

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## Staying In Touch With Members

Thank you for the positive feedback about the first edition of REACTA HOT TOPICS. It is important for our members to have the latest information about matters that impact their retirement. We also want to promote events that allow retirees to get together at a social event to talk about their travels, families, volunteer activities and other time-consuming projects. Yes, it may even include health updates! This issue will update you on the following Hot Topics:

- Bargaining surrounding the Red Zone status of our Pension Trust
- The work being done by our Membership Promotion Committee
- A report from our Scholarship Committee
- Information about the upcoming REACTA Spring Luncheons
- Planning information so you can attend our Annual Reunion and Meeting in October
- A list of active staff who have given notice of retirement

This news blast will help keep you informed of our current Hot Topics. Please share this with your former colleagues who are not REACTA members. We want them to see what we do and why it is important for them to join.

## Bargaining Continues on Pension Trust

Art and I met with CSO and CAS leadership in March and one of the topics was the status of bargaining on removing our Pension Trust from the Red Zone. The parties have not yet reached an agreement and another round of bargaining is scheduled for mid-April. We will keep you informed of the results of this bargaining.

## Membership Promotion Plan

Under the leadership of chair Robin Rose, the Membership Promotion Committee has begun to implement changes to make it easier to reach out to past and new retirees and encourage their membership in REACTA. The welcome letter for new retirees has been revised and a new brochure developed for past retirees who have not yet joined. Our regional contacts for membership promotion are Maureen Keating (R1), Steve DePue (R2), Robin Rose (R3), and Gary Campbell (R4). Board liaison is Art McLoughlin. If you are a retiree from Burlingame Headquarters and interested in being on the committee, please let Robin or me know. Our membership is growing but we need to do more to attract past retirees who may not be aware of how REACTA can assist retirees. If you have social ties to a CTA retiree who is not a member of REACTA, ask him or her to join!

## **Recent Retirees**

*Cecilia Landes*

*Dana Brenner*

*Lisa Tongue*

## **REACTA Scholarship**

The REACTA officers unanimously approved the awarding of one REACTA Scholarship for the 2017-2018 academic year. We are in the process of notifying the winner and the six other applicants. More information about the winner will be published in the REACTOR, scheduled for late April. Thanks to all the members who encouraged your family members to apply. We will be preparing the application for the 2018-2019 academic year and will distribute these in late October.

## **REACTA Spring Luncheons**

We are rapidly approaching the season for the REACTA Spring Luncheons. These social gatherings are a chance to re-connect with former colleagues and hear information about our trusts from current trustees.

- **The Region 1 and Headquarters Luncheon** will be in early June. A firm date should be selected by the end of April.
- **The Region 2 Luncheon** will be on Monday, May 15 at the Elbow Room in Fresno. Please contact Dick Sawtelle ([sawtellerg@aol.com](mailto:sawtellerg@aol.com)) for time and location.
- **The Region 3 Luncheon** will be at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs on Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Marilyn Bittle at [mrbret2002@aol.com](mailto:mrbret2002@aol.com).
- **The Region 4 Luncheon** will be at South Coast Winery Resort in Temecula on Wednesday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. Please email Kathie Casas at [kcasas@aol.com](mailto:kcasas@aol.com).

## **Annual Reunion and Business Meeting**

The REACTA Annual Reunion and Business Meeting will be on October 2-5, 2017, at the Cambria Pines Lodge. ALL retired CTA employees are invited to join us in Cambria. Our program will start with a reception on Monday afternoon, October 2. Our Book Review and Hot Topic Forum will be on Tuesday morning, October 3 with our business meeting the same afternoon. Our group dinner is Tuesday night. We are scheduling tour options for those that want to stay on Wednesday, October 4. So far the options include a wine tasting tour with lunch or tours to Hearst Castle. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

Please encourage your former colleagues who are not REACTA members to save these dates. Non-members may attend all functions, however, they may not vote in the annual business meeting. There will also be an additional registration fee since REACTA subsidizes the cost of the conference, including dinner, for our members. More information and registration material will be available in June.

**Congratulations to the CTA Retirees listed to your left. If you worked with any of our newest retirees, please call to congratulate them and ask them to join REACTA!**