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NEXT MEETING TBD

We will have full information on the luncheon in the 1st Quarter Newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Winter! Frost on the lawns and roof, very chilly mornings, and the smell of freshly cut trees in the air. The weather has definitely changed, we've had a bit of rain and it looks like more is coming. Don't forget to get your Flu shots and your COVID booster. It's the season to welcome family and friends with holiday parties, and please don't forget to think about those less fortunate in our communities with donations, help at food banks and shelters, or warm coat drives.

I heard many comments that those that attended our October luncheon at Chevron Park really enjoyed it. We had a sell-out crowd of 180 to hear John Harper, Chevron Historian, give us some background on Chevron and Chevron Park specifically. It was great that when he mentioned that there was a small group that were the first to work there setting up the data center, several people said they were part of that group! It was a huge success – thanks to everyone who came. So, are you feeling a little left out that you couldn't attend that day? Well, we are hopefully going to be able to do it again. Full information on the event will be in the 1st Quarter Newsletter.

Speaking of luncheons, we are excited to be holding a Chinese New Year luncheon again this year, on Wednesday, January 25 at Peony Restaurant in Oakland's Chinatown. This is a celebration that the East Bay and Contra Costa Chapters have taken turns managing and we're very happy to be able to hold it again this year. More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

We continue to welcome new retirees! Please see the list later in this newsletter. If you ever want to get in touch with another club member, let us know. While we don't share contact information without permission, we can contact the other party with your information. We've done this a few times recently to connect past work colleagues.

This is also the time for Membership Renewals. New this year, you can renew your membership online if you'd like (mail option is still available)! We would love to have you let us know what's new in your life (or what you are still enjoying!) so please jot a couple of sentences in the "What's New With You" section of the form



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as well and we will publish them in future newsletters.

We also use the renewal time to solicit donations for our Contra Costa Chapter Scholarships. We (and the recipients) thank you for your support in the past and hope that you will provide support again this year. Do you have a relative either headed for college or in college who qualifies? Lately between 1/3 and 1/2 of the applicants are awarded scholarships. Please see the Scholarship article in this newsletter and the Scholarship page on the website.

The Chevron Retirees Association keeps the website (<http://www.chevronretirees.org>) up-to-date as well as creating the Encore and Tidbits publications. You can find the publications on the website:

- Encore: <http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Encore.aspx>
- Tidbits: <http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Tidbits.aspx>

If you would like a hard copy of either of these sent to you, please send us an email at cracocoevents@gmail.com or give me a call at 925-348-6707.

The CRA Hiking Group is still going strong. We have about 75 members on our distribution list and usually get 8-10 on our hikes. We plan 4 hikes per month, 1-2 easier hikes, 1-2 moderate hikes, and an all day hike (either an away hike (1-2 hour drive) or longer hike). Contact CoCoCRAEvents@Gmail.com for more information.

In case you didn't know, there is a Chevron golf club based in San Ramon. The Chevron Golf Club San Ramon (CGCSR) has been active for about 25 years. We are an NCGA Associate Club and currently have about 60 members. We run about 20 outings a year at courses around the Bay Area plus a trip to the Monterey Peninsula. We set up the tee times and invite members sign up to play. This club is for all who are interested in playing - any ability, any gender, any age. As an NCGA Associate Club, membership includes your NCGA membership and ability to qualify for NCGA Associate Club Tournaments (partially paid by CGCSR). We also run a 2-day CGCSR Championship, a year-long Match Play, and at all of our outings we have closest to the pin prizes, optional money games, and usually gather for libation/food after the round. Contact cgcsanramon@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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

Daphne Albers
Paul Brody
Christina Chew
Christina Christodoulou
Penny Cortez
Paul Hodgen

Bryant Ko
Douglas Peters
Mindi Peters
Rick Roller
Will Stratton
Kyle Vallone

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:

Chuck Harquist

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.

If you are the surviving spouse or family of a Chevron retiree who has passed, please go to "this link" for information on who to contact. In addition, there are some good reference contacts on "this page".

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT

The team at Columbia Sportswear Employee Store would like to announce our first ever, Holiday Shopping Event. From December 5th – 18th, we are opening our employee store doors to everyone, no pass required. **This one-time event allows everyone in the community to shop our family of brands at up to 50% off retail pricing.**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023-2024

Our Contra Costa Chevron Retirees Chapter has initiated the start of the 2023-2024 Scholarship Program with the current newsletter and the dues notice that is included in it. Thanks to the generous donations of our members, we have had a very successful scholarship program, distributing over \$122,000 to 78 students since 2005. We have a chapter Scholarship Committee with internal and external judges evaluating the scholarship applications.

We suggest that you encourage your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren to apply for one of the scholarships. We anticipate awarding five **scholarships for \$2000 each**, but this will depend on your generous donations to the program. The scholarship application is available on our chapter website. The deadline for the scholarship submission is **May 15, 2023**.

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.

Please watch our newsletters and website to see if there are date changes or process changes.

If you have any questions, you can send an email to scholarship@chevronretireescontracosta.org or by calling Brad McCullough at (925) 348-6707.

CRA NATIONAL NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 11/28/22 Breaking Barriers In The Permian Alternative Fuels
- 11/22/22 Fellows From Across Industries Meet To Discuss Lower Carbon Goals Emissions Solutions
- 11/22/22 Explainer: What Is Carbon Intensity? Emissions Solutions
- 11/21/22 Energy Is Powering Bangladesh's Economy People And Community
- 11/17/22 Chevron To Acquire Full Ownership Of Beyond6 Cng Fueling Network
- 11/17/22 Chevron Unveils Additional Environmentally Acceptable Lubricant For Marine Vessels Our Operations
- 11/16/22 Technology And Workers Unite In Kazakhstan Our Operations
- 11/14/22 Tapping Into High Tech To Drill More Efficiently Our Operations

MEMBER'S NEWS

Penny Cortez - Retired in 2021 after a glorious 37 year career. Exploring what this next phase of life has to offer.

Paul Hodgen - Crashed and burned after retirement in 2017 when I went from 60-80 mph to zero. In full recovery in new home at the Trilogy at the Vineyard (55+ community/resort) in Brentwood. Spending time with my 5 grandkids ages 4-8 in Alamos and LA, riding one of my 4 bikes most days, working in the wine business (winery owner along with 1100 others at Trilogy), and truly enjoying my new community. I set two very simple goals: join a new club every month and have a new dining experience every week. My first 3 clubs were all beverage clubs with the first being our Amici Wine Club, the second our Craft Beer Brewing Club and my third was a coffee club (which I still don't drink) that meets 6 days per week at 6am. I look to expand my volunteering efforts as I settle in with my new and old friends.

Chris Wimmer - Can't believe it was 50 years ago this September that I joined Chevron. 9/6/72 . Started at the Ortho Plant #2 in Richmond garden packing lines. Shortly thereafter moved to 835 Castro at the Fertilizer plant. Worked as a laborer for a year, then went into operations. Worked there about 4 years as an operator making Ammonium Nitrate liquid, and Ammonium Sulfate granular. Transferred to the Difolitan plant, spent 9 years as an operator and Shift Supervisor. Spent a year as a Field Representative - Environmental working with the community.

I posted for a job with Office Buildings at 225 Bush and landed that position as an Assistant Supervisor Operations and Maintenance. Posted again a year later and filled the job of Life/Safety Specialist. This job turned into a 17 year career providing emergency management services to all office locations in CA. I retired at 31 years service in 2003.

Took a year off, and was recruited by Genentech. The job description had only one sentence difference from the job I had just left... I spent 17 more years with Genentech and finally retired from there in October of 2021.

It was a long good run... Thank God for great advice from old operators in my early career to join the stock plan as soon as I was eligible and put as much in as I could afford... It's what I tout to anyone I see that is working for CVX even today... it makes retirement a whole lot different that what it could have been like.

Now I've become a professional grandpa and volunteer as the local private school facilities coordinator. My wife Paula and I are really enjoying ourselves in GammaGandpa Retirement!

CHEVRON RETIREES NOW ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

While we still accept checks, retirees now have new methods to pay for dues and luncheons. Yes, we now can receive payments via Zelle (preferred) and PayPal! More than 1,100 banks now belong to the Zelle network including Chevron Federal Credit Union. To take advantage of, sign on to Online banking, go to transfers and select the Zelle option. There are no costs to send money with Zelle. For either option, send the money to CRACoCoevents@gmail.com. Include the purpose in the memo or "what's this for" field.

**Special Chevron Retirees Multi-Chapter Event celebrating
2023 Lunar New Year!**



Year of the Rabbit

Let's celebrate Lunar New Year together with a special luncheon

Peony Seafood Restaurant

388 9th St., Suite 288 (on 2nd floor of Pacific Renaissance Plaza), Oakland
Parking garage underneath with elevator to restaurant entrance or
3 block walk from 12th St Oakland BART station

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Social hour: 11:30 a.m. Lunch service starts at Noon
Price - \$45

Reservations due by January 19th, 2023
Questions to cracocoluncheon@gmail.com

MEMBER NAME: _____ Birth Year _____

GUEST NAME: _____ Birth Year _____

NUMBER OF LUNCHEONS @ \$45 _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make Zelle online payment to CRACoCoevents@gmail.com including attendee names & birth years in "what's this for?"

OR

Mail form and check payable to: Chevron Retirees Association P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563

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 Humankind:
www.chevronhumankind.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>

Chevron Sustainability
<https://www.chevron.com/sustainability>

Chevron Announces Q&A Series for Shareholders |
Chevron Corporation
<https://chevroncorp.gcs-web.com/news-releases/news-release-details/chevron-announces-qa-series-shareholders>

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Ron Susa, Director at Large

Lyman Young, Director at Large

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To reach any of the board members, please call Brad or
send an email to cracocoevents@gmail.com.

Chevron Retirees Association, Contra Costa Chapter

Membership Dues Form

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|----------|--|---|---|
| Name | | Mailing Address (Including City, State, and ZIP Code) | |
| Email | | | |
| Phone No | | Check one | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member |
| Spouse | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Delete me from your mailing list |

We encourage you to provide your email address if you have one, as this helps to keep our mailing costs down. **Your email address will not be shared with any outside organization.** Payments can be made via check or electronically (Zelle or PayPal).

| Checks |
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| Send your completed form and check to: Chevron Retirees Association P. O. Box 371 Orinda, CA 94563-0371 |

| Electronic Payments |
|--|
| Zelle or PayPal payments should be made to CRACoCoevents@gmail.com . In the "what's this for" section, please include member name, dues amount and/or scholarship program donation. If you are a new member (or have address or email changes) -- please email this dues form to pindersok@comcast.net . |

Payment Summary

2023 Dues: \$10.00
 Scholarship Donation: (Optional; \$20 or more will help)
 Total: check Zelle PayPal

What's New with You?

Your friends enjoy reading in our newsletter about you and your activities. So ... take a minute to jot down **WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU** in the space below and send it in with your dues. If you prefer (as we do), you can email your note to newsletter@chevronretireescontracosta.org

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