

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## Keeping Our Members Informed

Welcome to edition six of REACTA HOT TOPICS. The past month has been very busy for REACTA officers since we had a meeting earlier this month at the home of Alice Clement. The next REACTOR will report on a few of the actions taken that impact REACTA members. We also assisted with the reception sponsored by CSO and REACTA for staff working the Summer Institute at UCLA. It was a festive event with many retirees joining us to meet and greet the CTA staff. I enjoyed talking with the newer staff about the "good old days" at CTA! There are many challenges facing CTA and our staff seems ready to take these on! This edition of HOT TOPICS will be brief since the next REACTOR will be sent in early September. There are immediate issues that need an update:

- CTA, CSO and CAS Reach a Tentative Agreement on Pension Trust Funding
- Registration Deadline for our Annual Reunion and Meeting in October
- CNA Rates Increase for Long Term Care Insurance
- A list of retirees planning to attend our Annual Reunion and Business Meeting in Cambria

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

### CTA, CSO and CAS Reach a Tentative Agreement on Pension Trust Funding

Finally, a NEW headline! A Tentative Agreement has been reached in Tripartite Bargaining that addresses the recommendation of the Actuary to move our Pension Plan out of the Red Zone. Ratification by all parties is expected soon. The agreement has CTA increasing its contribution to the Pension Trust by 2.5% and also redirecting 2% of CTA's non-match 401(k) contribution to Pension Trust funding. Ratification by all parties is expected soon. In addition to the Tripartite Bargaining, both CSO and CAS are negotiating new contracts with CTA. CSO and CTA reached a Tentative Agreement last week. CAS and CTA reached a Tentative Agreement this week. REACTA would like to thank all parties for reaching these agreements so that their energy can be focused on serving CTA members.

### Registration Deadline for REACTA 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. We have commitments from Nichole Love, CSO President and Dawn Basurto, CAS President to speak at our Hot Topics Forum on Tuesday morning, October 3. We are waiting for a response from CTA Management.

Cambria  
Participants –  
Officers plus

Linda and Lou  
Boitano

Gary Campbell

Alice Clement

Dixie Distler

Bill Empey

Jim Essman

Bill Gibson

Kelly Horner

Gene and Aleita  
Huguenin

Maureen Keating

Matt and Kathy Krier

Donna Maurer

Marianne McCarthy

Kerry Moriarty

Craig Nelson

Bob Persky

Bill Roberts

Bill Rogers

Ed Romeo

Robin Rose

George Shaw

John Smith

Bob Stahl

Felice Strauss

Margaret Wallace

Priscilla Williams

Prior to our Hot Topics Forum 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. So far, we have 14 participants interested in the wine tour. This will fill one van. If we get additional sign-ups, we will reserve a second van. Sign up information is on the registration form. 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. Registration forms were sent to REACTA members. You may also go to our website, [www.reacta.org](http://www.reacta.org), our Facebook page or email Art – [mickey3643@aol.com](mailto:mickey3643@aol.com). Please register as soon as possible since our room block is quickly being reserved.

**OUR ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 9 OR WHEN FULL. REGISTER EARLY TO GET THE BENEFIT OF A REDUCED ROOM RATE!**

### **CNA Again Increases Rates for Long Term Care Insurance**

I have received phone calls and emails from REACTA members upset with the latest round of rate increases from CNA for Long Term Care Insurance. This year's increase for some members has been over 100%! When faced with a significant rate increase, you should request from CNA in writing a list of your options. These may include a longer waiting period, a lower daily rate or a waiver of COLA adjustments. You may also be able to convert your premiums paid to a daily benefit period. We have REACTA members who can assist if you have any questions. Please let me know and I will make the connection.

### **CSO REACTA Summer Reception**

REACTA thanks members Alice Clement and Ros Wolf for hosting a joint CSO-REACTA party at Alice's home on August 1. The event was held in conjunction with the CTA Summer Institute at UCLA.

**We do not have a list of retirees since the CTA Board did not meet in August.**

