

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Things are beginning to get back to a "new normal" here in Marin, with COVID cases dropping significantly, and the economy and employment roaring back to pre-pandemic levels. Vaccination rates in Marin are among the highest in the country. Mask and social distancing requirements are being eased, and restaurants, bars and other public venues are re-opening.

Our August 11 "luncheon" meeting will be via Zoom, but after that we expect all of our meetings to resume as in-person gatherings. Our speaker August 11 will be Rhonda Morris, Vice President of Human Resources for Chevron. See more details about Rhonda and her presentation in this newsletter.

In our May 12 Zoom meeting, Todd Lando, one of the top fire risk mitigation experts in Northern California, gave a fascinating and very educational presentation on the latest thinking on how to protect ourselves from the increasing threat of wildfires in Northern California. If you missed his presentation, go to YouTube and search on Todd Lando, where you will find a number of excellent videos by Todd on a range of wild-fire risk topics.

As you know, Chevron and the industry are facing big challenges politically and economically these days. Get involved with CAN, the Chevron Advocacy Network, to see how you can lend support and influence opinion on the issues. See more about CAN in this newsletter.

Also, keep an eye out for announcements of Zoom meetings of other CRA Chapters around the country -- a great way to stay connected with other Chevron retirees and hear from excellent speakers. I look forward to seeing you all in person again soon!

*Jim Tighe, President*

## AUGUST 11TH SPEAKER

**Rhonda Morris, Chevron Corporation Vice President of Human Resources** will address the Marin chapter and all Bay Area and national members who wish to attend by Zoom on August 11 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM PDT. Rhonda will speak for about 30 minutes and then answer questions from attendees for the remaining time.

We asked Rhonda to decide what she wants to cover to give her the broadest canvas possible but said that CRA would be interested in hearing about:

- Chevron's view of its business post-pandemic.
- What HR challenges does Chevron face moving forward.
- Summarize Chevron's latest staff reductions/organizational changes and how they have made Chevron more competitive.

Mike Elgie will provide the zoom information to those who sign up in advance. See the registration instructions on page 2. If you have questions you may send them to Mike in advance or in the Zoom chat box at the time of the meeting.

CRA Marin President Jim Tighe will facilitate the meeting.

## 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/tZMoc-qvpzwqHNYhsAnS6aN7YdDjx2cil2s5>

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.

## SF ZOOM PRESENTATION

On July 22, 11:00 am Pacific, the San Francisco Chapter is having a Zoom meeting featuring Al Williams. Albert (Al) J. Williams is vice president of Corporate Affairs for Chevron, a position he assumed in March 2021. He is responsible for overseeing government affairs, public affairs, social investment and performance, and the company's worldwide efforts to protect and enhance its reputation. With more than 30 years of service, Williams has served in several leadership positions with increasing responsibilities. Here is the link to register for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpfu6tqT8vE9VEHMPqh8jgrA53hvCYuAzW>

### 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 our industry to the global economy to help 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 has information about our government representatives, including photos, bios, and contact information. When a key issue arises at the county, state or federal level, members are alerted about 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.

### 2021 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- a. AUG 11 Luncheon Meeting, via Zoom, featuring Rhonda Morris, Chevron's VP of Human Resources
- b. SEP 13 Board Meeting, Room 410B, Civic Center
- c. NOV 10 Luncheon Meeting at McInnis Park, speaker Lauren Vuong
- d. DEC 3 Chevron Graduates Luncheon, Concord
- e. DEC 13 Board Meeting, location TBA

## ATTENDANCE AT THE MAY 2021 ZOOM EVENT

Kirk Beales  
Nick Clark  
Adrian D'Souza  
Mike Elgie  
Marc Evans  
Phil Fisher  
Lew Gibbs  
Jay Hubert  
Harbo Jensen  
Des King

Tom Lando  
(speaker)  
Henri Lese  
Brent Lok  
Brad McCullough  
Natalie Mead  
Aliza Metzner  
(guest)  
Brant Miller

Tim Montgomery  
Tim Mossteller  
Paul Premo  
Gary Price  
Vic Revenko  
Ron Schafer  
Bill Schultz  
Bruce Stangeland  
Bruce Stein

Michele Swager  
(Guest)  
Sam Swan (guest)  
Jim Tighe  
Nick Waranoff  
(guest)  
Russ Wilbert  
Malcom Wilson

### AN ELEPHANT ENCOUNTER

By Kirk Beales

In early June, Joan and I returned from our ninth safari trip to sub-Saharan Africa. This time we had an unusual encounter with an elephant.

Kanga Camp is located in Mana Pools National Park, in Zimbabwe. The camp was built around a water hole, the Kanga pan, that draws lots of animals and birds, being the only source of water in the dry season. The camp is considered to be an "Armchair Safari" destination, because when the water out in the bush has dried up, all the animals have to come there to drink. Then you can sit in the lounge area and watch them, without getting into a safari vehicle.



Among the elephants that came to the pan was one, named Big Mac by the staff, who regularly ventured into the camp. One afternoon while we were reading on our deck after lunch, he came by looking for nyala berries that had fallen from the tree by our tent. After a while he decided to check us out and put his tusks and trunk over our railing to sniff Joan. The tip of his trunk came to about four inches from her chest. She was tempted to run her hand down his trunk, but knew it was probably a bad idea. We were told that he would remember her scent if he met her again.

By the time I got the camera, Big Mac had moved to the side, as shown in the photo. When he left, he went to the berry tree by the lounge, one of his usual spots. He was able to maneuver in and out of a very tight space.

While we were at Kanga for two more days, he didn't come to visit us again.



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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>.

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](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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