

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am really pleased that so many of you were able to attend our last luncheon on May 11. It was so good that we are able to start interacting face-to-face normally again. We had an excellent speaker, Rich Shelton, who gave us an overview of Marin Search and Rescue (SAR). It was truly impressive to learn how such an all-volunteer group does so much supporting Marin and other counties around the state. The dedication and commitment of Marin SAR's members, many of whom are high schoolers, to search for missing people is admirable.

Our next lunch is on Wednesday August 10 and will feature bay area personality Mike Pechner, KCBS weatherman and Bay Area Radio Hall of Famer. People all over the Bay Area recognize Mike Pechner from his years on the air as a television weatherman and his long service at KCBS radio. Mike went to high school in Novato, graduated from San Francisco State University, and today is a weather consultant who counts the San Francisco Giants among his clients. Stay tuned, too, for details about other upcoming events. These include a group picnic at Marin Cheese Factory on Tuesday August 30 and a talk on how rising sea levels will impact low lying communities around the bay area at our Wednesday November 9 lunch.

As part of our drive to keep our Marin CRA chapter vibrant, we continue to recruit new members. New members bring with them new ideas and new contacts that enable us to keep organizing events that are enjoyable, informative and fulfill our mission of bringing people together and connecting them. If you know someone who is a Chevron retiree and who is not a dues-paying member of Marin CRA, please invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. As an incentive, if you bring a prospective member to a lunch in 2022, the Chevron Retirees Association will cover the cost of their lunch and your lunch. To ensure you get credit when you sign up for a lunch and bring along a prospective member, please drop me an email at DesmondFKing@gmail.com with the name and contact details of the prospective member you will be hosting as well as the date of the luncheon you will be bringing them to.

At our May 11 lunch we had 12 recent retirees attend as Marin CRA guests to check us out and I am pleased to say that a number of them have signed up as Marin CRA members already. Thank you to our existing members who made them feel so welcome. Many of us had worked with these guests over our careers and it was so nice to be swapping old stories with them again. I had personally worked with many

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MEETING NOTICE

The next luncheon meeting, on Wednesday, August 10th, will be held at The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. Our speaker will be Mike Pechner, Meteorologist. Lunch will be choice of (1) Tri-Tip Steak; or (2) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Salsa; or (3) Butternut Squash Risotto & Vegetables; all with Strawberry Sundae Dessert, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be \$34 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.***

Bring proof that you've been vaccinated or a recent negative Covid test.

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.

of them and one, Ralph Forde, sent me a photo from his archive from when we worked together in 1988 (see below). To me, that is what CRA is all about, a shared work history and a shared commitment to support each other in retirement.



I look forward to seeing you at a Marin CRA event soon. Until then, stay safe... and stay connected.

Des King, President

Paul Hodgen, Desmond King, Lew Frederickson & Ralph Forde—FCC ca. 1988



**MIKE PECHNER,
OUR AUGUST SPEAKER**

Calendar of Events

August 10—Luncheon meeting with Mike Pechner, KCBS radio weatherman, Club at McInnis Park

August 30—Picnic at the Marin French Cheese Factory, 12-2 (see flyer in this issue)

September 12—Board meeting, Civic Center Room 410B, 10 AM—12 Noon

November 9 —Luncheon meeting with Chris Choo, Planning for Sea Level Rise, Club at McInnis Park

December 12—Board meeting, La Toscana (?), 11:30-1:30

NEW MEMBERS

Mark R. Buetzow
John W. Carr Jr.
David L. Cooke
Ralph M. Forde
Clayton R. Freeberg
Stephen M. Medvic
Jirong Xiao

DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES

Steve Medvic was born in 1956 and raised in San Rafael. Attended College of Marin and San Francisco State College. Retired in November 2011.

David Cooke wrote “I’m enjoying playing golf with a group of Chevron retirees in the East Bay, but would welcome the opportunity to play with folks that are closer to home (Marin).”

ATTENDANCE AT THE MAY 2022 LUNCHEON MEETING

Don Beers
Mark Buetzow
Ignatius Chan
Dave Cooke
Carol Elgie
Mike Elgie
Joan Fisher
Phil Fisher
Mary Jean Forde
Ralph Forde
Clay Freeberg

Lew Gibbs
Jeff Hartwig
Bruce Hope
Des King
John King
Russ Krug
Anna Lee Lantz
David Lesnini
Brad McCullough
Steve Medvic
Tim Montgomery

Bernie Mulaskey
Gary Price
Robert Rettig
Vic Revenko
John Riley
Mike Ring
Jay Rynbrandt
Chris Savio
Ron Schafer
Bill Schultz
Ginny Schultz

Evan Sedlock
Rich Shelton
Lillian Smithson
Jim Tighe
Terri Travirca
Heidi Wilbert
Russ Wilbert
Steve Willis
Jirong Xiao

RECAP OF THE MAY 11TH TALK—BY PHIL FISHER

Rich Shelton was a terrific luncheon speaker today. We were all knock-out impressed with what Marin SAR does, how they train, operate, are organized, etc. Their website is <https://marinsar.org/>

Marin SAR is an all-volunteer agency of very dedicated members (1/3 high school age) who must pass rigorous mental and physical entry exams, and then if accepted, must stay current with additional training each year including becoming an EMT or EMR or paramedic. Those who don't stay current on training or fail to attend their minimum call outs required are dropped from the program.

Rich walked us through all the various facets and the kinds of incidents they are called upon, which can be injuries from falls, hiking, biking, etc.; lost on trails, or in the water; helping to search for evidence at crime scenes; locating dementia patients; and even suspected abductions or victims of despondency.

They have developed their own software and how to organize and set up Command Posts to help out after major catastrophes like forest fires that rip through residential neighborhoods. They are sought out by other rescue agencies to emulate their training and organization.

He mentioned 2 recent incidents: In February they were called to look for a couple missing from their overnight stay at an inn in Inverness. All personal possessions including hiking gear were still at the inn or in their car. A thorough search of the trails and shoreline by land, sea and air mysteriously revealed nothing.

They agreed to do one more trail search through very heavy brush near the inn (believing they might be close by if they left their gear behind). Turns out their guess was right: the couple had wanted one last look at sunset from a familiar trail point at dusk within a short walk of the inn and became completely disoriented when it turned very dark. They wandered by mistake farther and farther into very dense brush and finally just collapsed from exhaustion. Fortunately, this one last SAR's push found them. The brush was so dense, they had to be airlifted out by helicopter.

The second incident was the very recent crash of a small plane in the Marin headlands in heavy fog resulting in deaths of pilot and passenger. They were called out to locate it, but the Fire Dept found it while SARs just started looking. Then SARs was called back again to secure the plane to the ground with ropes and anchors to prevent it from sliding down the hill to Counselman Road below.

Very impressive work!!!

Thank you, Rich Shelton

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022
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: Mike Pechner, Meteorologist

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Tri-Tip Steak; or (2) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Salsa; or (3) Butternut Squash Risotto & Vegetables; all with Strawberry Sundae Dessert, coffee, and iced tea. **(Anyone who needs a vegan meal may write a note on this sheet. We can accommodate you.)**

Cost: \$34 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 or Mike Elgie at 415-939-5601.

Luncheon Reservation for August 10th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tri-Tip</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Butternut Squash</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____			
Luncheon Cost:	\$34 per person		
Luncheon:	_____ Reservations at \$34	Total	\$ _____

Make your check payable to Chevron Retirees Association.

Mail to: Chevron Retirees Association
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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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MARIN CRA INVITES YOU TO A PICNIC AT THE MARIN FRENCH CHEESE CO.

7510 Pt. Reyes-Petaluma Road, Petaluma CA

Noon—2 PM on Tuesday, August 30th

Bring your own picnic or purchase sandwiches or salads and beverages from their shop. (We encourage some purchases as that will give us free use of their picnic grounds.) The picnic area surrounds an attractive pond.

E-mail Brad McCullough at marincramembership@gmail.com with your “reservation” and tell him how many will be in your party, so we can give the facility advance warning of our numbers.

How to get there: Take US-101 to the Atherton/San Marin exit at Novato. At the light, turn left on San Marin Drive. Follow San Marin Drive approximately 2½ miles to Novato Blvd. Turn Right on Novato Blvd. and go 7½ miles until it dead ends into the Pt. Reyes/Petaluma Road Turn left on Pt. Reyes-Petaluma Road and go ⅓ of a mile until just past the firehouse. Marin French Cheese Co.’s cheese shop is on the right. It is about a 15 minute drive from the freeway.



Their website: <https://marinfrenchcheese.com/>

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.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.

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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