

REACTA HOT TOPICS

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Annual Meeting – Live in Cambria!

The REACTA officers decided to plan an in-person 2021 Annual Reunion and Business Meeting at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Our tentative agenda includes the following:

Monday, October 4, 2021

- Check-in at Cambria Pines Lodge
- Hospitality Suite will open at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- The REACTA Book Club will meet at 9 a.m.
- Hot Topics session will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Annual Business Meeting will begin at 2 p.m.
- Annual Group Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host bar. REACTA will host dinner for REACTA members!

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

- Check out for those leaving Cambria.
- On your own activities for those leaving on Thursday.

We have blocked rooms at the Cambria Pines Lodge for Sunday evening, October 3 if you want to arrive early. Rates are from \$127 for a standard 2 queen to \$229 for a large suite. The hotel will also honor our rates for those wishing to leave Cambria on Thursday, October 7. You need to contact the hotel for reservations by calling 800-966-6490 and mentioning you are with Retired Employees (REACTA) Group. **Our room rates are guaranteed until September 3. Please reserve early to obtain our group rate!**

A meeting registration form will be sent with the July REACTOR. This needs to be returned to Felice Strauss so we can determine our food order. We are looking at ways to allow members to attend the Hot Topics and Business meeting via Zoom.

REACTA Book Club Update

Hope you can join us for the next REACTA Book Club discussion on Thursday, June 17 at 5 p.m. This session will feature **Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead. I think you might really enjoy this one. Please email Margaret Wallace at marwall@aol.com to get the Zoom link.

REACTA Scholarship Committee Report

Marilyn Bittle, Scholarship Committee Chair, reported that there were no complete applications submitted. As a result, we will not be making any awards this year. The committee will be meeting to determine whether our application process needs revisions to make it easier to apply.

A Tribute to Charley Hinton

The CTA family mourns the loss of long-time staff member Charley Hinton. Charley will be remembered by many as a mentor. Jeannette Logue wrote the tribute below:

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLEY HINTON - 1931-2021

By Jeannette Logue

Charley Hinton whose impact on CTA, its staff, and California teachers will long be remembered, died on May 13, 2021, at age 89. As his wonderful wife Mable said, "He is in a better place."

Charley held many positions in CTA including field staff, bargaining specialist, manager of the Human Rights Department, and executive management, and was asked to return from a well-deserved retirement several times. Regardless of his position in CTA, Charley was approachable to everyone. He placed a high value on experience, but he also understood that the future of organizations depends upon bringing in new members. To this end, he encouraged and was a mentor to many teachers who had not been previously involved in CTA.

A man of principle, Charley Hinton made sure that everything he did was in service to CTA's official mission statement, adopted in 1863:

The California Teachers Association exists to protect and promote the well-being of its members; to improve the conditions of teaching and learning; to advance the cause of free, universal, and quality public education; to ensure that the human dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected; and to ensure a more just, equitable, and democratic society.

CTA is fortunate indeed, to have had Charley Hinton as an advocate for so many years. Cards and notes of condolence to Charley's family can be sent to:

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