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NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2020

***Note: Short deadline. Response Due by February 5**

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

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

\$40.00 per person including tax, tip and door prizes

(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)

Cary Knuth

Cary Knuth is Vice President, Chevron Lubricants Americas with P&L responsibility for Chevron's lubricants and coolants business within the Americas Region. With sales in more than 30 countries across the Americas, the Region has offices in Canada, the United States, Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and Brazil.

Prior to assuming this role in January 2019, Cary was the Vice President, Base Oils with global responsibility including production, procurement, manufacturing, technology support and sales of base oils. His previous role was the General Manager, marketing sales and services for Americas Products, where he was responsible for the Global Service Centers, as well as all global card marketing activities. He also managed the product line portfolio, the three brands (Chevron, Texaco and Caltex) and all retail marketing and commercial & industrial sales programs.

Cary has held a variety of positions throughout the United States. He has worked as the General Manager of gasoline marketing and retail sales and District Sales Manager for the fuels business in several markets. He has also held roles such as interim Vice President of Marketing for the Americas and regional marketing director for North America.

A native of western Oregon, Knuth graduated from Brigham Young University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He later graduated from Oregon State University with a Master of Business Administration degree. He joined Chevron in 1990 as a marketing specialist in the West Central Region in Northern California.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello again and Happy New Year. I hope things are going well for you already this year. We had some friends visit from the Chicago area (a 4-month RV trip!), went up to the mountains for skiing and snowshoeing, plus the stock market is up (though not for CVX) so I'm feeling pretty good for the start of 2020.

Another reason to be excited is that we are going to have our 3 quarterly luncheons, the Graduates luncheon, plus a couple of special events for you this year.

- The Quarterly Luncheons are currently scheduled for February 24, June 15, and September 21.
- The Graduates Luncheon is on December 4th.
- We are hosting the Cross-Chapter luncheon on February 4. If you get this newsletter before the 4th and are interested in attending, contact me at (925) 348-6707 and I'll try my best to get you a spot.
- We have a docent tour of Bancroft Gardens on April 23.

You should have seen a few reminders that it's membership renewal time. Please send in your renewal if you haven't already. This small annual fee helps us run our chapter, helps the National CRA organization exist to provide benefits back to you (such as help with benefits questions, working with Chevron on making sure we keep those benefits, a separate CRA dental package, updates such as the Encore, online access to lots of great information, and more) and shows Chevron that there is a strong base of retirees out there, proud to be a retiree of Chevron.

With the renewal, we are asking again for your help in funding the scholarships that we give out in June. Members are the sole funding for these scholarships and they are very exciting to the recipients. Remember that applicants must be a relative of a CRA Contra Costa Chapter member. Your support during the membership drive by donating a few extra dollars would really help. We are hoping to reach \$100,000 in total scholarships given in the 16 years that this program has existed. And, if you have a student that might be eligible for the scholarship, please have them apply – applications are due by May 2.

We have had a couple of changes in the Contra Costa Chapter Board. Cathy Kerns, our Membership Chair, luncheon coordinator and door greeter, and long-time board member is going to be spending a lot more time in the mountains and so has dropped off of the board. Linda Vest has joined the board and picked up the Membership Chair duties, Debbi Semenick is picking up the luncheon coordination duties and you will see different board members greeting you at the door, starting with Helen Romain in February.

If there is anything that you would like to see different in the Chapter, any events you would be interested in seeing us arrange for the members, any thoughts or ideas, please reach out to me.

Brad McCullough President
President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

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:

W. E. (Gene) Meyer
Ronald C. Morton

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@chevron-retireescontracosta.org.

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our chapter's scholarship program! As a reminder, our chapter's scholarship program started when the 2020 dues notice was sent out. As in past years, the scholarships are for one year and awards will be based on academic merit and extra-curricular activities. Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support organization, will select the recipients and distribute the awards. We suggest that you encourage your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren to apply for one of the scholarships, as the odds of receiving one have been about 1 in 4.

Students may apply each year they are eligible, but those who have previously been awarded a scholarship by our organization are not eligible to reapply. The criteria for eligibility are:

- Be a child, grandchild or great grandchild of a dues-paying member of the chapter.
- Be age 25 and under.
- Be enrolled, or plan to be enrolled, in the coming school year in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college or university.
- Scholarship applications should be submitted to Scholarship America **NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2020**. The application may be completed online but it cannot be saved and sent directly to Scholarship America. Applicants need to remember to print out what has been completed on the application and send that by mail to Scholarship America.



The amount of each scholarship and the number awarded will be determined at our next board meeting in early April, as it will depend on the donations received. In the past we have annually awarded 3-5 scholarships, averaging \$2000. We appreciate your support of this program and hope you will add some additional money with your dues payment to continue this support. The individuals we support may be future leaders of Chevron, and they think very highly of our company for this gift. Since the program started in 2005, we have distributed 64 scholarships, totaling about \$96,000 and your generosity has been so supportive of this program. **If you have already sent in your dues for the current year, you can still send an additional donation to Chevron Retirees Assn, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563.**

Application forms are available online on the chapter's website, www.chevronretireescontracosta.org or by calling Helen Romain, 925-833-8298.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Special thanks go to Carol Smith, the widow of the originator of our scholarship program, Stanley Smith, for her very generous donations. The past scholarship recipients have been so appreciative, and this assistance is needed so much, as college costs keep rising! Remember, too, that the scholarship recipients are good ambassadors for Chevron!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 24, 2020
June 15, 2020
September 21, 2020

Graduate Luncheon:

December 4, 2020

SPECIAL EVENT

Bancroft Gardens Tour

The Contra Costa Chapter is arranging a special docent-led tour for members (and their families) on Thursday, April 23 at 11am of the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek. In the event of a response over 50, an additional date can be arranged. A \$12 fee covers entrance plus the docent tour and will be collected at the door.

This is one of the best-kept secrets in the Bay Area, a world-renowned 3.5-acre garden, housing a collection of succulents, both unique and beloved, as well as drought-tolerant plants from around the world. The Garden's founder, Ruth Bancroft, lived until 2017 to be 109 and was a pioneer in drought-tolerant gardening. Open to the public year-round, the Garden showcases fabulous blooms during every season and highlights plant structure and texture in robust plantings. The tour timing is shortly after peak blooming season of aloes, one of the most unique plantings in the garden. Each season offers something new among the largest collection of succulents from around the world. Get lost in awe at the beauty of Ruth's work, and walk away feeling refreshed and renewed. Visitors and guests are welcome to make use of the stunning photo opportunities in the Garden for personal use and future plant identification.

The tour ends in the Garden Nursery where you can get a close-up look at succulents, cacti, protea and many other varieties of drought-tolerant plants. Ranging in size from 2" to 15 gallon, their selection includes Agaves, Aloes, Sedums, Aeoniums, Echeverias, Cacti and many more. They also stock a huge range of other water-wise plants, including the largest selection of Proteaceae in Northern California, including Protea, Leucospermum, Leucadendron, Grevillea, and Banksia.

After the tour, feel free to stay all day and lunch at a local favorite, Big Bear restaurant, or bring your own lunch to enjoy in the many picnic areas. There is seating scattered throughout the Garden including wooden benches and chairs and several sets of café tables. Well behaved dogs on-leash are always welcome to visit the Garden with you, as are kids. If you would like to attend on April 23, please RSVP the number in your party to cracocoevents@gmail.com by April 5 so we can ensure docent availability.

The Garden is handicapped accessible. Please call the office at (925) 944-9352 if assistance is needed.



MEMBERS' NEWS

Don Downey - My wife and I work with veterans, mainly Pearl Harbor Survivors and WWII Veterans to record their life history. We also prepare books for many of the veterans with their transcripts, photos, and custom maps. Thanks to Chevron Humankind for supporting our charity, WWII Veterans History Fund, EIN 46-3281545. Our website is at dondowney.com.

Yung Kwon - I am a Shipping retiree, and want to let you know that the subject reality show will be on TV(CBS) on Feb. 12 (Wed.) next year, in which Yul Kwon, my son, will be a contestant. This session, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the show, will select a winner from previous winners, like selecting a king of kings, with a prize of \$2MM, a double of that for ordinary sessions. Yul was the winner of Session 13 in 2006 and was a keynote speaker in the luncheon of the Chevron Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, 2009.

Andre Peterhans - Hi fellow CRA members. Since retiring early in 2018 my wife Donna and I have focused much of our activities on our newly built home here in San Luis Obispo. With 25 acres to play with we have lots of landscape options! In 2019 we began traveling more, hitting Mardi Gras in March and Alaska in August. In between I took on a consulting position with OGCI Climate Investments LLP, a \$1.2 Billion fund supported by Chevron and the other majors, looking at investments in carbon capture and sequestration. It's exciting and challenging work which will hopefully help decarbonize industry and mitigate climate change. Looking forward to seeing my fellow retirees at an East Bay event in 2020.

Jacobis Jurgens - My wife, LindaLee, finally, after excruciating pain had total knee replacement surgery in December. She is undergoing physical therapy with some progress and is expected to be discharged in another week or so. We'll be celebrating the holidays this year at the rehab facility.

Brad McCullough - This summer we took a trip to San Diego for a family reunion on Jennifer's side and three weeks in Europe on a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam plus several days in Prague. One of my bocce teams took 1st place for the regular season (2nd in the tourney). I'm having lots of fun with CRA and getting to know lots of Chevron retirees. I'm also working with several local non-profits and playing more (and better) golf.

Steve Semorile - Took first trip to Europe in May 2019. Rive cruise from Amsterdam to Switzerland. In 2020, we plan to see Greece and Italy. We help sponsor an IOU softball team coached by our daughter.

Bob Shepard - My wife, Gloria, passed way in November 2017 so I am now living with my son Roger and his wife Miki. Keeping busy at the Medford Senior Center. I would like to with all my old COPI buddies a healthy 2020.

Christine McGrath for Michael McGrath - On behalf of Michael, I am writing to let you know that he is now in residential care suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Who would have thought he would be reduced to what he has become?

Robert McCoy - Susan and I continue to enjoy the four seasons in New England. A bonus is our family lives within a two-hour radius so we get to watch the grandchildren grow and develop.

Ken Haley - My wife, Barbara, and I continue to live in Rossmoor. We keep adding new activities including tennis, bocce, duplicate bridge, golf, and skiing. In 2019, we've travelled to Ireland, France, the Amazon (Peru), and Vietnam. We're obviously not slowing down.

Lloyd Plank - We are in independent living in Sacramento, CA. Lost our house in Lafayette to mudslide.

James O'Brient - Busier than ever. Have added new activities each year since retiring. Most recently, have joined the Moraga Farm Co-op board and their home winemaking club. Also on board of Kiwani's (VP this year) and Northern California Geological Society (program chair this year). Travel the past year has included Windward Isles in Carib-

MEMBERS' NEWS (continued)

bean, Hawaii, South Pacific, New England, and mid-Atlantic states. Home for a bit while we await second grandchild.

Lewis Cook - Still writing a monthly article for Kau Calendar newspaper in Hawaii. Completed more than 500,000 observations of various stars.

Johanna Scherrer - This is to notify you that Josef Scherrer is no longer able to read or attend any functions. Please remove his name from your mailing lists.

Mary Sproul - I retired from the Richmond Refinery on November 18, 2019, after 43 years of service.

Donna Cook - Just published my fourth book, Gholson Brothers, In the Thick of It, available to order on Amazon or your nearest bookstore.

James Maher - For the past several years, I've been working on a musical entitled, "Workforce," written by me and Alan Beliakoff. In 2019, we had two successful readings at the Martinez Campbell Theater and in August 2020, it will be performed for the very first time. If you are interested in attending, you can contact me at Jimm_Maher@sbcglobal.net.

Robert (Bob) Wilkenfeld - Judy and I are enjoying traveling and visiting family and friends. This year, we visited our seventh continent and married off our son, Sean. Bob has taken up wood carving and is now back cycling and hiking regularly.

Victoria Shore - Traveled to Seattle, Vancouver, and Astoria on Princess Cruise ship. Had a great time. Enjoying supporting our veterans with our Quilt of Valor (volunteers making quilt for our veterans). Enjoyed the marriages of our son and daughter.

Deb McNaughton - Retired four years. Enjoying lots of travel. Took a big Viking Cruise to the Baltic area—Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Norway. It was amazing. Domestic trip to Boston to see USA history. In 2020, I'm taking a February trip to Paris and London. I love retirement.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVRON HUMANKIND

There are lots of opportunities for volunteering with employees through Chevron Humankind. Both CRA and Chevron would love for you to join in on any of these events. They are a lot of fun, you're helping others, and you're doing all this alongside current employees who are fun to talk with. These are generally all one-time events with no ongoing commitment required.

For a complete list of the volunteering opportunities please click on the following link. If you are getting a hard copy of this newsletter, then the link doesn't work :-) so email Brad McCullough at bjcc2@comcast.net or call him at (925) 253-0229 and he can send it to you. This list gets updated about every two months.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSlx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4>

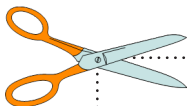
The link takes you to a document on Google Docs which is a listing of the events from Chevron Humankind that are in the Bay Area. Also included are other special interest events that you might be interested in such as additional volunteering opportunities and fun activities (like hikes, festivals, fundraising walks, etc.). This listing is emailed out to a distribution list of interested retirees - if you would like to be on this distribution list, please contact Brad.

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 February 24 Luncheon
Contra Costa Country Club
Due: Wednesday, February 5 (circle one below)**

Your name _____	Vegetable Wellington	Chicken Scalopini	Grilled Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce
Guest's name _____	Vegetable Wellington	Chicken Scalopini	Grilled Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce
Guest's name _____	Vegetable Wellington	Chicken Scalopini	Grilled Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce

Cost: Vegetable Wellington _____ (number of lunches) times \$40 = \$ _____

Chicken Scalopini _____ (number of lunches) times \$40 = \$ _____

Grilled Salmon w/ Champagne Sauce _____ (number of lunches) times \$40 = \$ _____

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.

Late Reservations or Cancellations: Contact Linda Vest at pindersok@comcast.net or (707-422-5746).

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

Chevron Matching Gift Program (also includes volunteer activities):
www.chevron.yourcause.com

The Company Store:
www.chevronstore.com

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

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

Chevron Energy Transition:
chevron.com/energyconversation

BENEFITS UPDATE

The Chevron Benefits Committee tracks and provides information to retirees via the Chevron publication, *Encore*. You will want to check this website periodically to ensure you are up to date on changes to benefits as well as discounts you are entitled to as a retiree. The Benefits Committee has also developed several resources you may find very helpful. Be sure to check out the Benefits Guide, Advanced Care Planning, and Personal Planning Worksheet that can help you organize and record personal and financial information for your survivors. You can get to these documents and lots of other retiree information by going to chevronretirees.org and clicking on 'CRA Benefits' under Committee-developed Resources.

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 _____

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