuel, 2nd District; Tom LaBonge, 4th District; Tony Cardenas, 6th District; Bernard Parks, 8th District; and Antonio Villaraigosa, 14th District. Some are old friends of the retirees, and hopefully the others will become new friends.

Harding invites all retirees, and their wives, to our Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 1 p.m. Friday, April 18. There will be informative speakers plus 20 valuable door prizes. You can come for a free lunch at noon, but only if you have made reservations at



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

least a week ahead by calling one of the officers on the Retirees' Help Lines.

The value of our retirement fund as of Dec. 31 was \$6.125 billion, not million, as was incorrectly reported last month. Just a little slip of the decimal point.

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner on the LACERS Board, reports that the City's contribution to our retirement fund this year should be \$130 million, according to the actuaries, nearly double what they had to contribute last year. Ken is trying to work with the City to work out some easy payment plan to minimize the shock.

Jack Mathews, former ACEBSA president and our resident entomologist, offers this advice on what to do when a spider bites you: try to catch the darn thing, so if you have a reaction, you can take the spider to the doctor and he or she can figure out what antidote to prescribe. First clean the bite and apply an antiseptic. 🕷️

Membership NEWS

■ Ruth and Sampson "Jerry" Wilson celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary Feb. 13. Jerry had worked in the Valley office of the Street Tree Division, repairing all the tools of the tree trimmers. Their secret to a happy relationship is to always listen attentively, with great interest, to whatever the other has to say.

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
Always orient yourselves to the highest possible outcome in any situation, and then strive for its realization.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

June 3 – 25th Annual Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Golf Course

Aug. 15 – Picnic and BBQ at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

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

Dec. 11 – Holiday Party and Installation of Officers, at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

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.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

April 18

Friday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Come at noon for the free lunch
(reservations required)

- Informative speakers
- refreshments
- door prizes

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