

REACTA HOT TOPICS

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Action To Support Members

Your REACTA Officers met on July 30 and reviewed a draft budget for 2020. Our new budget will include two new line items to support our members. Member Assistance will have funds to support members on issues that might impact other retirees. We also added a line item for Legal Expenses. This allows your officers to seek legal advice on issues that impact our members. The dollar amounts have not been set but a balanced budget will be presented to the membership at our meeting in Cambria. Guidelines are being developed on how to disperse these funds.

Officers also discussed the continuation of our REACTA Scholarship. When first initiated, the plan was to use the budget reserves to initially fund scholarships but eventually seek other sources to grant these awards. We will be recommending that only one scholarship of \$2000 be funded from the budget and that additional scholarships may be awarded if funds are raised through donations or other activities. We will also discuss this issue in Cambria. If you do not plan to be there and would like to comment, please send me an email.

Cambria Annual Reunion, Meeting

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 will hear reports about the status of our Pension Trust and Health/Welfare Trust. Representatives from CTA Management, CSO and CAS have been invited to attend.

***Important Numbers
to Remember:***

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Unfortunately, we had to cancel the wine tour for Thursday due to a lack of interest.

Your officers decided that one of the HOT TOPICS for Wednesday morning will be a discussion on the 2020 Presidential Election. This will be the last topic discussed in case some members are uncomfortable with this issue and would like to leave at that time.

Registration material and other information is available on the REACTA website, www.reacta.org. If our hotel room block is sold out, you should still ask for our group rate. Also, be sure to send your dinner registration form to Felice so we know you are coming!

The deadline is September 15.

Long Term Care Insurance Costs Rising

Retirees who purchased Long-Term Care insurance policies continue to face increases in premiums or reduction of benefits. Kerry Moriarty sent me a link to an article in the SF Chronicle that highlights the causes and what action you might take. Move your cursor to the line below and press "Ctrl" and click mouse to read the article.

[Long-term insurance costs rise drastically](#)

Welcome to Retirement

Three long time CTA employees announced their retirement last month. Jamye Merritt was the UniServ Director at the Stockton RRC. Mark York was Executive Director of the Mt. Diablo Education Association. Chuck King was a member of the NODD Department and continued on the staff of the Center For Organizing and Bargaining. Jamye has already joined REACTA and we will encourage Mark and Chuck to join when their retirement goes into effect. Congratulations to each of you!!