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# The REACTOR

*Retired Employees Association  
California Teachers Association*



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All CTA retirees are invited to REACTA Annual Reunion Meeting at the Cambria Pines Lodge in beautiful Cambria-by-the-Sea. Call 800-866-966-6490 for REACTA rates.

## JOIN US IN CAMBRIA

By Dom Summa, President

Please circle the dates of October 4-6, 2021 on your calendar. Once again, REACTA is returning to the beautiful oceanfront village of Cambria for its Annual Reunion and Meeting. The officers assessed current health conditions and talked with representatives of the Cambria Pines Lodge and believe we can have a safe gathering for our members who attend in person. Many of us have been vaccinated and are starting to venture outside their homes for fun and excitement. Cambria could not be a better choice, especially in the first week of October.

You will be receiving a registration form with more specific information about our meeting. Your registration form needs to be returned to Felice Strauss indicating your choice of meal for our dinner. REACTA will pay the dinner cost for members who return their registration form by September 15. Non-members will pay a dinner charge of \$40.00. **We have reserved a variety of rooms at a special rate, guaranteed until September 3. Please reserve early by calling 800-966-6490 to obtain our group rate.**

The REACTA Hospitality Suite will be open at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 4. Our Book Club and Committee meetings will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5, followed by our Hot Topics Session at 10 a.m. We have invited representatives from CTA management, CSO and CAS along with Trustees from our Health Trust and Pension Trust. We have found this morning session to be very informative and keeps us up to date on what is happening in the world of CTA. Our Annual Business Meeting is Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. with a group dinner that evening. Check-out is Wednesday morning or later depending on your travel plans.

I am personally looking forward to seeing my former colleagues in person after eighteen months of Zoom meetings! I hope you can join us in Cambria for what promises to be a fun-filled and informative few days at this beautiful Central Coast village.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 1– Last day to book a room for the Cambria Annual Meeting

Sept 15 – Final registration day for Annual Meeting. Send form to Felice Strauss

Oct 3,4,5,6 – Annual Meeting. Cambria

### Annual Meeting Agenda

**Monday, October 4,**

- Check-in at Cambria Pines Lodge
- Hospitality Suite will open at 4 p.m.

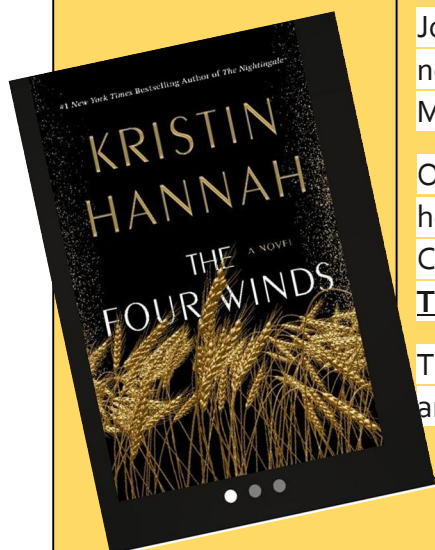
**Tuesday, October 5**

- The REACTA Book Club will meet at 9 a.m
- Hot Topics session will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Annual Business Meeting will begin at 2 p.m.
- Annual Group Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host bar. REACTA will host dinner for REACTA members

**Wednesday, October 5**

- Check-out for those leaving Cambria
- On your own activities for those leaving on Thursday.

## REACTA BOOK CLUB By: Margaret Wallace



Join your fellow book lovers to discuss **The Four Winds** by **Kristin Hannah** . This novel has been recommended by Alva Rivera and will be the topic at the Annual Meeting in Cambria.

One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era forces the heroine to make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west to California, in search of a better life. The bestselling author of **The Nightingale** and **The Great Alone** once again has written an epic novel of love, heroism, and hope.

The Book Club meeting place will be posted in the Cambria Lodge lobby at the annual meeting.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Robin Rose

As I reflect on this year of COVID, we went into lockdown with little transition or time to gently ease into it. It happened suddenly. And then life during COVID was fraught with fears and uncertainty while establishing new norms and becoming masterful at using Zoom. Like many of you, I lost friends and loved ones because of this pandemic. And now, what seems just as sudden, masks are soon to be a thing of the past, normal activities are resuming, and we are entering a "new" normal stage. Although, I have to say that I am enjoying seeing friends and family again, going back to restaurants, and thinking ahead to some travel. And to see a movie again at a cinema...ahh. Now that's the life. I am looking forward to seeing you in person in Cambria this year at our annual reunion. Let's make it a celebration!

REACTA carried on during this time. Welcome to our newest members, **Terri Molina** who joined since our last REACTOR Newsletter. We are happy that you have joined and look forward to your participation in REACTA activities.

If you are a cash paying member, please consider switching to automatic pension deduction. It is an easy and effortless way to remain a member, and you are never behind in your dues. Currently, automatic pension deduction is the only option for new membership enrollments.

Recent retirees who have not yet joined REACTA include Ismael Torres, Eliyahu Rabin, Curtis Lyon, Jim Scholtz, Jackie Hidalgo, Mark Herrmann, Tricia Papapieto, Bonita Lovell, Nancy Stinson and Sandra Menezes. If you know any of these retirees, please reach out to them, ask them to join and share the great accomplishments of REACTA.

Finally, it is always sad to lose some of our colleagues. This past year we lost Bill Davis, Michael Fox (husband of Sue Schlegel), Vince Amendola, Rose Marie Nichols and most recently Charlie Hinton. May these CTA warriors rest in peace. They will live on in so many of

Membership Committee: *Region 1: Maureen Keating, Theo-Austin-Smyth, Shirley Horn, Craig Nelson, Karyn Ferrar. Region 2: Annie Aquino, John Stevens, Marla Reyes. Region 3: Robin Rose, Patricia Williams, Gary Campbell. Region 4: Ann Adler, Merri Furler*

**If you would like to join our Membership Committee, please contact Robin Rose at**

**818/433-2778 or rrmcrose@gmail.com**

## RETIREMENT TRUST REPORT

By: Alan Frye

The Retirement Trust met on June 10. This was the second meeting of the calendar year marking the end of the first quarter.

The vast majority of the meeting addressed Economic Forecasts and the returns on the trust portfolio.

RV Kuhns Company, the trust's financial advisor went through various scenarios regarding both national and international markets and outlooks for future performance. Overall, the outlook was positive. Kuhns' representative informed the trust that the returns year to date have been slightly less than six percent.

The Actuary Report was the most interesting part of the meeting as Horizon Actuarial Services presented a long-term forecast of potential scenarios regarding the viability of the trust for the next ten years. All scenarios predicted that the Trust will be well into the Green Zone in the near future and fully funded by the end of the ten-year period.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By: Marilyn Russell Bittle

There were no recipients that met our scholarship criteria this year. The committee met by zoom and discussed the need to make the process more user friendly. They felt that the process might be too lengthy and cumbersome. The committee will meet again in Cambria and develop a one or two page document and send the complete packet to the REACTA board for approval. We encourage each applicant to submit the revised form again next year.



## A TOAST TO YOU MY FRIEND

By: Dom Summa

This morning I learned of the passing of Matt Krier at the age of 97. Matt was a long-time CTA staff consultant working in communications and in the field. He retired in 1988 and enjoyed painting and traveling the world with his wife Kathy. I especially enjoyed Matt's friendship the last 21 years living close to each other in the desert near Palm Springs. He was a kind gentleman who favored Pinot Grigio and vanilla ice cream: He will truly be missed.

## 2021 REACTA INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

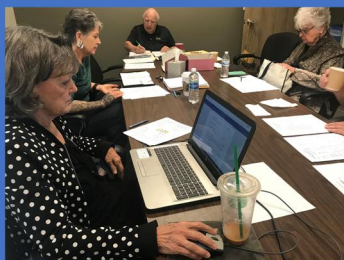


By: Felice Strauss, Treasurer



	Adopted 10/5/20		5/31/21
<b>INCOME</b>			
Members	16,500		8932.50
Annual Mtg	2800		
Additional Scholarship Donations			0
Other	50		60.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,350</b>		<b>8992.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>5000</b>		249.43
<b>Committees</b>	<b>8350</b>		105.00
Elections	200		
Membership	2000		105.00
Nominations	300		
Political Education	200		
Scholarship	2000		
Trusts	5000		
Other	100		
<b>Communications</b>	<b>3650</b>		344.63
Directory	100		
Facebook	100		
Hot Topics	100		
Newsletter (REACTOR}	100		
Web Site	100		179.88
CAS/CSO/CTA	500		
PrintingMailing/Supplies	2500		164.75
<b>Membership &amp; Advocacy</b>	<b>16,750</b>		416.00
Annual Meeting	7000		
Member Assistance	2500		216.00
Legal Expenses	4000		
Regional Activities	500		200.00
Scholarships	2000		
	50		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$33,300</b>		1114.06
<b>Transfer in from carryover</b>	<b>\$13,780</b>		13780.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$33,000</b>		22772.50
			<b>5/31/2021</b>
Convenience Checking			55150.19
Prime Checking			11842.21
Association Savings			28.07
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>48,574</b>		67020.00

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## Lots Of Space For Our Treasures And Rich History

By: MARGARET WALLACE, Editor

This lovely letter just had to be published in this issue of the REACTOR. It is such an important part of what REACTA is all about – colleagues, friends and memories. Thank you to the women and men who were there for us, and paved the way in our careers.

*Greetings, Just received the REACTA newsletter. Thank you for mentioning Michael J. Fox's passing. It is lonely without him. We have lived in each other's hip pockets since coming to Kansas over twenty years ago. The Seasons of the Fox, a Bed and Breakfast was open seventeen wonderful years with MJF always being the "host with the most."*

*I do believe some people came back again and again just to have a chance to talk with him and laugh!*

*Should your travels or curiosities beckon to you, stop by and stay. We are just off Interstate 70 when the signs tell you to turn south to go to Wichita. Lindsborg is known as "Little Sweden" with art galleries, festivals and things to see rich in history. I continue to live in the house - all four floors with an elevator and lots of space for our treasures.*

*The email remains the same - [mjfox839@aol.com](mailto:mjfox839@aol.com) and the phone is 785.212.2058 temporarily. I am hopeful Cox will restore the original phone number of 785.227.2549. Take care . .*

*Blessings, Sue Schlegel*

Share your CTA history and retirement stories. Send them to Margaret Wallace [marwall@aol.com](mailto:marwall@aol.com)

## Committees

**Membership Team:** Robin Rose, Chair – Region 1, Maureen Keating, Theo Austin-Symth, Craig Nelson, Karyn Ferrera, Shirley Horn; Region 2, Annie Aquino, John Stevens; Region 3 and Chair, Robin Rose, Patricia Williams, Gary Campbell; Region 4, Ann Adler, Merri Furler; UniServ Units. **Health & Welfare Trust Liaison:** Merri Furler. **Retirement Trust Liaison:** Alan Frey. **REACTOR Newsletter:** Margaret Wallace, Editor, Dixie Ditsler, Pam Bowen, Kathie Casas. **Scholarship Committee:** Marilyn Bittle, **Web Site & Facebook:** Kathie Casas. **Legal Expense Fund and Member Assistance Fund:** Felice Strauss, Chair