

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and that you can continue to enjoy all those wonderful summer activities well into Fall. As we approach the end of 2023, there is a lot to look forward to at Marin Chevron Retirees Association for the rest of 2023 and for the New Year ahead.

It was good seeing those of you who were able to attend our August 9, 2023, luncheon at McInnis Park. At this lunch we had Chris Jablonski speak. Chris is the Vice President of Chevron Downstream Technology & Services and site director for the Richmond Technology Center (RTC). Chris oversees the development and deployment of Downstream-related technology for Chevron. He also serves on the Board and Audit Committee of GS Caltex. Chris gave us an informative update not just about Downstream Technology but also all the business opportunities Chevron is pursuing in the low carbon space. It became very clear to all of us that Chevron is positioning itself to be much more than just an oil and gas company in the upcoming decades.

Our next Marin CRA luncheon is on Wednesday November 8, 2023, at McInnis Park Club Restaurant, Smith Road Ranch, San Rafael. At this lunch, we will have Ken Frost speak to us about CO₂ Consumption by Plant Life. Ken is uniquely qualified to speak on the topic. For many years Ken worked for Chevron, finishing his Chevron career leading Oronite at the Richmond Technology Center. Ken then went on to join Dominican University's Natural Sciences and Mathematics faculty in San Rafael which he headed for a number of years. Marin CRA welcomes guests attending any lunch we organize including this one. Mem-

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MEETING NOTICE

Our November 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 Ken Frost, who will talk about his work on CO₂ Consumption by Plant Life.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Chicken Parmesan; or (2) Grilled Salmon; or (3) Penne Pomodoro (vegetarian); all with Vanilla Gelato, 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 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 October 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.

bers can sign up and pay online for this lunch and even sign up and pay for up to three guests online. To sign up online and pay with a credit card use the link sent with this newsletter or use the “Event Sign Up” link on the Marin CRA website (MarinCRA.com). Note: If you wish to bring more than three guests, please contact Phil Fisher at phfisher@comcast.net. The number of guests is unlimited as long as we do not exceed McInnis Park Club Restaurant’s capacity. For those who prefer to sign up by mail, please print off the signup sheet in this newsletter and mail it in with a check.

The goal of Marin CRA is to provide a forum for fellowship while, at the same time, keeping members informed and educated. I want to thank all our board members who have worked so hard over 2023 to enable Marin Chevron Retirees Association to fulfill that remit. At the Wednesday November 8, 2023, luncheon we will be asking the members present to vote on the proposed Marin CRA Board of Directors slate for 2024. We have some open spots available so I encourage any of you who may be interested in joining our board to contact me at DesmondFKing@gmail.com. In that vein, I want to welcome Michelle Johansen as the newest addition to the Marin CRA Board. Michelle stepped forward to volunteer after attending our August 9 lunch.

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.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER—KEN FROST

A native of San Francisco, Ken moved to Marin with his family in 1947. He earned a PhD in chemistry at UC-Davis and then worked for Chevron for 34 years. He joined the teaching staff at Dominican University in 2005, where he ultimately became involved with environmental chemistry, biofuels, and the work of the Marin Carbon Project and the Carbon Cycle Institute.

Ken says: After reviewing the science of climate change, I believe things are changing for the better. The growth of wind and solar energy as alternatives to conventional electric power generation is starting to have an impact. The electric vehicle and the hybrid are improving the traditional fuel economy and lowering the carbon dioxide emissions associated with driving our cars. These important changes are reducing the overall amount of carbon dioxide emissions.

Perhaps even more exciting is the potential impact of the work originally done by the Marin Carbon Project led by John Wick and funded in part by the Rathmann Family Trust.

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, November 8th, 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 speakers: Ken Frost will talk about his work on CO₂ Consumption by Plant Life

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Chicken Parmesan; or (2) Grilled Salmon ; 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: \$35 per person

Please return the reservation form with payment by October 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 November 8th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chicken</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Penne</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.) _____

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

ATTENDANCE AT THE AUGUST 2023 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales
Don Beers
Nick Clark
Vince Dell'Osso
Mike Elgie
Phil Fisher
Jeff Hartwig
Paul Hodgen
Chris Jablonski

Harbo Jensen
Kenny Johansen
Michelle Johansen
Dave Johnson
Des King
John King
Alan Klaassen
Russell Krug
Mark Limon

Brad McCullough
David Mitchell
Rich Moore
Tim Mossteller
Louis Nordrum
Susann Nordrum
Gary Price
Vic Revenko
Joe Rosenthal

Jim Rutherford
Ron Schafer
Bruce Stangeland
Richard Sullivan
Jim Tighe
Heidi Wilbert
Russell Wilbert

BOARD NOMINEES FOR 2024

Position	Name
President	Desmond King
Secretary	<i>(open position)</i>
Treasurer	Brad McCullough
Co-Treasurer	Jeff Hartwig
Membership Coordinator	Brad McCullough
Luncheon Coordinator	Russ Wilbert <i>(backup: Pat Hines & Ron Schafer)</i>
Corresponding Secretary	Russ Wilbert
Newsletter Editor	Kirk Beales
Website Coordinator	Phil Fisher <i>(backup: Kirk Beales)</i>
Nominations Chair	Mike Elgie
Photographer & Past National President	Vic Revenko <i>(backup: Mike Elgie)</i>
Director & Past National President	Mike Elgie
Director	Pat Hines
Director	Michelle Johansen
Director	Tim Mossteller
Director	Ron Schafer
Director	Bill Schultz <i>(on temp leave of absence)</i>

MEMBER QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

At the November luncheon we will have a general discussion on the future of our chapter meetings. Be prepared to discuss the following items and any other ideas/concerns you may have.

1. Should we have luncheons more frequently than quarterly? Six times a year?
2. How satisfied have you been with our speakers? (1-5 scale, with 1 being low and 5 being high)
3. Do we have the proper mix of Chevron and non-Chevron speakers?
4. Do you have any suggestions for future speakers?
5. Is there interest in having a wine tasting at a luncheon (or as a separate event), with a related speaker?
6. Would you be interested in a Richmond tour, either of the refinery or of the Tech Center?
7. Possible volunteer activities or other interests?

AUGUST 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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