

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



**Chevron Retirees Association**  
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**April 2024**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring... It was good seeing those of you who were able to attend our February 14, 2024 Marin CRA lunch. Our speaker, Jim Holden, gave us a fascinating look back on the history of Marin with excerpts from his book *It Happened in Marin*. Jim Holden is not only an expert on the history of Marin, but also hiking in the county so he was able to intersperse his talk with tidbits about his favorite hiking trails. We all learned a lot from Jim as he entertained us with his insights.

At the February 14, 2024 lunch we also asked you, the Marin CRA membership, for your feedback about Marin CRA. In a nutshell your feedback was to stay the course and it can be summarized as follows:

- Four to five lunches per year with a speaker works well.
- Having one Chevron speaker per year with the other speakers being general interest is a good balance.
- One special event per year, such as a picnic or touring a facility of interest, would be a good addition.

A number of suggestions have been forthcoming about topics for future speakers. At our May 8, 2024 lunch I will ask members present for a show of hands about which topics suggested interest you the most. Your feedback will help the Marin CRA board as we begin planning our speaker list for 2025. The topics members have suggested are:

For a Chevron Speaker:

- The history of the Oil Business
- The role of Natural Gas and LNG in Climate Change
- An overview of Chevron Strategy and the role technology plays in it.

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## MEETING NOTICE

Our May 8th 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 Dick Spotswood, Marin IJ political commentator.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Pot Roast; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Penne Pomodoro (vegetarian); all with Vanilla Gelato, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be \$40 per person.

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](http://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 April 30th. 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.

For General Speakers:

- Marin County Planning Strategy including housing plans
- Marin Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Local Animal Rescue
- Wild Birds in Marin
- Recent case studies from Marin Search and Rescue

Another member request has been about how to get more information about things going on at Chevron. Chevron regularly releases information about its activities. Just go to <https://www.chevron.com/newsroom/> subscribe to sign up for regular Chevron updates.

Our next Marin CRA luncheon is on Wednesday May 8, 2024 with Dick Spotswood (Marin IJ Political Commentator) at McInnis Park Club Restaurant, Smith Road Ranch, San Rafael. As we are right in the middle of a big election year, Dick will give us his unfiltered opinion about the political landscape nationally and locally as we lead up to the November elections. Come with your questions... and your opinions.

Finally, many Chevron retirees do so much to support their communities. Every year each CRA chapter across North America is given the opportunity to nominate members and chapters for Public Service Awards (PSAs) to encourage, promote and recognize public service efforts, volunteerism and community engagement by individual Chevron retirees and projects undertaken by Chapters of the Chevron Retirees Association. At the North American CRA Annual Meeting the winners are announced and each receives a check for the non-profit of their choice. If you know of someone or a chapter worthy for consideration for a 2025 PSA award, please let me know so we can start preparing the nomination now.

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

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

*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.

## **MAY SPEAKER**

Dick Spotswood is the politics and government columnist for the *Marin Independent Journal*.

A San Francisco native, Dick is a graduate of the University of San Francisco and its School of Law.

Spotswood is a former council member (1980–1992) and three-term Mayor of the City of Mill Valley. He served for ten years (1982–1992) as a Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District representing Marin's eleven cities and towns. In 1992–1993 he served as chair of the Doyle Drive Commission and previously served on the 101 Corridor Committee.

Dick Spotswood is the former president of the Rotary Club of Mill Valley, Mountain Play Association, Marin Forum, and College of Marin Foundation. In the political spectrum, Spotswood is a registered independent and he has been described as a "militant centrist" which is the name of his blog on [marinij.com](http://marinij.com).



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## LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 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: Dick Spotswood, Marin IJ political commentator

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Pot Roast; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Penne Pomodoro (vegetarian); all with Vanilla Gelato, 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**

Please return the reservation form with payment by April 30th. 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.

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### Luncheon Reservation for May 8th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pot Roast</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Penne</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 FEBRUARY 2024 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales  
Don Beers  
Elsa Borcharding  
Lyle Borcharding  
John Dewes  
Carol Elgie  
Mike Elgie  
Joan Fisher  
Phil Fisher  
Lou Gibbs

Jeff Hartwig  
Kathy Henschel  
Jim Holden  
Bruce Hope  
Harbo Jensen  
Tyna Jensen  
Michelle Johansen  
Des King  
Russ Krug  
David Lesnini

Kenneth Maclean  
Toby Marion  
Val Mathews  
Brad McCullough  
Roger McGee  
Tim Mossteller  
Gary Price  
Bob Rettig  
Vic Revenko  
Mike Ring

Dorothy Ruppner  
Tom Ruppner  
Ron Schafer  
Evan Sedlock  
Rich Shelton  
John Shook  
Jim Tighe  
Heidi Wilbert  
Russ Wilbert  
Steve Ziman

## 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.

## 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](mailto:bjcc2@comcast.net) or (925) 253-0229 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

## 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## Humor Section – Crime doesn't pay...

### True Stories

- ◆ Police in California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, 'Please come out and give yourself up.'
- ◆ An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.
- ◆ A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.
- ◆ Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, 'That's not what I said!'
- ◆ In California, a man was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. He used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun. Unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.

# FEBRUARY 2024 LUNCHEON



SPEAKER—JIM HOLDEN

THERE ARE MORE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE.  
<https://marincra.com/photo-galleries>



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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>.

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](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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