

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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MEETING NOTICE

The next luncheon meeting, on Wednesday, August 14th, will be held at The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. Our speakers will be Yvonne Roberts and Nancy Geisse of the Whistlestop in San Rafael. Lunch will be choice of (1) Chicken Parmesan, Mozzarella, Panko-Crusted w/ Marinara Sauce; or (2) Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables; or (3) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Salsa, Starch and Vegetables; all with Vanilla Gelato, coffee, and iced tea. The cost will be \$31 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.*

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer is here and flying by. It's hard to stay indoors with such beautiful weather—even if it means writing this message. I'd much rather be outside "refurbishing" the landscape for fire prevention. While we in Marin live in a "green" area, it takes a lot of work to keep it from turning brown or heaven forbid be subjected to fire. I hope you are all participating in your local FireWise groups and attending community meetings. There is a wealth of information for you to plan, prepare and prevent disaster, including how to evacuate. Please read up on what you can do. The fire season is almost all year long!

Our next meeting is August 14 at the Club. Our speakers will be two representatives from the Whistlestop in San Rafael. I urge you to put your reservations in soonest so we can plan accordingly. This is also a great opportunity to ask another retiree to attend with you who either is not a member or who has not attended for some time. Remember too that if any retiree needs a ride to the luncheon, please let us know and we will arrange transportation.

For those of you who attended our outside event, the play *Moll Flanders* at the Ross Valley Players Barn in May, I thank you for supporting our event (and thanks to Vic Revenko for getting the group rate tickets). We had a small turnout, but that was caused partly by several of our members holding season tickets for another performance. We were treated by a synopsis of the play and some background of the RVP presentation. I hope we can have another opportunity next year and have larger participation, perhaps with a luncheon and cooperating weather.

I ask that you submit reports or pictures or a short synopsis of any organization that you volunteer for. All of us are interested in what members are doing with their volunteer time and it may tweak interest with someone to join your group. We can publish your notes in this Newsletter. Also remember that volunteer time can be reported to the Corporation for matching funds for your organization. And in addition, your work may qualify your organization for the Chevron Award Program that is given out in May amounting to \$5000. Last year our Chapter had two winners. Maybe next year we can have a repeat performance!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings --- August 14 and November 13 – as well as the Chevron

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Graduates get-together December 14. We look forward to seeing you there. By the way, our next Board meeting to be held at Marin Civic Center Room 410 at 10AM is September 9, so if you want to see and be a part of how our Marin CRA works, you are welcome to attend. And be sure to check our websites, both Marin CRA and the organization's overall site, Chevronretirees.org.

See you at our August meeting----- and bring another Chevron retiree!

Ron Schafer, President

Chevron Reports Business Results at Annual Stockholders Meeting

SAN RAMON, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 29, 2019-- Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) today provided an overview of the company's 2018 operational performance and its future prospects at its 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders at its corporate headquarters in San Ramon, California.

The company earned \$14.8 billion last year, compared with \$9.2 billion in 2017. In the first quarter of this year, Chevron's oil-equivalent production of 3.04 million barrels per day was up almost seven percent from a year ago. Production has exceeded three million barrels per day for the last two quarters. Chevron expects to increase oil and natural gas production by 4 to 7 percent in 2019, excluding the effects of asset sales. Over the last few years, the company has repositioned itself to deliver sustained value for investors.

"Our strong portfolio of attractive investments is driving production and cash flow growth and offers a differentiated value proposition from our peer companies," said Michael Wirth, Chevron's chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "We have a sustainable portfolio underpinned by high-quality resources and strong reserve replacement. We expect to grow production with a disciplined and ratable capital program, investing in short-cycle, high return opportunities with low execution risk. Production growth coupled with strong cash margins leads to growing cash flow."

Chevron's first financial priority continues to be maintaining and growing its dividend. In January the company announced a six percent dividend increase, putting Chevron on track to make 2019 the 32nd consecutive year of increased annual per-share dividend payout. The company also plans to increase its

ATTENDANCE AT THE MAY 2019 LUNCHEON

Kirk Beales
Annette Bernat
Connie Berto
Frank Berto
Stu Brown
Mike Elgie
Bruno Franchetti
Frank Hall
Kathy Hecht

Tom Hecht
Bruce Hope
Jay Hubert
Bob King
John King
Howard Klee
Victor Kurkov

David Lesnini
Brad McCullough
Brant Miller
Tim Mossteller
Bernie Mulasky
Chuck Oldenburg
Marjorie Paradis
Steve Paradis

Joyce Peterson
Greg Poulos
Gary Price
Vic Revenko
Alex Ross
Tinka Ross
Ron Schafer

Jerry Schoenstein
Norm Schoenstein
Bill Schultz
Lillian Smithson
Richard Sullivan
Jim Tighe
Heidi Wilbert
Russ Wilbert
Dick Wuopio

AUGUST LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Yvonne Roberts is the Chief Donor Relations Officer for the Whistlestop in San Rafael and has been with the organization for 10 years doing fundraising and marketing. Nancy Geisse is the Chief Operating Officer for the Whistlestop since last year. She comes to Whistlestop with an extensive background in strategic, financial and business development services. Their topic will be about the Aging Trends in Marin County and Whistlestop's solution, the new Healthy Aging Campus.



share repurchase rate by 25 percent to \$5 billion per year.

Stockholders voted on 8 items. The preliminary results can be accessed at chevron.com online. Final voting results will be posted in the same location after they have been reported on a Form 8-K, which will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Specific information about the proposals before Chevron stockholders this year may be found in the “Investors” section of the company’s website under “Stockholder Services – Annual Meeting Materials.”

Chevron Corporation is one of the world’s leading integrated energy companies. Through its subsidiaries that conduct business worldwide, the company is involved in virtually every facet of the energy industry. Chevron explores for, produces and transports crude oil and natural gas; refines, markets and distributes transportation fuels and lubricants; manufactures and sells petrochemicals and additives; generates power; and develops and deploys technologies that enhance business value in every aspect of the company’s operations. Chevron is based in San Ramon, Calif. More information about Chevron is available at www.chevron.com.

DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES

From Don Ferrell, on receipt of the 2nd Quarter Newsletter: Thanks for this. I miss hanging out with all of you. We’re in Incline Village, NV, now permanently, but would appreciate if you’d continue to send me these emails. There’s no Chevron retirees chapter up here although there are several Chevron people – from all over.

New member David Stone (retired 2/8/19) and spouse Kelly: 38 year career at Chevron. Started as an engineer in El Segundo Refinery after graduating from UCLA. Half of my career was in Downstream and the other half in Chevron Energy Solutions. Our 3 children are in their 20s and 30s and live in Northern California.

FROM THE MAY ISSUE OF TIDBITS

Little Kids Comments

Peering down at it – “It’s called a book. Not sure where the batteries go”

To the kindergarten teacher – “No joystick? No mouse? No keyboard? How do you turn the pages?”

Mom – “Just open it and read it – you don’t need a password!”

“Why? I don’t know where school is – it’s not on my GPS”

This goes for birds too. Momma bird to baby bird “I don’t care if your friend has a flight simulator, you’re going to fly on your own!”

And finally, for all you grandpas and grandmas – **THE REVISED SERENITY PRAYER**

God grant me –

The strength to accept the things I cannot change

The courage to change the things I can

And wonderful and devoted friends who will post my bail when I finally snap!

TRAVELS IN AFRICA by Kirk & Joan Beales

We recently returned from our eighth trip to Africa, our favorite travel destination. On earlier trips we visited native villages and schools as well as Cape Town and Victoria Falls. Now we go strictly for the wildlife.



This trip was to the Okavango Delta area in northern Botswana. The delta is fed by rivers that come down from Angola, and the water then drains into the Kalahari Desert where it disappears. Water levels rise and fall seasonally but a lot of water remains year-round, making wildlife and bird viewing excellent.

We don't go with an organized tour but on our own. That sounds complicated but our travel agent has it all worked out. From the nearest major airport we take a small aircraft to the airstrip near a camp, spend several days on morning and evening game drives with an extremely knowledgeable local driver-guide, and then fly on to the next camp. The camps are located in concessions leased from consortiums of local villages or the government. Much of the camp staff comes from the local villages, with only senior personnel from elsewhere in the country. Unlike Kenya and Tanzania, where most of the wildlife viewing is in national parks with strict rules about when and where you can go, in the concessions the driver-guides are free to go off-road when there's an animal they're following, we can walk with an armed guide, and we can stay out after sundown when it's worthwhile.

The camps range from basic to quite luxurious, from simple tents to chalets. We prefer the tented camps as feeling more in-tune with the purpose of the visit. Most of them have only six to ten tents, accommodating up to 20 people, but when we were there in late March, it was off-season and there were fewer travelers. In fact in one camp we were the only guests for the four nights we were there. The camps are generally not fenced so animals can move freely through them and often do. So at night we are escorted back to our tent and don't come out until daybreak.

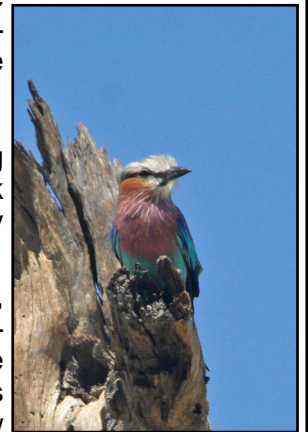


Game drives take place in the early morning (starting about 6:30) and in the late afternoon (starting about 4:00) when the animals are most active. The animals (and we) hunker down in the heat of the day. Drives are in open-sided Land Rovers or Toyota Land Cruisers. There's no danger from the animals so long as we stay in the vehicle and don't stand up. The animals are used to seeing the vehicles (they don't distinguish us from the vehicle) and we often get very close to them.

One thinks of "going on safari" as aimed at the "big five" animals and the like, but when we don't find them we are quite content to look at the fantastic range of bird life, much greater than we have at home and usually colorful with distinctive songs.



For us southern Africa, and especially Botswana, is like coming home. We love the wide open spaces where animals are free to roam and stars fill the night sky. A safari recharges your spirit. It provides a retreat from everyday life in which you can slow down, enjoy and feel more connected with nature. We are afraid we are addicted.



We always say that this was our last trip, and it usually takes a couple of years before we're ready to go again, but Joan has already started talking with our travel agent about the future. We'll see.



LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, August 14th, 2019
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

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Cost: \$31 per person

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 14th

Member: _____ Name _____ Chicken Parmesan / Pot Roast / Salmon

Spouse or Guest _____ _____ _____

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

Luncheon Cost: \$31 per person (increased due to restaurant increase)

Luncheon: _____ Reservations at \$31 \$ _____

2019 Dues: The Membership Chair (Brad McCullough) will send you a note if you owe 2019 dues. You can reach him at marincramembership@gmail.com or send a note to the PO Box below if you have any questions.

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.) _____

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Chevron: www.chevron.com.

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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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