

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



**Chevron Retirees Association**  
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**April 2025**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring... It was good seeing those of you who were able to attend our February 12, 2024, Marin CRA lunch. Our speakers, Phil Fisher and Kirk Beales, led a panel/round table discussion entitled "Downsizing-What You Need to Know and How to Do It." This was a really informative session for many of us who are considering downsizing from our family home or just decluttering it into something much more manageable as a step we may take before considering moving into a retirement community. Thank you to Phil and Kirk.

As we plan our 2025 lunchtime meetings, the Marin CRA Board remains committed to having lunchtime speakers that inform our membership about a variety of topics of interest including once per year an update on Chevron. We also look to organize social events all in the spirit of providing fellowship for our members. A case in point was the recent visit to a Ross Valley Players performance. Our lunchtime calendar for the remainder of 2025 is currently as follows:

- May 14: Chevron Update with Brian Hubinger, Chevron Public Affairs Manager
- August 13: Marin Search & Rescue Case Studies with Rich Shelton
- November 12: The Mayor of San Rafael, Kate Colin

At our next Marin CRA luncheon on Wednesday May 14, 2025, Brian Hubinger of Chevron will talk about "Energy Policies and Business Realities in Richmond and Beyond." As usual, the lunch will be 11am to 2pm at McInnis Park Club Restaurant, Smith Road Ranch, San Rafael. There have been many changes

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## MEETING NOTICE

Our May 14th luncheon will be at the McGinnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael starting at 11 am for the social hour. Our speaker will be Brian Hubinger of Chevron.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Slow-Cooked Pot Roast; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Mango Papaya Salsa; or (3) Pesto Cheese Tortellini (vegetarian); all with Chocolate Sundae, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be \$42 per person (note that this is an increase from 2024).

Marin CRA is moving towards on-line reservation for luncheons, so in addition to the usual printed form here in the newsletter, you will be able to sign up on-line in 2 ways:

1. You may receive (or already received) a separate email with the on-line reservation form
2. Or you can find the same form on our website [www.marincra.com](http://www.marincra.com) in the Event Sign-Up tab.
3. Instructions for completing the form are shown on the website under More> Event Sign-up Instructions.

Regardless, fill out and submit the form. You can pay by credit card (via Pay Pal) or send us a check.

For those without e-mail who receive their newsletter by USPS, use the form included with the newsletter, which can then be printed and mailed with your check just as in the past.

Please return the reservation form with payment by April 30th. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707.

to Chevron's footprint in Northern California over the last 12 months and a number of legislative changes impacting Chevron's Refining and Marketing business in California. Brian will give us an update on these issues as well as answering other questions we may have about Chevron in general.

I look forward to seeing you at the May 14 lunch or another Marin CRA event sometime soon. Until then, stay safe... and stay connected.

*Des King, President*

## CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Chevron Advocacy Network! The Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN) leverages the power of our collective voices and experiences in support of smart energy policies. It empowers members to speak up about the fundamental benefits of oil and natural gas in their communities and on social media to inform public opinion and positively impact policy. Through the CAN website, members have access to resources and fact-based information that can be shared with family, friends and decision makers. It provides members with information about their government representatives, including photos, bios, and contact information. When a key issue arises at the county, state or federal level, members will be alerted about the actions they can take to make a difference.

Joining CAN is a great way for Chevron retirees to stay connected with Chevron and the challenges it is facing in today's world -- and enables all of us to provide meaningful support to Chevron in addressing these challenges. Registration for CAN is free. You can even register on the go -- simply text CAN to 64122.

## OUR MAY SPEAKER—BRIAN HUBINGER

Brian is currently the Corporate Affairs Manager for Chevron Richmond, a group he has worked in since 2017. Brian and the Corporate Affairs team focus on fostering collaborative Relationships with local and regional stakeholders to advance Chevron's business, strengthen our community, and partner on various issues. In 2006, he started his Chevron journey as an Environmental Specialist at Chevron Richmond and has held numerous roles at the Richmond facility related to environmental stewardship, public policy, and major capital projects. Prior to joining Chevron, Brian managed environmental projects and compliance for a major beverage manufacturer. A native of California, Brian graduated from the California State University at Northridge with BS and MS degrees in Environmental and Occupational Health. He enjoys all things outdoors, the Richmond taco scene and coaching youth sports.

His talk topic is "Energy Policy and Business Realities in Richmond and Beyond".



## LIFETIME DUES OPTION

The Marin Chapter of CRA is now offering a new dues option. For \$120 you can have a lifetime membership (\$160 for print), free of any future dues payments. If you have previously prepaid multi-year dues, they will be credited against the lifetime amount. The plan includes \$50 lifetime dues for spouses. If interested, contact Brad McCullough at bjcc2mcc@comcast.net or (925) 348-6707 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

## 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park  
June 9—Board meeting, room 410B, Marin Civic Center  
August 13—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park  
September 8—Board meeting, room 410B, Marin Civic Center  
November 12—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park.  
December 8—Board meeting, La Toscana

## LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, May 14th, 2025  
Place: The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park, San Rafael  
Time: 11:00 AM No-host bar and fellowship  
12:00 PM Luncheon  
12:45 PM Program  
2:00 PM Adjourn

Our speaker: Brian Hubinger of Chevron

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Slow-Cooked Pot Roast; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Mango Papaya Salsa; or (3) Pesto Cheese Tortellini (vegetarian); all with Chocolate Sundae, coffee, and iced tea. (Anyone who needs a vegan meal may write a note on this sheet. We can accommodate you.)

Cost: **\$42 per person (NOTE—this is an increase from 2024)**

Please return the reservation form with payment by April 30th. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Bill Schultz at 415-883-5488 or Mike Elgie at 415-939-5601.

### Luncheon Reservation for May 14th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pot Roast</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Tortellini</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____			
Luncheon Cost: \$42 per person (an increase from 2024)			
Luncheon: _____	Reservations at \$42	Total	\$ _____

**Make your check payable to Chevron Retirees Association.**

Mail to: Chevron Retirees Association  
Box 6477  
San Rafael, CA 94903-0467.

**Members without Internet access: Check this line if you would like a printed copy of *Encore* brought to the luncheon for you.** (Funds not available for mailing.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Members needing a ride to luncheon:** Call Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707 and we will try to arrange transportation.

## ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY 2025 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales  
Don Beers  
David Brossard  
Judith Dyck  
Mike Elgie  
Phil Fisher  
Joan Fisher  
Wade French  
Jeff Hartwig

Alice He  
Paul Hodgen  
Bruce Hope  
Bruce Hopper  
Michelle Johansen  
Desmond King  
John King  
Alan Klaassen  
Brent Lok

Kenny Maclean  
Toby Marion  
Gary Masada  
Brad McCullough  
Roger McGee  
Tim Montgomery  
Tim Mossteller  
Gary Price  
Robert Rettig

Vic Revenko  
Mike Ring  
Thad Sauvain  
Debbi Semenick  
Richard Sullivan  
Jim Tighe  
Lyman Young

### RECRUITING INCENTIVE

If you bring a prospective new Chapter member to one of our luncheons, both you and the prospective new member will get the lunch free.

### USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE MONTHLY CHEVRON NEWSLETTER, YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.chevron.com/newsroom/subscribe>

THE CHEVRON RETIREES WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH A NEW FORMAT—SEE IT HERE:

<https://www.chevronretirees.org/>

OTHER LINKS ARE SHOWN ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

## ***Humor Section – “Getting along isn’t always easy...”***

*As I have grown older, I’ve learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake.*

*In life, it is important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.*

*Life is short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the internet arguing with strangers.*

*Little boy sitting on his step eating candy just as fast as he could unwrap it.*

*A man passing by saw what he was doing. He said, “All that candy is not good for you and will spoil your dinner.”*

*The little boy said, “I don’t know about that but my grandpa lived to be a 102.”*

*The man said, “Wow, you mean by eating candy?”*

*The little boy said, “No, by minding his own business.”*

*I am responsible for what I say, not what you understand.*

*Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.*

*Every day I understand the phrase “I’m getting too old for this shit” on an even deeper level*

*“A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done.” - Dwight D. Eisenhower*

#### *Types of Arguments*

*The Legitimate Argument, “You’re wrong, and here’s why.”*

*The Bad Argument, “You’re wrong.”*

*The Internet Argument, “You’re wrong and you’re stupid and you’re ugly and nobody will ever love you...blah, blah, blah”*

*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The realist adjusts his sails.*

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## LINKS

CRA Marin Chapter: [www.marincra.com](http://www.marincra.com)

Chevron Retirees: [www.chevronretirees.org](http://www.chevronretirees.org).

Chevron: [www.chevron.com](http://www.chevron.com).

Texaco: [www.texaco.com](http://www.texaco.com).

Caltex: [www.caltex.com](http://www.caltex.com).

Chevron Advocacy Network: [www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/](http://www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/)

Chevron Humankind: <https://chevron.yourcause.com>

MetLife Long Term Care: <http://www.metlife.com>.

ChevRec Benefit Hub <https://chevrec.benefithub.com/>

The company store: <http://www.chevronstore.com>.

Benefits Connection website: <http://hr2.chevron.com/retiree>.

CVX and other Chevron publications: <http://www.chevron.com/news/publications>.

Gulf retirees may be interested in checking out the web page on Gulf history: [www.gulphistory.org](http://www.gulphistory.org).

Learn about the Company's historical milestones: [www.chevron.com/history](http://www.chevron.com/history).

UnitedHealthcare: <http://www.uhc.com>.

BlueCross BlueShield: <http://bcbs.com>.

Medicare: <http://www.medicare.gov>.

Energy issues: [www.willyoujoinus.com](http://www.willyoujoinus.com).

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