

# CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



**Chevron Retirees Association**  
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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.

2024 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 and that trend will continue in 2025. Our first lunch will be on February 12 when we will have a panel/round table discussion entitled "Downsizing-What You Need to Know." I must say that I am really looking forward to this as I am in the process of downsizing myself. We had an excellent panel on Marin retirement facilities last May, but for many of us, downsizing from our family home or just decluttering it into something much more manageable is a step we may take before considering moving into a retirement community.

As we plan our 2025 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 2025 luncheons:**

February 12  
May 14  
August 13  
November 12

All the luncheons will be from 11 am to 2 pm at the McInnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San

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## MEETING NOTICE

Our February 12th luncheon will be at the McGinnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael starting at 11 am for the social hour. Our speakers will be Phil Fisher & Kirk Beales who will lead a discussion on downsizing.

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 \$42 per person (note that this is an increase from 2024).

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 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 availa-

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Rafael.

There 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 with me in 2025: Michelle Johansen (Secretary), Brad McCullough (Treasurer, Membership Coordinator), Jeff Hartwig (Lunch Coordinator, Correspondence Secretary), Kirk Beales (Newsletter Editor), Phil Fisher (Website Coordinator), Bill Schultz (Co-Treasurer), Vic Revenko (Photographer and Past National President), Mike Elgie (Director and Past National President), Tom Mossteller (Director), Toby Marion (Director) and Russ Wilbert (Director).

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](mailto:DesmondFKing@gmail.com) to let me know you might be interested. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron Schafer who stepped down from the Marin CRA board at the end of 2024 after number of years of service.

Thank you again for your participation in 2024 and here's to happy, healthy and fun 2025.  
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.

## **FEBUARY PANEL DISCUSSION**

"Downsizing—What You Need to Know" is the topic for a panel discussion with Phil Fisher and Kirk Beales. This will cover Why/When to do it, choosing Buy/Sell or Sell/Buy, purging possessions to fit the smaller new house, staging (or not), inspection/disclosure and mover options. Both Phil and Kirk have recently downsized and will also reveal the how and why of their respective downsizing, followed by Q and A.

Other CRA members may also have gone through this process, and are welcome to add their experiences in the general discussion.

## LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, February 12th, 2025  
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: Phil Fisher & Kirk Beales will lead a discussion on downsizing.

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: **\$42 per person (NOTE—this is an increase from 2024)**

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 12th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Beef Stew</u>	<u>Petrade Sole</u>	<u>Mushroom Risotto</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____			
Luncheon Cost: \$42 per person (an increase from 2024)			
Luncheon: _____	Reservations at \$42	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.

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## ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales  
Ignatius Chan  
Mike Elgie  
Phil Fisher  
John Green  
Jeffrey Hartwig  
Michelle Johansen  
Dave Johnson  
Des King

Bob King  
Alan Klaassen  
David Lesnini  
Kenny Maclean  
Toby Marion  
Brad McCullough  
Tim Montgomery  
Rich Moore  
Tim Mossteller

Louis Nordrum  
Susann Nordrum  
Gary Price  
Robert Rettig  
Vic Revenko  
Bill Schultz  
Ginny Schultz  
John Shook  
Barb Smith

Lillian Smithson  
Lillian's Grandson  
Bruce Stangeland  
Dick Sullivan  
Jim Tighe  
Russ Wilbert  
Heidi Wilbert  
Jirong Xiao

### 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.

### USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE MONTHLY CHEVRON NEWSLETTER, YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.chevron.com/newsroom/subscribe>

THE CHEVRON RETIREES WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH A NEW FORMAT—SEE IT HERE:

<https://www.chevronretirees.org/>

OTHER LINKS ARE SHOWN ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

### 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 12—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park

March 10—Board meeting, room 410B, Marin Civic Center

May 14—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park

June 9—Board meeting, room 410B, Marin Civic Center

August 13—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park

September 8—Board meeting, room 410B, Marin Civic Center

November 12—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park.

December 8—Board meeting, La Toscana

### 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 [bjcc2mcc@comcast.net](mailto:bjcc2mcc@comcast.net) or (925) 348-6707 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

## ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS by Vic Revenko

Please join fellow CRA friends for a delightful, musical and fun afternoon at the Ross Valley Players Barn theater in the lovely Marin Art and Garden Center grounds in Ross, CA on Sunday April 6 . We will meet at 1 PM for a BYO picnic lunch in the Amphitheater next to the Barn theater with a talk about the play. After that we will get our seats in the theater for the play which starts at 2 PM. Tickets are \$35 . Seating is limited. Please send your check made out to Chevron Retirees Association to PO Box 6477, San Rafael, CA 94903-0467 by Friday, February 28. CRA members who have season tickets to RVP are welcome to join us.



**PET LINGERIE** Book and lyrics by Fred Raker and Bruce Tallerman, Music by Bruce Tallerman, Directed by Gary Stanford Jr. – Welcome to the Crowdfunding Success Weekend...led by the suave, tech-crazed Kickstarter king himself, Gary Panko. Can crowdfunding save your soul? That's what Gary and his students believe, and with ideas like an orgasm lie-detector app and a mechanism that plays Pavarotti when you flush the toilet, how can they fail?

### ***Humor Section – Keep Learning...***

*Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.  
Anyone who keeps learning stays young. -- Henry Ford*

*I've decided that whatever age I am is the new 30!*

*If you're not called crazy when you start something new, then you're not thinking big enough.*

*Don't worry about getting old, worry about thinking old.*

*What is the difference between school and life?  
In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson –  
Tom Bodett*

*I'm still waiting patiently for the wisdom that supposedly comes with old age.*

*January 1st is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.*

*To be old and wise, you must first have to be young and stupid.*

*It's easier to learn new tricks if you watch it first on You Tube.*

*I wish I was 18 again, not that I don't like the age I'm at right now, but at 18 years old I knew everything – Michael Nuccio*

*The problem is I can't tell the difference between a deeply wise, intuitive nudge from the Universe and one of my own bone-headed ideas!*

*My body knows how old I am, but my mind refuses to believe it....*

*You are never going to be this young again, so make your mistakes, run free, and don't be afraid to fail.*

*Lifelong learning is good for the brain, mental well-being, and self-esteem. Cheers to a fresh start and a year full of exciting possibilities!*

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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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