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RETIREMENT**

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Retirement Lane

Newsletter of the **ExxonMobil Retiree Club of Joliet**

NEWSWORTHY

With COVID-19 waning we hope, our club kicked off activities at the end of 2021 and again during the 2nd Quarter. In addition, the program committee is in the planning process for several events in the second half of 2022. Hopefully, we will have a back to normal schedule the rest of the year and into 2023. The EMRC board continues to meet every other month but plans to get back to a normal monthly schedule as club events begin to be scheduled more frequently. If you are interested in becoming a board member, there will be 4 spots up for election at our annual fall dinner meeting. Contact any board member if you are interested.



AT THE REFINERY

The refinery completed its spring T/A successfully. It included work in several units. Everyone in the club remembers working past T/As, and I am sure have some stories to tell. Although we no longer have to work these T/As, we all hope they are completed safely in the future.

For those of you that don't know, the current refinery manager is Tanya Bryja. She came to the Joliet Refinery in July of 2021. If you see her at the 50th Anniversary Picnic, please introduce yourself. I am sure that she would like to meet some of the people that worked for a long time at the Joliet Refinery.



AT THE REFINERY (cont'd.)

For those of you that have been around a long time, you may remember that all the fire trucks still have Mobil Oil logos on the doors. Well, the refinery has a new fire truck to keep the refinery safe. It has a 5250-gpm pump with a 9000-gpm main deck gun. You might see it at the 50th Anniversary Picnic as well.



RETIREE CLUB BUSINESS

The EMRC board voted earlier this year to increase the minimum members/guests required for events that include bus transportation from 30 to 35. This is only the second time that the board has raised the minimum since the founding of the club. The board took this action due to the rising cost of bus transportation the last couple of years. Bus transportation has also increased even more this year. As an example, the cost of the bus transportation to the Cubs/Sox game was \$1300. The club imposes a minimum to get the most value from our club funds and to ensure the club is scheduling events that appeal to the greatest number of club members.

The club funding of events comes from the \$10/year member fee and the matching \$25/member funding that we get from XOM Corporation. In past years, we have also received funding directly from the refinery. However, the club has not received funding from the refinery for the last couple of years and funding from XOM corporation has not been received in 2022. We are still hoping to get the \$25/member funding this year but are not sure that we will. This leaves less money available for subsidizing events. Also, by our XOM charter, we are required to hold one event per year with the club paying for the meal.

We encourage everyone to support our club sponsored events, when possible. The program committee works diligently on your behalf to sponsor a wide variety of events to appeal to everyone in the club. If you have suggestions on potential events or would like to join the Program Committee, please contact Lynda or Larry Scheuber.

2ND QUARTER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Crosstown Classic Cubs vs. Sox - Saturday May 28th

39 members and guests traveled by bus to Guarantee Rate Field to see the Cubs battle to a 5 to 1 win over the White Sox. It was a beautiful afternoon and evening at the game. We even got to see fireworks as Jake Burger hit a home run in the 5th to set off the score board. Prior to the game, the group enjoyed two hours in the picnic area of right field for a meal and libations. This event was the one originally scheduled for July of 2020.



Retiree Club Picnic – Friday, June 17th – Lions Park Minooka

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, we once again gathered at Lions Park in Minooka for our annual retiree club picnic. We had a beautiful sunny day for our picnic. We had about 80 members attending, and the club provided chicken, salads, and desserts. We hope to return to a potluck format once again next year. All had a good time, and it was nice to catch up with each other. Thanks to Kerry Daniels for calling the always popular bingo games.

These and all club photos can be found on our website: <https://www.xomretireeclubofjoliet.com/>



2022 OUTLOOK TO DATE

Conklin's Barn Friday July 29th – Canceled due to low attendance

The scheduled outing to Conklin's Barn Theater was canceled due to less than the required minimum of 35 people registered to attend this event. The club imposes a minimum on all events which include bus transportation to get the most value from our club funds and to ensure the club is scheduling events that appeal to the greatest number of club members.

2022 OUTLOOK TO DATE (cont'd.)

Joliet Refinery 50th Anniversary Celebration – Saturday August 27th, Dollinger Farm

The Joliet Refinery is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022. All retirees and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the celebration on Saturday August 27th at Dollinger Family Farm in Channahon. There will be plenty of food, games, bingo, and drinks, and Maggie Speaks band will play to wrap up the evening. The event will run from 2 pm to 7:30 pm with the gates opening at 1:30 pm. The retiree club will sponsor a booth from 2 pm to 5 pm. We will have refinery memorabilia, old photos, and refinery communication newsletters. We are still looking for any old items you may have around the house to display. You can contact Mark Fredrickson or Bill Galloway if you have anything to display or if you would like to help staff our booth for a short time. In any event, please stop by our booth and check out the display. Invitations were mailed out in June. Please respond using the RSVP that was enclosed in that mailing by July 31, 2022.



EMRC Annual Golf Outing – Friday September 23th – Heritage Bluffs

After missing this event the last two years, we are once again planning on hitting the links. Tentative plans are to tee off in the morning and have lunch at the conclusion. Plans are being finalized and details will be emailed in the future. For now, save the date.

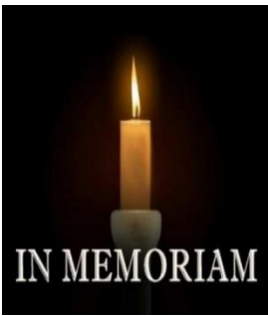
EMRC Potluck Lunch – Tuesday October 11th – Coal City Methodist Church

The retiree club is once again planning to meet at the Coal City Methodist Church for our annual fall potluck. The program committee is finalizing the details and will send a club email with invitations when plans are finalized. For now, save the date.

EMRC Annual Dinner/Elections – Tentatively, Thursday December 8th

Our annual fall dinner meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at the St. George Serbian Center in Joliet. This date could change depending on the program committee scheduling another event in December. Another potential date could be in mid-November. For now, please save this date for us to all gather before the holidays.

Please email notifications to emrcoj@gmail.com when a member is ill, hospitalized or has passed away so that an appropriate card may be sent.



<i>Robert E. Giffels</i>	<i>12/6/1955 – 4/4/2022</i>	<i>Technical – Process Control</i>
<i>Lannie R. Spreitzer</i>	<i>8/31/1961 - 4/6/2022</i>	<i>Fire & Safety</i>
<i>Dave H. Dilday</i>	<i>10/16/1958 - 5/4/2022</i>	<i>Technical</i>
<i>Neil F. Burgett</i>	<i>8/16/1951 - 5/9/2022</i>	<i>Maintenance (I&E)</i>
<i>Ernest M. (Ernie) French</i>	<i>3/16/47 – 7/14/2022</i>	<i>Oil Movements</i>

Gone But Not Forgotten