

The REACTOR

*Retired Employees Association
California Teachers Association*

October 2018



Cindy, Marilyn, Patricia, Felice, Roz, Alice, and Marla prepare for the REACTA's annual get-together with Summer Institute

HAPPY YOU WERE THERE

By Dom Summa, President

REACTA concluded its Reunion and Business Meeting this week in Cambria. About seventy members and spouses attended reminiscing with former colleagues about the challenges faced by CTA. These so called "war stories" are part of the lore that made working for a teacher union very exciting.

One highlight of our meeting was the annual group dinner. REACTA provided raffle prizes to award retirees and spouses. This year we designated certain categories of prizes to recognize the demographic range of retirees who attend. Based on the prize winners, we found out the following information about our retirees:

- Most recent retiree attending has been retired for six months
- Retiree with the most years of retirement has been collecting checks for thirty-eight years!
- Retirees attending with age ranging from the 50's to the 90's
- Retiree who travelled the longest distance lives in Florida
- Retiree who lives in Canada
- Former CAS, CSO, Management, Confidential and Supervisors
- Retirees from each CTA region and headquarters

The one common thread was the fact that we are collecting a pension and health insurance through our Trusts. The Trusts were established in the late 1970's through agreements with CTA Leadership, CTA Management and staff. Prior to the Trusts, CTA maintained a savings account that would be used to pay retirees. It is hard to imagine how this approach could work today.

REACTA will continue to provide opportunities for retired staff to get together and reminisce about our careers. It is also obvious that there is a "life" after CTA that many retirees are enjoying. Please try to join us at either the regional luncheons next spring or the annual reunion and business meeting next September. From the feedback in Cambria, you will be happy you were with us!



Karyn Ferriera, Steve Kaplan, and Susan Rovetta attend their first REACTA Annual Meeting in Cambria.



Barbara Lee, Barbara DePrete and Dom Summa attend REACTA luncheon in Temecula.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6 – Election Day. Check CTA Campaign 2018 website for recommendations.

November 15 – REACTA scholarship application available on REACTA website

February 28 – REACTA scholarship application deadline

May 6 – Region 2 luncheon, Elbow Room

May 16 – Region 3 luncheon, Glendale

June 1st week – Region 1 luncheon

Region 4 luncheon TBA

Sept 23-25 – REACTA Anniversary Reunion and Business Meeting. Cambria Pines



Dave Kennedy and Ernie Tuttle. GLS attorney Ernie Tuttle explain how the business of representing teachers legally has changed since many of us were working for CTA.

Linda and Lou Boitano attend Region 2 REACTA luncheon.

Region 3 REACTA met in Glendale at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

Pat Drow and Marla Reyes attend the Region 2 regional luncheon in Fresno.

Region 2 luncheon in Roseville.

Region 4 REACTA luncheon held at South Coast Winery in Temecula.

Annual REACTA Reunion and Business Meeting

Celebrates Increased Attendance and Membership



Susan Rovetta, Edna Steele, Lloyd Roberts, Margaret Wallace, and Lee Roberts discuss [A Gentleman in Moscow](#) during book club meeting.

Mary Boston and Dixie Ditsler join over 60 attendees for the annual meeting.

Jim and Micky Essman manage to find time to watch the Denver Broncos in the Cambria lounge.

Jim Schlotz, CTA manager, addresses membership answering questions regarding effects of the Janus Decision, membership drive and organizing.

The REACTA significant others.



Marla Reyes prepares for the Annual Dinner. Roseanne Becher gives report on the status of the health trust. John Smith and Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4



VOTING COUNTS By: Conrad Olhson

The November election is fast approaching. It is one of the most important election in decades. We want to provide you with information that will assist you in making your decisions. As former CTA employees, we should consider CTA's candidate recommendations. CTA recommends candidates based on interviews by CTA members. Chief importance in receiving a CTA recommendation is the candidate's support for public education and union values. To access the information, do the following:



Input "**CTA Campaign 2018**" in your computer search engine. This will bring up the CTA campaign 2018.

Click on "Campaign Recommendations". This will give you a page with all CTA recommendations for:

- Statewide office candidates
- Recommendations for statewide ballot propositions
- California State Assembly (AD)
- California State Senate (SD)
- U.S. Congress (CD)

All of the districts are numbered. The lowest numbered districts are in the Northern part of the state, the higher numbers are in the South.

For example: AD 2 is in the North Coast and AD 80 is in South San Diego County

You can use your county issued voter guide to see which district numbers apply to you.

You can access any of the subjects on the left side of the page for more info about CTA's campaign. Click on the "Take Action" button and see how you can be involved.

2019 REACTA Scholarship Application Timeline

1. **October 2018** Announcement at REACTA Annual Meeting in Cambria
2. **November 15, 2018**
Applications available on REACTA Website or by contacting by Marla Reyes marlaes@earthlink.net or 559-250-6610
3. **February 28, 2019**
All applications must be postmarked by this date. Send Applications to:
Marla Reyes, 31100 Mountain View St, Visalia, Ca 93292
4. **April 2019**
Results will be announced after Executive Board Meeting. All applicants will be notified of results.

REACTA BUDGET REPORT Sept 30, 2018

Expenses				
Newsletter	Budget	2000		
	Actual			331.96
Hot Topics	Actual			79.30
Executive Board	Budget	6000		
	Actual			2528.87
Committees	Budget	2500		
	Trust Meeting			117.60
	Membership			302.25
	CAS/CSO			488.17
	Scholarship			128.21
	Luncheons			39.00
Annual Meeting	Budget	500		
Mailings	Budget	684.50		
	Actual			458.61
TOTAL EXPENSES				4519.97
Scholarships	2017			
	2018			
	2018 pend			4,000

Income			
Income			15653.50
	Total Income		15653.50

Assets			
Checking Accounts			10,884.90
Working Account			36,182.50
Membership Account			30.00
Total Assets			47,102.90
Assets minus expenses			4,258.93

By: Art McLoughlin, Treasurer





REACTA Officers

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Margaret Wallace, editor



Art McLoughlin is recognized for his work as REACTA Treasurer for the last 8 years. Dom Summa, President, presents him with a railroad pocket watch.

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Members will soon receive their ballots for the election of new REACTA officers.

In the tradition of advocacy these members have stepped up to the plate for our membership.

Please take the time to vote and return your ballots.

The nominees are:

President – Dom Summa

Vice President – Marla Reyes

Secretary – Pam Bowen

Treasurer – Felice Strauss

Director-At-Large – Marilyn Bittle

Committees

Membership Promotion Team: Robin Rose, Chair – Region 1, Maureen Keating, Theo Austin-Symth, Shirley Horn, Craig Nelson, Karyn Ferreira; Region 2, Joella Aragon; Region 3 and Chair, Robin Rose, Patricia Williams, Ginny Jannotto; Region 4, Ann Adler, Mary Boston UniServ Units, Kerry Moriarty. Pension & Benefits Oversight Committee: Bill Empey, Chair - Felice Strauss, Clyde Williams, Jim Essman, Marilyn Russell Bittle. Board Liaison Political Education Committee: Conrad Ohlson, Chair. Health & Welfare Trust Liaison: Roseanne Becher. Retirement Trust Liaison: (vacant). Pension & Benefits Oversight Committee: Bill Empey, Chair. REACTOR Newsletter: Margaret Wallace, Editor. Scholarship Committee: Marla Reyes, Chair. Nominations & Elections Committee: Chair - Barbara DePrete Ann Adler, Dixie Ditsler. Web Site & Facebook: Kathie Casas