

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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MEETING NOTICE

The next luncheon meeting, on Wednesday, August 8th, will be held at The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. Our speaker will be Tom Stienstra, outdoors writer for the S.F. Chronicle. Lunch will be choice of (1) Chinese Chicken Salad with Asian Noodles, Chicken, Greens and Sesame Dressing; or (2) Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables; or (3) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Salsa, Starch and Vegetables; all with Raspberry Sorbet Dessert, coffee, and iced tea. The cost will be \$30 per person. *If you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail, we suggest that you immediately print the luncheon reservation page so that you won't forget it.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are lucky to have as our next speaker on August 9, San Francisco Chronicle sports writer and outdoorsman, Tom Stienstra. Whether you are an avid hiker, biker, fisherman, hunter or just like the outdoors, or if you are an "armchair" adventurer, Tom's columns are always stimulating reading and create a desire to be in the great outdoors of California. His recommendations and his adventures always seem to make one want to visit the place he selected for his column. This year the Outdoor Writers Association of America named Tom's photo "A world apart on the marsh", as the country's outdoor adventure picture of the year. He has tailored a talk for us that should pique everyone's interest in adventuring outdoors. Be sure to mark it on your calendars. You won't be disappointed.

I would like to invite members from other chapters to our luncheon on August 9 at The Club at McInnis Park in San Rafael to hear Tom's presentation, particularly if you love the outdoors—hiking, fishing, sight-seeing, or whatever.

I was pleased to attend the CRA National meeting in San Antonio and have our chapter recognized for the volunteer efforts of Tom Hecht and Elaine Yamaguchi, each of whom were presented with an award of \$5,000 for their respective organizations by Chevron Chairman Mike Wirth. Unfortunately, Elaine had another commitment and was unable to attend, so I accepted the award on behalf of her and her organization. This was quite an achievement for both winners and again I extend my congratulations.

At the meeting Mike Wirth spoke about the importance of volunteering and how it enhances Chevron's reputation. He also spoke about the Chevron Advocacy Program and how it provides info for us to intelligently discuss topics with our friends and neighbors about the oil industry and about Chevron's activities, particularly to counter the anti-fossil agenda favored by many. Both activities—volunteering and advocacy—are important to Chevron's management. Recently the press had an announcement stating that Chevron is partnering with the State of Texas for volunteer opportunities; however, the article did not detail how this was to work, but it does show how Chevron views volunteerism.

A presentation on retiree benefits was given but there is too much detail to describe here. The info is available on the website (CRA's home) under benefits which covers the benefits "booklet". Those recent and updated benefits are: Hearing Aid Discount Program given by Hearing in America, for discounts on hearing aids; Identity Theft Protection and Resolution Services Program, that for a fee you can protect yourself from identity theft; strategies for Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to contribute to Qualified Charities which may be non-taxable to you, as part of Chevron Humankind giving; discounts for various activities for Chevron employees/retirees; and telephone discounts through Verizon. Some of these programs require qualified users but information on each may be found on the CRA benefits area of the website. Specific

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questions can be asked of Lezley Barth who heads up the Benefits area for CRA members. There is also a booklet (Survivor's Guide) available for planning and directing what actions are to be taken in the event of your death. This should be something that everyone talks to their loved ones about to make sure your wishes are followed. (It's more than just having a will, trust, and health directive.)

Kathleen Henshel was reelected as National's Chevron Retirees Association President and will serve another year. She has done such a fine job that we wish her continued success.

Our chapter needs your help in keeping our chapter strong. First, I would encourage you to contact other retirees that you know to attend our luncheons (which occur ONLY four times a year) and if they are reluctant "because they don't know anyone", introduce them to other members. Remember too that we can arrange for transportation if a retiree needs a ride. Second, I would like you to take the initiative and help us run the organization, by your filling out a Personal Experience Record (PED) that lists your outside activities and interests in serving on one of our committees, and maybe attending one of our Board meetings to learn how we operate and give your input to us. Serving on the Board is a great way to get to know your fellow retirees, to have a say in the programs, and to make improvements on how we do things. Think about what you can do to help.

Looking forward to our next meeting August 9 (mark your calendars now) and be ready for a great adventure with Tom in California outdoors

Ron Schafer, President

From Brad McCullough, Area Liaison for Employee Networks, Chevron Retirees Association:

Chevron Humankind and Employee Network Events - July - September

Welcome -

I have updated the Chevron Humankind and Employee Network Events document for events through September. Chevron and CRA are very interested in having employees and retirees volunteering together. Take a look and sign up through the link that is included with each item. Note: the link will take you to the specific project in Chevron Humankind, but it will ask you to sign in to Chevron Humankind first (<https://chevron.yourcause.org>).

These are all 1-time events, no long-term commitment needed!

Here are some upcoming events that are unique and fun!!

- Distribute harmonicas to kids at the Chevron Family Theater Festival in Walnut Creek
- Evaluate Elementary School Engineering project in Oakland with the National Society of Black Engineers and Chevron's Black Employee Network
- Have fun with ice cream - helping kids make it as well as distributing it at Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley
- Staff the Chevron booth at AIDS Walk in San Francisco
- Fill backpacks either with XYZ and AEN employees in San Ramon, or with Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond

There are lots more activities on the Chevron Humankind and Employee Network events document - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSIx2pFihT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4/edit>

If you are not registered to use Chevron Humankind, I recommend doing so. It's an easy process - they just need to verify you as a retiree - and it gives you the opportunity to have Chevron match your contributions to non-profits dollar for dollar up to \$3,000 per year (which also includes \$500 grants to non-profits that you give at least 20 hours to - and you can get 2 grants per year to the same or two different charities).

I am available to answer any questions you may have (or direct you to the person that can). Call me at (925) 348-6707 or email bjcc2@comcast.net

From Mike Elgie: re **Experience Records**

Like any good organization, CRA is always looking for new blood in its membership and its leadership. While increased membership is not easy, joining an organization of like-minded people with mostly com-

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mon experiences is not usually a hard sell. Getting over the perceived notion that accepting a role of leadership, such as on a local CRA chapter board or a National Committee, is a huge commitment is definitely hard.

I purposely used the words perceived notion. These various leadership positions are ones of very limited time requirements. For example, the local Marin Chapter Board meets 4 times a year and try to attend the 4 luncheons during the year. Depending on the positions either on the local Board or a Committee, the time needs are still minimal and usually can be done at your own convenience and often on a computer or perhaps on the phone.

With that background, I ask you Marin Chapter members to consider filling out a Personal Experience Record (PER). This is simply a record of your experience within Chevron and after retirement. It also asks for information on your experience in local community work and a check off of your skill sets. It will give Marin CRA a data base that we can review as we have particular needs. You are not committed by filling out a PER. If we call you and your personal situation is such that you are not in a position to accept a particular post, your "no thanks" is all you need.

For those who may want to pursue higher positions, such as a Chapter President, National Committee Chair or higher, we ask people to fill out a Leadership Experience Record (LER).

We all are retired, but do have an interest in Chevron, especially what is happening in the Company with respect to Retirees. Benefits are usually the item of most interest. But there are a number of Company sponsored or endorsed organizations that can be of interest to Retirees. A strong CRA with excellent, supportive relations with Chevron is important to all of us.

We as the Board of the Marin Chapter encourage you to contact one of the Board Members by phone, email or at a luncheon to obtain a PER, fill it out and pass it back to us. We value your participation and hope you will join us in keeping CRA a growing & helpful organization

ATTENDANCE AT THE MAY 2018 LUNCHEON

Kirk Beales	Herb Heller	David Lesnini	Victor Revenko	Bruce Stein
Don Beers	Vivian Heller	Brad McCullough	Chuck Ruby	Dick Sullivan
Jack Brodbeck	Pat Hines	James McGeehan	Jim Rutherford	Heidi Wilbert
Myrna Brodbeck	Jay Hubert	Tim Mossteller	Diana Rutherford	Russ Wilbert
Nick Clark	Patty Jones	Chuck Oldenburg	Ron Schafer	Dick Wuopio
Sue Clark	Wayne Jones	Christina Oldenburg	Bill Schultz	
Mike Elgie	Bob King	Joyce Peterson	Lillian Smithson	
Bruno Franchetti	Alan Klaassen	Gary Price	Bruce Stangeland	

AUGUST LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Tom Stienstra is the outdoors writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. He is America's first Back Country Sportsman of the Year and the only two-time National Outdoor Writer of the year. In 2008, he won first place for best outdoors column in



America. As a photographer with The Chronicle, he won first place in America for best outdoors feature image in 2011. That year he was also awarded as Far West Ski Writer of the Year. His books have sold more

than 1 million copies. His first novel, "The Sweet Redemption, An Inspector Korg Mystery," was released for 2013. His television show on CBS/CW won first place as America's best outdoor recreation show, and his radio show on CBS won first place in 2010 for best environmental feature show in America. Tom has hiked 25,000 miles, caught world-record fish, led dozens of expeditions and taken part in all phases of the outdoor experience. He was the fourth living member inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE LAST REPORT

Michael Caruana, newly retired
Paulette Moe, reinstated
Henry Newhall, reinstated

WHATCHA BEEN UP TO? We'd All Love to Know the Fun, Interesting, Significant, Moving, and/or Joyful Happenings in Your Life!

From Mike Caruana, who recently retired:
Retired from Chevron after 33 years of service. Elaine retired from John Muir Hospital several years back. Elaine and I were not blessed with children so we make do with our shared love of cats. Presently we have four cats, all of which we fostered as kittens, but in the end we couldn't let them go. Otherwise my time is occupied working on my long list of household projects that I couldn't get to when I was working. I am happy to say that I am not bored and wonder why I didn't pull the pin years ago.

ITALIAN STREET PAINTING MARIN
by Kirk Beales

This annual Marin event has been going on since 1994, usually during the third weekend in June (this year it was June 23-24). Artists create fantastic works in chalk on the streets of downtown San Rafael. Originally sponsored by Youth in Arts as a fund-raising program, the event is now sponsored by the EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases. Most of the artists are volunteers although a few top names are paid. The Italian name for these artists is *madonnari*, and this type of art has been practiced in Italy since the 13th century. Profits from the event go to fund local arts programs.



The program starts on Thursday with the closing of several blocks in downtown San Rafael: Fifth Street between Court Street and B Street, and A Street between Fifth and Fourth. A slurry coat is laid down on the streets to make a good surface for the chalk-work. Then on Friday the Grid-and-Stencil team lays out grids in chalk to delineate the various work areas. The artists generally start their work on Saturday morning and finish



late Saturday or Sunday morning, although for some of the larger images the work starts on Friday afternoon. By noon on Sunday most of the art is

complete and visitors can wander through the area and enjoy it all. Sunday evening a street washing truck comes through and obliterates all the art, followed by a paving truck to re-surface the street with a less-slippery coating. And the street is open again for traffic on Monday morning.



In addition to the art, the event includes music from a main stage, food and beverage booths, and a product sales area. Photographers record the art for the sponsors, the artists themselves, and the organization.



Joan and I have volunteered with this event for many years. It takes over 180 volunteers, working in shifts, plus many artists and sponsors, to pull this off. Vol-

unteers sell entry tickets, raffle tickets and themed products; staff the beverage booths; manage the entertainers; purchase and distribute supplies; and help in the set-up and tear-down of the facilities.

The photos are from this year's event.



LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, August 8th, 2018
 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 program: Tom Stienstra

Luncheon: Choice of (1) Chinese Chicken Salad with Asian Noodles, Chicken, Greens and Sesame Dressing; or (2) Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables; or (3) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Salsa, Starch and Vegetables; all with Raspberry Sorbet Dessert, coffee, and iced tea. **(Anyone who needs a vegetarian meal may write a note on this sheet. We can accommodate you.)**

Cost: \$30 per person. (The Club Restaurant has raised our luncheon cost, effective January 1, so we must increase our charge to \$30 from \$29.)

Please return the reservation form with payment by August 1st. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Bill Schultz at 415-883-5488, Mike Elgie at 415-939-5601, or Pat Hines at 415-720-6063.

Luncheon Reservation August 8th and Annual Dues Renewal

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Chinese Chicken Salad</i>	<i>Pot Roast</i>	<i>Salmon</i>
Member:	_____			
Spouse or Guest	_____			

E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____

Luncheon Cost: \$30 per person (increased due to restaurant increase)
 Luncheon: _____ Reservations at \$30 \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: Use the next lines only if you have not yet paid 2018 dues.
 2018 Dues for Retiree or Surviving Spouse, newsletter mailed first class, \$16 _____
OR 2018 Dues for Retiree or Surviving Spouse, newsletter e-mailed, \$12 _____
 2018 Dues for Spouse of Member (optional), \$5 _____
Total \$ _____

Make your check payable to Chevron Retirees Association.

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 Ron Schafer at 415-388-1590 or Bill Schultz at 415-883-5488 and we will try to arrange transportation.

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LINKS

CRA Marin Chapter: www.marincra.com

Chevron Retirees: www.chevronretirees.org.

Chevron: www.chevron.com.

Texaco: www.texaco.com.

Caltex: www.caltex.com.

Chevron Advocacy Network: www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/

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

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

For recreation activities for Bay Area retirees: <http://chevrec.chevron.com>.

For Discounts & Deals: <http://chevrec.chevron.com/deals/default.asp>.

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

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

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.

Learn about the Company's historical milestones: www.chevron.com/history.

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

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

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

Energy issues: www.willyoujoinus.com.

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