



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

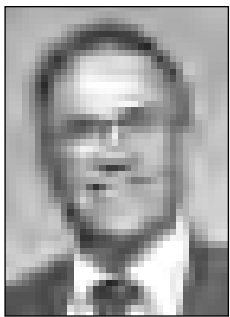
City Retirement Counselors:

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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

Inquiry Requested Into Why Retirement Checks Were Late



Ed Harding,
RLACEI President

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, invites all retirees to our Annual Holiday Party and Installation of Officers at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at noon Thursday, Dec. 11. Councilman Tom

LaBonge will install the officers who were elected at our Annual Meeting Oct. 17. There will be a light lunch, entertainment and many valuable door prizes. Phone one of the officers at least a week ahead to reserve.

Do not phone the lodge!
You are welcome to bring a guest.

Legislative Update:

■ Ken Spiker, our legislative chairman and elected retiree member of the LACERS Board of Directors, reports he is very upset over the contract bank not getting last month's retirement checks out on time. Ken said many retirees need the check to be deposited on the specified date to be sure their rent and other important checks they write do not bounce. He has asked staff to make a thorough investigation of why the checks were late. Since this is the second time in three years this has happened, Ken plans to ask the Board of Directors to change

banks if the bank now under contract does not guarantee this will not happen again.

■ Ken also reports he has petitioned the Executive Employee Relations Committee to discuss additional benefits for our retirees. Ken would like the opportunity to inform the committee of the need to improve current benefits, especially for those members who are not receiving social security and rely solely on a small City pension.

Committee members are:

- **James Hahn**, Mayor of Los Angeles
- **Alex Padilla**, President of the City Council
- **Cindy Miscikowski**, President Pro-Tem
- **Dennis Zine**, Chair, Personnel Committee
- **Bernard Parks**, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

All in the Family: Many City employees tell their relatives about what a great job it is to work for the City. A good example is Gary Whittington (who was a Street Maintenance Superintendent under Ed Harding) who proudly lists his relatives as follows:

- Dad:** Harry Whittington – Street Maintenance Personnel Dept., Died 1959 before retirement

Brother: Richard (Dick) Whittington – Public Works Superintendent, Retired 1980

Son: Gary Whittington – Street Maintenance Superintendent, Retired 1989

Sister in law: Flo Whittington – Board of Public Works, Left when Dick Whittington retired

Cousin: Robert Blythe – Sanitation Superintendent, Retired 1983

Cousin: Dan Blythe – Street Use Inspector, Retired 1980 (Deceased)

Uncle: Hi Christensen – Equipment Operator, Died 1949 before retirement

Cousin: Rex Christensen – Director, Work Furlough (County), Retired 1980

Daughter: Suzanna Bower – Lieutenant, LAPD

Son in law: Jim Bower – Captain, LAPD



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
The best gift you can give is one that is tied with your heartstrings, one that includes part of yourself.



Membership NEWS

■ **Bob Cutler** proudly announces the birth of his first grandchild, Sadie, born Sept. 10 to his son David, and Cindy.

■ **Grady Mullen** attended the International Society of Poets convention in August in Washington, D.C., and was awarded a Silver Trophy for his poem, "The Wheel of Time." Congratulations!

■ **Ivan and Elke Forbes** recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their secret is to "keep loving each other; kiss and make up."

I want to hear from all retirees about what they're doing. Send it to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or phone (818) 784-0130, or fax (818) 906-3722.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 11 – RLACEI annual Christmas Party and installation of officers at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park

June 15, 2004 – Annual Retirees Golf Classic at Alhambra golf course

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. You should also notify LACERS

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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Retirees Nominate Officers at Annual RLACEI Corp. Meeting

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., (RLACEI) held its annual corporation meeting and nomination of officers Oct. 27 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. ■

Below are photos of the event.

Nominated for officer positions were:

- FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:
 – Robert Wilkinson
- DIRECTORS:
 – Tom Stemnock
 – Jerry Bardwell
 – Harold Danowitz
 – Americo Garza
 – Neil Ricci
 – Phil Skarin



From left: Ed Harding, RLACEI president, and Alice Walder.



From left, going around the table: Tony Alvarez, Agnes Salles, Marvin Levine, Jerry Baldwell (RLACEI treasurer), Jinny Peebles (retired from Library Dept.), John Peebles (retired from Rec and Parks), Americo Garza (RLACEI director), and Ella Garza.



From left: Neil Ricci, RLACEI director and LAFUCU director, and David Marlow, LAFUCU account rep.



Paul Salles



From left: Sandra Dyson; Ed Harding, RLACEI president; and Robert Aguillo Jr., LACERS general manager.



Janice and Guy Van Steen. Janice retired from the City Clerk's office.



On the left of the table: Frank Pincherli (retired from Public Works). On the right of the table, from back to front: Fred Alcantar (retired LAWA), Ben Juarez (retired from Public Works) and Ted Lerchenmuller (retired from Public Works).

Counselor Arlene Herrero Works To Meet Changing Needs Of Seniors, Retirees



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Club Counselor Arlene Herrero completed a comprehensive course on priority senior issues. The course, conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisers, a national organization that has trained more than 14,000 professionals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Successful participants complete a thorough examination to earn the Certified Senior Adviser (CSA) designation. Arlene took the initiative to become a professional leader in meeting the key needs and issues concerning senior citizens.

As a Certified Senior Adviser, Arlene will participate annually in continuing education provided by the Society. The CSA membership will ensure that she remains an informed professional for senior citizens.

Congratulations, Arlene!

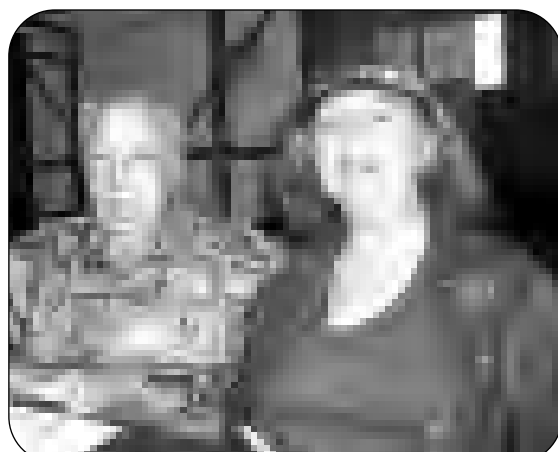
If you have questions regarding issues for seniors, don't hesitate to call her, (800) 464-0452, or aherrero@cityemployeesclub.com ■



James and Dora Smith. James retired from the Bureau of Engineering.



Dave Wilkins, RLACEI director, reading the nominations.



Leo and Norma Rosen. Leo retired from Bureau of Engineering.



Kathleen Rush, retired from Library Dept.