

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The New Year is a time to reflect on the year just past and to look forward to the year ahead. I hope you were able to spend the December holidays with the family and friends that are most dear to you. 2021 was a difficult year for all of us, but despite that, Marin Chevron Retirees Association was able to fulfill its mission of bringing people together and connecting them either via Zoom or in person.

On November 10, 2021, we were all able to gather for the first time in 2021 for an in-person luncheon. It was so good to meet old friends and make new ones face-to-face after so long. The speaker was an inspiration to us all. Lauren Vuong told us the story of how she and her family escaped Vietnam in an overcrowded fishing boat shortly after the end of the Vietnam War. They were lost at sea for days... out of food, out of water, but not out of hope. They were rescued thanks to the charity of an LNG tanker captain and Lauren and her family went on to become productive members of American society. It was a life lesson to us all. Lauren's talk was so fitting after all of 2021's challenges. While there is life, there is hope.

Our next meeting will be on February 9, 2022, when we will have Chevron executive, Andy Walz, speak to Marin CRA. Andy is the President of Americas Fuels & Lubricants and responsible for Chevron's sales, marketing and supply chains for fuels and lubricants across North and Latin America. Andy will give us an update on the downstream part of Chevron's business, so he is the man if you have questions ranging from the status of Chevron's refineries to fuel discounts for retirees. We had hoped to have this as an in-person luncheon meeting, but due to the ramp up in omicron COVID cases, this meeting will now be by Zoom.

In closing, I want to thank the board of Marin CRA for 2021 and its President, Jim Tighe, for enabling our organization to operate so well over the course of the last year despite all the challenges. As I take on the role of President, I am optimistic about 2022. Compared to just 12 months ago, we now have vaccines, and we are lucky enough to live in Marin where vaccination rates are high. Let's hope that omicron soon passes, society builds herd immunity, and we all get back to normal in 2022.

I look forward to seeing you at a Marin CRA event soon.

Until then, stay safe... and stay connected.

*Des King, President*

## **MEETING NOTICE**

Our next meeting, on Wednesday, February 9th, will be on Zoom rather than in-person. Our speaker will be Chevron's Andy Walz, President, Americas Fuels and Lubricants. Members of other CRA chapters are invited to join us.

For the registration link, see the e-mail that sent you this newsletter (it is not possible to get an active hyperlink in a PDF document like this).



## biographical information

### Andy Walz

President, Americas Fuels & Lubricants



Andy Walz is president, Americas Fuels & Lubricants, a position he has held since October 2020. He is responsible for optimizing Chevron's fuels and lubricants supply chains in North and Latin America, as well as the marketing, sale and delivery of Chevron and Texaco fuels brands and lubricants and coolants products that include the Havoline, Delo and Ursa brands.

From 2019-2020, Walz was president of Americas Products responsible for Chevron's fuel products supply chain in the Americas, including overseeing the optimization of its value chain from refining to marketing. He also was responsible for the marketing, sales and delivery of Chevron and Texaco brand fuel products to retail, wholesale, commercial and industrial, and aviation customers.

Previously, Walz served as the president of International Products, responsible for Chevron's downstream fuels business and joint ventures outside of the Americas. He oversaw the refining and marketing of transportation fuels for commercial and retail sales across four key distributive areas in Singapore, Thailand, Korea and South Africa, as well as Chevron's joint-venture aviation activities in the Middle East.

Walz has also served as vice president of Joint Ventures & Affiliates, responsible for Chevron's non-operated joint venture refineries in Singapore, Thailand and Korea. Prior to that role, he was the vice president of Product Supply and Trading, based in Houston Texas.

Walz graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He joined Chevron in 1989 and has more than 30 years of experience in the oil and gas industry.

Over the course of his career, Walz has progressed through a series of leadership roles, including: regional marketing manager Southeast U.S.; advisor to the president of Global Marketing in San Ramon, California; and general manager of the Burnaby Refinery in British Columbia, Canada. He also served as the general manager of Marketing for Caltex Australia Limited, based in Sydney, Australia, from 2008 to 2013.

Walz is based at Chevron's corporate headquarters in San Ramon.

### 2022 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- a. Feb 9 Meeting on Zoom
- b. Mar 14 Board Meeting at Civic Center
- c. May 11 Luncheon Meeting at McInnis
- d. Jun 13 Board Meeting at Civic Center



**ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 2021 LUNCHEON**

Kirk Beales  
 Don Beers  
 Steve Bergtholdt  
 Georgeann Economy  
 Phil Fisher  
 Lew Gibbs  
 Jeff Hartwig  
 Bruce Hope  
 Bruce Hopper

Harbo Jensen  
 Tyna Jensen  
 Dave Johnson  
 Des King  
 Russell Krug  
 Henri Lese  
 Jeanne Lese  
 Bill Long

Brad McCullough  
 Jennifer McCullough  
 Jim McGeehan  
 Steve Medvic  
 Tim Montgomery  
 Christina Oldenburg  
 Chuck Oldenburg  
 Gary Price  
 Vic Revenko

Ron Schafer  
 Bill Schultz  
 Richard Sullivan  
 Jim Tighe  
 Lauren Vuong  
 (speaker)  
 Heidi Wilbert  
 Russ Wilbert  
 Steve Willis

**Save the Date Sunday May 8, 2022, at 1 pm at the Ross Valley Players Barn Theater, Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross, CA**

CRA Marin invites all members and others around the Bay Area to attend a picnic lunch( BYO) at 1 pm followed by the classic hilarious satire " The Government Inspector " at 2 PM. A summary of the play and reservation information is below. We will gather at the Redwood Amphitheater (behind the theater) at 1 PM for BYO lunch and drinks and followed by a talk by the director about the play which starts at 2 PM.

The story: When the locals in a small town in Russia learn that an undercover government inspector is coming for a surprise visit, an unfortunate case of mistaken identity sends the village spiraling into a world of panic and greed. *The Government Inspector* is often said to be Nikolai Gogol's masterpiece, a comedy of errors that provides clever commentary on the extensive political wrongdoing of Imperial Russia. When it opened, it caused an uproar in the Russian press. Eventually, Tsar Nicholas I had to intervene in order for the production to move forward. Since its premiere in the 1830s, *The Government Inspector* has been translated and adapted for many different productions, most notably the Chichester Festival in 2005.

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Reservations for Sunday May 8, CRA Theater Event at the Ross Valley Players Barn Theater, Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross , CA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets at \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check to Chevron Retirees Association, PO Box 6477, San Rafael, CA 94903-0467 by April 15, 2022

Tickets will be held for you at the event

**by Nikolai Gogol, Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher  
 Directed by Lisa Morse**

**THE  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INSPECTOR**

**May 6 - June 5, 2022**



### The Chemical Engineer that Inspired Me the Most

*I was recently asked by the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) to write an article about the chemical engineer that inspired me the most. All past Presidents of IChemE were asked to write similar articles and these will appear on IChemE's website celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022. Most past Presidents wrote about professors who had inspired them, but I chose my first supervisor at Chevron, Lew Frederickson. Lew worked for many years at the Richmond Technology Center and a number of you may know him. To me, Lew represents the many talented, unsung heroes who form the backbone of Chevron. Lew retired about 20 years ago, but the success of Chevron today is because it stands on the shoulders of those that went before, like Lew Frederickson. The article follows along with a photo of Lew about the time he was my supervisor.*

*By way of background about IChemE, it is the UK based global professional body for chemical engineers with about 35,000 members worldwide. I was its President in 2010-2011 and I still remain active in the institution today as the editor of the energy panel for its 100th anniversary.*

*Des*

#### Lew Fredrickson – The Chemical Engineer That Inspired Me the Most

I have been inspired by many chemical engineers. As an undergraduate at Imperial College in the mid-1970's I have fond memories of the mentoring received from leading academics including Prof. Roger Sargent, Dr. (later Professor) Henry Sawistowski and Dr. (later Sir) William Wakeham. Later, in the late-1970s as a Ph. D. student at Cambridge, there was Dr. (now Sir) David Harrison, Prof. John Davidson and Dr. (later Professor) Roland Clift. These leading researchers inspired me and a multitude of others. However, if I had to pick one chemical engineer that inspired me the most, it would be Lew Frederickson. Lew is a late-1950's chemical engineering B.S. from Oregon State University who spent his entire career working on the front line for Chevron. To me, Lew represents the backbone of our profession. Yeoman professionals working hard every day to keep facilities safe and companies profitable by applying sound engineering practices.

I first met Lew in April 1981 on an interview trip to Chevron's technology center in Richmond, California. It was the normal interview trip, meeting with lots of people over the day. The interviewer that stood out the most in my mind after that day was Lew. Lew had just returned from a front-line engineering role at Chevron's El Segundo refinery. He was the typical American engineer of the day complete with plastic shirt pocket protector. What stood out to me was how practical and experienced he was. I remember coming away thinking, I really would like to work for that guy. I could learn so much. Not least because Lew's group covered FCC tech. service and I had just completed a Ph. D. in 1979 on fluidization. A few weeks later I received a job offer from Chevron to work for Lew. I jumped at it.

I started at Chevron on September 21, 1981. I was not disappointed. I worked for Lew on a number of tech. service and process design projects across Chevron's system. I was always amazed when I would travel with Lew to a refinery. The refinery engineers showed so much respect for him and his advice. I really did learn a lot. After a few years, Lew was promoted to the purely technical role of the FCC expert for Chevron. I missed working for him, but this role was perfect for him. No more personnel management, just working and solving complex engineering problems day in day out. The work he loved to do. About ten years later Lew was promoted to Chevron "Fellow", the highest level that a technical contributor could achieve. Chevron Fellows in the past had all been researchers with multiple patents and papers to their names. Lew had none of this. Lew was the first non-researcher in Chevron to be promoted to Chevron Fellow. A worthy recognition for a regular engineer's great engineer.

### **DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES**

Henri Lese - Lots of volunteer work, never busier!

John Green (new member) - formerly with Chevron Lubricants & Caltex

Michael Yoham (new member) - Maria and Mike both worked for Chevron. They enjoy hiking, biking, and traveling.

Michelle Johansen (new member) – started at Pascagoula refinery, then Richmond refinery and San Ramon

Kenny Maclean (new member) – dad and brother also worked at Richmond refinery

Dick Robinson - still playing golf with Sirs Branch 7, has been in St. John's Church choir 10 years, retired from Marin Barbershop Chorus

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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>.

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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