The meeting opened with an address to members by State President Shehan in which she charged that active members recruit new members, encourage active involvement, support program, and know KRTA programs, services and needs. Don Pace, Insurance Committee, spoke about the Health/Insurance Program and the partners from which members may receive benefits. He encouraged that we use the green FACT SHEET in encouraging interest in membership in KRTA. Dora Moore, KTRS Counselor, gave a succinct presentation on the “health” of our organization and the need that we continue to actively call for support of a defined benefit structure. She clearly spoke of the characteristics of the system which keep it strong for all members and for future members; she spoke of the professional management, low administrative costs, strength of Board of Directors, and the investment structure, all of which protect the actuarial soundness of the organization. Jane Gilbert, insurance specialist, spoke about the new/changing features of our health benefits and explained the strength of the program for retirees who are under 65 and for those medicare eligible. Betty Hester addressed the need to continue to “grow” the KRTA organization and what it will mean to us and to those actively teaching now. A brief report from AARP was followed by a presentation by Ray Roundtree reiterating salient points on ways KRTA can help keep KTRS sound.

Lunch was followed by the CKRTA-EAST District Meeting which was a review of information which had been received at the June meeting.

Jackson County conducted a memorial service in memory of those in the district who had died within the past year.

The next district meeting will be at Michael’s in Irvine on October 16, 2014.

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