



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:

• 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

LACERS Approves Report on Dental Plan Costs; On to Mayor

■ **And don't forget about the picnic Aug. 15!**



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, would like to see a large group of retirees at our Annual Picnic Aug. 15 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. A map is in the Summer 2003 RLACEI newsletter.

Harding says you may bring a guest. Come at 11:30 a.m. for a fabulous barbecue, courtesy of your association. There will also be door prizes and entertainment. But you must make a reservation by calling one of the officers on the Retirees' Help-Lines. Do it now.

Americo Garza, Picnic Chair, has arranged for a bus for those who want to park at parking structure #7. It will be in front at 10 a.m. and leave for the lodge at 10:40. There is ample parking at the lodge.

Congratulations to Rick Rogers who was elected an employee member of the Board of Administration of LACERS. He is an Investment Officer, Fire & Police Pension System. He has a Bachelor's degree from the University of California and an MBA from Cal State.

The LACERS office is at 360 East Second Street, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4207. If you want to speak with a person, call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday (800) 779-8328. For health coverage inquiries, if your last name begins with A through L, call Shirley Howard at (213) 473-7141, and if it begins with M through Z call Adrienne Hobbs at (213) 473-7162.

The L.A. County has made it harder to get birth and death records. Call the County Clerk's office at (562) 462-2137 for more information or go online to www.lavote.net.

Legislative Report: Ken Spiker, our Legislature Chair, reports that negotiations with our Health and Dental Plan providers is continuing and will be completed by the end of July. Open enrollment will be Oct. 1 as usual.

Ken also reports that the Board of Directors of LACERS unanimously approved the actuary's report regarding the cost of providing a dental plan and subsidy for surviving spouses. Wellpoint and Safeguard currently provide dental plans for current retirees and their families but does not provide a subsidy for our 3,084 surviving spouses. The Board's action will now go to the Mayor and City Council, where Spiker hopes to get their approval.

Attention Poets: Poets, get your creative juices flowing. October 1 is the deadline to send your poems to Phil Skarin. Any style or length for the Ninth Annual Poetry Contest. Separate categories for members and spouses. \$100 in prizes. Everybody wins! ■

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 15 – Picnic and BBQ

at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

Oct. 1- Deadline for Annual Poetry Contest

Oct. 17 – Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks 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:

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

– John Quincy Adams

Membership NEWS

■ **Philip V. King**, former City Engineer, passed away June 27. He was 80. King was born in South Dakota, served in the Navy in WWII and received a Bachelor's degree from Iowa State University. He continued his Navy career in Civil Engineer Corps, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral. He had hiked the entire 2,630-mile Pacific Crest Trail, completing the last segment shortly after his retirement in 1985. We played golf every Wednesday for many years, until recently when Parkinson's Disease slowed him down ... **Jess Bailey and his wife Marie** are off on a cross-country tour of United States and Canada in their 22-foot motor home. It'll take 3 months ... **Cliff Albright and his wife Millie** will soon celebrate their 60th anniversary ... **Fred Hoepfner** won a Scrabble tournament in January in San Diego ... **Walter and Betty Broscius** just completed their goal of staying in one Elderhostel in each of the 50 states with a visit to Iowa ... **Bob Packard** is on the road retracing the Lewis and Clark Trail.

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.

Take five smart steps to the New Retirement

Call for Prudential Securities' free 5-Point Retirement Review

Assess your goals and find the right investment mix. A Prudential Securities Financial Advisor will help you decide how much you need to invest and how much risk you can take, based on when you'd like to retire.

Make the most of your tax-advantaged investment opportunities. Prudential Securities can walk you through your choices and help you create a tax-advantaged investment strategy

Consolidate your retirement assets. We'll help you roll over your assets and manage them in one account.

Protect your estate. Proper planning now can help ensure that more of your assets end up in the hands of your loved ones—and less in the hands of the IRS.

Make your wealth last. We'll introduce you to sound strategies that can help make your wealth last as long as your retirement.

Call today to make arrangements for your free Review.

Prudential Securities
A Division of WACHOVIA SECURITIES, LLC

Kevin Wright or James Ocon, Financial Advisors
Prudential Securities
16501 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 500
Encino, CA 91436
818-907-4202 or 818-907-4209 or 800-245-9867

Prudential Securities is not a legal or tax advisor. However, its Financial Advisors will be glad to work with you, your accountant, tax advisor and/or attorney to help you meet your financial goals. ©7/03 Wachovia Securities, LLC. member NYSE & SIPC. Prudential, Pru and Rock logo marks are owned by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and are used herein under license. www.prudential.com A80298