



*Dear Members,*

*This issue is short on articles but long on sincerity. While there has not been much noteworthy to report this last quarter, rest assured Telco remains on alert and will continue to bring you the latest news available.*

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**Question or Comment?**

For telephone inquiries on non-healthcare issues, please call  
831-484-1514

For telephone inquiries on healthcare issues, please call  
908-745-1651

**Welcome New Members**

Felix Diaz, Cindy Evans  
Rebecca Gilbert, Joseph Tami

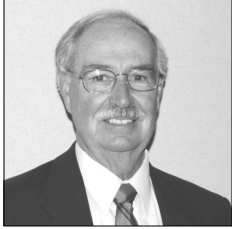
**How to Join TelCo Retirees**

All retired, former, and active (pre-retirement) employees of Pacific Bell, SBC, AT&T and any other former Bell System company are eligible to join TelCo Retirees Association. Suggested membership fee is \$34 per year. Membership applications can be downloaded from the TelCo website

**www.telcoretirees.org**  
*or by writing to:*  
**TelCo Retirees Association, Inc.**  
**PO Box 669**  
**Spring Valley, CA 91976**

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## President's Message

*By Monte Baggs, President and CEO*

In some instances, no news is good news. I think this may be one of them. I have no news from AT&T regarding our benefits to report. They have been eerily silent. Given the last several months (even years) of “claw backs” and “take backs” we’ve experienced we must believe that is good news. So, I’m going to go in a different direction. I want to give you some commentary regarding the state of the union and how it may affect your mental health. I’m concerned about how you are dealing with the current inflationary trends and how it may be impacting your overall health, both mental and physical. In retirement many, if not most of us, are living on a fixed income and in an inflationary period, this can be a problem. It can mean the difference between being able to afford your prescription medication and putting food on the table. It means not being able to afford the vacation you were looking forward to or visiting the grandkids. Not to mention your 401K’s are shrinking at an alarming rate. Now, add the fact that there is a war going on, there’s pressure to be “woke,” the goofy genderism issues...have you ever seen anything like it? Well, I can honestly say that in my eighty-one years, I haven’t. I guess I’m one of the 80% of the American population that thinks the country is going in the wrong direction. That means there’s 20% out there that disagrees with me. I’m okay with that because there’s a way for me to deal with it. See you at the polling booth in November. I don’t know about you but that’s going to help my mental state immensely.

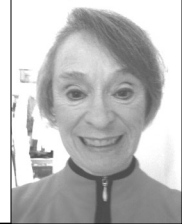
Here at TelCo, we hope you will stay safe and healthy!

*Monte*

*Please share this newsletter with your retired telephone company friends and encourage them to join the TelCo Retirees Association.*

# Vice President's Report

*By Jane Banfield, Vice President*



## NRLN Update

Support NRLN Lobbying efforts. Go to [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org) to respond to Action Alerts on the following 6 issues which are important to our health and well-being. There is a short explanation of what each of these represents and how important it is for you to contact your Congressional Representatives. An Action Alert has a pre-written message and links you with your Congressional Representatives. All you do is enter your zip code and Click. This important action will take you no more than 5 minutes. They are:

Rectify Injustice to Delphi Salaried Retirees  
Pass Affordable Insulin Now Act  
It's Time to Provide Health Coverage Tax Credit  
Ask Senate Finance Committee Members to Approve S.1770  
Enact Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage  
Pass Retirement Security Bill

*Note: If you are unable to access the internet and want to respond to an Action Alert, please call me at (908) 268-5088.*

On the NRLN website there is also a series of podcasts, **Congress Must Take Action to Reduce the Price of Prescription Drugs**. The discussion covers the high cost of prescription drugs, discount cards, lobbying efforts and existing bills. It is very informative.

## Employee Discount Programs

It has come to our attention that there is an AT&T Retiree Discount (Concession) document that can be read by clicking on an internet link.. While it references calling the AT&T Benefit Center for questions about your eligibility, Jane Banfield is available by telephone (908)268-5088, to help if more information is needed. For basic clarification, an excerpt from that document follows (on page 4 of our printed/hard copy newsletter).

For those of you who have internet access, questions about available Service discounts, contact and access can be answered by clicking on:

[Employee Discount Program Retired Employees Simple.pdf \(att.com\)](#). For more detailed information on concession plans look under the WIRELINE & DSL section and click. You will get a 16 page document detailing what you are entitled to. Please note that each Operating Company had different benefits depending on when you retired. You will need to closely read through this document.

Your eligibility for a Wireline and DSL discount after you leave AT&T depends on your eligibility to participate in post-employment benefits and service availability at your primary home address.

You are eligible to participate in the Employee Discount Program (EDP) for retired employees if you satisfy the post-employment eligibility rule in your applicable comprehensive medical program or fall under a special separation provision of a bargaining contract or surplus agreement. Contact the AT&T Benefit Center (877-722-0020) if you have questions about your eligibility for post-employment benefits.

**If you ARE eligible to participate in your applicable comprehensive medical program,** you may be eligible to participate in certain Employee Discount Programs (EDPs) for retired employees. Your discount eligibility could be impacted by a number of factors, including your primary residence, Legacy Company and net credited service (NCS).

**If you ARE NOT eligible to participate in your applicable comprehensive medical program,** you are not eligible to participate in Employee Discount Programs (EDPs) for retired employees. The discounts you receive as an active employee will be removed from your account, and you will be charged consumer rates for products and services.

The discount you're eligible to receive depends on where you live and whether you retired as a management or bargained employee. Discounted service is only available at your primary home address on file with the AT&T Benefits Center.

You have to agree to the Terms & Conditions to participate in any discounts offered on Wireline and DSL through the Employee Discount Program.