



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:

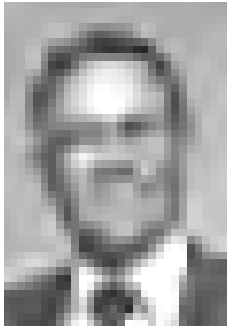
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| • Edward Harding (805) 584-9417 | • Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942 |
| • Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130 | • Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930
(membership) |
| • Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000 | • Americo Garza (562) 928-2051 |
| • Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568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

Golf Tournament Kicks Off Summer; Rate Increases Likely for Health Plans

Ed Harding, RLACEI president, commended Golf Tournament co-chairmen Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin for a very successful 25th annual Retirees Golf Tournament June 3 at the Alhambra golf Course. Seventy-seven duffers played golf, followed by an award luncheon at the Almansor Court banquet room.



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Harding welcomed a number of special guests at the luncheon, including Robert Aguinaldo Jr., the new general manager of LACERS, and four members of his staff: ACEBSA President Steve King, and Vice President Fred Muchison; and members of the RLACEI Executive Board.

Picnic Time: Americo Garza, picnic chairman, urges all members to call one of the officers for reservations by Aug. 5 for the fabulous Picnic and BBQ Aug. 15 at the Grace E.

Simons Lodge. There will be barbequed beef and chicken, salad, and rice and beans, all courtesy of RLACEI. The lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Drive, L.A. 90012 (Thomas Bros. Guide 594 F6). A map is on page 3 of the Summer 2003 RLACEI newsletter.

The picnic is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is plenty of parking at the Lodge, or you may park in Lot #7. A bus will be in front of Lot #7 at 10 a.m.

and will leave for the Lodge at 10:40 a.m. and return to Lot #7 around 2 p.m.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected representative to the LACERS Board of Directors, and who serves as the chairman of LACERS Benefits and Administration Committee, reports that negotiations with Blue Cross, Kaiser, Pacific Care for medical

coverage, Blue Cross and Safeguard for dental coverage, and Vision Service Plan for vision coverage are still ongoing.

Health Plans: All health plans are asking for major increases, except Vision Service Plan is offering a 19.2 percent decrease in rates. Overall cost to the LACEARS fund is expected to increase between \$9 million and \$10 million.

Ken said he hopes his committee can negotiate lower increases offered and still not lose any current benefits.

Poetry Contest: Oct. 1 is the deadline for entries in the ninth annual Poetry Contest. Entries can be of any style or length, with separate categories for members and spouses. Prizes totaling \$100 will be announced at the Oct. 17 Annual Meeting. Send typed entries to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Aug. 15 – Picnic and BBQ at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park**
- Oct. 17 – Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the UN/50 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:

“Accepting change and compromise is often a path that leads to growth and increased understanding.”

Tournament winners:

- Member, Men, Low Gross: **Dick Hovious** 72
- Closest to the Pin, 7th Hole: **Sho Fukuma**
- Member, Men, Low Net: **Hal Danowitz** 64
- Closest to the Pin, 8th Hole: **Walt Naydo**
- Member, Men, 2nd Low Net: **Walter Smith** 64
- Closest to the Pin, 11th Hole: **Sho Fkuma**

- Closest to the Pin 13th Hole: **Andy Hippert**
- Closest to the Pin, 15th Hole: **Dick Hovious**
- Member, Ladies, Low Net: **Faye Gottlieb** 73
- Longest Drive, 2nd Hole, Men: **Earl Gales**
- All Ladies, Low Gross: **Lily Esparza** 95
- Longest Drive, 2nd Hole, Ladies: **Lorraine Osuna**

- High Gross, Men: **Jim Fairington** 133
- High Gross, Ladies, **Faye Gottlieb** 123
- Guest, Men, Low Gross: **Jeffrey Jantz** 84
- Guest, Men, Low Net: **Joe Markus** 62
- All Golfers, Low Gross, Front Nine: **George Egami** 36
- All Golfers, Low Gross, Back Nine: **Robert Jacques** 33

25th annual Retirees Golf Tournament

June 3 at the Alhambra Golf Course

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Membership NEWS

■ Ken Kochakji has been a passionate runner for 23 years, and has run ten L.A. Marathons. His sister-in-law Anne Kochakji, a third-grade teacher at Stagg St. School in Van Nuys, invited him to talk to her class about his love for running. He made a difference in their lives. He later received many letters from the children, thanking him and asking many more questions. Great job, Ken! ... Frances A. Cota, who has been a winner several times in our poetry contests, has compiled a 90-page collection of her poems. I have read them and they are outstanding. You can order a personalized, autographed copy by sending \$10 (includes shipping and handling) to Frances A. Cota at 62 Checker Way, Bodfish, CA 93205. Her poems are all winners.

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.