

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## Keeping Our Members Informed

Welcome to edition four of REACTA HOT TOPICS. This is my attempt to keep our members informed of actions that not only have the potential to impact our pension and health benefits, but also other topics that promote some of the social interaction REACTA is trying to establish. This issue will update you on the following Hot Topics:

- Bargaining surrounding the Red Zone status of our Pension Trust
- 2017 Purchasing Power Retroactivity Delayed
- Information about the Region 1/Department REACTA Spring Luncheon
- Invitation to attend the CSO-REACTA Summer Reception
- Updated Planning information so you can attend our Annual Reunion and Meeting in October
- A list of active staff who have given notice of retirement

Please share this with your former colleagues who are not REACTA members.

### Bargaining Continues on Pension Trust

The headline is the same as the last two months, but the content is different! There still is no agreement on how to move our Retirement Pension Trust out of the red zone. The next tripartite bargaining session has been scheduled for June 22. REACTA will keep you informed of the results of the bargaining.

### Purchasing Power Retroactivity Delayed

The Health Benefits Trust administrator has finally made the PPA adjustment for 2017 eligible retirees. There are a few retirees who believe they are entitled to an adjustment and we are trying to determine their eligibility. The major concern we have is the trust administrator's continued delay in providing the retroactive payment back to January 1, 2017. I was previously told the retro amount would be sent separately in May. Last week I was informed that the retro amount will be sent by the end of June. This foot-dragging is totally unacceptable. Once again our retirees in greatest need are faced with a delay of payments due from the trust. REACTA officers discussed this problem at our June 8 conference call meeting and decided to request two changes in the way the trust operates. We will be making a formal request to CSO, CAS and CTA Management that each trust (pension and health benefits) designate one trustee to serve as the official contact with REACTA. This trustee will be our main contact to help us resolve issues affecting our retirees. The second change would be to request that our trust administrator designate one person on their staff to be the liaison to REACTA. This person could assist with any issues that might impact our retirees. We hope these changes can be in place prior to our annual reunion and meeting in October.

## **Recent Retirees**

*Sandra Lowe,  
Gov. Relations*

*Carlos Moreno,  
Controller*

*Patricia Bailey,  
Region 4*

## **REACTA Spring Luncheons**

The REACTA Spring Luncheons in Regions 2, 3 and 4 were lots of fun for those who attended. It was an opportunity to socialize with former colleagues and catch up on our activities. I can attest that discussion about medical concerns was kept to a minimum in Regions 3 and 4! It was great hearing about the travel being done by our retirees.

- **The Region 1 and Headquarters Luncheon will be on June 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the home of John and Ruthmary Cradler, 777 Bromfield Rd., San Mateo. I have previously attended this luncheon and the food and ambiance are spectacular! If you would like to attend, RSVP to Debby Edginton at 925-640-5550.**

## **CSO REACTA Summer Reception**

REACTA members Alice Clement and Ros Wolf are hosting a joint CSO-REACTA party, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual, in conjunction with CTA's Summer Institute at UCLA. The party will be at the home of Alice Clement, 604 Swathmore Avenue, Pacific Palisades at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1. Retirees are welcome to attend! Please RSVP to Alice at [Dmclement@verizon.net](mailto:Dmclement@verizon.net) or call 310-454-1801.

## **Annual Reunion and Business Meeting Update**

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. We have invited representatives of CSO, CAS and CTA management to attend our Hot Topic Forum on Tuesday morning, October 3. We will have our literary discussion on the book **The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan**. Our business meeting will be on Tuesday afternoon and our group dinner on Tuesday night.

For Wednesday, October 4, we have contacted a local tour company that is willing to offer a five hour private tour of three or four local wineries, including a picnic style lunch for approximately \$75 per person. We need to guarantee 14 participants to get that price. We could get a second van but would need another 14 participants to keep the price at \$75. Sign up information will be on the registration form and should be out in the next couple of weeks. We are also close to Hearst Castle if you want to make your own tour arrangements.

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.

**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!**