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RETIREMENT**

**ExxonMobil Retiree
Club of Joliet**

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Nominating Com: Jeff Jones and
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2024 Program Committee

No Members, how about you?

Jet Team Rep

None

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Retirement Lane

Newsletter of the ExxonMobil Retiree Club of Joliet

NEWSWORTHY

As we close out 2023, we reflect on a year where the club had a limited number of events because we no longer have any Program Committee Members.

We hope to continue to have our basic events in 2024, however the club can not continue without support from its members. Our long time Program Committee Co-Chairs Lynda and Larry Scheuber have retired and we have not to date found a replacement. We continue to solicit new members but to date have not had any volunteers for this important committee. If you can't commit to a full time role on the committee, consider maybe helping plan only one specific outing. Please let any board member know at our club email address emrcoj@gmail.com.



AT THE REFINERY

Did you make a New Year's resolution to exercise more this year? Did you know that all retirees and their spouses are able to use the refinery wellness center? The refinery wellness center has several treadmills, elliptical, weight circuit machines, and free weights. You can also use the locker room, which includes showers; all you need for a light to heavy workout. Staying active is very important for everyone. If you are interested, you can contact Gabriel Panza at gabriel.panza@plusone.com. Once approved, you will need to get a wellness center badge from the refinery. Each visit requires you to check in at the refinery main gate to get your badge activated and then return it back to the main gate each time as you leave.

RETIREE CLUB BUSINESS

The club held its annual dinner/election meeting on December 7th 2023, at Al's Steak House. There was one orders of business on the

agenda which was the election of four board member positions. Bill Galloway, Diane Kelley, Wayne Dailey, and Jeff Jones 2-year terms were expiring. They were all re-elected to two year terms as there was no one else running for the board. The officers for 2024 will remain the same as in 2023.

In addition to everyone socializing with drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to our family style dinner, Ben Riser, Joliet Refinery Manager spoke to the group. He indicated that the Joliet Refinery was doing well and was very profitable in 2023. He thanked the group for their many contributions to the refinery during our careers there and that our group represented many years of experience. All had a good time and it was good catch up with everyone attending. You can view all the pictures from this year's dinner on the club website.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Bunco/Euchre Pot Luck – February 9th, 2023 – Arrowhead Community Center

The annual Bunco/Euchre Pot luck was held at the Arrowhead Community Center in Channahon on February 9th. There were several attendees with the club providing chicken, water, and coffee and members bringing a dish to pass. Gift cards were awarded to Harold Holsinger, Jack Warner, Gary Skubic, and John Paul in Euchre. For Bunco Doris Szczepaniak, Diane Kelly, Maureen Nourie and Alice Meredith won gift card. No pictures of this event was provided for the club website.

EMRC Conklin Barn– Thursday April 27th – Canceled due to low attendance

The scheduled outing to Conklin's Barn Theater was canceled for a second time 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.

Retiree Club Picnic – Thursday, June 8th – Hammel Woods Shorewood

The annual retiree club picnic was held on Thursday June 8th at Hammel Woods in Shorewood. We moved from our traditional Lions Park location in Minooka due to severely limited parking available at Lions Park. Hammel Woods has significantly more parking and a nice pavilion but does cost the club \$75 to reserve. This year the club went back to our typical style of providing chicken and water while

members brought either an appetizer or a desert to pass. We had a good turnout and it was a bright sunny day with reasonable temperatures. We had our typical bingo games that everyone enjoyed. We gave out gift cards since we no longer have a program committee to purchase gifts for bingo.



EMRC Annual Golf Outing – Thursday September 21th – Heritage Bluffs

Our annual EMRC golf outing was held on Thursday September 21st. As we did last year, it was held at Heritage Bluffs golf course in Channahon. We had 24 golfers and hit the first tee at 9:30 sharp. Although the day started out a little cool with light drizzle, the rain held off for most of the day. We all had a good day of golf and enjoyed a buffet lunch and awards in the club house afterwards.

In team competition the winners were:

First Place (Foursome to Heritage Bluff)

Jeff Jones, Bob Faford, Mark Johnson, and John Paul at 3 under par

Second Place (\$25 gift cards)

Joe Blaine, Greg Hodgen, Greg Schultz, and Ken Spreitzer at 2 under par

Third Place (\$25 gift cards)

Steve Gill, Andrew Leoni, David hill, and Bob Elvert at 1 under par

Most honest (sleeve of golf balls)

Tim Fabek, Darlene Fabek, Connie Barns, and Terry Barns at 9 over par

In indivial competition the winners were:

Front Nine (\$25 gift card)

Hole 2	Longest Put	Not recorded	Terry Barnes
Hole 5	Closest to Pin	13 feet	Mark Fredrickson
Hole 8	Closest to Pin	Not recorded	Bob Evert
Hole 9	Longest Drive	236 Yards	Andrew Leoni

Back Nine (\$25 gift card)

Hole 12	Longest Drive	Not recorded	Greg Hodgen
Hole 13	Closest to Pin	12 feet	Tim Fabek
Hole 16	Closest to Pin	9 feet	Mark Fredrickson
Hole 18	Longest Put	Not recorded	Mark Johnson

Chicago Cubs/Milwaukee Brewers Game – October 1st, 2023

Members and guests traveled by coach bus to Miller Park in Milwaukee for the last game of the season between the Chicago Cubs and the Milwaukee Brewers. The roof was open and it was a hot sunny day

with a near sellout game between the Chicago Cubs and the Milwaukee Brewers. We enjoyed premium Northwestern Mutual Legends Club seating including a great variety of buffet stations and cash bar. The Brewers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on a couple of sacrifice flies and a based loaded walk. The Brewers went on to beat the Cubs 4-0 but still everyone had a good time. As we often do when we travel to Wisconsin, we made a pit stop at the Mars Cheese Castle in Kenosha on the way home.



White Fence Farm Lunch/Concert – Friday October 20th

38 members traveled by car to White Fence Farm in Bolingbrook for a luncheon of Fried Chicken with Baked Potato, a Relish Tray and Ice Cream for desert. After lunch they listened to Denny Diamond sing the best of Neil Diamond and Barry Manilow. All had a good time.



EMRC Potluck Lunch – Wednesday November 1st – Coal City Methodist Church

The retiree club met on November 1st at the Coal City Methodist Church for our annual fall potluck. The club provided fried chicken, water, coffee, and everyone brought a dish to pass. Special guest Virgene Galloway, a retired Occupational Therapist at Ascension Mercy provided an informative presentation on staying healthy including ideas for activity and nutrition. Something that is very important as we all are getting older every day. All enjoyed the good food and conversation.



Retiree Club Annual Dinner/Election Meeting – December 7th, 2023

The annual Retiree Club Dinner/Election Meeting was held at the Al's Steak House in Joliet. It was moved from the St. George Serbian Center that we have had it at the last couple of years due to an extreme price increase at the St. George Serbian Center. The cost increase was almost double the previous year. All board members voted to find an alternate site due to this extreme cost increase to utilize club funds wisely. There were 86 members in attendance and everyone had a chance to catch-up with other members. The night included a social hour, a great dinner buffet, and presentations by President Bill Galloway and Joliet Refinery Manager Ben Riser. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship. Pictures have been posted at:

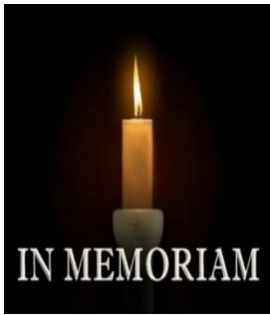
[Dinner Meeting Pictures](#)

As mentioned earlier, four returning board members were elected for new 2-year terms to the Retiree Board of Directors.

2024 Outlook

None scheduled. Possible items include Bunco/Euchre Pot Luck, Summer Picnic, Fall Golf Outing, and our Annual Dinner/Election Meeting. It is difficult to determine what club events will take place in 2024 since we do not have Program Committee members. We haven't had a Program Committee since 2022 to plan club events. We continue to solicit new members but to date have not had any volunteers for this important committee. If you can't commit to a full time role on the committee, consider maybe helping plan only one specific outing. Please let any board member know at our club email address emrocoj@gmail.com.

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<i>Henry Hank Koppelman</i>	<i>3/6/1947 – 12/30/1922</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Robert Eugene McMahan Jr.</i>	<i>7/10/1956 - 1/22/2023</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Alva (Al) B. Lantz</i>	<i>1/5/1932 – 2/6/2023</i>	<i>Process</i>
<i>Todd E. Washburn</i>	<i>8/19/1975 - 2/23/2023</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Roger J. Johnson</i>	<i>8/11/1960 - 1/22/2023</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Thomas Raymond Wilson</i>	<i>11/7/1949 – 3/6/2023</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Jane Ann Harris</i>	<i>4/5/1944 - 8/13/2023</i>	<i>Refinery Nurse</i>

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