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AND
ENJOY
RETIREMENT**

**ExxonMobil Retiree
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2025 Board Members

President: Bill Galloway
Vice President: Mark Fredrickson
Treasurer: Nick Hively
Secretary: Diane Kelly
Membership Chair: Wayne Dailey
Nominating Com: Jeff Jones and Eugene Satrun

2025 Program Committee

No Members, how about you?

Jet Team Rep

None

Webmaster

Mark Fredrickson

This newsletter is yearly. We are looking to find someone to take over in 2025.

Retirement Lane
Newsletter of the
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NEWSWORTHY

As we close out 2024, 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 2025, however the club can not continue without support from its members. 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.



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 5th 2024, at Al's Steak House. There were two orders of business on the agenda. The first was the election of three board member positions. Nick Hively, Eugene Satrun, and Mark Fredrickson 2-year terms were expiring. Bill asked if there were any new

nominations but there were none. The three expiring board members were all re-elected to two year terms as there was no one else running for the board. The officers for 2025 will remain the same as in 2024. The second order of business was for people to fill out a survey of potential events for next year that they would be interested in. It was explained that with no Program Committee members, we are limited in the events we can plan. The top vote getters were as follows: Note that to have an event that includes a bus, there must be 35 paying members that want to go.

October 21st Oktoberfest Matinee (German Food, Beer, Wine & Music) \$65

June – Retiree Picnic Hammel Woods

July - Chicago Boat Cruise

October - Potluck Coal City UMC

December – Election/Dinner

Everyone socialized with drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to our family style dinner. 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.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Bunco/Euchre Pot Luck – February 15th, 2024 – Arrowhead Community Center

The annual Bunco/Euchre Pot luck was held at the Arrowhead Community Center in Channahon on February 15th. There were 37 attendees with the club providing chicken, water, and coffee and members bringing a dish to pass. No pictures of this event were provided for the club website.

Lunch & Neverly Brothers– Monday April 29th – Starved Rock

29 Club Members drove to Starved Rock for lunch and a concert by the Neverly Brothers who performed songs from Elvis to the Beatles. The club subsidized \$20 per member ticket and bought everyone a drink in lieu of providing a bus to the event.



Retiree Club Picnic – Wednesday, June 12th – Hammel Woods Shorewood

The annual retiree club picnic was held on Wednesday June 12th at Hammel Woods in Shorewood. This is the second year holding it at Hammel Woods due to severely limited parking available at Lions Park in Minooka. Hammel Woods has significantly more parking and a nice pavilion but does cost the club \$75 to reserve. The club provided chicken and water while members brought either an appetizer or a desert to pass. We had about 60 members attending and it was a bright sunny day with reasonable temperatures. We had our typical bingo games that everyone enjoyed. We gave out 16 \$25 gift cards to winners since we no longer have a program committee to purchase gifts for bingo.



Starved Rock Lunch & Lock – Thursday August 29th

49 members traveled by car to Starved Rock for a Lunch and Lock tour. The club provided a \$27 subsidy per member attending in lieu of provided a bus to Starved Rock. The day began at 11am with a great buffet lunch in the main dining room. We then traveled from the lodge to the river and boarded a double decker river boat for a trip up the Illinois River to Ottawa IL. We passed thru the Starved Rock Lock which lifted the boat up over 25ft. It was a sunny hot day on the river. We spotted many eagles and white pelicans along the way. Once we arrived in Ottawa, we boarded a bus back to the Starved Rock Lodge. Everyone really enjoyed the day and we may consider doing this trip again in the future.



EMRC Annual Golf Outing – Thursday September 19th – Heritage Bluffs

Our annual EMRC golf outing was held on Thursday September 19st. As we did last year, it was held at Heritage Bluffs golf course in Channahon. We had 20 golfers and hit the first tee at 9:00 sharp. The day was warm and sunny all day long. 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 (\$25 gifts cards each)

Bob Faford, Larry Richardson, Jason Faford, and Bret Faford at 5 under par

Second Place (2 sleeves of golf balls each)

Joe Blaine, Greg Hodgen, Greg Schultz, and Ken Spreitzer at 1 under par

In indivial competition the winners were:

Front Nine

Hole 2	Longest Put	John Paul	\$25 Gift Card
Hole 8	Closest to Pin	Joe Blaine	\$25 Gift Card
Hole 9	Longest Drive	Jim Ongenae	HB Coupon

Back Nine

Hole 12	Longest Drive	Greg Hodgen	HB Coupon
Hole 13	Closest to Pin	Jason Parrott	\$25 Gift Card
Hole 18	Longest Put	Bret Faford	\$25 Gift Card



EMRC Potluck Lunch – Wednesday October 23rd – Coal City Methodist Church

The 38 retiree club members met on October 23rd 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. All enjoyed the good food and conversation. No pictures were taken.

Retiree Club Annual Dinner/Election Meeting – December 5th, 2024

The annual Retiree Club Dinner/Election Meeting was held at the Al's Steak House in Joliet. This is the second year holding it at Al's Steak house since the St. George Serbian Center raised the price dramatically. All board members voted to continue to hold it at Al's Steak House so that we utilize club funds wisely. There were 78 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 Nick Hively. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship.

Pictures have been posted at:

[Dinner Meeting Pictures](#)

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



2025 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 2025 since we still do not have any 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. If interested, please let any board member know at our club email address emrocoj@gmail.com.

Gone But Not Forgotten



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<i>Frank Donald Steffen</i>	<i>1/15/1932 – 1/17/2024</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Kenneth A DeZee</i>	<i>5/28/1955 – 1/23/2024</i>	<i>Process</i>
<i>Clyde “Bud” Case</i>	<i>5/23/1934 – 2/24/2024</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Wendell Paul Isom Jr.</i>	<i>5/14/1924 – 3/4/2024</i>	<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Anton “Tony” Plutz</i>	<i>6/19/1943 – 3/10/2024</i>	<i>Process</i>
<i>Michael John Fleming</i>	<i>10/9/1951 – 3/26/2024</i>	<i>?</i>
<i>Mary Lou Cobb</i>	<i>4/11/1948 – 4/24/2024</i>	<i>Lab</i>
<i>James Richard Dillon</i>	<i>6/25/1942 – 5/1/2024</i>	<i>Warehouse</i>
<i>Audrey Janel Karr</i>	<i>5/26/1936 – 5/20/2024</i>	
<i>Ronald Dale Tucker</i>	<i>2/18/1938 – 10/27/2024</i>	<i>Technical</i>
<i>Betty Lea Cordes</i>	<i>9/19/1946 – 11/20/2024</i>	
<i>Lynda Lou Scheuber</i>	<i>7/31/1952 – 11/24/2024</i>	

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