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If you have access to the Internet, then you may already have visited our PGTA-R website managed by Bruce Belknap at www.coastalwebweaver.com/pgta-r.html

Please send us news about yourself and family or other comments and suggestions for the Newsletter or Website to LaRene Kauffman, larene@sbcglobal.net

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part of their health care have no increased help from the school district when medical costs rise... a hardship for many.

There are people in our group who need help when health concerns occur. Last summer we addressed the situation of a teacher who hadn't received any earned health benefits for years.

In November we helped the widow of one of our retirees fill out forms from the State Retirement System so that she could get her husband's pension. We found that the state gives a lump sum at the death of a teacher besides giving monthly checks. The lump sum depends on the age of the deceased.

We really need to form a small cadre of people who will assist when needed.

Maybe we can get this cadre started at our next General Meeting.

We also need another volunteer on our Social Committee to continue planning for our social events, as Ella Ray Toscano and Gino are moving to Rio Vista where Ella Ray has become Pastor of the Congregational Church. We wish her well in her new career.

I hope this publication, and those in the future, will be of value to us all. We would appreciate suggestions for future articles. I look forward to hearing from you.

-- LaRene Kauffman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our local PGTA-R account has been established. The beginning balance was \$230 from dues collected at the first general meeting on October 4, 2003.

The current balance on February 9, 2004 is \$216.47 after expenses and additional dues received.

Current membership: 28 members in good standing as of January 9, 2004.

-- Shirley Wedlake