

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## **Annual Reunion and Meeting Moves to Paso Robles**

Our 2022 Annual Reunion and Meeting will take place on October 3-5 at the Oxford Suites in Paso Robles. Our new location will offer us many opportunities to explore an area with lots of attractions including very noteworthy wineries! Downtown Paso is loaded with shops and fine restaurants and only a short distance from our hotel. There is a nearby train station allowing members in the north and south to avoid driving to our meeting. The hotel will offer free shuttle service to Downtown Paso as well as the train station. More information will follow on these attractions.

The registration fee for each person attending will be \$40.00. The fee covers about 50% of our cost for the Tuesday dinner. The hotel offers free breakfast and two "happy hours." Room rates are less than Cambria Pines and will be posted on a flyer distributed in early June. Hotel reservations must be made by August 18 to take advantage of our special rates. You have to cancel no later than three days prior to your arrival date to avoid any charges. You can learn more about the hotel by visiting their website at <https://www.oxfordsuitespasorobles.com/>

## **Check Your Phone, Email and Mail!**

- I received a phone call a few nights ago advising me that my electricity would be turned off in 45 minutes if I did not pay the last bill. I could "press 1" and speak to a representative to make this payment.
- I received an email from my "bank" telling me my account was being closed due to security reasons and I needed to click the link below to re-enter my personal information.

*Next REACTA Officers meeting is July 26.*

*2022 Annual Reunion and Meeting is October 3-5, 2022*

- I received a letter from an actuarial firm telling me my data was breached and I should log on the get a free monitoring service.

The first two examples were obvious scams. Seniors are the population most vulnerable to scams using phones, email and regular mail. It is no wonder that questions were raised when we received a letter from Horizon Actuarial about a security breach regarding data used for our pension benefits. Was this another scam or did this really happen? As stated in the letter and in my previous comments on Facebook, CTA was aware of the data breach in March and the Trustees worked on the Horizon letter at their April meeting. Although this breach impacted both active and retired, notice was not given until early May. Trustees should have notified REACTA about the breach so we could notify retirees that a legitimate letter was on the way. I have asked CTA to do better and we hope there are no surprises in the future. Otherwise, we will hang up the phone, delete the email and throw out the letter!

### **Summer Institute is BACK!**

REACTA is hosting a BBQ for CTA staff working the Summer Institute at the home of Alice Clement in Pacific Palisades. It will be held the early evening of Tuesday, July 26, 2022. If you live in the area, you are also welcome to attend. Please email Alice at [aliceclement@me.com](mailto:aliceclement@me.com). if you would like to attend.

### **By-Laws Review**

The officers will be recommending by-law changes suggested by the By-Laws Review Committee at our annual meeting in October. The vote will be conducted by mail ballot along with our officers' election in late October.

### **REACTA Scholarships Awarded**

Based on a recommendation from the Scholarship Committee, the officers awarded two \$2000 scholarships for 2022. Winners are Stephani Clark, granddaughter of the late Wiley Jones and Sarah-Marie Border Goodkin, granddaughter of Sam Border. More information about our winners will be available in the next REACTOR. Congratulations!

### **Play Ball...Angels vs. Yankees!**

REACTA has purchased twenty tickets for the August 30, 2022 game between the Angels and Yankees at Anaheim Stadium. We have only ten available but can purchase another twenty if there is enough demand. Club Row tickets are \$50 each. Send a check payable to REACTA to Felice Strauss, 2049 National Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

### **Spring Luncheons 50% Successful**

Thanks to Patricia Williams and Kathie Casas for organizing the 100% successful REACTA Spring Luncheons in Regions Three and Four! It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with former colleagues. We are looking for members in Regions One/Headquarters and Two to organize a luncheon in their area. Contact a REACTA officer if you would like to help.