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# *Retirement Lane*

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

### **NEWSWORTHY**

It's a very important time of year - open enrollment for Medicare and the ExxonMobil Retiree Health options. For those under 65 you may choose from several options. For those over 65, you have a choice of a Medicare Advantage Plan sponsored by XOM. In both situations you may opt out of XOM sponsored plans. Keep in mind, however, that opting out of an XOM sponsored option is permanent. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for access to the XOM Benefit website at: <https://www.benefitsweb.com/exxonmobil.html>, or call the benefits line at 1-800-682-2847. You should have also received a package with your specific options and cost in the mail.



### **AT THE REFINERY**

The refinery continues to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. Many of us have worked there for many of those years. Our club has several original startup members. Pictures of most of these original startup crews have been added to our website under Photos. If anyone has additional photos, please send them to Mark Fredrickson so that they may be added. The refinery put on a world class celebration at Dollinger Farm; more on this later. We were well represented with Ira Hanan, Mark Fredrickson and Bill Galloway heavily involved in the planning and execution of the events.



## AT THE REFINERY (cont'd.)

Bring your kid to work day: Over 100 children were able to see first-hand what their parents do every day during Bring Your Kids to Work Day this year. Thanks to all who helped to arrange such an amazing event, and for those who opened the doors to their offices, shops, units, vehicles and work spaces, so that these future members of Team Joliet could get a glimpse of the magic behind the refinery gates.

“Kids go where there is excitement. They stay where there is love.” – Zig Ziglar



## RETIREE CLUB BUSINESS

It's that time of the year when we collect dues for membership in our club for next year. As in previous years, membership dues are set at \$10 member/year for employees that retired with medical benefits. For those that separated or retired without full medical benefits, dues are \$40 member/year. For a husband and wife assuming full benefits, that is \$20 couple/year. Keep in mind that if you join but your spouse does not, then your spouse is not eligible for member rates at any of our club sponsored events. In this case, your spouse would have to pay the guest outing rate. In addition, members are always given priority over guests if space is limited. We therefore encourage both to join as members. Please send your check to the club mailbox at P.O. Box 2352, Joliet, IL 60434, or you may bring your check to the Fall Dinner/Election meeting. It is also important to keep the club updated with your current contact information. You may download a club application from our website for this purpose.

Club funding of events comes from the \$10/year member fee and the matching \$30/member funding that we get from XOM Corporation. In past years, we have also received funding directly from the refinery. The club has not, however, received funding from the refinery for the last couple of years and although funding is expected from XOM Corporation, it has not been received yet in 2022. In order to get the most benefit from our club funds, 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 in the last couple of years. 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 that the club is scheduling events that appeal to the greatest number of club members. We encourage everyone to support our club sponsored events whenever

## RETIREE CLUB BUSINESS (cont'd.)

possible. The program committee works diligently on your behalf to sponsor a wide variety of events to appeal to everyone in the club. The program committee has lost 3 members in the past year and are looking for new members to help plan club outings. Please consider joining if possible. Contact Lynda or Larry Scheuber at [larry.scheuber@gmail.com](mailto:larry.scheuber@gmail.com) if you are interested.

There will be 3 board member positions open for new 2 years terms starting in January 2023. Voting will occur at the Fall Dinner/Election meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Either Jeff Jones or Wayne Daily will contact you about your interest. Please consider running for the board if possible. The club survival is only possible with direct involvement from the members. Per club bylaws, imposed by XOM Corporation, we must have 7 board members to exist and receive funding.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### Conklin's Barn Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.

### Joliet Refinery 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Dollinger Farm

The Joliet Refinery is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022. A great celebration was held August 27<sup>th</sup> at Dollinger Farm with over 1800 employees, retirees, and family members attending. Retirees and their family members were well represented making up about half of all attendees. The retiree club was present with a great display of Mobil/ExxonMobil memorabilia, old photos, and refinery communication newsletters. There was plenty of food and drink along with many games for the kids. Bingo and the band Maggie Speaks wrapped up the day. All had a good time and we were able to connect with the refinery that we all worked at for many years. We also saw many retirees that traveled from out of town to reconnect with everyone. There was a mini reunion of original startup people that was recognize by refinery manager Tanya Bryja. Here is to the next 50 years.





### **3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2022 HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd.)**

#### **EMRC Annual Golf Outing – Friday September 23<sup>th</sup> – Heritage Bluffs**

After missing this event the last two years, we once again hit the links on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Heritage Bluffs golf course. We had 24 golfers and hit the first tee at 8:30 sharp. Although the day started out a little cool, it heated up along with the golf. The team of John & Andrea Paul, Rodney Bryant and Todd Lund had the low score of 3 below par. For their effort, they won a free round of golf for each of them to practice for next year's outing. Bill Galloway won the closest to the pin (ya he was surprised too) and Mike Keniley won the longest drive. I guess he has been working out since retiring. After a good day of golf, we all gathered at the new clubhouse for a great lunch and a few libations. All had a good day and look forward to next year's edition.



#### **EMRC Potluck Lunch – Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Coal City Methodist Church**

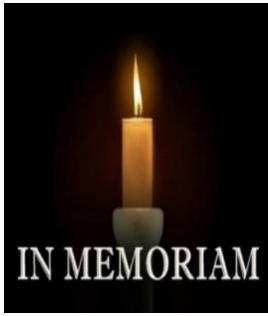
The retiree club met on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Coal City Methodist Church for our annual fall potluck. The club provided roast beef and everyone brought a dish to pass. Will County States Attorney Ken Grey made a presentation on Identity Theft & Elderly Scams. Ken also answered attendee's questions on the topic. After missing this for the last couple of years, all enjoyed the good food and conversation.

### **2022 OUTLOOK TO DATE**

#### **EMRC Annual Dinner/Elections – Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> – St. George Serbian Center**

Our annual fall dinner/election meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. George Serbian Center in Joliet. The hall has been reserved and as details are finalized an email will be sent to members to sign up. This is free to paid EMRC members only. A \$20/person deposit check will be required, which will be returned when you arrive. For now, please hold this date, invitations will be coming. As previously mentioned, we will be electing 3 members to the board. The club cannot continue without support from our members. If you can please consider running for the board, or volunteering for the programs committee, which makes our outings happen.

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



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*James C. Freckelton*

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*1/19/1950 - 7/30/2022*

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