



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) 472-0224		

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Picnic and BBQ Set for Aug. 15



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, invites all members to our annual picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. It's at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles 90012. (Thomas Brothers

\$6.2 billion. His board is beginning negotiations with health and dental firms for contracts for 2004. They are all seeking increases of 20 to 30 percent. Ouch!

Membership in RLACEI is currently 9212, according to Helen Salgado, membership chair. If you are not a member, and you would like to join and help carry the load, contact Helen. Dues are only one buck a month. If you change your address, or need a new membership card, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Helen at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, 90022. Or call her at (323) 728-4930.

POETRY CONTEST: The ninth annual Poetry Contest will be held this year. There will be prizes totaling \$100 and separate categories for members and spouses. Any style or length is acceptable. Send typed copies by Oct. 1 to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, 91411-3910.

GOLF CLASSIC: Our annual Golf Classic June 3 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course will probably be taking place about the time you read this. Prize sponsors include RLACEI, the Club, LAFUCU, AFLAC, John Powell, Bob Okuda and Phil Skarin. These generous sponsors helped keep the entry fees very reasonable.

Guide page 594, F6.) Look for a map in the summer RLACEI newsletter.

A fabulous barbecue will be provided courtesy RLACEI, but you must make reservations by Aug. 8 by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline. Americo Garza, the picnic chair, promises exciting musical entertainment, door prizes, etc. Bring your membership cards!

There is plenty of parking at the Lodge. You may also park at Lot #7. A bus will be in front of Lot #7 at 10 a.m. and will leave at 10:40 a.m. for the Lodge and return to Lot #7 about 2 p.m.

BOARD NEWS: Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner on the LACERS Board, reports that our Retirement Fund currently is about

Membership NEWS

■ **Ivan Forbes sings with the Crescenta Valley Highlander Chorus, which performed at the annual Barbershop Harmony Show May 3 at the Hall of Liberty in Forest Lawn. It was a very enjoyable program. Ivan also sang at a Memorial Service for Vivian Mullen, wife of Grady Mullen.**

SHARE YOUR NEWS: If you have any news about a retiree that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, 91411.

PHONES ON LOAN: California has a Telephone Equipment Loan Program, implemented by the State P.U.C. If you have a permanent or temporary impairment that makes using the telephone difficult, you may still be eligible for the loan of various devices that will assist you, free. For more information, contact Pacific Bell at (800) 772-3140, or Verizon at (800) 821-2585. Thanks to Paul Salas for providing this helpful information. ☺

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." —St. Peter

Van Nuys Expo: 75 Years of LA Aviation

Expo

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The free weekend air show also will celebrate 75 years of aviation in Los Angeles by honoring the 75th anniversaries of both Los Angeles International and Van Nuys Airports. Up to 300,000 spectators are expected to enjoy displays of some of the world's most celebrated military and vintage aircraft and meet the pilots who fly them. Admission to the Expo is free.

Several exciting aerial demonstrations are planned for the event, including flyovers by the F-117A Stealth Fighter and F-15E Strike Eagle, and a Navy Legacy Flight in which a modern F-18E Super Hornet and a vintage World War II Corsair fighter will soar overhead in formation. World-renowned aerobatics pilot Sean Tucker will perform his trademark "Sky Dance," imposing more G-forces on his body than a jet fighter pilot. Joining Tucker in the lineup will be Ed Hamill, whose "Living the Dream" show will pay tribute to the last century of flight.

The skydiving team of Dave and Rodney Benson will perform their spectacular 5,000 square-foot flag jumps, featuring both the U.S. and a custom centennial of flight flag. And the thrill of hang gliding will fill the sky with the graceful maneuvers of paraplegic hang glider Dan Buchanan, complete with daytime pyrotechnics.



The Van Nuys Aviation Expo showcases a variety of different aircraft and aerobatics presentations.

Additional attractions will include educational and aviation-related exhibits, as well as a special interactive area with children's activities, a flight simulator and more. Live musical entertainment will be on tap at the main stage.

The pedestrian entrance for the air show will be located at 8030 Balboa Blvd. Plenty of free parking with shuttle bus service will be available at three off-site lots: California State University Northridge (north campus), 18000

Lassen St.; Los Angeles County Courthouse parking structure, 6170 Sylmar Ave.; and the Woodley Golf Course, 6335 Woodley Ave. Disabled parking only will be provided onsite at 8050 Balboa Blvd.

Aviation Expo 2003 is co-hosted by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, a nonprofit international women pilots organization founded in 1929. Event sponsors include Anheuser-Busch, Inc., the Los

Angeles Daily News, 1540 The Ticket, Ford Motor Company, KFWB News 980, KLOS Radio, KMEX Univision 34, KNX Newsradio, Kohl's, the Los Angeles Times, Oracle, Radio Disney, 21st Century Insurance, Washington Mutual Bank and Wescom Credit Union.

Aviation Expo 2003 is presented by Los Angeles World Airports, a self-supporting department of the City of Los Angeles, which owns and operates a world-class system of four airports: Los Angeles International, Ontario International, Palmdale Regional, and Van Nuys.

Information, call the Expo Hotline at (866) VNY-EXPO (866 869-3976) or visit www.lawa.org. ☺



The Van Nuys Expo celebrates the 100th anniversary of powered flight.