



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:

• Edward Harding	(805) 584-9417	• Jack Mathews	(310) 762-1942
• Phil Skarin	(818) 784-0130	• Helen Salgado	(323) 728-4930
• Robert Wilkinson	(818) 886-1000	(membership)	
• Jerry Bardwell	(818) 782-5568	• Americo Garza	(562) 928-2051
• Harold Danowitz	(310) 472-0224	• Neil Ricci	(310) 394-1971

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

For Retirees

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair

Membership NEWS

■ **Evelyn Akerman** reports that her daughter, Karen Meredith, 55, died on Dec. 23 of heart failure ...

■ **Charles and Betty Gunerson** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Leisure World. They met at a USO dance ...

■ **Ken Smuland**, ACEA President in 1961, called from Palm Desert to thank the RLACEI and its officer for doing a good job ...

■ **Jane Hanson** writes, "Many thanks for all you do to help the retirees."

If you have any news about retirees that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130 or fax (818) 906-3722, or .



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
 People are like rainbows with colors to match their character.
 In time, the brighter colors tend to soften a bit, while others form delightful new shades and nuances.
 May the treasure at the end of your rainbow, always be a heart of gold.



Could a Website Be In RLACEI's Future?



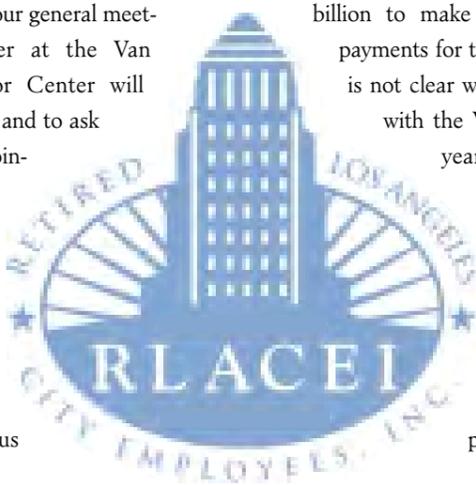
Ed Harding,
 RLACEI President

due to the steady increase in health care costs and access to care concerns due to network closures and service area pullouts, the LACERS Benefits and Administration Committee has expressed a desire to bid health plans for 2005. Staff is in process of developing an RFP for the purpose of identifying and selecting the most qualified and cost-effective health care organizations that can deliver quality care, while maintaining member satisfaction.

On the budget front, last month the Governor issued an executive order appropriating the funds to resume the Vehicle License Fee backfill payments to local government. It is estimated that it will require \$2.6 billion to make the remaining payments for the fiscal year. It is not clear what will happen with the VLF during the year's budget discussion. At least for now the City will receive its allocation estimated to be \$19 million per month.

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports: "As we embark on another year, my ninth as your president, your officers and I will strive in 2004 to continue to work diligently to bring needed benefits to the retirees and spouses. Your attendance at our general meetings in April and October at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center will enable you to keep informed and to ask questions and express your opinions.

"We are looking into developing a Website on the Internet to add another communication link, in addition to this For Retirees page and the RLACEI Newsletter. Let us know of your opinions."



Credit Union Meeting: The L.A. Federal Credit Union's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 5:30 pm at the L.A. Mall branch. Several retirees have been running for offices. Stay tuned.

Her Family Tree: Lucy Scates, Library Dept. retiree, is proud to list all of her relatives who also worked for the City.

- GRANDFATHER: Charles Bailey, Plumbing Inspector
- FATHER: Michael Greeley, Police Lieutenant
- SISTER: Mildred Kaiser, LAPD
- SISTER: Julia Snell, LAPD
- BROTHERS: Joe, Charles and Lawrence, DWP

I would like to hear from other retirees who also had a number of relatives who work(ed) in City service.

Coming events in 2004:

April 15 – General Membership Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center;

June 15 – Annual Retirees Golf Classic at the Alhambra Golf Course

August 12 – Picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park

October 14 – Annual Corporation meeting and Election of Officers at the Van Nuys/ Sherman Oaks Senior Center

December 9 – Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. 🍷

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