

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you have had an enjoyable Holiday Season with friends and family and feel refreshed and energized to take on the new year. The holiday season was a good time to reflect on the year gone by and look forward to the year to come.

2022 was a good year for Marin Chevron Retirees Association (CRA). We had four formal meetings with great speakers and a wide range of informative topics. In February we had a lunchtime Zoom meeting with Andy Walz (President of Chevron Americas Fuels and Lubricants) who gave us a good overview of Chevron activities. Then we were back to regular in-person lunches again for the rest of the year thank goodness. In May Rich Shelton described the breadth of the incredible work the all-volunteer Marin Search & Rescue team does. Not just across Marin, but across the whole state. In August KCBS weatherman and bay area hall of famer, Mike Pechner, not only gave us a meander down memory lane about his career, but also talked about how Marin's climate is changing. Finally, in November, Chris Choo (Marin County Planning Manager) spoke on the impact of sea level rise on Marin and the Bay Area. In addition to our formal meetings, we also had a fun summertime picnic at the Marin Cheese Factory. I want to thank all of you who were able to participate in our events. The main purpose of Marin CRA is to provide a forum for members to get together and your continued participation gives us the critical mass to continue to make that possible.

There are a number of volunteers behind the scenes at Marin CRA who organize our events so the membership (and their guests) can enjoy good lunches and good speakers. Those volunteers are the Marin

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MEETING NOTICE

Our February 8th luncheon will be at the McGinnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael starting at 11 am for the social hour.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Grilled Salmon; or (3) Vegetarian Pasta; all with Carrot Cake, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be \$35 per person.

Marin CRA is moving towards on-line reservation for luncheons, so instead of the usual printed form here in the newsletter, you will be able to sign up on-line in 2 ways:

1. You may receive (or already received) a separate email with the on-line reservation form
2. Or you can find the same form on our website www.marincra.com in the Event sign-up tab

Regardless, fill out and submit the form. You can pay by credit card (via Pay Pal) or send us a check.

For those without e-mail who receive their newsletter by USPS, the form will be included with the newsletter, which can then be printed and mailed with your check just as in the past.

Please return the reservation form with payment by February 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.

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.

CRA board of directors. I want to thank the people who have stepped forward to be considered for the board for 2023 so Marin CRA can keep up our activities. I will ask people attending the February 8, 2023, luncheon to formally endorse the board membership for 2023. The proposed Marin CRA board for 2023 is as follows:

POSITION	NAME	BACKUP
President	Desmond King	
Secretary	Mike Ring	
Treasurer	Brad McCullough	Bill Schultz
Luncheon Coordinator	Russ Wilbert	Pat Hines, Ron Schafer
Corresponding Secretary	Russ Wilbert	
Newsletter Editor	Kirk Beales	
Website Coordinator	Phil Fisher	Kirk Beales
Membership Coordinator	Brad McCullough	
Nominations Chair	Jim Tighe	
Photographer	Vic Revenko	Mike Elgie, Phil Fisher
Director	Ron Schafer	
Director	Tim Mossteller	
Director	Pat Hines	
Past Nat'l Pres./Director	Mike Elgie	
Past Nat'l Pres./Director	Vic Revenko	

If you would like to volunteer to help out and be on the board, we would love to have you. We have some open spots. Please drop me an email at DesmondFKing@gmail.com to let me know if you might be interested. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Harbo Jensen who is stepping down from the Marin CRA board at the end of 2022 after over a decade of service. A big thanks, Harbo, for all you have done.

Looking forward to 2023, our next lunch is at McInnis on February 8, 2023. Richard Torney from the Marin Historical Society will talk on how the coming of the railways changed the face of Marin and the Bay Area. As our mostly road-based transport system becomes increasingly clogged, this does raise the issue about whether it is time for rail to make a comeback. This is something we can debate with Richard.

February 8 will also be the first lunch meeting when the general membership can sign up electronically if they wish. There will then be three ways to sign up for a lunch:

- Print off the signup sheet in the newsletter and mail it in with a check (as per previous practice)
- Or: Go to the "Event Sign Up" section of MarinCRA.com, signup for lunch electronically and mail in a check
- Or: Go to the "Event Sign Up" section of MarinCRA.com, signup for lunch and pay electronically for those with PayPal accounts.

If you have questions when signing up electronically, please feel free to contact Phil Fisher (Marin CRA Website Coordinator). Phil's contact details are email phfisher@comcast.net and cell phone 415 265 9324. The reason that all three approaches are required is because we still have some members who do not use email and/or use email but may not have PayPal accounts. For those who are interested in electronic signup for future lunches but feel that they still need a bit of coaching, Phil will be providing a demonstration at our next lunch.

Thank you again for your participation in 2022 and here's to happy, healthy and fun 2023.

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

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

Des King, President

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023
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: Richard Torney, amateur railroad historian

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Grilled Salmon ; or (3) Vegetarian Pasta; all with Carrot Cake Dessert, coffee, and iced tea. **(Anyone who needs a vegan meal may write a note on this sheet. We can accommodate you.)**

Cost: \$35 per person

Please return the reservation form with payment by February 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 February 8

<u>Name</u>	<u>Irish Stew</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Vegetarian Pasta</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____			
Luncheon Cost: \$35 per person			
Luncheon: _____	Reservations at \$35	Total	\$ _____

Make your check payable to Chevron Retirees Association.

Mail to: Chevron Retirees Association
Box 6477
San Rafael, CA 94903-0467.

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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FEBRUARY SPEAKER—RICHARD TORNEY

Railroads in Our Backyard

This slide show features historic photos taken along the path of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad's Electric Interurban Route coupled with recent photos taken in, as much as possible, the same locations. The old images date from the 1870's through the 1960's, and most of the current images have been taken between 2003 and today.

This presentation will help those familiar with these trains remember, and demonstrate to those who do not, the importance that railroads have played in showing the San Francisco Bay Area, and indeed the world, the wonders that are to be found and enjoyed in Marin County.

Richard is a semi-retired remodeling contractor and amateur historian and railfan. A lifelong Marin resident, he is active with several local groups including the Ross Historical Society, the Kentfield/Greenbrae Historical Society, and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society.

ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 2022 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales
Don Beers
Ignatius Chan
Chris Choo
Jack Chu
Mike Elgie
Phil Fisher
Joan Fisher
Ken Frost
Sandra Guldman

Tom Guldman
Jeff Hartwig
Muigai Karigaca
Desmond King
Alan Klassan
Russ Krug
Henri Lese
Jeanne Lese
Bill Long
Toby Marion

Brad McCullough
Richard Moore
Tim Mossteller
Gary Price
Robert Rettig
Vic Revenko
Mike Ring
Ron Schafer
Bill Schultz
Ginny Schultz

John Shook
Jim Stambolis
Bruce Stein
Jim Tighe
Heidi Wilbert
Russ Wilbert
Steve Willis
Jirong Xiao
Jack Zakarian

NEW DUES OPTION

The Marin Chapter of CRA is now offering a new dues option. For \$100 you can have a lifetime membership, free of any future dues payments. If you have previously prepaid multi-year dues, they will be credited against the lifetime amount. The plan includes \$50 lifetime dues for spouses. If interested, contact Brad McCullough at bjcc2@comcast.net or (925) 253-0229 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

GRAND JURY

Scott Smith has written of his experience in serving on the Marin County Grand Jury and suggests that that would be a good experience for many Chevron retirees. For more information, contact Scott at colombo.smith@gmail.com or 415-426-8422.

2023 Calendar of Events

February 8—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park
March 13—Board meeting, Marin Civic Center, room 410B
May 10—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park
June 12—Board meeting, Marin Civic Center
August 9—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes park
September 11—Board meeting, Marin Civic Center
November 8--Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park
December 11— Board meeting, La Toscana

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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