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CRA ZOOM MEETING - FEBRUARY 22, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING UP AND JOINING OUR CRA ZOOM MEETING

The schedule for Monday, February 22 is:

10:50 AM - Click on the Zoom link (we will send it to you when you register for the event).

11:00 AM - Presentation by Andy Walz (see bio on page 4) followed by Q&A.

Noon – Adjourn. You’re on your own for lunch.

YOU MUST REGISTER

Even though the event is **free**, you **must register**. To sign up, click on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYqf-2rTwoHNNQ3EX9syYVM13t_QEE-ipOL

Immediately after registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Contra Costa Retirees <no-reply@zoom.us> containing information about joining the meeting, including your personal Zoom link. If you don’t see this email, please check your spam folder. Please send an email to CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com if you didn’t get that email.

If you have trouble with Zoom, or can’t get into the meeting, please call Brad McCullough at (925) 348-6707.

If you do not use a computer, call Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707. Brad will give you the information to be able to phone in to the meeting.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2021. We are continuing to present interesting speakers in our Zoom luncheons, and this month is no exception. Andy Walz, President of Americas Fuels and Lubricants, will join us on February 22 at 11:00. You can find the registration information on page 1 of this newsletter.

We have the new **Scholarship** information and application available on the website. If you have a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild who is entering or currently in college or vocational school please apply. There is detailed information in this newsletter.

I hope you were able to attend the **Chevron Graduates** Zoom luncheon in December. It was great seeing people that I normally don’t have contact with, and Mike Wirth gave us some good insights into how Chevron is dealing with this pandemic, temporary loss of business, and the downsizing (which was in the works well before

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the pandemic hit). We are looking forward to getting back in person for this year's Graduates Luncheon on December 3, 2021, Crowne Plaza, Concord – put it on your calendars.

DUES! We requested the annual dues with our last newsletter and most of you have submitted them but we're still short quite a few people that have been regular members. If you haven't submitted your dues yet, please send them in now while you're thinking of it (form on p. 5). Only \$10 per year. And if you wanted to submit a little extra for the scholarship fund it would be very much appreciated. If you aren't sure if you've paid for 2021, contact our Membership Chair, Linda Vest, at pindersok@comcast.net.

Please give us your email address!! As more chapters start using Zoom for their meetings & speakers, we get the information and pass it along. Most of the time, though, it does not mesh with the timing of our newsletters and so only those members for which we have an email address get the notification. Also, we spend a lot of money each quarter to copy and mail the newsletters to those for which we don't have emails. Please send us your email addresses so that we can be more efficient with your membership. This is also the time when we remove people that haven't paid dues in a while - please don't lose contact with us because we don't have your email address, or you don't pay your annual dues.

Welcome new retirees! With the downsizing at Chevron, we now have quite a few new retirees in our Chapter area, many of which have already paid dues. I hope that you will join the Chapter – only \$10/year. Sorry that we're not doing lunches right now to see everyone in person, but we are planning for having in-person lunches again later this year, and hopefully get back to other events. Until then, you can see other members on our (and other chapters) Zoom luncheons.

Additional CRA Zoom Luncheons. Marin Chapter on February 10 and San Francisco Chapter on March 18. See details and registration information on page 3.

Have you been to our chapter website recently, how about the National CRA site? On our website - Scholarship, Compassion, Volunteering Opportunities, Links to lots of great information. <http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org/default.html>. On the National CRA website (www.chevronretirees.org) there is even more information on Benefits, info on all the other chapters, info on Chevron programs that retirees can access, CRA-written publications, lots more links, etc.

If anyone needs assistance or just wants to talk with someone, please send a note to CoCoCRAevents@gmail.com or give me a call at (925) 348-6707.

Stay safe, healthy, and sane, and be of service to yourself and others.

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WHO LIKES TO GOLF?

Chevron Golf Club San Ramon (CGCSR) is an NCGA Affiliate Club that has as its base Chevron employees, contractors, and retirees. The club has about 60 members with indexes ranging from 4 to 34. We run about 19 outings per year, where the club officers arrange for tee times. At these outings, we have an optional small game going, closest to the pin prizes on 2 holes, a season-long match play, a club championship (net and gross winners) and a special end-of-year tournament. Most outings are on Friday or Saturday, but this year we are including some mid-week outings. We play a wide variety of courses, mostly East and North Bay. The NCGA affiliation means that you get an official NCGA handicap and have the opportunity to represent CGCSR in NCGA tournaments (partially subsidized by the club). For 2021, membership is \$85 for new members. For more information, contact CGCSanramon@gmail.com.

BAY AREA CRA CHAPTERS ZOOM LUNCHEONS

Two of our fellow Bay Area CRA Chapters are also having Zoom luncheons that you are invited to attend:

February 10, 11:00am - Marin Chapter has 2 Sergeants in the San Rafael Police Department talking about Crime Scene Investigation. They will discuss techniques, types of cases, and the future of CSI, with Q&A. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910120200000>

March 18, noon – SF Chapter has Dr. Sergio Urcuyo, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center Medical Director and main incident commander for the pandemic, is going to talk about COVID and vaccines, with Q&A. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910120200000>

Please join us!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 22, 2021
June 21, 2021
September 20, 2021

Graduate Luncheon:

December 3, 2021



WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Merliza Alcalá
Ron Assour
Brent Austin
Christine Banducci
Karen Bolce
Jim Bonwell
William Brook
Sandy Caban
Ronald Camin
Linda Campbell
William Chatfield
Jane Chin
Tim Combs
Ken Crooks
Machele De Andre
Bradford Dean
Stanley Dorst
Steve Ellinwood
Teresa Ferrell
Marnie Finnerty
Robert Ford Jr
Jack Galeotti
Sarah Gibor

Nancy Gossett
Hadie Hartmann
Mike Higgins
Katie Hower
Craig Isom
Farzad Janfaza
Jay Johnson
Scott Johnson
Alain Kerfs
Bob Koches
Michael Krup
Rich LaFarge
Virginia Lane
Jerry Lee
Renaë Magaw
Shawn Mehaffey
Mike Menasco
Mark Menke
Jesse Meyer
Robert Mihalovich
Linda Montague
Al Mosser
Kathie Murray

Grace Perez
Laura Perrine
Donald Pierce
Ruth Powell
Debbie Reeves
Andy Remec
Randolph Richards
Gary Richman
Steven Rohrberg
Isabel Sears
Brian Serafino
Margaret Sham
Michelle Stringer
Mark Traylor
Brian Wark
Robert Whitmarsh
Kelly Wilkinson
Pamela Wiswell
Valerie Wong
Michael Woody
S Shariq Yosufzai
Judy Zhou
Allen Ziarnik

ANDY WALZ BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Andy Walz
President, Americas Fuels & Lubricants

Andy Walz is president, Americas Fuels & Lubricants, a position he has held since October 2020. He is responsible for optimizing Chevron's fuels and lubricants supply chains in North and Latin America, as well as the marketing, sale and delivery of Chevron and Texaco fuels brands and lubricants and coolants products that include the Havoline, Delo and Ursa brands.

From 2019-2020, Walz was president of Americas Products responsible for Chevron's fuel products supply chain in the Americas, including overseeing the optimization of its value chain from refining to marketing. He also was responsible for the marketing, sales and delivery of Chevron and Texaco brand fuel products to retail, wholesale, commercial and industrial, and aviation customers.

Previously, Walz served as the president of International Products, responsible for Chevron's downstream fuels business and joint ventures outside of the Americas. He oversaw the refining and marketing of transportation fuels for commercial and retail sales across four key distributive areas in Singapore, Thailand, Korea and South Africa, as well as Chevron's joint-venture aviation activities in the Middle East.

Walz has also served as vice president of Joint Ventures & Affiliates, responsible for Chevron's non-operated joint venture refineries in Singapore, Thailand and Korea. Prior to that role, he was the vice president of Product Supply and Trading, based in Houston, Texas.

Walz graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Civil Engineering. He joined Chevron in 1989 and has more than 30 years of experience in the oil and gas industry.

Over the course of his career, Walz has progressed through a series of leadership roles, including: regional marketing manager Southeast U.S.; advisor to the president of Global Marketing in San Ramon, California; and general manager of the Burnaby Refinery in British Columbia, Canada. He also served as the general manager of Marketing for Caltex Australia Limited, based in Sydney, Australia, from 2008 to 2013.

Walz is based at Chevron's corporate headquarters in San Ramon.



HOW TO CREATE A ZOOM MEETING

You are encouraged to use Zoom to stay in touch with family, friends and other retirees at no cost during this isolation period. Here is a quick cheat sheet to create your own meeting.

You need an account to set up a meeting, but it's free! Go to www.zoom.us > click on the "Sign Up, It's Free" orange button and follow the simple instructions.

Once you have an account and have signed in, you can schedule a future meeting:

- Go to www.zoom.us > My Account > Schedule A Meeting
- Enter your meeting title and description, date, and duration. (Ensure your time zone).
- Leave "Registration required" unchecked
- Ensure "Waiting room" is not checked, and "Passcode" is checked.
- "Video" - "Host" and "Participant" both ON
- "Audio" – check "Telephone and Computer Audio"
- "Meetings Options" - check "Allow participants to join anytime" and leave the rest unchecked.

Click the Save button.

You have now set up your meeting and this screen shows you the meeting information.

To send the invitation to others, click on "Copy Invitation" and then "Copy Meeting Invitation", open your email and Paste into the body of the email. Then add any other information in the email and send to your invitees.

Remember there are other Zoom cheat sheets at <http://www.chevronretirees.org/ResourcesGroup/zoom-user-guides.aspx>

CHEVRON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

Chevron Corporation sponsors volunteerism in their retirees by sponsoring the Chevron Public Service Awards. Any CRA Chevron retiree is eligible and can self-nominate. These awards are made to encourage, promote, and recognize public service efforts, volunteerism, and community engagement by our retirees.

There are two awards given each year, with a \$5,000 donation to each recipient's non-profit and a trip to the CRA annual meeting for the winners.

Joe Reid, a member of Contra Costa Chapter, won one of the awards for 2020.

You can read about his outstanding volunteering efforts in the 1st Quarter Encore http://www.chevronretirees.org/sf-docs/default-source/encore/encore-q1-2021.pdf?sfvrsn=3add6673_4

Nominations must be submitted to CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com by March 1st in order for the chapter to submit it in time. The criteria for awards, as well as the CRA 2021 Public Service Award Nomination form, are at this link http://www.chevronretirees.org/sf-docs/default-source/cra-forms/Fillable_Form_CRA_220_Public_Service_Award_9-13-12.pdf?sfvrsn=82c146f_0, or contact Brad McCullough (925-253-0229) if you need paper forms.

MEMBER'S NEWS

(Please note we receive Member News items once or twice a year but we have four newsletters so we try to space them out.)

Christine Banducci - I stay busy hiking, backpacking, and spending time with my husband, adult kids, extended family and friends. I completed a Professional Coaching Certification in early 2020, and am currently building a small coaching practice.

Lucinda Jackson - PhD scientist and former Chevron HES General Manager, is the author of the recent memoir *Just a Girl: Growing Up Female and Ambitious*. This book is about my struggle to succeed as a scientist in the male-dominated work world. The book, full of solutions and tips, points to a brighter future for all of us. I now write, speak, and consult about diversity, equity, and inclusion in science and tech on radio and podcasts, in magazines, with book clubs, and at companies that want to make their workplace "a place where women want to work." My second book, an exploration of freedom after leaving your "work identity," will be out next year. After leaving Chevron, my husband and I served as Peace Corps volunteers in Palau and as science teachers in Mexico. Connect with me or find my books and articles at: <https://lucindajackson.com>

Jim & Lynda Polk - Traveling in our Airstream and active in the International Airstream Club.

John Dewes - Hunkering down. Three overseas trips cancelled.

Kathleen Henschel - Still chugging along. Staying home and staying safe. We're enjoying classical music online and enjoying not having to get dressed up to commute to board and committee meetings. We're looking forward to what the "new" new-normal is going to turn out to be.

Roger Vogel - We continue as foster parents in Solano county. We began in 1973 and have fostered almost 150 children.

Larry Thompson - Retired in 1996. Still playing golf and tennis at Moraga Country Club.

S. Shariq Yosufzai - Appointed to the University of California, Berkeley, Board of Visitors in October 2020. Awarded the 2020 "Doing a World of Good" Medal by the American Institute of Chemical Engineering (AIChE) at their virtual gala on December 10, 2020.

Vernell (Vern) Hance - Moving to Viamonte Senior Living on December 3, 2020.

Cathy and Tom Kerns - Tom and I moved to Incline Village, Nevada in March of 2020. We got lucky in selling our house in the Bay Area right at the start of COVID-19. Like many, we've pretty much hunkered down; only hiking the mountains surrounding Lake Tahoe and Truckee. One fun thing we're doing is learning to play Bridge using a platform called Bridge Base Online. Tom also plays golf with our sons once a month. (I ride along in the cart to chat.). Otherwise, we are really missing our family. We wish the best and Happy Holidays to our friends in CRA.

Art Kubal - The year of 2020 seems like a lost year—away from family and friends. We hope 2021 will bring an end to this pandemic nightmare. Meanwhile, Sandy and I are staying very busy with volunteering at our HOA here in Palm Desert, CA. Happy New Year to all.

Michael Krup - I have been fly-fishing in the desolate wilderness near my Lake Tahoe home. I prefer using vintage bamboo fly rods, which I restore, and hand tied flies.

Robert (Bob) Shepard - About to reach 94 this December, so I keep my fingers crossed. I am in good health and continue to play piano for those old folks at the Medford Senior Center.

CRA NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

CHEVRON NEWS (full stories can be found on Chevron Investor Relations website)

Jan. 14, 2021-- Chevron Corporation today announced a Series C investment in San Jose-based Blue Planet Systems Corporation ("Blue Planet"), a startup that manufactures and develops carbonate aggregates and carbon capture technology intended to reduce the carbon intensity of industrial operations.

"Chevron is a leader in scouting and identifying innovative and game-changing approaches to lower-carbon intensity," said Brent Constantz, founder, CEO, and chief scientist at Blue Planet. "The investment may also provide future opportunities to incorporate Blue Planet's approach into Chevron's projects."

Jan. 27, 2021-- The Board of Directors of Chevron Corporation declared a quarterly dividend of one dollar and twenty-nine cents (\$1.29) per share, payable March 10, 2021 to all holders of common stock as shown on the transfer records of the Corporation at the close of business February 17, 2021.

December 2, 2020—Chevron Corporation today named Al Williams, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, effective March 1, 2021. The company also named Paul Antebi, Vice President and General Tax Counsel, effective February 1, 2021.

December 2, 2020— Chevron Corporation announced that Marillyn A. Hewson has been elected to Chevron's Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2021.

Encore is a quarterly publication with a welcome from the Chevron Retirees Association President, one or two stories about Chevron retirees, the latest on benefits, and Chevron news items. You can find the latest information and Encore at www.chevronretirees.org.

Tidbits is a bi-monthly collection of articles, excerpts, and items of interest taken from Chevron news releases and other media sources, along with a little bit of humor. It is published on a bi-monthly basis by the Chevron Retirees Association and can be found at <http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Tidbits.aspx>

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:

Frank E. Colcord
Donald J. Ray

Bob Erickson
C. A. Wilkerson

Carol Eve Hipp

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

Volunteers Needed:

EngineerGirl Writing Contest and/or EngineerGirl Ambassador Program.

- The Writing Contest topic for this year is “A Salute to Engineering.” Students will be asked to write an essay that salutes engineering’s role in addressing the challenges presented by COVID-19. Your role as a volunteer will involve reading/scoring up to 30 essays over the course of February 10 – March 31 to help select the finalists.

You can find more information at [EngineerGirl - 2021 Writing Contest: A Salute to Engineering](#).

- **EngineerGirl Ambassadors** are female U.S. high school students who design, develop, and implement a project in their local community that will encourage younger girls to think about engineering or engineering careers, and give them practical experience in engineering design. Your role as a volunteer will involve virtually scoring the proposals each high school student submits over the course of March 10 – April 30.

You can find more information at [EngineerGirl - Become an Ambassador](#).

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

DEADLINE MAY 1, 2021

We are pleased to announce that despite COVID, our scholarship program is alive and well! As we previously mentioned, Scholarship America is no longer administering our program and we are now administering it ourselves. The selection criteria, similar to past criteria, is based on academics, achievements, personal insights, and future goals. We have a team of judges made up of two board members, a national representative, an HR retiree, and an educator. We anticipate awarding up to **four scholarships for \$2000 each** for this academic year, depending on donations. The scholarship application is available on the chapter website.

We suggest that you encourage your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren to apply for one of the scholarships. Applicants that meet the requirements below should apply by submitting their applications by email or to the post office box noted on the application by **May 1, 2021**.

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 or 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 or vocational-technical school.

We always appreciate your scholarship donations and if you have additional contributions that you would like to submit, you can make them payable to Chevron Retirees Association, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563. Since we started the program in 2005, we have awarded over \$102,000 to scholarship recipients. We are so proud of all our scholarship recipients and we are pleased that our members have supported our program. The individuals we support may be future Chevron leaders.

If you have any questions, you can send an email to scholarship@chevronretireescontracosta.org, or by calling Brad McCullough at (925) 253-0229.

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

All Benefits Quick Links
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup/ChevronBenefits.aspx>

Publications (Encore, Tidbits, Line Rider, Chevron News/ Press Releases)
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup.aspx>

Benefits (Benefits Corner, CRA Benefits, Social Security/ Medicare resources, Chevron Benefits)
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup.aspx>

In Memoriam
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/InMemoriamGroup.aspx>

CRA Membership (what does CRA do? Are you interested?)
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/MembershipGroup.aspx>

About Us (officers, chapter locations, coming events)
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/AboutUsGroup.aspx>

Resources
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/ResourcesGroup.aspx>

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