

# REACTOR

## Retired Employee Association California Teachers

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### President's Report

Lloyd Roberts

Our annual gathering in Cambria is once more at hand. Enjoy it! Plan a leisurely and scenic drive and allow plenty of time. Check in and hang out. Dine at one of the many fine restaurants in the area. Drive down and take a look at Moonstone Beach and make sure it's still there, and still lovely. Do a little window shopping, or more serious shopping at one of the many fine gift shops. Enjoy encounters with fellow retirees. Be deliberate about the fact that it's a fun, cool change of pace for all of us.

We have issues worthy of your attention. First, check out the article on the survey we conducted and reflect on the results. Over half our members have responded, so it's worthy of consideration.

In the regular cycle of events as provided in our bylaws, we are electing officers to lead us for the next two years. You have received notice of this event and it's a good time to throw your name in the hat if you're interested in leadership. Fight a good, clean fight and may the best person win.

I have worked on bylaws with a wide variety of organizations over a long period of time, and enjoy doing that, so, when I became President, I took a fresh look at ours. Every organization should do this about every three years anyway. I saw the need for a lot of changes, so I made a list of suggestions, appointed a bylaws committee and put them to work. We will have the product of their effort before you for a vote after the highlights are presented at Cambria.

I view the status of unions and collective bargaining in our nation with growing concern. Powerful interests with lots of money are funding many approaches to defeat the joint interests of workers. I have reached out to CAS and CSO presidents and invited them to be our guests and present their concerns at Cambria. Even if they're not able to do that, REACTA will communicate constructively with them to reflect our concern and best wishes. And who knows? Maybe there will be ways we can be of practical help to them in critical areas.

*Truth never damages a cause that is just – Mahatma Gandhi*

## Survey Results

We mailed a survey form with a stamped return addressed envelope to our 325 members in June, 2014. We have 181 returns representing 56% of those surveyed. Here are returns ranked in order of importance as ranked by members with one being highest and 6 lowest:

### GOALS:

1. Support, protect & enhance the Pension Trust
2. Support, protect and enhance the Health Trust
3. Communicate with members about matters of interest
4. Seek an ex-officio, non-voting seat for REACTA on the Trusts
5. Enhance communications with staff unions
6. Provide social, recreational and fellowship activities

### MEANS:

1. Communications with CAS and CSO Health & Pension Plan Trustees
2. Communications with Trusts
3. Communications with Staff Unions
4. Communications with CTA and the State Council
5. Organizing concerted activities

### ACTIVITIES:

1. Health maintenance for retirees
2. Socialization/fellowship opportunities
3. Organizing for persuasion of pressure
4. Money management for retirees
5. Recreation: eating, drinking, shopping, sightseeing

Here are comments, summarized, grouped and ranked:

Protect benefits - 22 mentioned this

Communicate with members - 14

Status quo is OK - 8

Social & recreational activities are not important - 8

Social & recreational activities are important - 3

Don't aggressively organize & plead for a COLA - 6

Seek a COLA - 4

Collective bargaining is under attack nationally - 5

Positive relations with unions are important - 4

A seat on the Trusts is a waste - 4

Organizing activities at State Council could be hazardous to benefits - 3

Protect teacher dues payments to CTA - 2

Cultivate a positive image with unions & CTA - 2

We have no standing to assert organizing pressure - 2

Repeal our COLA goal - 2

Cambria & Regional Lunches are good - 2

One person mentioned each of the following:

Pension & health Trusts are equally important

Current staff looks after the Trusts

Protect Trust benefits for spouses

Appreciate what we have

Unions need to work together to maintain Trusts

Use Issue Organizing

Goals of protecting and enhancing Trusts are contradictory

Support teachers, CTA, and staff

## REGION 2 SPRING LUNCHEON



L TO R: Jeanne Akins, Connie DeCoud, Ann Snyder, Leslie Oliver, Joan Stout. Seated: Peg Butler and Flo Rice.



*A great turnout of 18 REACTA members enjoyed visiting and lunch at Ludy's BBQ in Woodland in June. Valerie Preston and Tammy Cole escaped the cameras.*



Chuck Hodel, Rose Sanders, Carolyn Hodel, Seated: Dennis Bambauer.



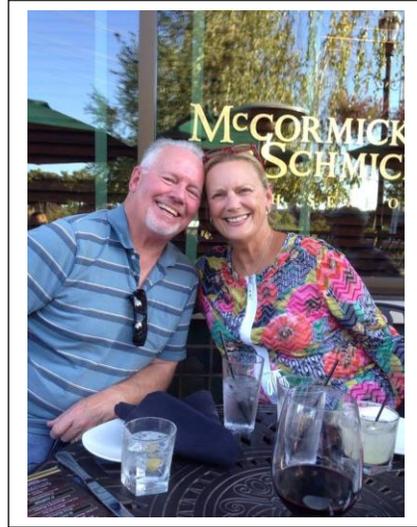
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L TO R: Seated: Flo Rice. Standing: Leslie Oliver, Ann Snyder, Lynn Persky, Donna Foglia, Joan Stout and Peg Butler.





Bill Harju at the Mesa Arch in Canyonlands NP, Utah. Bill lives in Port Ludlow, WA now.



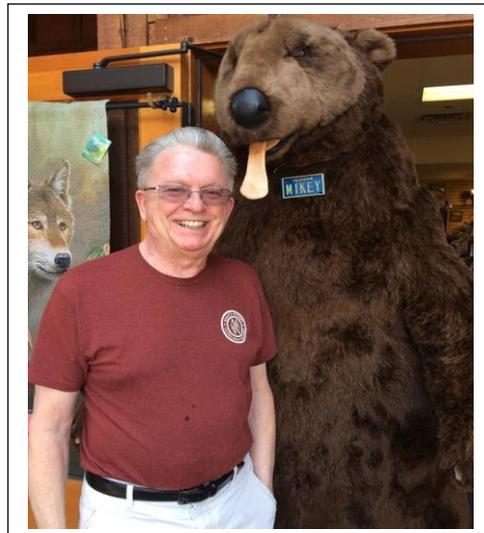
David and Judy Saxby celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Marsha and Wiley Jones, both who have recovered from serious illnesses, celebrate their daughter Stephani's 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.



Lloyd Roberts, son Mike, daughters Marni and Lisa gather on occasion of granddaughter Dr. Cory Previte-Johnson's wedding



Larry Carllin puts on a winning smile in Tahoe.

## REACTA Treasurers Report June 30, 2014

### Assets

Savings Account	\$30.00
Prime Checking	4100.00
Convenience checking	38473.30
Deposits pending	1403.75
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>39877.05</b>

### 2014 Budget

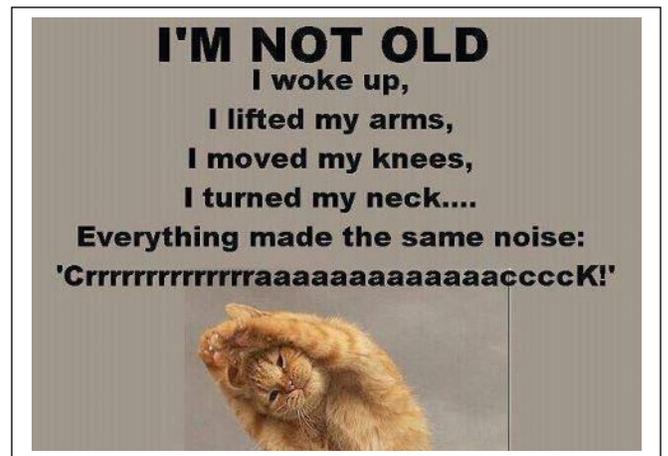
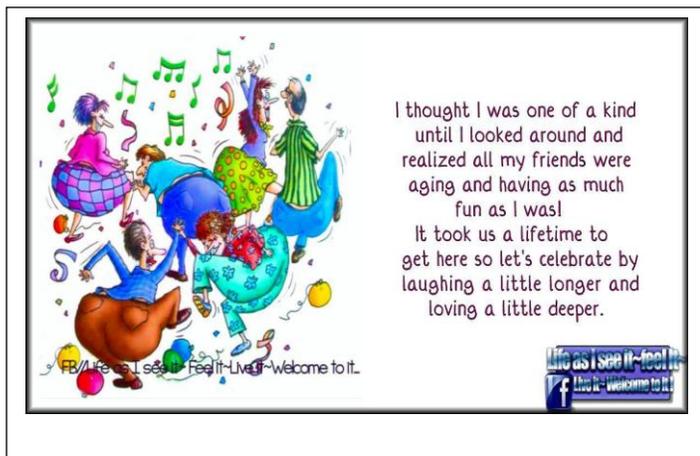
Income budgeted	14,770.00
Received	9964.00
Known pending	4762.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13726.00</b>

### Over/Under Budget

- (1,044)

### 2014 Expenses

	Allocated	Current	Previous	Total	Over/Under
Executive Board	5500.00	2358.97	1483.33	3842.30	1657.70
Membership	2475.00	715.21	1228.09	1943.30	532.00
Organizing	1950.00	639.53	2505.83	3045.36	- (1095.46)
Newsletter	1400.00	264.71	263.82	528.53	879.47
Spring Luncheons	300.00	115.84		115.86	184.14
Survey	1725.00	385.24	233.78	619.02	1105.98
Website	200.00		142.97	142.97	570.03
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>4479.50</b>	<b>5624.04</b>	<b>10103.54</b>	



**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS**

**and CORRECTIONS**

**May - August 2014**

**New and Renewing Members:**

**Pam Bowen**

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Email:

Associate Staff Retired: 2014

Location: Ontario RRC

**Marta Dragos**

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Professional Staff Retired: 2014

Location: Fremont Option 1

**Bob Keeble**

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Professional Staff Retired: 2014

**Cork McGowan**

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Professional Staff Retired: 2014

Location: Redding RRC

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800 W Oakland Ave #224

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**Genevieve Todaro**

65 W 5<sup>th</sup> Ave #319

**DECEASED**

**Maxine McIntyre**

February 12, 2014

*At 100 Years of Age*

**Jeanne Schlenke**

June 2013

**John Orcutt**

August 29, 2014

## 2014 REACTA Annual General Membership Meeting

October 7-9

### Cambria Pines Lodge

2905 Burton Drive, Cambria, California

[www.cambriapineslodge.com](http://www.cambriapineslodge.com)

(800) 966-6490



REACTA will return to the Cambria Pines Lodge in beautiful Cambria-by-the-Sea for this year's gathering of REACTA members at the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting. Cambria is located between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Call the Cambria Pines Lodge to make your room reservation (800) 966-6490, Be sure to tell them you're with REACTA -- rates are \$99.00, \$109.00 or \$139.00 (depending on room selection) double or single plus tax, and INCLUDES Breakfast Buffet. These rates are good until Monday, September 1, 2014 or until our allotted rooms are reserved -- so call right away. (For more information on the Lodge, see page 2.)

### PROGRAM AGENDA

#### Tuesday, October 7

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hotel Check-In *REACTA Hospitality* Room 610(?)

*Dinner on your own...*

#### Wednesday, October 8

7:30 am thru 10:00 am

*Buffet Breakfast*

❖ 8:30 am – 10:30 am

*Session to be determined*

❖ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

*REACTA Conversation (Tentative - Subject to be announced)*

❖ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

*Annual Business Meeting – Peacock A*

❖ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*REACTA Hospitality – Room 610(?)*

❖ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Evening Banquet – Peacock A*

#### Thursday, October 9

7:30 am to 10:00 am

*Buffet Breakfast*

❖ 11:00 am Hotel Check-Out

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**2014 REACTA  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
Cambria Pines Lodge  
OCTOBER 7-9, 2014  
ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION FORM**

(This information will be used on name badges)

Name (First, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Office and/or Department When Retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Title at Time of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (to reach you if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Category: \_\_\_\_\_

(Associate, CTA Leadership, Confidential, Professional, Spouse, Supervisor)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2014**

**A. REACTA BANQUET RESERVATION(S) 6:00 – 8:30PM**

**ALL DINNER SELECTIONS ARE \$35.00 each.**

*Specify # for each and submit check made payable to REACTA with your Reservation Form.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Grill (Tri-tip/Chicken)    \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon Filet    \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Ravioli

**B. SESSION ? (To be determined) 8:30 - 10:30 AM**

**C. CONVERSATION (Tentative - Subject to be announced)**

**10:30 – 11:30AM** \_\_\_\_\_ YES - please include \_\_\_\_\_ in the REACTA Conversations

**Return this form - and check - by September 19!**

**to:**

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