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#### Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, June 11, 2018

(No-host social hour - 10:45 to 12 noon)

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

\$35 per person including tax, tip and door prizes

(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)

# Bruce Niemeyer Vice President, Strategic Planning

We are pleased to welcome Bruce Niemeyer to our June 11 luncheon. He is Corporate Vice President of Strategic Planning for Chevron Corporation, a position he assumed in February 2018. He is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the company, allocating capital and other resources and determining operating unit performance measures and targets. Bruce will describe his new role, as well as the significance of the Permian Basin at the luncheon.

Previously, Bruce was vice president of Chevron's Mid-Continent business unit. He was responsible for developing Chevron's assets in the mid-continent United States, including Chevron's significant Permian assets in Texas and New Mexico. Prior to this role, Bruce was vice president of the Appalachian/Michigan strategic business unit, where he led the company's development of natural gas from shale in the northeast U.S. He also served as general manager of strategy and planning for Chevron North America Exploration and Production Co.

Bruce joined Texaco in 2000 from Atlantic Richfield Co. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and is a registered petroleum engineer in the state of California.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

June 11, 2018 September 24, 2018

#### **Graduate Luncheon:**

December 14, 2018



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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is going to be a short President's message.

Please make sure you get your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to turn in their applications <u>immediately</u> for the CRA Contra Costa College scholarships as the deadline of May 2 is fast approaching, if it hasn't passed already! It is always a pleasure to meet these bright young scholarship winners at our June luncheons when possible.

Our luncheons at the Contra Costa Country Club are still the best venue of any CRA chapter in the Bay Area. It has a new owner but still a great luncheon menu, good speaker facilities and a spectacular view. Like everything else in the Bay Area, future costs may rise slightly as we work to manage it.

Lunch is still a wonderful way to greet old friends and make new ones. More recent retirees are coming to our luncheons. New faces are always welcome. Invite your friends for great updates from Chevron executives who are chosen by your board for their excellence as engaging speakers. For those of you with friends in other Bay Area chapters, I come back from the NorCal CRA Area meeting with cordial invitations for our members to attend any of the other chapter luncheons. Please let me, or other board members, know if you are interested in joining our chapter board.

It is astonishing to read of the wide range of retirement activities that members send us for inclusion in our newsletters. Keep those newsbytes coming as we vicariously enjoy your experiences. And speaking of retirement activity, don't forget the wide range of volunteer activities that Chevron offers. Stay in touch!

We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon detailed in this newsletter!

Adrian D'Souza

President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

#### **MEMBER'S NEWS**

**Bob Shepard**: I am sad to report that Gloria passed away on November 29. We had been married 67 years and I will miss her terribly.

**Don Stedman**: I just turned 90 January 19th. I'm doing fine, I hope !!

John Fitzpatrick: John continues to serve [from April to November each year] as a Licensed Battlefield Guide-Emeritus at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA. [nps.gov/Gettysburg] beginning his 15th year in 2018. He estimates that he has given ~1400 tours to ~ 15,000 people [Teachers, Students, Retirees, Lawyers, Nurses, Families, Business Ex-

ecutives, Active, Reserve and Retired Veterans, etc.] since 2004. He has also presented a PowerPoint "'No Fail Here' Why Did President Lincoln Come to Gettysburg?" more than 50 times in eight different States and the District of Columbia to Local Historical Societies, Civil War Roundtables around the Country, a local Chamber of Commerce Leadership Group, at two Colleges, etc., since 2009. It has always been well received in that the focus is on all the Personal, Political and Policy Pressures impacting President Lincoln and how he overcame them when he crafted and then delivered the immortal Gettysburg Address, arguably the most respected, well known and significant speech in U.S. history. John can be reached at jofi2@comcast.net.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, 2018-2019

The deadline for the 2018-2019 Scholarship Program was May 2, 2018. We will be announcing the four recipients of the \$2000 scholarship awards at our upcoming June luncheon and we hope to have recipients, who live in the area, attend our luncheon with their parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. We will also announce the recipients in our next newsletter and on our chapter website, along with their pictures.

Past winners of our scholarships are shown on our website, as well. We have grown from granting two scholarships of \$1000 each in 2005 to authorizing four scholarships for \$2000 each this year. Our program is the largest of the Chevron Retires organizations. We are very proud of this program and could not do it without your contributions. This year we want to acknowledge the spouse of the originator of the program, the late Stan Smith, for her continuous support and very generous donations.

For information regarding the program, contact Helen Romain, hromain@comcast.net. We are still encouraging contributions to the program from those of you who haven't contributed yet, as well as additional contributions from those who have already contributed, and these can be sent to CRA, P.O. Box 371, Orinda CA 94563.

Thank you again for these contributions and for the goodwill it provides to Chevron Corporation.

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

**Glenn Billman**: My family and friends will be celebrating my 100th birthday this summer. My actual birthday is June 20th, but due to the fact that several of my grandchildren will not be able to come till July due to other commitments, the party will be moved to early July. We expect about fifty family members, neighbors and guests for a catered dinner in our backyard.

**Donald Ray**: I've been retired from Chevron Chemical for 27 years. Nearing age 88. Still volunteer a bit with the Share Food Pantry and Ygnacio Valley Library. Kaiser takes good care of us.

**Sheree Lomax**: Jim and I continue to travel! In 2017 it was Morocco, Russian Far East and Ecuador, Panama and Galapagos Islands. In 2018 we are heading to India and Bhutan. When we're home, our focus is on family, especially our 9 grandchildren.

**William Hermann**: I have recently moved to Piedmont Gardens after living 14 years by myself in Berkeley, since my wife's death. While I'm not teaching this

term – and age 93 may decide to retire – I continue to have an office at Golden Gate University just a block from my old office at 225 Bush. While there are many interesting people here, they are all old and I prefer the age of my students.

Robert Huntoon: 'Hard to believe it's been 19 years since retirement. My wife Linda and I are still enjoying living on the beautiful Oregon coast. Our health remains good. We are so blessed to be so active. We did buy a second home last year in San Luis Obispo, CA to be closer to kids and grandkids in both San Luis Obispo and San Diego. All the best!

William (Bill) McCord: I am pleased to say that 31 years of retirement were completed last November and to date is has been quite an enjoyable journey by achieving all of the wonderful things that retirement provides – reasonably good health, travel, family involvement, sports, friendships, organizational memberships, to name a few. My entire career was spent in Corp. Public Affairs, (1950-1986). Unfortunately, most of my long-standing friends are no longer with

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

us, so it is impossible to share fond memories of our working days. Few, if any, can claim that their entire career was spend in Public Affairs which covered every aspect of the Company's communications, community affairs and government affairs for that period. The spectrum of involvement spanned every aspect of the Company's operations which provided a fascinating overview of our business. The Company has maintained its success all through the years which has contributed greatly to the 31 years of retirement my family and I have enjoyed.

**Pat Brack**: Since retiring, I have managed to find time to garden and donate time to Markham Arboretum here in Concord. In addition, I play old time and Irish tradition music with three bands.

**Diane Padurean**: Enjoying running our business, Alamo Villa (alamovilla.com), a residential care facility for the elderly in Alamo.

**Gary Hook**: I've been volunteering every week at the Bay Area Ccrisis Nursery and as an adult literacy tutor through Contra Costa Library's Project Second Chance. I've also been taking art classes and exploring graphite pencil drawing as a new hobby.

**E. James Owens**: This is a sad time for me. My wife, Carole, of 65 years, passed away on Dec. 4, 2017.

**Linda Johnson**: Extremely busy year. Our youngest is a senior in High School. So we have been busy with Marching Band, volunteering and assisting with the college application process. Our oldest just got engaged, so we will be busy with H. S. graduation and wedding reception planning, as well as lots of travel this year!

James Maher: Enjoying retirement. Playing golf a couple of days a week and using my home recording studio daily. I just released a collection of songs entitled, "Malaga Way". To hear the songs, download the SoundCloud app and search on Jimmy Maher.

William Barnard: Bill and Nancy Barnard went to KY in mid-October to enjoy the fall color. However, it was too early in the as the trees were mostly green. On the way, they flew into St. Louis, MO, to visit the Clydesdales breeding farm at Warm Spring Ranch in Boonville and Grant's Farm where the foals that meet the criteria to become Budweiser Clydesdales, enroll

in the Clydesdale "prep school". They also stopped by some wineries along the way and Bill went on the Kentucky Bourbon trail.

**David Perkins Sr.**: 25 years of retirement is good. Ben Smith, Jack McGuire, Jim Gregory and I have given up on sponsoring our annual marketing get-together, after 23 years. It was fun, but we, all four, are slowing down.

Paul Rathkamp: Since retiring in August 2017, my wife, Lauren, and I have really enjoyed the luxury of time to get out and do more fun things. Last Fall, we took several hiking trips including the Panorama Trail in Yosemite and a short trip to Joshua Tree. We're playing a lot more tennis now and have also joined a health club to keep in shape. Our oldest son is a sophomore at Berkeley, with a double major in computer science and economics. Our other twin boys are juniors at SRVHS. Loving retirement!

Robert Creek: I went back to school to earn a teaching credential and am now teaching 22 first graders at an Oakland public school right next to downtown. First grade is all about learning to read. If anyone would like to help some of the kids to learn how to read, that would be great. We could use you! Greetings to all of you. I miss working with you but love catching up via CRA.

Allen Uzzell (Retired from CVX Corp. Law Dept., 2013): I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Promise, a scholarship program initially funded by Chevron Products Company. A number of Chevron employees and others are volunteering to help this worthwhile effort. Please contact me at aluzzell@comcast.net or (925-856-7765) if you would like more information on how you can support this effort.

**Steve Semorile**: Been 10 years since moving to Modesto. Volunteer in third grade at Freedom Elementary School, once a week. Still coaching softball with daughter in Spring. Nancy and I will be taking a river cruise up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis in March.

**Jim O'Brient**: Taking a break from a heavy 2017 travel schedule that took us to Death Valley, Hawaii, Williamsburg and Yorktown, VA, Kitty Hawk, NC, New England, Oregon for the eclipse and Ashland, Euro-

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS, LAST YEAR AND TO-DATE FOR THIS YEAR!

Michael Abbott Ronald Aftanas Ray Airone Joel Albert

Kathleen (Kit) Armstrong

Brian Baldwin Michael Barenberg Roger Bergman Christopher Bluhm Marielle Boortz Todd Brookhart Vernon Buchmann Robert Burkes Stephanie Butler Ralph (Roy) Cantu

Ken Chan Jack Cheng Cynthia Davidson J. Thomas Deal Deborah Dearborn Gary Dejong Kirk Doberenz

Catherine Duckworth Ron Edson Kenneth Ettinger Thomas Farr Pat Finucane Ken Frank

Kathryn Gallacher James Gessling

Ben Guthrie Jeffrey Hagler Roni Lee Height Gerald Henderson Karen Bolce Holmes

Gary Hook Michael Jones Medhat Kamal Paul Koch Karen Lee Mark Logan Portia Lostica Richard Louie Mark Lynch

Cheryl Macinick Steve Mathur David McDonald Robert McNamara **Donald Medwedeff** 

Paul Millner

Carrol Mills Joseph Moran Jenny Mostek

Cary Mrozowski Bernice Mung

Gerald Norman Tom Orlando Mary Overpack Michaelangelo Palad

Jeff Patry Dana Perrine

Bernice Rael Paul Rathkamp Yana Retherford Eileen Robinson Scott Rusch Marty Schultz Scott Sederberg

Sharad Shah **Douglas Spooner** Michael Steele Michael Steinbrecher

James Swain Alvin Todd John Toldi Nam Xuan Tran Mercedes Trevino

Mark Urban

Dan VanDerZanden

Linda Vest **Thomas Watson** Kenneth Werner

Cindy McKnight Wiessner

**Gregory Wiessner** Robert Wilkerson James Willer Erin Wilson Lori Wong

Jack Zakarian

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

pean Viking river cruise, Versailles and Paris, France, and Sea of Cortez in Baja, Mexico. Whew! Staying home (mostly!) to oversee a kitchen and garage remodeling projects in 2018.

Herb Long: My wife, Randi, and I still live in Lafayette. Like most retirees, we stay guite busy and active. We are quite active in our church - mission and Bible study. We took up birding years ago, so this takes us on various field trips, some with other Chevron folks. We also volunteer for Golden Gate Audubon, taking children on field trips. I golf, exercise and garden. We still enjoy travel in the US and internationally. Days are too short!

Roslynn Lloyd-Brickner: Working after retiring from Chevron at PG&E (previous BR1office space for Chevron). Celebrating 5 years.

**Katy Woody**: Enjoy staying home with my high school kids and working out every day.

Kathleen Marke: I am grateful for the Retirees Association and look forward to the newsletter.

Mark Logan: Retired another year and loving it! Especially time with the three grandchildren.

Med Kamal: I retired from Chevron at the end of 2016, however, as a Fellow Emeritus I am still engaged with the activities of Chevron Fellows. I am a petroleum engineer, i.e., an upstream person. I worked for Chevron from 2000-2013 in San Ramon and was transferred to Houston at the beginning of continued on page 6

## 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:

William J. McCarthy Leon E. Dulac

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.

#### VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVRON HUMANKIND

Come volunteer with employees!! Chevron has lots of volunteering opportunities throughout the year and you are welcome to join in the fun. These are all 1-time events, no regular commitment required.

We have extracted the volunteering activities located in the East Bay that are listed in Chevron Humankind, plus Employee Network events, and put them into a document which you can access either through the link at the bottom of this article, or from the CRA Website, www.chevronretireescontracosta.org. Find something you like and sign up today. If you have an idea for a CRA volunteer activity, contact Brad McCullough (bjcc2@comcast.net).

#### Some highlights:

- Enjoy the Cinco De Mayo Festival; May 6; CFD booth or Chevron booth; Richmond
- Dinner with a Scientist; May 7 or May 8; Oakland
- NCLR Annual Gala: May 19: SF
- Juneteenth Parade and Family Festival; June 16; CFD booth or Chevron booth; Richmond

For a complete list and more information, click here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSlx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4

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

2014. Upon retirement, I returned to the Bay Area and re-joined my family.

Richard and Peggy Nielsen: We sold our condo in Incline Village, Nevada in 2016. Richard had shoulder surgery in October 2017 and is still doing physical therapy. We lost our daughter, Kelly, to cancer in February 2018. She was 47 years old.

**Deb McNaughton**: I am enjoying my second year of retirement with lots of travel. In 2017, the highlight was a trip to the Scottish Highlands to visit my ancestors' home. The highlands were breathtaking. I got a private tour of the family castle near Inveraray. This year

I am going to Morocco (my second time) where my eldest son lives and then to Spain. I love retirement!

Sandra Garcia: Another fine year!

**Sharon Martorella**: I'm now teaching a craft class at Mt. Diablo Adult School in Pleasant Hill – weaving with seed beads on a loom. Also still sewing, knitting and gardening.

### 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 Monday, June 11th Luncheon Due: Monday, May 28th

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

## (Circle each entrée choice)

Your name	Chicken Piccata	Grilled Salmon	Vegetable Risotto
Guest's name	Chicken Piccata	w/ Champagne Sauce Grilled Salmon	Vegetable Risotto
Guest's name	Chicken Piccata	w/ Champagne Sauce Grilled Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce	Vegetable Risotto
Cost: Chicken Piccata	(number of lunches	) times \$35 =\$	
Grilled Salmon	(number of lunches	) times \$35 =\$	
Vegetable Risotto	(number of lunches	) times \$35 =\$	
Total cost:		\$	

Enclose a check for the total cost, 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 *Sunday, June 3rd*.

# 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/basic

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/

ChevRec/BenefitHub (discounts and deals): chevrec.benefithub.com

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.				
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