



# 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*

### MEMBER NEWS

**Bill and Helen Thomas**, San Pedro, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in September. Bill was a classmate of Phil Skarin at North Hollywood High ...

**Frances and Ion Cota**, Bodfish, Calif., celebrated their 57th in October. Frances traveled to Strasbourg, France, for the wedding of their granddaughter Laura ...

**Robert and Evelyn** each had several surgeries last year, but now they are doing great! ...

**Ken Smuland**, Palm Desert, says, "I appreciate the good work you are doing." Robert Sanchez says "Thanks for your efforts" ...

**Warren Hageman**, Rocklin, Calif., serves on the Board of Appeals for the City of Rocklin ...

**Mark Fuller**, Alhambra, is active in the Masonic High 12 Club ...

**Margie Anselmo** and her son, **Scott**, live in Sun City, Arizona, a Del Web Sr. Community. Excerpts from her two-page letter are: I belong to Lakes West Golf Course, 7 different bridge clubs, play bridge 7 days a week, took cruises to Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, down the Danube thru the 7 Eastern European countries then to Vienna and Budapest." She says hi to everyone. You can say hi to her by calling (623) 875-6754 ...

**Jane Hanson**, Hemet, just bought a keyboard that will play pipe organ songs or hymns. If you need cheering up, call Jane at (951) 658-4819. I can vouch for it.

**If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin**  
5301 Norwich Ave.,  
Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or  
phone (818) 784-0130 or  
fax (818) 906-3722.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Rainbows*  
*People are like rainbows*  
*With colors to match their character.*  
*With time, the brighter colors tend to*  
*soften a bit,*  
*And others form delightful new shades*  
*and nuances.*  
*May the treasure at the end of your*  
*rainbow*  
*Always be a heart of gold.*  
— Phil Skarin

# LACERS Fund Is Biggest in History



**Ed Harding,**  
*RLACEI President*

*Retiree's Corner by Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair*

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, thanks the members who had enough faith in him and the other incumbent officers to elect us to another term of office. With these experienced members of our Executive Board, Ed envisions a productive year as we work for the benefit of retirees and their spouses. Ed asks you to plan to attend the next Membership Meeting April 14 and the Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections Oct.

13, both at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Legislative Update: Ken Spiker, our elected member of LACERS Board of Directors, is very pleased to report the LACERS fund has reached an all-time high of \$8.24 billion.

Ken passes along these statistics regarding City retirees

- Total value of the fund: \$8.24 billion
- Number of retiree checks issued monthly: 14,350
- Average retiree monthly allowance: \$2,361.93
- Median retiree monthly allowance: \$1,981.26
- Number of retirees receiving a disability allowance: 857
- Number of surviving spouses receiving an allowance: 3,144
- Average surviving spouses receiving an allowance: 1,343.40
- Median retiree age: 71.87
- Average retiree age: 71.46
- Average number of years served (including buyback, service retirement only): 26.72

**For Your Information:** If you change address, notify Helen Salgado at (323) 728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS and *Alive!*

The L.A. City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange Direct Deposit of your retirement checks, change your withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health

plans.

**Website:** Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news. It will be updated regularly.

**Golf Classic:** Our Annual Retirees Golf Classic will again be at the Alhambra Golf Course June 14. Sponsors are needed to help keep the entry fees reasonable. If you can be a sponsor, contact Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130.

**Driver Safety:** Elliott Adelman supplied the following information. In two four-hour sessions, the AARP Driver Safety course helps us to recognize the changes that take place in our vision, hearing and reflexes as we grow older, and make appropriate adjustments in our driving habits. It includes a review of many sections of the California Vehicle Code that we need to know when taking the license renewal test. California requires auto insurance companies to give a three-year premium discount to drivers completing the course. To locate a class near you, call (888) 227-7669. For more info, log on to [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive).

### Upcoming events:

- Membership Meeting: April 14
- Annual Retirees Golf Classic: June 14
- Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections: Oct. 13

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

Are you currently concerned about your money? In these volatile times, how can different asset classes help manage your growth and risk objectives? James Dean and Kevin Wright, financial advisors, can prepare your free portfolio evaluation. Our specialists will help you identify risks and develop an investment strategy. For a personalized overview, request a copy of your current holdings contact James Dean today.

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Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
818-398-2810



For more information, contact your advisor or call 1-800-541-5300

YES! I am interested in the free portfolio evaluation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_