

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## **We Gave the Boot to 2020!**

On December 28 and 29 REACTA gave the boot to 2020 in virtual cocktail parties. About 20 members showed up each evening to share stories with former colleagues. It was fun getting together, especially with our members who live out-of-state. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we gave \$25 gifts to the shortest-term retiree (Sherri Casazza) and the longest-term retiree (Matt Krier). On the 29<sup>th</sup> our shortest-term retiree was Alva Rivera. Instead of recognizing the longest-term retiree, we awarded our gift to the retiree with the effective date closest to 20 years and 20 months from December 31, 2020. The winner was Bill Harju. With vaccinations on the horizon, we should look forward to better times in 2021. REACTA will be planning activities for when it is safe to have in-person gatherings.

## **Are You Ready to Zoom?**

REACTA now has its own Zoom account that can be used for virtual gatherings of our officers, committees, and other groups. We would like to extend this account to members wishing to organize virtual meetings with former colleagues. A minimum of five members should be invited to the Zoom session. This could include department groups, geographic areas or interest groups. For example, see the story below about our next Virtual Book meeting. The officers are open to any ideas you may have to promote greater connectivity among our membership. Please let me know and we can make this work.



### **Important Numbers to Remember:**

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## **Join Us At the Next Virtual Book Club Meeting**

Margaret Wallace will be hosting our next Virtual Book Club meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 5 p.m. Pacific Time. The selected book is **The Splendid and the Vile** by Erik Larson. This is a saga about Churchill, family and defiance during the Blitz. In order to register, please send an email to Margaret at [marwall@aol.com](mailto:marwall@aol.com). You will be sent the Zoom link prior to the meeting. You are allowed to bring your own drinks to the meeting!!

## **Scholarship Committee**

Marilyn Bittle was appointed the new chair of the Scholarship Committee. She is working with Kerry on a new application packet that will be reviewed by the officers at our January 25 meeting. We will do an email blast and post the new application packet on our website by the end of January. The return date deadline will be April 15, 2021. Any questions about the application packet should be directed to Marilyn at [mmbret2002@aol.com](mailto:mmbret2002@aol.com).

## **Update on Medicare Advantage**

In the last REACTOR we indicated that our Health Trust was considering placing retirees in a Medicare Advantage plan managed by either Anthem Blue Cross or Kaiser. The officers asked our VP Kerry Moriarty to do some research and she will report back to us on January 25. We plan to meet with at least one Trustee and share our findings. If you have any concerns, please send them to Kerry at [kmoriarty100@gmail.com](mailto:kmoriarty100@gmail.com)

## **Congratulations To Recent Retirees!**

REACTA extends its congratulations to the following retirees: Ramon Gomez, Region 4; Jim Schlotz, Region 2; Shirley Avila, Burlingame; Mark Hermann, Burlingame; Pat Fuentes, Santa Fe Springs; Bonnie Lovell, Natomas; and Nancy Stinson, Norco. Your REACTA membership application is on the way!!!