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Supporting Members

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. REACTA has assisted our retired members facing significant deductions in their pension by connecting them with an attorney interested in taking their case. Unfortunately, REACTA does not have a policy in place to provide financial assistance should they chose to go forward. Your officers have discussed this issue and we plan to develop a written policy including a possible bylaws revision. These changes will have to be approved at the membership meeting in Cambria this October.

The issue facing these members has a direct impact on past and future benefits for all retirees. If our number one stated purpose is to protect our retirement, it is in our best interest to support our members in a potential lawsuit.

REACTA has been trying to walk a tightrope between being a social organization planning luncheons and annual meetings versus an advocacy organization providing support to members. We have lost potential members because of following both extremes. We need to create a better balance. If not now, when?

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

REACTA and CSO are sponsoring a BBQ for all staff working the Summer Institute at UCLA. The party will be at Alice Clement's home in Pacific Palisades on Tuesday, July 30. Retirees are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Alice at dmclement@verizon.net.

information is available on the REACTA website, www.reacta.org. Hotel rooms are selling out quickly so please reserve early for the best rates. Also, be sure to send your dinner registration form to Felice so we know you are coming!

REACTA 2019 Spring Luncheons

REACTA's Spring Luncheons have had mixed results this year. The Roseville and Temecula luncheons each had over twenty participants while the Fresno and Glendale luncheons each had less than ten participants. The San Mateo luncheon was postponed due to a lack of registration. In the past each luncheon has attracted over twenty participants. Is there a reason why so many are not attending? Should we change locations? What about a different time of year? Do we need more publicity? Please send me an email if you have any suggestions about how to improve participation at these luncheons

And on a sad note...

One of the more difficult roles for REACTA is to inform our members when a former colleague passes. Most recently we lost two strong advocates who played a major role in re-shaping the direction of CTA from a superintendent dominated "Profession Association" to a union fighting for member rights. Jim Essman and Dennis Bambauer were in different parts of the state, yet both carried on their mission with strength and grace to organize and bargain for members. They were also instrumental in training newly hired CTA staff to make sure they were prepared to continue our advocacy. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their spouses and families. Cards may be sent to Mikki Essman, 1221 2nd St., Manhattan Beach CA 90266 and Sherrill Bambauer, 3270 Inverness, Redding, CA 96002. RIP my friends.