

ExxonMobil Retiree Club Newsletter

October 9, 2013



Time to Pay Those 2014 Dues

We know, it seems early, but why not pay them now. Then you won't have to question yourself as year-end approaches. For your convenience we have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope. All you need to do is send in that check payable to the ExxonMobil Retiree Club of Joliet. The amount is the same as always, \$10 for a **Regular** membership, and \$35 for a **Limited Associate** membership. Of course you'll double those above amounts if you want to include your spouse. If you prefer, you can still pay your dues at the door the night of the December **Holiday Party/Meeting**.

Holiday Party and Meeting

The big night approaches!! That **Holiday Party and Meeting**, referenced above, is planned for December 12th. The event will again be held at **Chapin's East** in Minooka. We expect the usual great food and this year we will be entertained by the Coal City Swing Choir. Eat well, be entertained, and receive gifts and prizes. What a great evening!!! Oh, and by the way, we will be electing some new board members to replace those directors whose terms have expired. Once again Jerry Frederick is preparing a slate of names of candidates for those positions. If you are interested in serving on the board give Jerry a call (815-521-3091). Remember, your participation will help keep our club active and fun.

You will be receiving an invitation, to this annual event, late this month or in early November. Return your reservation promptly and **join the fun!!!**



Living Lands and Waters

Have you ever heard of this organization and it's mission? As you might guess from the name **Living Lands and Waters** is an environmental organization. It is dedicated to the cleanup of our nation's waterways. The group's founder, Chad Pregracke set out, some 14 years ago to begin cleaning up a local waterway. Chad, and a few friends, and a small boat, began pulling trash out of that waterway and taking it to acceptable landfills. The movement grew rapidly, and today Chad presides over an extensive organization of people (paid staff & volunteer) and equipment (barges, material handling, etc). The group continues to perform cleanup activities across our country and in addition they provide workshops and training activities for interested persons and organizations.

On August 8th five members of our club accepted an offer, from ExxonMobil, to attend a "**Barge Party**" in

Rock Island. They were able to observe some of the equipment that **Living Lands and Waters** uses in their efforts. They heard lectures and saw films and

demonstrations of waterway cleanup efforts. Of course a fine meal was also provided. Our attendees are pictured here along with Chad Pregracke. Do you recognize them? Talk to them about their expectations for next year's cleanup season. Hopefully this will be a great opportunity for us to volunteer our time to a very worthy cause.



**HAVE A GREAT
HOLIDAY SEASON**

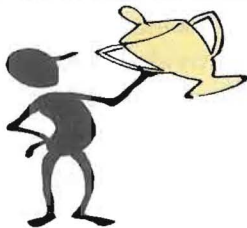


Canadian Bus Tour

Forty-one of your club friends arrived home on September 17th, tired but happy. They had just completed a nine day, eight night bus tour of Canada's Saint Lawrence River area. Much of the tour centered around Coudre Island. This island, located in the Saint Lawrence River, is a quaint, inhabited island. It is accessible by ferry, and is home to numerous historical sights. Tour members enjoyed three nights and two days on the island. Later in the week our travelers were treated to tours of Quebec City and Montreal. The guides for the island tour and the two city tours were excellent. Their command of the English language was quite adequate and they had an impressive knowledge of their subject. Those three guides, together with a skilled and fun bus driver, made for a wonderful tour experience. Oftentimes the fun didn't end after dinner. There was a dedicated and boisterous group of **Farkle** players who competed noisily into the night. Nancy Davis even composed an **Ode to Farkle** which really captures the mood of those games. Give her a call! Maybe you can persuade her to share that poem.



On the final day the tour, participants voted Ron Tucker the **Most Congenial Traveler**. In his emotional acceptance speech Ron pointed out that he could never have earned such an award without the overwhelming support of his fellow travelers.



As in previous tours our Addie Blomquist excelled as **Director/Coordinator**. She, along with her hubby Don, and trusted pals Dick & Shirley McCrite, made everyone's experience fun and enjoyable. **Sincere thanks Addie!!!**

Annual Golf Outing

October 1st was a beautiful day for golf. The Morris Country Club was at its finest and we had a great turnout of your fellow club members and friends. Team winners for the event were as follows: **1st Place**; Rick Ricciardi, Jim Bruno, Joe Rice, & Gerry Norman. **2nd Place**; Bruce Southcombe, Bob Faford, Roger Sokol, & Larry Richardson. **3rd Place**; Dale Watson, Sharon Watson, Dennis Jennings, & Ed Bischoff. **4th Place**; Jack Warner, Jerry Henke, Gale Roberts, & Wayne Dailey. **5th Place**; Harold Holsinger, Cal Brainard, Jim Rohr & Dave Werner. **6th Place**; Nick Hively, Gary Skubic, Don Blomquist, & Mark Fredrickson. Team prizes ranged from balls to a free "foursome & cart".

Jim Rohr won a **driver** for "longest drive" while Bob Faford received a nice **wedgy** for his fantastic "approach shot". Rick Ricciardi earned a new **putter** for his "longest putt".

The food was great, the weather cooperated, and the competition was fun and fierce. All in all, a wonderful event.



A special thank you to **Harold Holsinger** for his planning and coordinating efforts.

Annual Potluck

Its time for the annual "games and grub". We will once again gather at the Coal City Methodist Church. The food is always outstanding and the fellowship is great. You've signed up haven't you?



Exxon Mobil Events

Remember, you can learn about future **company** events (picnics, parties, etc.) on our club website:

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