



# 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

# April Membership Meeting Brought Retirees Together



**Ed Harding,**  
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, welcomed a large group of retirees plus many spouses to the group's membership meeting and luncheon at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center April 18. Those who had called and made reservations were

2.8 percent for each month served during that period.

Ken also reports that he was successful in getting unanimous approval of the LACERS board of commissioners to appropriate funds to pay for an actuary to determine the cost of providing a dental subsidy to surviving spouses who presently are not receiving this benefit. Once the cost is determined, Spiker plans to attempt to convince the Mayor and City Council that the surviving spouses who are living on a reduced pension allowance are most deserving of the benefit.

**QUALITY CARE:** There is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization called California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) that fights for quality care and fair treatment of the elderly and disabled. If you are investigating nursing homes for yourself or a loved one, go to the CANHR Website at [www.nursinghomeguide.org](http://www.nursinghomeguide.org). It has information on every long-term care, assisted living and other form of group home in California.

We are fortunate to have several of the RLACEI board members who are active in the L.A. Federal Credit Union. Jack Mathews was elected chairman of the LAFUCU board of directors and Neil Ricci serves as director. We are confident that they will not drop our nest eggs.

**GOLF CLASSIC:** Plans for our June 3 Golf Classic at the Alhambra Municipal Golf

treated to a free lunch, courtesy of the RLACEI. The newly appointed general manager of the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System, Robert Aguillo Jr., attended with members of his staff and spoke and answered many questions about the retirement system. We are looking to a new era of leadership from Mr. Aguillo and his staff.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Ken Spiker, our legislative chairman, reports that the Consumer Price Index for this year is a plus 2.8 percent. Retiree's annual pension adjustment cannot exceed 3 percent. Last year's CPI was 3.3 percent, allowing all retiree's at that time to bank .3 percent. Thus, all retirees who retired on or before July 1, 2001, will receive the full allowable 3 percent, effective July 1, 2003. Those retirees who retired after July 2, 2002, and before July 1, 2003, will receive one twelfth of



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

*The hero's journey begins with the moment he stands for something he believes in.*

# There's Nothing Cheesy as Club Member Sells Burgers to Raise Money for Charity

**Club member's In-n-Out Burger Day nets \$1,000 for March of Dimes.**

Kandace Baptiste, who works for the Bureau of Engineering, is also a March of Dimes organizer. When she set her organizational skills to raise funds for the charity, it was, well, great shakes.

She put together an In-n-Out Burger Day at the Bureau, between the buildings at 634 and 650 S. Spring St., downtown.

More than 350 Engineering employees bought meal tickets for the day, which also included live music, a DJ., attendance prizes and dessert goodies.

The end result: The Bureau raised \$1,000 for the charity, which focuses on birth defects in children.

"I just want to thank everyone who participated," Baptiste said.



**In-n-Out burgers spelled a good day for a good cause.**

## Membership NEWS

**Ivan and Elke Forbes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 25. Phil Skarin just won his 7th gold medal at the National Masters Weightlifting Championships.**

**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.

Course are progressing. Prize sponsors include: LAFUCU, ACEBSA, Bob Okuda, John Powell, Phil Skarin and the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (the Club). We could use some more sponsors. Call Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130.

**CREDIT UNION:** If a retiree and spouse have a joint account with the LAFUCU, and the retiree passes away, the surviving spouse should not cancel the account. If they cancel it, the surviving spouse cannot join again.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**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:

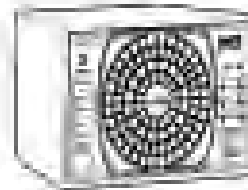
**If you need a new, green Membership Card, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also, notify LACERS.**

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