

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With COVID vaccinations accelerating and Marin moving toward the yellow tier, things are beginning to open up somewhat in our fair county. Our next two "luncheon" meetings will likely be via Zoom, but hopefully we will be meeting again in person before the end of the year.

In our February 10 Zoom meeting, Todd Berringer and Scott Ingels of the San Rafael Police Department gave us a fascinating look inside a real-world Crime Scenes Investigation unit. We had 47 attendees, including many from other chapters around the Bay Area and other parts of the country.

Our next meeting on May 12 is a "must attend" for any of us living in fire prone Northern California. Todd Lando, one of the top fire risk mitigation experts in Northern California, and a contributor to FireSafe Marin, will give us the most current thinking on how to protect ourselves from this increasing threat. See more details in this newsletter.

Attending the Zoom meetings of other CRA Chapters around the country is a great way to stay connected with other Chevron retirees and to hear from expert speakers on topics of importance to us. I recently attended a San Francisco chapter meeting with a COVID expert as speaker, and a Metro Houston chapter session featuring Bill Dodge of the CRA Benefits Committee -- both very informative speakers. Keep an eye out for notices of meetings like these in our newsletter or by email from us.

Stay safe and healthy and be sure to get your COVID shots as soon as possible. Let's help speed up the process of getting things somewhat back to normal around here.

See you all soon, I hope!

Jim Tighe, President

MAY 12TH SPEAKER

TODD LANDO, Battalion Chief, Wildfire Mitigation, Central Marin Fire, and a principal contributor to FireSafe Marin, will be joining us at our regular quarterly meeting on May 12th. This is a great opportunity to catch up on the latest thinking from one of the most knowledgeable fire fighters around.

It may seem like you've heard everything there is about wildfire. You know about "defensible space" and may well have made significant improvements to your ability to respond.

HOWEVER, there is a great deal that has been learned in just the past couple of years about how wildfire propagates in our area, where our main vulnerabilities are, keys to safe evacuation, better alerts, and much more. This refines and clarifies what you've learned before, fills in gaps, and provides us key details.

I thought I knew a lot about wildfire as the Firewise USA Leader for our Palm Hill neighborhood (155 homes) in Larkspur. But listening to Todd and others I've learned so much more over the last two fire seasons. Here are some highlights for me:

We've seen that most of the NorCal wildfires spread by embers being blown ahead of the fire.... sometimes miles ahead.... rather than a steadily moving fire front. So learning to protect against an "ember shower" is very important.

Houses with no flammable debris on the roof or in the rain gutters AND nothing fire prone in the 0-5 feet next to the structure have a much higher probability of surviving a fire. This plan of "start at the

house and work out” is a key refinement to defensible space.

I’ve heard many plans to evacuate on foot or bicycle or jump out of the car & run for it in a traffic jam. Sadly, we now have many lessons from the Paradise Camp Fire and others, that the safest place to be while evacuating is in your car, on a paved road, near the valley floor.

I hope you’ll join our Zoom Meeting, Wednesday May 12th, for lots more info about these points and many others as we move further into the 2021 fire season!

Tim Mossteller

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

We are using Zoom registration for this event, so paste the following link into your web browser to get to the registration form:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdu-trj0uHtbF2kZD99U8hynALMaFLNkf>

You will be asked for your name and CRA Chapter. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting including the zoom meeting link.

For questions before the event, contact Mike Elgie at (415) 939-5601 or melgie46@gmail.com. For questions the day of the event, contact Brad McCullough at (925) 348-6707.

2021 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- a. MAY 12 “Luncheon” Meeting via Zoom, featuring Tom Lando on wildfire safety
- b. JUN 14 Board Meeting, probably via Zoom
- c. AUG 11 Luncheon Meeting, probably via Zoom, featuring Rhonda Morris, Chevron’s VP of Human Resources
- d. SEP 13 Board Meeting, Room 410B, Civic Center
- e. NOV 10 Luncheon Meeting at McInnis Park, speaker TBA
- f. DEC 3 Chevron Graduates Luncheon, Concord

IN MEMORIAM

Allan Martini died 1/15 at Villa Marin.

Roy Enos died 4/8 at Villa Marin.

DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES

From Dick Robinson: Member and Big SIR of Branch 7 SIRS, Choir member of St. John’s Church, play golf with SIRS.

LIFE AT VILLA MARIN, PART 2

Kirk Beales

Life at Villa Marin is improving. Nearly all of us, residents and staff, have received our COVID vaccinations. Our auditorium is open for fitness classes five days a week and for movies on the weekend, limited to 9 people with advance sign-ups. The pool and gym are open for two at a time. And the library and hair salon are also open. Our dining room opened for dinner at 50% capacity in early April. Our Board and committees are meeting regularly on Zoom and we’re getting pretty good at that. The Marketing Committee used to meet just quarterly, but now meets monthly and is much more active. They’ve enhanced our website by adding virtual tours of each of our condo sizes. An open house are still not in the cards, but the marketing director is showing vacant units to prospective residents.

On a personal note, we had lunch at my son’s home in Novato in mid-March. All the adults had been vaccinated so we got hugs for the first time in a year. But our college-age granddaughter hasn’t been vaccinated yet so her hugs will have to wait. Joan and I escaped to Mendocino for two days in late March and have reservations to go to Monterey in late April. And a trip to Africa, originally planned for last May, has been rescheduled for this May – we’re optimistic that we’ll be able to go.

ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY 2021 ZOOM EVENT

Alvarez, William
Austin, Brent
Bartholomew,
Douglas
Beales, Kirk
Becker, Ilene
Beigler, Lynn
Berringer, Todd
Chan, Ignatius
Chiamulera, Al
Cutino, Lisa
Detrinidad, Fer-
nando

Dotterer, Rick
Dsouza, Adrian
Elgie, Mike
Farrington, Herb
Fisher, Phil
Gibbs, Lewis
Guldman, Sandra
Hubert, Jay
Ingels, Scott
Jensen, Harbo
Johnson, Dave
Kamal, Med
King, Desmond

Lesnini, David
McCullough, Brad
Mehaffey, Shawn
Miller, Brant
Montgomery, Tim
Mossteller, Tim
Nacamuli, Gerald
Nikanjam, Manuch
Price, Gary
Rettig, Robert L
Revenko, Victor
Ring, Mike

Schafer, Ron
Scheuerman,
Georgianna
Schultz, Bill
Semenick, Debbi
Smith, Scott
Stangeland, Bruce
Thurber, Jean
Tighe, Jim
Walther, Dennis
Wilbert, Russ
Zhang, Guang

Mayor Charles Auerbach Field of Poppies of Imagination and Solace

If you are receiving this email, you know that Dad cared about you very much. Today (3/30) is his 100th Birthday. A special field of poppies has been cultivated and planted at Blackie's Pasture in Marin County to honor this beloved and remarkable human being.

If you are in the area, have a moment with the poppies, and Dad will say "hello." Please share this with others who knew, respected and loved him. Thank you.

With heartfelt gratitude and joy in my heart today,

Darby Auerbach-Morris

Photo by John Nygren



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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