

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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## THE MAY 13TH LUNCHEON HAS BEEN CANCELLED

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Are you in this movie too? Do you feel like you're living in a disaster film in which everyone goes about their lives, while snippets of newscasts hint at something ominous to come? About 15 minutes into the movie, the people become aware that something is happening; but they joke about it or shrug it off. Now, we're 30 minutes into the movie when the jokes start to fall flat. The music becomes more ominous.

This cinematic analogy is not intended to make light of our situation. We often use movie analogies to describe something. "It was like a movie" is the top cliché when a bystander describes some newsworthy event.

Today, as I write this, the disaster movie isn't being filmed. The sun is shining, it's a beautiful day. People are out walking. Some are walking their dogs; some are pushing a stroller. Occasionally, a child rides by on a bike. It's the middle of a weekday! People smile and wave hello to neighbors -- keeping 6 feet apart of course.

There's an undercurrent of worry leaking out from behind the smiles. Some are worried about getting sick. Others worry about vulnerable relatives who may live alone or far away. If they are not a Chevron retiree, they worry about being laid off, having their salary cut or their business failing.

Each of us can help reduce the feelings of isolation that result from social distancing and the inability to meet with friends and family. If you miss human interaction, call or Skype or Facetime someone. They would welcome hearing from you. Don't let feelings of isolation intrude into your life. Keep in touch with family and friends.

And, look on the bright side. Things could be worse. You could be stuck in a house trying to home school adolescent children. A friend reports, "Homeschooling is not going well. Earlier today, two students were suspended for fighting in class. A teacher was fired for drinking on the job."

Continue to take care of yourself ... and each other.

*Harbo Jensen, President*

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## ENHANCED CHEVRON HUMANKIND MATCHING

In response to the COVID-19 global crisis and the escalating impacts on employees and communities where we operate, Chevron Humankind will be implementing a 2:1 match on employee and retiree contributions to eligible 501c3 non-profit organizations from March 30 to April 30, up to a \$2 million cap.

The 2:1 match applies to employee and retiree credit card contributions made in Chevron Humankind between March 30 and April 30 and 2020 offline match requests entered into Chevron Humankind between March 30 and April 30. NOTE: you must submit your Chevron Humankind Match request by April 30.

A match approved during the 2:1 campaign will be applied to an individual's 2020 match cap and it will appear in their donation history on the Humankind website. Retirees have a \$3,000 matching cap (including grants) and the total amount of this match is included in that cap.

### Winter in England & Ireland

By Mike Elgie

In Mid-February Carol and I flew to Newcastle, England. It was a trip planned as an early Christmas visit but our son's house remodeling was much delayed. No different than experienced here in the USA.

We debated whether to leave the beautiful 70 Degree California winter for 35-45 Degree English winter, but our oldest grandson's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday won out. We flew through Dublin and had a safe, uneventful trip to Newcastle.

During these visits to Newcastle we normally take over the mid-week childcare duties from their other Grandmother, but it turns out we arrived just before Half Term. So the 6 and 3 yr. old were ours for the week. Not wanting to drive in England at our age and due to insurance restrictions, we used the bus system to take the boys to various activities around the area. They have many terrific facilities for indoor amusement of kids. I suspect driven by the lovely English weather.

We had a great time in Newcastle, with many adventures with the grandsons, and helped celebrate the 6 yr. old's birthday.

On our way back we spent several days with friends in Ireland. We toured around outside Dublin, then drove up to Belfast, in Northern Ireland. I was expecting some sort of "border" on the way, but there was none. Wonder how Brexit will affect that? From the Motorway, we would not have known we were in Northern Ireland if not for the travel signs. In the Republic they are in English and Gaelic while in Northern Ireland are in English only.

The shore at the very north of Ireland is striking in its stark stones and waves. Not too different from parts of the California and Oregon coast. The Giant's Causeway was spectacular.

The Titanic Museum in Belfast was fascinating. History of Belfast leading up to the building, the design/building process and of course the fateful voyage and aftermath. The building housing the company that built it is now a hotel and the drawing room for the blueprints is a bar/restaurant. Very bright and comfortable.

And being in Belfast, we had to take the city bus tour to see all around. We went down all the streets where there we all kinds of violence during

## ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY 2020 LUNCHEON

Kirk Beales  
Don Beers  
Lyle Borcharding  
Stu Brown  
Ignatius Chan  
Mike Elgie  
Lou Gibbs  
Sandy Guldman  
Tom Guldman  
Bob Hinds  
Pat Hines

Terry Hines  
Bruce Hope Bruce  
Hopper  
Jay Hubert  
Harbo Jensen  
Dave Johnson  
Patty Jones  
Wayne Jones  
Victor Kurkov  
William Loh  
Bill Long

Gary Masada  
Brad McCullough  
Roger McGee  
Jim McGeehan  
Dave Mitchell  
Marvin Mizis  
Tim Mossteller  
Bernie Mulaskey  
Christina Oldenburg

Chuck Oldenburg  
Marge Paradis  
Steve Paradis  
Joyce Peterson  
Lorry Peterson  
Gary Price  
Vic Revenko  
Mike Ring  
Joe Rosenthal  
Lisa Savio

Bill Schultz  
Ginny Schultz  
John Shook  
Lillian Smithson  
Bruce Stangeland  
Richard Sullivan  
Jim Tighe  
Dick Wuopio

the "Troubles." There are murals all over on big walls celebrating the various heroes on both sides.

Belfast is a very clean, friendly city and well worth a visit if you get the chance.

Flying home from Dublin we cleared US Customs in Dublin so really made that part easy. Our Aer Lingus flight was only half full as the Corona Virus fears were getting well known.

## NEW MEMBERS

Dave Mitchell  
Joe Rosenthal

## DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES

W.G. Hohlt - Still volunteering on the Nevada Northern Railway 6 days a week as a Conductor.

## DUES? WHOSE DUES?

To the surprise of retirees from some other companies, Chevron continues to provide us with some benefits even after we retire, such as the recent increase to a 2-for-1 company match for our donations. As one measure of how strongly retirees are committed to Chevron, the company looks at whether retirees become members of their CRA chapter.

Please show that you appreciate these ongoing benefits by paying your (very modest) CRA dues. For membership questions contact Brad McCullough, [marincramembership@gmail.com](mailto:marincramembership@gmail.com) or (925) 346-6707.

### What does CAN mean?

It stands for "Chevron Advocacy Network;" but, it means you are still part of the Chevron family. By joining CAN, you learn "real info" on issues affecting energy and Chevron. While you do not need to commit to any action, you may occasionally choose to send a message to your government representatives. Sign up!

## DEPARTED MEMBER

Norman Frederick Schoenstein died peacefully on February 1, 2020 at the Tamalpais Retirement Community in Greenbrae. Born on August 28, 1922, he was the oldest child of Otto and Emma Schoenstein. He was pre-deceased by his wife Alice and three siblings. Norm is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

Norm was a native son of San Francisco. With the advent of WWII, Norm elected to join the Merchant Marine and ultimately graduated from Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy with a U.S. Coast Guard License as a 3rd Engineer and a Reserve Commission in the U.S. Navy as an Ensign. He subsequently earned his license as a 1st Engineer.

When he quit going to sea in 1947, he was employed by Standard Oil of California. He married Alice Rose Smith in 1949. The Company moved Norm and his family to many locations in the West including Utah, Idaho, Hawaii, Alaska, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Norm retired as a Marketing Operations Manager with 37 1/2 years at Chevron and moved to the Tamalpais Retirement Community in 2002. In retirement Norm worked as a docent on the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien.

## Chevron Old-Timer's Quiz

1. What was the first name of the 225 Bush St. elevator starter in 1969?
2. What was her uniform color? What was her equipment?
3. What was the design motif for the exterior of the refurbished 225 Bush elevator doors?
4. Street addresses of the two Market Street office buildings? Brad's note - these are the two that Chevron owned, but we were resident in at least 2 more (320 and 595)
5. For the more westerly building, as shown on a plaque on a support column, who were the architects?
6. Who were the builders?
7. In what state was "Standard Oil Company of California, Western Operations, Inc." incorporated?
8. Describe the major changes in color and style of the 18th floor hall boys uniform in the mid-70's.



**Ross Valley Players invites Chevron Retirees to see *Pride and Prejudice*, the Musical on August 2, 2020 at the Barn Theater at the Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross, CA Please save the date**

Home life for the five Bennet daughters is punctuated by visits from military officers, card parties, and the occasional ball - pastimes guaranteed to throw them into the path of potential husbands, much to the delight of the garrulous Mrs Bennet and the horror of her quietly despairing husband. A local assembly sees the arrival in the neighbourhood of the wealthy and single Mr Bingley and of his aloof, handsome friend, Fitzwilliam Darcy...

Can Elizabeth overcome her initial disgust at Darcy's supercilious manner? Will he be able to overlook the outrageous behaviour frequently exhibited by her mother and younger sisters? Does true love finally conquer all?

Inspired by the much-loved Jane Austen novel, *Pride & Prejudice the Musical* has a script by Josie Brown, with music and lyrics by Rita Abrams.

Please confirm your reservation for the August 2, 2020, RVP musical "Pride and Prejudice" by sending a check for \$34 for each reservation by July 1 to RVP Tickets, Chevron Retirees Association, PO Box 6477, San Rafael, CA 94903. No tickets will be sent but will be distributed at the event.

We will meet at the Barn Theater, Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross, CA at 12:30 PM for a no host group picnic lunch. Please bring your own lunch. We will have an RVP speaker at 1:30 PM to give us insights about the musical version of *Pride and Prejudice*. The play will begin at 2 PM with open seating.

If the event does not take place because of health concerns, we will return the funds to you.



## FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

Our February 12 luncheon speakers were Bill Tyler and Jason Weber. Bill is Chief of the Novato Fire Protection District and President of the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association. Jason is Chief of the Marin County Fire Department. They explained how recent extreme fires in neighboring communities have compelled the Marin Fire Chiefs to develop an enhanced program for wildfires. The program identifies, targets and reduces wildfire hazards in Marin. It uses the best available technology to disseminate wildfire information, engages citizens in our most vulnerable areas, assesses vegetation & structural risks and advises on critical risk reduction activities.

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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.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](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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