



# 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 (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

**Wedding anniversaries: Bob and Sue Knox**, Hollywood, celebrated their 40th on Jan. 3 with a trip to Antarctica aboard the *Clipper Adventurer*. They first met while serving as Peace Corps volunteers in Peru...

**James H. and Dona Smith** celebrated their 60th on Jan. 9. James worked for the Survey Division in Van Nuys for 30 years. Dona worked for the County for 32 years, including 25 years as a court reporter...

**Earl Rogers**, Mariposa, since his retirement from the Bureau of Engineering, has enjoyed traveling and a new career as an artist and art instructor at Merced College. He has painted a mural titled "Early Mariposa" at the Mariposa Museum. His wife of 60 years, Eileen, hasn't yet given him the "brush." Call him at (209) 966-2901...

**June Grose**, past president and secretary of RLACEI, has passed away. She was an avid gardener and loved roses. This leaves us with only one living past president, **Anthony Mafrika**, Van Nuys...

A number of our members are active on the Credit Union Board: **Neil Ricci** is the Secretary, **Cliff Cannon** is the Treasurer, and **Jack Mathews, Gary Mattingly** and **Denise McGee** are Directors. The Credit Union can, through the Credit Union Services Org. provide financial management, insurance, travel discounts and vehicle purchases, call the Credit Union...

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:  
*Our differences define us, but our common humanity can redeem us.  
We just have to open our hearts.*

— Karen Armstrong

# Changes Affecting Pensions, Bylaws Subject of Meeting



**Ed Harding,**  
*RLACEI President*

*By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI*

**E**d Harding, RLACEI President, reports: Our next Membership Meeting will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 5040 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks.

A free lunch will be served at noon only if you have made reservations a week ahead by calling one of the officers on the Retirees' Help-Lines on page 2. Bring your spouse. There will be speakers who will tell about current matters affecting your health plans and retirement benefits.

You will be asked to vote on a Bylaws amendment that will change the way officers are elected. The proposed changes to Articles III and V

are shown below.

**Revamped Pensions:** The Governor is attempting to get an Initiative on the ballot that will revamp the pensions plans of all public employees in the State. The affect it might have on retired employees is not known at this time. More info next month.

Ballots will be mailed out on May 14 for electing a retired member to be a commissioner on the LACERS Board. Ken Spiker has been doing a great job and our Executive Board recommends that you re-elect him.

**Legislative Update:** Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner on the LACERS board, regarding the forced sale of \$318 million, due to a Commission conflict of interest, has been resolved without a negative impact to the retirement fund.

DFA, the small cap investment fund manager, was directed on October 12, 2004, by the Board of Directors to sell off the fund's assets within 120 days. All the assets were sold within the required timeframe for a total of \$340 million, \$22 million higher than their valuation on October 12, 2004. DFA started in their final report that there were no liquidation costs incurred as a result of the forced liquidation.

In conclusion, while it is unfortunate that LACERS no longer has access to this high-performing fund, at least there has been no adverse impact to the overall fund.

Upcoming Events: The 27th Annual Retiree's

Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at the Alhambra Golf Course. If you would like to be a prize sponsor, contact Phil Skarin at (818) 784-0130 or Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789. Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest retirement news ... The LAFUCU is sponsoring a "Walk for Someone You Love" for this Year's March of Dimes WalkAmerica at Griffith Park from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 30.

### Upcoming events:

- **April 14** - Membership Meeting & Luncheon at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center;
- **June 14** - Golf Tournament
- **August 11** - Picnic at Grace Simons Lodge
- **Oct. 6** - Annual Corp. Meeting & Elections at VN/SO Senior Center
- **Dec. 8** - Christmas Party at Grace Simons Lodge

### Retiring Soon?

Are you planning to retire soon? Well, then, why not contact Helen Salgado, Membership Chairperson at (323) 728-4930 and she will arrange to get you enrolled in RLACEI and you can begin to receive the benefits of membership.

## Bylaws Amendment

### Article III Officers and Directors

#### Section 1

The Executive Board shall consist of twelve (12) elected directors and the immediate Past President. The officers of this Corporation shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers and directors shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws and the parliamentary authority adopted by the Corporation.

#### Section 2

The election of ~~officers~~ directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting in October, with their installation at the ~~October~~ December meeting. The ~~new~~ elected ~~officers~~ directors shall assume their offices on January 1.

#### Section 3

~~The President, the Second Vice President, and four (4) Six (6) Directors shall be elected at the October meeting each year. Hold in the even years and the First Vice President, as five (5) Directors shall be elected at the~~

~~October meeting held in the odd years.~~ All officers and Directors shall be elected to serve two years or until their successors are elected.

#### Section 4

The President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President shall be selected from the elected directors of the Executive Board at the November meeting, with their installation at the December meeting for a 1-year term beginning on January 1. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall be selected and appointed from among the elected Directors and shall serve at the pleas-

ure of the Executive Board. The President may appoint a chaplain, Parliamentarian and a Sergeant-at-Arms, who may attend meetings of the Executive Board.

### Article V The Executive Board

#### Section 1

The Executive Board shall consist of ~~the officers, and eight (8) twelve (12) elected Directors and the immediate Past President.~~