

Rich Shelton Bio

Our speaker at our February 11, 2026 lunch will be Rich Shelton who is a Search Manager and a Director of Marin County's Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Unit. Rich will give us an overview of SAR's activities.

The SAR unit is made up entirely of volunteers and Rich started volunteering in 2011. Marin SAR has saved many lives over the years. Over his tenure Rich has participated in hundreds of searches... everything from lost hikers to providing mutual aid response in the aftermath of the fires that destroyed Coffey Park and Paradise. Increasingly SAR gets called out to look for dementia sufferers who wander off and can't find their way home. Rich studied Chemical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering at UC Berkeley, graduating in 1981. He then went on to have an international career in energy working at Aramco, Chevron Research and Chevron International Oil Company before joining Morgan Stanley in 1990. At Morgan Stanley, Rich rose to be Managing Director, head of global natural gas trading, head of credit trading, and Chief Risk Officer - Commodities before moving to a part-time consulting role with the company in 2009 and then fully retiring a few years later.