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An Affiliate of CTA and NEA
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Welcome to CTA/NEA-Retired

Membership in CTA/NEA-Retired is unified.

Membership dues cover both the statewide CTA/NEA-Retired organization and the national NEA-Retired group.

CTA/NEA-Retired is the ONLY retiree organization affiliated with CTA and NEA.

It is NOT connected with "CalRTA," which is a group less involved in political advocacy and candidate support. CalRTA is separate and independent, and serves the interests of retired school employees without being affiliated with CTA.

CTA/NEA-Retired and its members are a strong voice for education in national, state and local policymaking.

The organization works hard to protect benefits for retired educators, but we also advocate for public education in our state and nation.

CTA/NEA-Retired devotes 100% of its time and resources to serve the combined interests of retired teachers, educators, college and university professors, and education support professionals.

We complement and support the efforts of our state and national affiliates (CTA and NEA) in opposing attempts to privatize Social Security, defending Defined Benefit Pension Plans (STRS and PERS), working to repeal unfair Social Security penalties and advocating for reliable funding for public schools.

The membership of CTA/NEA-Retired comes from thousands of retired educators and pre-retired CTA/NEA members who choose to join our California state retiree organization.

Whether you decide to become a member of statewide CTA/NEA-Retired, you may also join one of the various local retiree chapters or active chapter affiliates of CTA/NEA-Retired.

Retired members elect delegates from each region of the state to represent retirees' special needs on CTA's governing body, the State Council of Education.

CTA/NEA-Retired is an active affiliate of NEA-Retired and sends delegates to the annual NEA Representative Assembly each summer to help set policy and chart the direction of NEA business.

CTA/NEA-Retired is one of the state's most active and influential voices for education issues, including retirement and health concerns.

CTA has successfully lobbied to increase CalSTRS benefits for current members to increase the buying power of retiree pensions and to enhance pension benefits. CTA/NEA-Retired monitors all CalSTRS meetings, presenting views of its members to the CalSTRS Board of Directors. Working with CTA and NEA, our organization maintains an ongoing vigil of state and federal legislation that may affect retirement benefits.



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1 STAY CONNECTED



Membership in a CTA/NEA-Retired chapter provides something for everyone. What do you want to accomplish during your retirement years? Travel? Volunteer or work part-time? Pursue hobbies? Membership will deliver rewards throughout your lifetime.

- ▶ Share similar interests and concerns by participating in local CTA/NEA-Retired chapter social functions and activities with former colleagues and fellow retirees.
- ▶ Keep open lines of communication by staying informed and updated on issues that matter to you ... peruse through our quarterly newsletter and visit our CTA and NEA websites, Facebook pages, and other social media outlets for events and information.
- ▶ Network, both face-to-face and through media, to uncover opportunities to stay involved and enrich your retired years.
- ▶ Annual CTA/NEA-Retired conference available to members for a nominal cost.

For more information on CTA/NEA-Retired:

Visit www.cta.org/retired
Contact support staff at (650) 552-5439
Email CTA-Retired@cta.org

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2 BE PROTECTED



CTA/NEA-Retired devotes 100% of its time and resources to serving the combined interests of retired teachers, educators, college and university professors, and education support professionals. In conjunction with CTA and NEA, CTA/NEA-Retired maintains a constant watch on federal legislation that may affect retirement benefits. This includes working to repeal the unfair Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), opposing efforts to privatize Social Security and working to strengthen Medicare.

In addition, CTA/NEA-Retired helps its members to be protected with a variety of benefits available through membership.

- ▶ Disaster Relief Assistance is a separate, special fund endowed to provide financial assistance to CTA members who have experienced significant losses due to disasters in California
- ▶ Life Insurance - must be participating in this program at the time of retirement, continue without interruption and be a CTA/NEA Lifetime member
- ▶ Vision Services Plan (VSP) Access Plan Discount Program - visits with VSP doctors to receive frames, lenses and more
- ▶ VSP/TruHearing Hearing Aid Discount Program - access to network providers, a wide variety of the latest digital hearing aids and more
- ▶ CTA Group Legal Services (GLS) - retired members are eligible for a one-hour free legal consultation concerning retirement benefits, health and welfare benefits or substitute employment. Additionally, they are eligible for one 30-minute free consultation (no more than once a year) with a GLS attorney on other matters
- ▶ \$1,000,000 Professional Liability Insurance - for members who decide to substitute after retiring
- ▶ CTA Auto and Home Insurance Program

Please visit www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/beprotected or call Member Benefits at 650-552-5200.

3 ENJOY BENEFITS



A CTA/NEA-Retired chapter allows individuals who join to continue to participate in the many economic benefits available to active members. This includes discounts on:

- ▶ NEA Click and Save Program
- ▶ Travel and Entertainment Discounts
- ▶ Car Rental Discounts
- ▶ Hotel and Restaurant Deals
- ▶ Product Discounts - cell phone service, tax preparation, software, computers, clothing, magazines
- ▶ Financial Services - no fee, low interest rate CTA Cash Rewards Visa Signature credit card
- ▶ Access to Savings Program
- ▶ Credit Union

Please visit www.CTAMemberBenefits.org or www.neamb.com for more information about these valuable services - most of them available to CTA/NEA-Retired members. You may also call Member Benefits directly at 650-552-5200.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

- \$64.80 Annual Membership - monthly dues amount of \$5.40 automatically deducted from your pension check
- \$80 Annual Membership - payable by check or credit card
- \$550 Lifetime Membership - one-time payment payable by check or credit card
- \$550 Pre-retired Lifetime Membership - active members can make a one-time payment by check or credit card

ENROLLMENT FORM

Please, complete this form and mail with your payment to: CTA Membership, P.O. Box 4178, Burlingame CA 94011-4178.

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First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email _____

Year of Retirement _____ District Retired From _____

Voluntary Ethnicity ID

African Am. Am. Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Caucasian Hispanic Multi-Ethnic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Other

Please select your membership and payment option below:

\$64.80 (\$5.40/month) Annual Dues Deduction from my CalSTRS or CalPERS pension
I authorize the California Retirement System to deduct my CTA/NEA-Retired membership dues from my monthly retirement benefit check. I understand my retirement system will forward such authorized deductions to CTA for processing. If necessary, CTA/NEA-Retired membership dues may be adjusted without further authorization from me and this will remain in effect on a yearly basis, unless it is terminated by me in writing.

Social Security Number _____ **Date** _____

REQUIRED for CalSTRS/CalPERS

\$80 - Annual Membership \$550 - Lifetime Membership \$550 - Pre-retired Membership

I have enclosed a check made payable to: **CTA/NEA-Retired** or

Please charge my credit card _____ Exp Date _____

Signature (Required) _____ Date _____