

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## **Pension Trust Issues**

I have been reporting since October about the actions taken by the Pension Trust Trustees and the new trust administrator to correct errors caused by previous trust administrators in calculating and providing pension benefits to CTA retirees. Previous trust administrators did not protect fund assets due to a lack of fiscal oversight. Calculations were given to a retiree that later proved inaccurate. Another retiree was claiming Social Security benefits based on the passing of her husband, yet is now having her pension reduced because her original option was based on HER social security. A third retiree collected higher benefits for EIGHT years before the new administrator determined an overpayment occurred. Trust administrators carry Errors and Omissions Insurance to recover losses when errors or "overpayments" are made. As far as we know, the current trustees have not filed claims with previous trust administrators to recover these funds. Rather, the new trust attorneys are going after the retirees to collect the full amount of the "overpayments."

REACTA is assisting the three retirees in responding to the action taken by the trust. Letters have been sent to the trustees asking for time at the March 25 meeting to personally present their story as to why they should not bear the full burden of reimbursing the trust. Let's hope that the trustees do the right thing and allow these former employees to personally explain their situation and work toward a more humane way of resolving this unfortunate mistake.

**REACTA  
congratulates the  
following CTA  
retirees:**

- **Ken Burt, GR  
Sacramento**
- **David Araiza,  
UniServ San  
Marcos**
- **Diane Morte,  
Member  
Benefits  
Burlingame**
- **Scott Day, GR  
Sacramento**

**If you are friends  
with any of the  
above retirees,  
please reach out  
and ask them to  
join REACTA!**

## **Cambria Annual Reunion and Meeting Dates**

The REACTA Annual Reunion and Meeting in Cambria for 2019 will be held on October 1-3. We will start with a reception on Tuesday afternoon, October 1. Our Hot Topics Forum, Business Meeting and group dinner will be on Wednesday, October 2. We are planning social activities for Thursday, October 3 for those interested in extending their stay in Cambria. Registration material and other information is available on the REACTA website, [www.reacta.org](http://www.reacta.org).

## **REACTA 2019 Spring Luncheons**

REACTA's second purpose, according to our bylaws, is to "Provide social contact between members." We accomplish this purpose by organizing an annual reunion and business meeting in October and by organizing a series of spring luncheons to bring our members together for social contact. This year we are pleased to announce the following dates, locations and contacts for our spring luncheons. Each will start around 11:30 a.m.

Region	Date	Location	Organizer
One and Headquarters	Early June TBD	San Mateo	Ruthmary Cradler <b>cradler@earthlink.net</b>
Two - North	April 30	Timber Lodge, Sun City Roseville	Bob Persky <b>Bolyn22@comcast.net</b>
Two - South	May 6	Elbow Room Bar, Fresno	Dick Sawtelle <b>sawtellig@aol.com</b>
Three	May 16	Chevy Chase CC. Glendale	Marilyn Bittle <b>mrbret2002@aol.com</b>
Four	May 9	South Coast Winery, Temecula	Kathie Casas <b>kcasas@aol.com</b>

Please make your reservation with the organizer listed above. We averaged about twenty retirees at each luncheon last year. I know we can do better this year!!