

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.

2023 was a good year for Marin Chevron Retirees Association (CRA). We had four lunch meetings with great speakers and a wide range of informative topics. In February, local historian Richard Tourney discussed how the railroads have influenced the development of Marin. In May, we had an informative panel presentation and discussion about the pros and cons of various retirement community options in Marin. In August, Chevron VP Chris Jablonski informed us about Chevron's investment in new technology including Chevron's push into low carbon businesses. Finally, in November, Ken Frost outlined how his research at Dominican University is sponsoring projects in Marin that are paying dividends in reducing carbon emissions. 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.

As we plan our 2024 lunchtime meetings, the Marin CRA Board remains committed to having speakers that will not only keep us informed about Chevron, but also educate us about a wide range of topics of general interest and importance. Please mark your calendars, these are the dates of our 2024 luncheons and the topics to be covered:

February 14, 2024: Marin History with local Historian Jim Holden

May 8, 2024: Current Affairs with Marin IJ's Dick Spotswood

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MEETING NOTICE

Our February 14th luncheon will be at the McGinnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael starting at 11 am for the social hour. Our speaker will be Jim Holden, author of *It Happened in Marin*.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Petrale Sole w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Mushroom Risotto (vegetarian); all with Strawberry Sundae, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be **\$40 per person (an increase from 2023)**.

Marin CRA is moving towards on-line reservation for luncheons, so in addition to 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.
3. Instructions for completing the form are shown on the website under More> Event Sign-up Instructions.

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, use the form 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 January 31st. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707.

August 14, 2024: Chevron Update with Chevron's Regional Government Affairs Manager Brain Hubinger

November 13, 2024: Speaker and Topic still to be confirmed

All the luncheons will be from 11 am to 2 pm at the McInnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael. At our first lunch on February 14, 2024, at McInnis we will also be asking luncheon attendees to give us some feedback on Marin CRA. In particular, what we should keep doing and new things we might consider to improve the Marin CRA experience for members.

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 CRA board of directors. I want to thank the following people who have stepped forward to be on the board for 2024:

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 you might be interested. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Tighe and Mike Ring who stepped down from the Marin CRA board at the end of 2023 after number of years of service.

Thank you again for your participation in 2023 and here's to happy, healthy and fun 2024.

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

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



Position	Name
President	Desmond King
Secretary	Michelle Johansen
Treasurer	Brad McCullough
Co-Treasurer	Jeff Hartwig
Luncheon Coordinator	Russ Wilbert (backup: Ron Schafer)
Corresponding Secretary	Russ Wilbert
Newsletter Editor	Kirk Beales
Website Coordinator	Phil Fisher (backup: Kirk Beales)
Membership Coordinator	Brad McCullough
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Photographer & Past Nat'l President	Vic Revenko (backup: Mike Elgie)
Director & Past Nat'l President	Mike Elgie
Director	Michelle Johansen
Director	Tim Mossteller
Director	Ron Schafer
Director	Bill Schultz (on temp leave of absence)

Des King, President

CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Chevron Advocacy Network! The Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN) leverages the power of our collective voices and experiences in support of smart energy policies. It empowers members to speak up about the fundamental benefits of oil and natural gas in their communities and on social media to inform public opinion and positively impact policy. Through the CAN website, members have access to resources and fact-based information that can be shared with family, friends and decision makers. It provides members with information about their government representatives, including photos, bios, and contact information. When a key issue arises at the county, state or federal level, members will be alerted about the actions they can take to make a difference.

Joining CAN is a great way for Chevron retirees to stay connected with Chevron and the challenges it is facing in today's world -- and enables all of us to provide meaningful support to Chevron in addressing these challenges. Registration for CAN is free. You can even register on the go -- simply text CAN to 64122.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Jim Holden is the author of "It happened in Marin". He will tell us some of Marin's many True Stories. A native of St. Louis, Jim came West and graduated from Stanford University. He then earned his Law Degree from Stanford Law School and practiced law for many years in San Francisco and Marin. For more than 50 years, Jim has lived in Marin County, hiking its trails, loving its spirit and becoming an avid student of its unique history, culture and lore. Now retired, Jim and his wife Mary live in Smith Ranch Homes in San Rafael.

RECRUITING INCENTIVE

If you bring a prospective new Chapter member to one of our luncheons, both you and the prospective new member will get the lunch free.

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024
 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: Jim Holden, author of *It Happened in Marin*

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Petrale Sole w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Mushroom Risotto (vegetarian); all with Strawberry Sundae, coffee, and iced tea. (Anyone who needs a vegan meal may write a note on this sheet. We can accommodate you.)

Cost: **\$40 per person (increase from 2023)**

Please return the reservation form with payment by January 31st. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. 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 14th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Beef Stew</u>	<u>Petrале Sole</u>	<u>Risotto</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____			
Luncheon Cost:	\$40 per person		
Luncheon:	_____ Reservations at \$40	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.) _____

Members needing a ride to luncheon: Call Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707 and we will try to arrange transportation.

ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 2023 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales
 Don Beers
 Nick Clark
 Judy Di Giorgio
 Mike Elgie
 Carol Elgie
 Phil Fisher
 Joan Fisher
 Ken Frost
 Jane Frost

Lew Gibbs
 Jeff Hartwig
 Paul Hodgen
 Bruce Hope
 Sheryl Hoy
 Desmond King
 Russ Krug
 David Lesnini
 Bill Long
 Michelle MacLean

Kenny MacLean
 Toby Marion
 Brad McCullough
 Rich Moore
 Tim Mossteller
 Louis Nordrum
 Susann Nordrum
 Gary Price
 Robert Rettig
 Thomas Ruppanner
 Dorothy Ruppanner

Ron Schafer
 Bill Schultz
 Evan Sedlock
 Bruce Stangeland
 Dick Sullivan
 Jim Tighe
 Tim West
 Russ Wilbert
 Heidi Wilbert
 Steve Willis

LIFETIME DUES OPTION

The Marin Chapter of CRA is now offering a new dues option. For \$120 you can have a lifetime membership (\$160 for print), 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.

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 14--Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park. Speaker will be Jim Holden, author of *It Happened in Marin*. **This is Valentine's Day, spouses are invited and welcome.**

March 11—Board meeting, Civic Center Room 410B

May 8—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park. Speaker will be Dick Spotswood, political commentator

June 10—Board meeting, Civic Center Room 410B

August 14—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park. Speaker will be Brian Hubinger, Chevron Public Affairs spokesperson

September 9—Board meeting, Civic Center Room 410B

November 13—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park.

December 9—Board meeting, La Toscana restaurant

MEMBER FEEDBACK EXERCISE

Following the speaker at our February 14th luncheon, we will have small group discussions around the topics shown below, with a spokesman from each group giving a brief summary of their conclusions.

Background: The mission of our organization is to foster the connection of former employees with each other and with Chevron. We currently have quarterly luncheons with a guest speaker, typically one speaker from Chevron and three others per year. Occasionally we also have a special event, like the picnic at the Cheese Factory last year.

What do you like, and what could be done better?

1. Luncheons: should we continue with four luncheons per year? Add another one or two?
2. Speakers:
 - * How satisfied have you been (scale of 1=not satisfied to 5=extremely satisfied)?
 - * Do we have the proper mix of Chevron and non-Chevron speakers?
 - * Do you have any suggestions for future speakers?
3. Special Events/Other Feedback for the Board
 - * Do you have any suggestions for a future special event or luncheon (volunteer activity, refinery or research center tour, other)?
 - * Any general feedback you would like to share with the Board?
 - * If you're not a regular attendee at our quarterly luncheons, why not? (this question is for those not in attendance but reading this newsletter)?

NOVEMBER 2023 LUNCHEON



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>.

ChevRec Benefit Hub <https://chevrec.benefithub.com/>

The company store: <http://www.chevronstore.com>.

Benefits Connection website: <http://hr2.chevron.com/retiree>.

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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