

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## Special Election September 14

**"If elected, I will declare a state of emergency for California's public schools and fire the state's 15,000 'worst' teachers." Larry Elder, Republican candidate for Governor.**

Most of us were hoping to take a break from politics this year but a group of Republicans have gathered enough signatures to call for a Gubernatorial recall election on September 14. The first question will be whether to remove current Governor Gavin Newsom. If a majority of voters say "yes," the person with the most votes on the second question will be governor. Larry Elder is viewed by many as the strongest candidate in the group of challengers. The other leading Republican challengers are also in favor of a voucher program that will allow parents to "select" their child's school. California voters have defeated several voucher initiatives over the past twenty years and another will be on the ballot in 2022.

REACTA, as an organization, does not make political recommendations. However, we do have a policy and practice to inform our members about political recommendations made by CTA. **As you can guess, CTA is strongly recommending a "NO" Vote on the recall of Governor Newsom.** You may read the full statement from CTA President Toby Boyd by going to [www.cta.org/recall](http://www.cta.org/recall).

If you are a registered voter, you should receive a mail ballot in mid-August. In person voting will also be available on September 14. Given the return of the Delta variant, mail in voting is being encouraged. **Don't forget to vote in this critical election. Voter turnout will determine the winner.**

## Join Us in Cambria!

As of July 30, we have received reservations from 72 REACTA members, spouses and partners planning to attend our Annual Reunion and Business Meeting in Cambria. The tentative agenda includes the following:

### Monday, October 4, 2021

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

### Tuesday, October 5, 2021

- The REACTA Book Club will meet at 9 a.m. The selected book is The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.
- Hot Topics session will start at 10:00 a.m. Presentations will be made by our Pension Trust and Health Trust Trustees. Also expected to join us are CTA Executive Director Joe Boyd, Management liaison Nicole Love, CSO President Bruce Saathoff and CAS President Jill Coert.
- 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 6, 2021

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

We have blocked rooms at the Cambria Pines Lodge for Sunday evening, October 3 if you want to arrive early. Rates are from \$127 for a standard 2 queen to \$229 for a large suite. The hotel will also honor our rates for those wishing to leave Cambria on Thursday, October 7. You need to contact the hotel for reservations by calling 800-966-6490 and mentioning you are with Retired Employees (REACTA) Group. **Our room rates are guaranteed until September 3. Please reserve early to obtain our group rate!**

A meeting registration form was sent in July. This needs to be returned to Felice Strauss so we can determine our food order. We are looking at ways to allow members to attend the Hot Topics and Business meeting via Zoom.

## **Do You Need Transportation to Cambria?**

Would you like to attend the REACTA Annual Meeting in Cambria but lack transportation? Are you driving to Cambria with extra room in your vehicle for another member? If so, REACTA is willing to help make the match! VP Kerry Moriarty has agreed to be our "Yent!" by matching passengers with drivers. As an incentive, REACTA will hold a raffle at Cambria and award six \$50 gas cards and two \$100 gas cards to drivers who provide transportation to members who are not spouses or partners of the driver. Only one entry per vehicle is permitted.

Please email Kerry at [kmoriarty100@gmail.com](mailto:kmoriarty100@gmail.com) if you are a member in need of a ride or a driver willing to provide transportation to a former colleague. She will try to make the "match!"

## **In Memorium....**

REACTA recently lost two of its most senior members with the passing of Matt Krier (97) and Bill Gibson (96). 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. He was a kind gentleman who favored Pinot Grigio and vanilla ice cream! George William (Bill) Gibson passed in June. He instructed his son to "let REACTA know!" Bill was a long-time educator before working for CTA as a health insurance consultant, retiring in 1980. Both Matt and Bill attended several of our Annual Meetings in Cambria and remained interested in REACTA through their 90's. REACTA sends our condolences to both their families.