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Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, September 26, 2016

(No-host social hour - 10:45 to noon)

Contra Costa Country Club 801 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA

\$25 per person including tax, tip and door prizes.
(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)

Reservation coupon and directions to meeting on page 5

# Joseph C. Geagea **Executive Vice President, Technology, Projects and Services**

We are pleased to welcome Joe Geagea to our September 26 lunch.

Joe Geagea, 56, is executive vice president of Technology, Projects and Services, a position he has held since 2015. He is responsible for energy technology, delivery of major capital projects, procurement, information technology, health, environment and safety, upstream production services, and talent selection and development in support of Chevron's upstream, downstream and midstream businesses.

Previously, Joe was senior vice president of Technology, Projects and Services since 2014.

He served as a corporate vice president and president of Chevron Gas and Midstream from 2012 until 2014 and was responsible for commercializing Chevron's natural gas resources and supporting the development of new growth opportunities worldwide. He was also responsible for overseeing Chevron's shipping, pipeline and power operations as well as supply and trading operations. Prior positions include: 2008, managing director, Chevron Asia South Ltd., responsible for Chevron's upstream activities in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam; 2006, vice president, Upstream Capability, responsible for improving the delivery of support services to Chevron's global upstream operations; 2005, vice president, Chevron International Exploration and Production Company; 2004, president, Fuel and Marine Marketing; 2002, president, downstream operations in East Africa, the Middle East and Pakistan.

Joe serves on the board of directors of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering. He also serves on the board of trustees of the San Francisco Ballet Association. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

He joined Chevron in 1982 as a design engineer. He earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois in 1981 and 1982, respectively.



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last luncheon get-together was truly memorable. Attendance was good in spite of the vacation season, and it was heartening to see a greater percentage of recent members at this fellowship gathering. The speaker Colleen Cervantes gave us a summary of her global career with Chevron which left the audience feeling glad that the corporation can provide our local chapter with such fascinating speakers.

Our next **luncheon meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2016** at the Contra Costa Country Club. Our Chevron executive speaker Joe Geagea can be trusted to keep us enthralled with his usual lively and engaging presentations. He is executive vice president of Technology, Projects and Services, a position he has held since 2015. He is responsible for energy technology, delivery of major capital projects, procurement, information technology, health, environment and safety, upstream production services. His global experience in many executive positions worldwide and his willingness to answer questions on a wide range of issues will keep luncheon attendees well informed. Come early to meet and greet colleagues from your years with Chevron.

On another subject, our retiree organization leaders have sought information all the way up to the chairman about how we can give back to the company. The MOST important suggestion was for members to join the Chevron Advocacy Network and get better informed in the subjects that matter to our company and through it to us, its retirees. Membership contact information is kept confidential by the company. Our goal was to get 20% of each of our chapters to sign up this year. By mid-year just 10% of our current member base had signed up. I encourage all of you to sign up in a very simple process, so that you can help our corporation and be better educated in the issues that matter. Just click on this link https://www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/ and then click on the blue "Register" button in the upper right corner. It's that simple. If you have not done it yet, do it now!

Enjoy this summer and stay cool and safe.

Adrian D'Souza

#### COMPASSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a list of members of the Contra Costa Chapter of Chevron Retirees who have passed away since the issuance of the last newsletter:

Terrence J. Eaton Charles Hogle Robert E. Lusche



A complete list of Chevron retirees' deaths is published quarterly in the retirees' magazine Encore and in the Chevron Retirees' website (www.chevronretirees.org). If you come to know of any Chevron Retiree members from the Contra Costa Chapter who have passed away, please let us know immediately at compassion@chevronretireescontracosta.org.

#### 2016-2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic years. This year, because of the chapter's generosity and the board's contribution, we were able to offer five scholarships of \$2000.00 each. Please go to the website to see more background information on the scholarship recipients for this year.

<u>Nicholas (Nico) Brightbill</u>, Walnut Creek CA, grandson of *Richard DeVoe*, Walnut Creek, will be attending UC Berkeley, pursuing a degree in Business.

<u>Lily Catrone</u>, Danville CA, daughter of *Tony Catrone*, Danville, will be attending Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles CA, pursuing a degree in Business.

<u>Kate Everett</u>, Peachtree City, GA, granddaughter of *Adell Kirk widow of Richard Kirk*, Danville, will be attending University of Georgia in Athens GA, pursuing a degree in Business/Marketing.

**Kyle McQuain**, Lafayette CA, granddaughter of **Charles Froese**, Orinda, will be attending University of Oregon, Eugene OR, pursuing a degree in Journalism.

**Raegan Taylor**, Fairfield CA, granddaughter of **Jan Demcsak**, Bluffton SC, will be attending UC Davis, pursuing a degree in Material Science & Engineering.

Below are thank you notes to our membership that were sent by the recipients:

**Nico**: Thank you to the Contra Costa Chapter of the Chevron Retirees Association's Scholarship for \$2,000. It is an honor to have received \$2,000 for my education related expenses. I'm looking forward to attending the luncheon with my grandparents on June 13th. It will give me an opportunity to meet members of your chapter and say thank you. Again, I am most appreciative of the generous scholarship. (Helen Romain comments: It was a pleasure having Nico attend our luncheon and his gratitude and how he presented himself to the group indicated that providing him with a scholarship was a good selection.)

**Lily**: I am incredibly grateful to be receiving the Chevron Retirees Contra Costa Scholarship. Thank you for the generous gift and time taken to go through recipients. The \$2,000 will be put towards my tuition at Loyola Marymount University, where I will take opportunities, focus on my studies and work vigorously towards a career in business. I look forward to starting school in the fall and thank you again!

**Kate**: It is an honor to receive this scholarship from the Chevron Retiree's Association. Words cannot describe how thankful I am for this award. I know that my grandfather, Richard T. Kirk, would be very proud of me. He would be delighted to know his lifelong employer, Chevron, awarded me a scholarship. Again, thank you for granting me this generous award. It will most definitely come in handy in regards to the upcoming college expenses.

Raegan: It is my pleasure to thank you for making me the recipient of this scholarship on behalf of Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association. I am very honored to be selected, but of course this honor would not be possible without your generous support. As I continue with my registration at UC Davis, it is a relief to know that some of the financial burden has been lifted off my family and myself. This scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies in Materials Science and Engineering, which I know will be a great experience with my full dedication and determination. I can't wait for this next chapter in my life and your assistance gives me the incredible opportunity to get the most out of my education. I must thank you again for the support I have been given and I hope that you will continue to provide aid and encouragement to more hard working and involved students in the future. I look forward to the day I can also give to those who are willing to put in their effort towards making their dream a reality.

From the appreciation these winners have shown, we can be very proud that we are helping the future generation with our scholarship program. Everyone's support for the scholarship program is appreciated and hopefully we can continue to grow this program. The student's actual thank you notes show how much this program means to them. Thank you again for your support!

Helen Romain

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## **MEMBER'S NEWS**

**John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Esq.**: Still providing tours at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania to people (families, school children, retirees, veterans, business people, teachers, etc.) from all over the United States and many countries around the world. In 2016, I will begin my 13th year of guiding at Gettysburg, the site of the pivotal turning point of the American Civil War. I have also delivered a specialized presentation of President Lincoln's visit, just 4 ½ months after the battle, to Gettysburg, where he delivered the immortal Gettysburg Address, to 45+ groups (retirees, church groups, Civil War roundtables, local historical societies, library/book clubs, etc.) in six different states and the District of Columbia. If CVX Retirees are interested in a tour of Gettysburg and/or a speaker for the presentation, please feel free to contact me through the CRA Contra Costa Chapter Board.

**William (Bill) D. Hermann**: My fourth great-grandchild—a girl—is expected on Christmas Day 2015. My late wife only knew the two boys but would have been pleased to see the score evened. I continue to teach a graduate course at Golden Gate University and enjoy having a reason to remain current with the economics literature.

**Timothy Campf**: I will be mourning the closure of the Concord gym and office – a wonderfully designed building. I only worked there for a year, but used the gym since 1996, when I began my first rotational foreign assignment.

**Chuck Whiteneck**: Still enjoy playing Tuesday and Thursday softball in the Walnut "Creaker" League. As parade chair and coordinator for the Pleasant Hill 4th of July, I'm starting to ramp up for next year's parade.

Elizabeth Wood: My husband, fellow Chevron retiree John Watkins, passed away in September 2014 from Multiple Myeloma. I'm learning to do all the stuff around the house and yard that he used to do. We were able to take a family vacation to Cabo in April 2014 with his kids and their families. In July 2014 we took a Mediterranean cruise and in August we were able to attend his 50th High School reunion in Orinda, California. I traveled with friends to Puerto Vallarta in December 2014 and Cabo San Jose in April of 2015. I had a hip replacement in February 2015 and feel great. I'm still active with Contra Costa Musical Theatre and was appointed to the Contra Costa County Arts and Culture Commission by the Board of Supervisors. I also still work very part-time for a local attorney. It keeps me busy and keeps my brain working and my computer skills up-to-date.

**David J. (Dave) Tucker**: In August 2015 we traveled to Minnesota, Montana, Washington, and Oregon to make four two-day visits. After our visit to my sister and brother-in-law in Minneapolis, we traveled west on Amtrak's Empire Builder to Glacier National Park in Montana, thence on to Wenatchee, Washington to see retiree Dick Foss, and to Portland, Oregon to pay respects at Willamette National Cemetery where my parents are laid to rest. My mother, Janice Betty Tucker, passed away June 17th 2015 at 101 years, 11 months, and 12 days.

**Ed Peggs**: In 2015 we enjoyed a cruise of the Baltic countries. We spent a couple of extra days in Copenhagen. For 2016 I will be continuing as a director for the Ferrari Club of America, Pacific Region. Travel plans include a trip to Geneva in March for the International Motor Show, visiting friends in the San Juan Islands, WA in June, a week of fishing in Alaska in August, time in Colorado in September, Mendocino in November and Saint Lucia in December. Will be plenty busy!

**Stephen Gillette**: Last year my wife and I moved to the country of Bolivia. We did this for several reasons. One main reason was that my daughter moved down there to help teach the bible to deaf people and we wanted to help her in that. The pace of life is much slower.

**John Maerzke**: Yea, ski season is here (February 2016). Just home from Europe with visits to Ljubljana and Lake Bled, Slovenia where we skied a day at Kranjska Gora, then six days skiing at Val Gardena in Italy's Dolomites finishing up with six days skiing at Kitzbühel, Austria. And we're now home with good snow in the west.

**Gary T. Nicholson**: Since retiring from Chevron in 2010, I worked as Executive VP for the International Energy Credit Association (IECA) North America operations. Effective January 1, 2016, I have left that post and am going (continued on Page 6)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### **CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:**

September 26, 2016

#### **Graduate Luncheon:**

December 9, 2016



#### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

From I-680 South, take Chilpancingo/Concord Avenue exit. Turn left at the traffic light (you will see Target on the right hand side of the street). Continue straight through the traffic light. At the next traffic light, make right on Golf Club Road (you will see a Chevron Gas Station on right hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.

#### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING NORTH

Take Highway 24 to I-680 North. Take Willow Pass Road exit. Turn left off freeway onto Willow Pass Road and continue to the third traffic light. Be in the right hand lane and turn right onto Contra Costa Boulevard. Continue on Contra Costa Boulevard through two traffic lights. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Golf Club Road (Citibank will be on left hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.

# Reservations for September 26th Luncheon Due: Friday, September 16th

Late Reservations or Cancellations: Call Cathy Kerns (925-376-8840)

#### (Circle each entrée choice.)

Your name	Chicken Provencal	Roast Beef	Vegetable Wellington
Guest's name	Chicken Provencal	Roast Beef	Vegetable Wellington
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Enclose a check for \$25 per person, payable to Chevron Retirees Association. Mail to Chevron Retirees Association, P. O. Box 371, Orinda, CA, 94563.

If you have any questions regarding the luncheon, call Cathy Kerns (925-376-8840). Cancellations and late reservations must be received by Wednesday, September 21st.

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#### WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Chevron Retirees Association, National Organization: www.chevronretirees.org

Chevron Retirees Contra Costa Chapter: www.chevronretireescontracosta.org

Chevron Corporation: www.chevron.com

California Initiative Program: www.chevron.com/CA

Chevron Advocacy Network: www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com

Discounts, Deals Bay Area Activities: chevrec.mybigcommerce.com

Chevron Matching Gift Program: chevron.yourcause.com

Bay Area Activities for Retirees: chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp

The Company Store: www.chevronstore.com

Information on Medical and Dental Plans: hr2.chevron.com/retiree/

# **MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)**

to try retirement for good this time. I am living in Walnut Creek, CA with my wife Lysa. Our two daughters, Brianna and Kira, are now out in the working world. Brianna graduated from CSU Monterrey in 2013 and Kira from Pepperdine in 2015. My new winter hobby is skiing and I have put in 15 days already this year.

Roslynn Brickner (formerly Roz Lloyd): Left Chevron in 2012 after qualifying for retirement at the Br1Z facility in San Ramon. Six months later landed a job with PG&E. I've been there for 3 yrs with the last 2 yrs at SAME Br1Z facility - only the name on the door has changed....

**Ken Main**: We are enjoying retirement. Cannot believe it has been over 10 years! Travel (Ireland and England recently) and grandchildren are our favorite things. Keeping busy with Son's in retirement (Sir's) activities and trying to stay healthy.

**Tom Camp**: Nothing new, as my activities are kind of on hold with doctors' visits. Planning to attend the annual "Porsche" event in April (2016) here in northern California – San Luis Obispo. Well wishes to everybody.

What's new with you?			
Your Friends enjoy reading about you and your activities. So jot down a brief note on what's new with you in the space below and send it in with your luncheon reservation or, as we prefer, email your note to the address below.			
Please print your name	Today's Date		
Email to newsletter@chevronretireescontracosta.org or Mail to Chevron Retirees Assn. P. O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563			