

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 2024, there is a lot to look forward to at Marin Chevron Retirees Association for the rest of 2024 and for the New Year ahead.

It was good seeing those of you who were able to attend our August 14, 2024 luncheon at McInnis Park. At this lunch we had Jacob Ansley speak. Jacob is the Richmond Refinery Technical Manager and he was accompanied by Andrea Bailey from Richmond Refinery Public Affairs. Jacob's talk was a fascinating insider's view of the realities of doing business in California including the challenges faced by the Richmond Refinery. He really provided some context on why Chevron may have decided to relocate its headquarters to Houston from California after being in California for almost 150 years. As Jacob was speaking, Tolly Graves (The Director of Chevron Richmond) and Brian Hubinger (Richmond's Manager of Corporate Affairs) were meeting with the Richmond City Council. The meeting was on the proposed ballot measure to impose a \$1 per barrel throughput tax on Richmond Refinery operations. Barbara Smith (Marin CRA Member) and Andrea were live streaming the Richmond Council on a phone and, part-way through Jacob's talk, Barbara and Andrea announced to the room that an agreement had been reached to pay Richmond City an additional \$550 Million in taxes over 10 years in lieu of the ballot measure. Jacob told us that was the best result that the refinery could likely have achieved. A real proof point on the challenges oil companies face doing business in California.

Our next Marin CRA luncheon is on Wednesday November 13, 2024 at McInnis Park Club Restaurant, Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael. At this lunch, we will have Toby Marion talk to us about his new book

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MEETING NOTICE

Our November 13th 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 CRA member Toby Marion who will talk about his Afghanistan experiences.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Penne Pomodoro (vegetarian); all with cheese cake, 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 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 availa-

"Afghanistan: Crossroads and Kingdoms." Toby joined the Peace Corps in 1971 to train high school science teachers in Rural Afghanistan. I have read and enjoyed this book immensely. Toby not only discusses his personal experiences, but also much of the historical background of Afghanistan's chaotic past. Toby's well researched analysis will really help the reader understand why this period in the early 1970's was the beginning of fifty years of strife and tragedy in Afghanistan. After the Peace Corps, Toby had a long and successful career with Caltex. He is a Marin CRA member.

Marin CRA welcomes guests attending any lunch we organize including this one. Members can sign up and pay online for this lunch and even sign up and pay for guests online. To sign up online and pay with a credit card use the "Event Sign Up" link on the Marin CRA website (MarinCRA.com). For those who prefer to sign up by mail, please print off the sign-up 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 2024 to enable Marin Chevron Retirees Association to fulfill that remit. At the Wednesday November 13, 2024 luncheon, we will be asking the members present to vote on the proposed Marin CRA Board of Directors slate for 2025. 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.

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.

Humor Section – The Political Season is Upon Us... From Tidbits

A little girl asked her Dad one day, "Dad, do all fairy tales begin with Once upon a time.."?

Her Dad replied, "No honey, some begin with If I get elected..."

They hold elections in November because it's the best time for picking out a turkey.

A politician running for office was asked about his policy on liquor. He answered, "If you mean the demon drink that poisons the body, ruins the mind, destroys the family and creates criminals, then I'm against it! But if you mean the beautiful drink used for a wedding toast, the foundation of a fun Friday night and the biggest source of tax revenue to fund needy orphans, then I'm for it! And I won't change my mind, no matter what you say."

Q: What is the hardest mythical creature to find?

The honest, caring politician who listens and whom everyone will vote for.

When I was a kid, my dad always told me anyone could become president. Now that I'm an adult, I believe it...and it gives me nightmares!

Dear Facebook: Adding an "Unfriend until Election Day" option would save me a lot of time.

The only accurate statistic on Election Day: 100% of Americans think 50% of Americans have lost their dang minds.

"Politicians should wear sponsor jackets like NASCAR drivers, so then we know who owns them.

~Robin Williams~

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, November 13th, 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: CRA member Toby Marion who will talk about his Afghanistan experiences.

Luncheon: Lunch will be choice of (1) Irish Beef Stew; or (2) Grilled Salmon w/Butter Sauce; or (3) Penne Pomodoro (vegetarian); all with cheese cake, 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 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 13th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Beef Stew</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Penne Pomodoro</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 AUGUST 2024 LUNCHEON MEETING

Jacob Ansley
Andrea Bailey
Kirk Beales
Al Beerbaum
Don Beers
Steve Bergtholdt
Bruce Beyaert
Mike Colvin
Lisa Cutino
Gunther Dieckmann

Richard Eldridge
Lew Gibbs
Alice He
Bruce Hope
Bob King
Desmond King
Alan Klaassen
Dave Kramer
Russ Krug
Don Kuehne

Stephen Lee
David Lesnini
Toby Marion
Brad McCullough
Roger McGee
Cesar Ovalle
Gary Price
Robert Rettig
Mike Ring
Ron Schafer

Bill Schultz
Ginny Schultz
Barb Smith
Mike Spurlock
Bruce Stangeland
Dick Sullivan
Linda Vest
Steve Welstand
Tim West

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

DRIBBLES & SCRIBBLES

New member - David Brossard -

string_bass_dave@yahoo.com

D&S - Enjoying my hobbies of making music, photography, and travel.

New Member - Butch Byers -

butch_byers@yahoo.com

D&S - 2 graduations this year! Daughter from Tulane undergraduate and son from USAF pilot's school. Both were overseas with me for 8 years for Chevron!! Also I volunteer with SF City Guides and fortunate to reconnect with CRA folks there.

New member - Alice He -

alicehe2143@gmail.com

D&S - 33 plus years' service at Richmond Technology Center as a chemical engineer in the Separations Process R&D Team and contributed to many Chevron enterprise technical successes. Other from work, I am interested in hiking, reading, and Chinese medicine.

2024-25 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 13—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park.

December 9—Board meeting, La Toscana Restaurant

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

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 or (925) 253-0229 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

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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