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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Social Hour - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Chevron Park
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon

\$45-\$50 per person

# Josetta Jones Chevron's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Josetta Jones is Chevron's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, a role she assumed in February 2021. Josetta leads the Diversity, Inclusion, and Ombuds function and oversees strategic D&I partnerships with professional and business associations.

Prior to this role, Josetta was Managing Counsel, Intellectual Property, where she was responsible for the Intellectual Property Law Group, comprised of trademark attorneys, patent attorneys, patent agents, legal analysts, and legal assistants who procure and protect Chevron's intellectual property.

Josetta joined Chevron in 2002 as a patent attorney in the Intellectual Property Law Group, supporting Oronite. Before joining Chevron, Josetta was as an environmental engineer for a petrochemical company in Channelview, Texas and was a patent examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), examining patent applications for methods of making semiconductor devices.

From 2008-2014, Josetta served as Chair of Chevron's Law Function Diversity Council focused on promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession both inside and outside of Chevron. She has served as a role model volunteer with Techbridge Girls since 2003 and was a member of Techbridge Girls' California Advisory Board.

Josetta was named Best Bay Area Counsel – Diversity Champion, by the Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal and San Francisco Business Times. She also received the Diversity Champion Award from the Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Club's Diversity Committee.

Josetta received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University; a Juris Doctor degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law; and a Master of Laws in Patent and Intellectual Property Law from George Washington University.

When she's away from work, Josetta likes to read, travel, listen to old school rap and hip-hop, bake, and spend time with her family and friends.



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# PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Last year at this time I wrote about how wonderful the weather was, but worried about the snow pack in the Sierras. Now the weather is a little colder, we've had tons of rain, it doesn't look like we have to worry about the Sierra snow pack, and I can still get out for hiking, golf, and other outdoor activities. Life really is good here.

As you'll read later in this newsletter, we are once again going to have **our 1Q luncheon** at Chevron Park on March 9. It worked out so well last time – 180 people showed up!! – we knew we had to do it again. Be sure to sign up early!

Hopefully many of you came to the **Graduates Luncheon** in December. It was necessarily smaller as the venue couldn't hold as many people. This was a great opportunity to hear what's going on at Chevron, and Pierre Breber, Chevron CFO did not disappoint.

We are now well into our **Membership Renewal** period. If you haven't sent in a check since November then you probably owe for 2023. Please fill out the form and include a check (or electronic payment) for your renewed membership. 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 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. Please see the Scholarship article in this newsletter and have your children/grandchildren apply!

**CRA Meetings**: The CRA had our planning meeting (called the Mid-Year Meeting) on Feb 4-6 in Burlingame. Our Annual Meeting (where all the Chapter Presidents attend) is in Baltimore, MD on May 6-8. Any member can attend these meetings. One of the highlights we get to do at the Annual Meeting is honor our **Public Service Award** Winners. Read the article in this newsletter and submit your request.

One of the opportunities we have for members that are interested in getting more involved is the **CRA Fellowship Program**. This is for members that are interested in taking over as a Chapter President or serving on one of the National CRA committees. You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting as a guest of the CRA where you'll get to see more about how the National CRA works. Let me know if you may be interested.

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
President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association
CRACoCoevents@gmail.com

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

Kevin Dilworth Ally Hu Greg Jurin Steven Pastor

# **CHEVRON NEWS**

Advisory: 2023 Chevron Investor Day

Business WireMon, Feb. 06

Leeward Capital Corp. Announces Appointment of New Directors

NewsfileThu, Feb. 02

Chevron Announces Fourth Quarter Results

Business WireFri, Jan. 27

Chevron Names Mark A. Nelson Vice Chairman

Business WireThu, Jan. 26

Tesla, Chevron rise; Wolfspeed, Southwest fall

Associated PressThu, Jan. 26

Chevron's buyback boosts stock, get rebuke from White House

Associated PressThu, Jan. 26

Chevron Increases Quarterly Dividend; Announces \$75B Stock Repurchase Program

Business WireWed, Jan. 25

Raven SR, Chevron and Hyzon Motors Collaborate to Produce Hydrogen from Green Waste in Northern California

Business WireMon, Jan. 09

Advisory: Chevron Corporation's 4Q 2022 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast

Business WireWed, Jan. 04

Stocks end higher after Fed meeting minutes, strong job data

Associated PressWed, Jan. 04

Chevron Finalizes Acquisition of Beyond6 CNG Fueling Network

Business WireTue, Jan. 03

# 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:

Lewis Cook Helen Freeman Buster Hines Harriet McCrudden

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.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024

#### **DEADLINE MAY 15, 2023**

We took over the Scholarship program two years ago and are saving almost \$2,000 each year by bringing it in-house. It is running smoothly so we will continue to manage the program internally which gives us the ability to award more scholarships. The selection criteria is based on academics, achievements, personal insights, and future goals. We have a team of judges made up of two Chapter board members, a CRA national representative, an HR retiree, and an educator. Based on prior year giving, we anticipate awarding **five scholarships for \$2000 each** for this academic year. The scholarship application is available on the chapter website www.chevronretireescontracosta.org/scholarship.html.

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 (preferred method) by **May 15, 2022.** 

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.

We always appreciate your scholarship donations that you can make through Zelle, PayPal, or by check payable to Chevron Retirees Association, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563. Since we started the program in 2005, we have awarded over \$121,000 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) 348-6707.

# **PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS**

Chevron and CRA want to encourage, promote and recognize public service efforts, volunteerism and community engagement by individual Chevron retirees. Annually CRA selects two winners from those submitted that exemplify this spirit of giving back to your community. The Public Service Awards are \$5,000 awards from Chevron to the non-profit of the winner's choice. The 2022 winners are featured in the 3Q 2022 Encore found on the CRA website (http://chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Encore. aspx). To apply, fill out this form:

http://www.chevronretirees.org/sf-docs/default-source/cra-forms/fillable-form-cra-220-public-service-award-3-3-221da80d49251 66a33a148ff0000bc9509.pdf?sfvrsn=c7be6773\_0

and return it to CRACoCoevents@gmail.com, or give Brad McCullough a call - 925-348-6707.

# **MEMBER'S NEWS**

#### Kathleen Henschel

Busy times over the holidays -- John and I are still reconnecting with people we haven't seen in person in almost 3 years! Thank goodness for CRA keeping us all connected!! At over 18 years retired now, I am still (very) busy with volunteer opportunities, applying all the good things I learned at Chevron. We have enjoyed some travel this past year, and are looking forward to more next year, both in the US and abroad.

#### John Dewes

Kathy and I are in recovery from hosting the Graduates lunch and attending 5 others, with a trip to NY in between!. We made our first overseas trip to Israel and Jordan (Petra) just before the holidays - my fourth trip to Israel, first to Jordan, both firsts for Kathy. Looking forward to the January lunch at Peony and more travelling next year.

#### Donald "Don" Feehan

My wife, Donna, finally retired this year after 26 years with the City of Lafayette. We are planning another trip to Europe later this year (2023) after having postponed it twice due to the pandemic. Otherwise, we are healthy and looking forward to a better world in 2023.

#### **Paul Forrest**

Like many of you, my wife Jamie and I got two Covid jabs, followed by a booster, and then promptly got Covid. Is this really a vaccine? Nonetheless, our symptoms were mild and we're back at it. I am busy playing lousy golf and writing a political blog called, "The Daily Outrage." Jamie is playing golf and enjoying her local Phi Beta Phi girlfriends from various universities around the nation, but live here in the Palm Springs area now.

We have a granddaughter in her second year at Parsons Design School in New York City, and two grandsons. One is now applying for colleges and the other still enjoying sports and music in high school.

We enjoy living in La Quinta in the winter, and Arnold in the summer. Normally we spend one month in Maui in October, but with Covid, that just hasn't been possible for a few years. Our goal is 85-degree weather year-round.

We miss seeing all our bay area Chevron friends. Our retirement has been wonderful, thanks to having worked for such a great company like Chevron. Thanks to those of you who are involved in the Chevron Retirees Association for the work and contributions you make to all of us.

#### **Greg Jurin**

Retired: October 2020, 43 years

#### O. Art Kubal

Still motor homing in the summer to avoid the desert heat, trying to play golf, and staying busy with the HOA. Both of us have avoided getting COVID so far!

#### James McNary

We moved to O'Connor Woods in Stockton in 2021 (September). It is a full retirement community starting at independent living. We have assisted living, memory care and rehab if needed. All our needs are met, i.e., meals, house cleaning, transportation, activities, etc. We are very happy!

#### Jon H. Smith

Happy New Year 2023 to all CRA Contra Costa members. Let us all wish for improvement in our country.

#### **Larry Thompson**

Retired 1996. Still here in Moraga and trying to play golf and tennis at mcc.

#### **Dave Tucker**

2022 has been, for the most part, very good to us and our family. The highlight of this year was our trip to seven European countries and especially our visit with close friends (Dr. Bruno Contini / nationally known economist / and his wife Laura) in Cogne Northern Italy near Mt. Blanc. In addition to this beautiful scenic area and others, we visited several sites of historical interest with the most being The Archeological Museum of Heraklion in Crete and the Ephesus Ancient Ruins in Turkey.

Reservations for March 9, 2023 Luncheon Chevron Park 11 am social hour, lunch at noon

Please note all attendees will need to check in at Building A Reception and bring a government-issued photo ID.

Our March luncheon will be held in Building T's atrium at Chevron Park. Chicken, beef, salmon and vegetarian entrees will be available in the Italian-themed buffet, along with roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, dinner rolls and mini-desserts. Iced tea and coffee are included.

Buffet is \$45 per person. Buffet with up to two glasses of wine or beer is \$50 per person.
Member Name Guest 1 Guest 2
Number of luncheons at \$45 Number of luncheons with wine at \$50 Number of luncheons with beer at \$50
Total enclosed \$
Our guest speaker will be Josetta Jones, Chevron's Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.
Make Zelle online payment to CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com. Under "what's this for," include attendee name(s) and luncheor preference (buffet only, buffet with wine, or buffet with beer).  OR
Mail this form and check payable to Chevron Retirees Association, PO Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563.
Reservations are due by <b>February 27</b> . For questions, contact Maggie Pryde at 925-997-7377 or CRACoCoLuncheon@gmail.com.
Attendees should be fully vaccinated and bring a mask.

# DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON PARK, SAN RAMON, GOING NORTH

From I-680, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Stay in the right lane and turn right. You'll take the first right into Chevron Park. Pass the guard shack and turn right. Then take the first right into the first Chevron Parking lot and park. Walk across the street to Building A and check in at the security desk.

#### DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON PARK, SAN RAMON, GOING SOUTH

From I-680, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Stay in the second left turn lane. Turn left and then make the first right into Chevron Park. Pass the guard shack and turn right. Then take the first right into the first Chevron Parking lot and park. Walk across the street to Building A and check in at the security desk.

# BENEFITS INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

#### **BenefitHub News**

What is BenefitHub? BenefitHub is the discount portal for Chevron Recreation. On the site you can find discounts and savings to many of your everyday purchases. BenefitHub is also host to Chevron exclusive discounts programs available only to employees, like AVIS, Southwest Airlines, and Verizon wireless. Not yet a member of BenefitHub? Membership is free to employees and retirees. All you need is a referral code to register. Retirees simply email Jim Bonwell at jbonwell@pacbell.net to request a BenefitHub referral code. Your access will be authorized against our retiree database.

#### Oakland A's Games

Chevron employees and retirees, along with their friends and family can purchase discounted seats for some of the biggest 2023 Oakland A's games. By using the ticket links button below, you purchase tickets for some special games. Be sure to check the ChevRec BenefitHub website for updated games throughout the season!

March 30th - Opening Night vs Shohei Ohtani and the LA Angels, click here

May 26th - Fireworks Night + Jersey! vs Houston Astros, click here.

#### Palisades Tahoe Ski Tickets

Grab seriously discounted single-day lift tickets. You'll save 30% when you visit Monday-Friday, or 20% when you visit Saturday and Sunday. Palisades Tahoe is the largest ski resort in the Lake Tahoe region, boasting 6,000 skiable acres across two mountains. Formerly Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, the more than 70-year-old resort celebrates a rich history as the host of the 1960 Winter Olympics, the Spring Skiing Capital, and home mountain to dozens of Olympic and World Cup athletes across multiple snow sports. There are some holiday blackout dates that apply where the discounts will not be available. Visit the Palisades Tahoe and use Promo Code: Chevron23 or call 1.800.403.0206 to learn more.

# RETIREE EVENTS IN PICTURES

Bay Area Chevron Retirees multi-chapter lunch celebrating Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rabbit, organized by Contra Costa Chapter

CRA East Bay Multi-Chapter Lunch Year of the Rabbit

Chevron Graduates Lunch, Walnut Creek, December 2022

The 58th annual Chevron Graduates Lunch was held on Friday, December 2, 2022 -- in person for the first time in 3 years! It was great to see lots of familiar faces from Bay Area Chapters and elsewhere, and a lot of new faces among the crowd! Pierre Breber, Chevron's CFO, was the speaker.

Chevron Graduates Lunch 2022

# **HIKING GROUP**

We are enjoying the sunny skies and brisk air in the mornings on our hikes, not so much the muddy trails so we've been trying to avoid those. We have hikes from Easy to Difficult so there's something for every interest. Our upcoming dates are February 16 (Alamo), 20 (Diablo), 27 (tbd). Contact us through cracocoevents@gmail.com for more info and to get on the Hiking Group Mailing List.

Here is a link to the Google drive to where the pictures are kept. https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1TBeGYuHzZPniVWV5x6Dok-UuDJixGDmC

# **CGCSR 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 plan to run 24 outings this year, where the club officers arrange for tee times. At these outings, we have an optional small game going (net or skins), 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. We play a wide variety of courses, mostly East Bay, North Bay and Tri-Valley, and some further afield. 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 2023, membership is only \$85 for new members. For more information, contact cgcsanramon@gmail.com.

# CHEVRON WOMEN'S NETWORK BOOK CLUB

The Chevron Women's Network Book Club has scheduled their first few meetings of the year and retirees are invited to attend. Contact Daphne McCarley at daphne@chevron.com for further details:

Dates Books are:

3/15 Lost in China

4/27 The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

6/14 Leaders Eat Last

# 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-se-ries-shareholders

# **OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

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Linda Vest, Vice-President (Membership) pindersok@comcast.net

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Joanne Clum, Secretary

Lisa Cutino, Newsletter and Website

**Debbi Semenick, Compassion Committee** 

**Brad McCullough, Volunteer Activities** 

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Taryn Shawstad, Director at Large

Ron Susa, Director at Large

Lyman Young, Director at Large

Maggie Pryde, Luncheon Arrangements

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**

Name Email	Mailing Address (Including City, State, and ZIP Code)	
Phone No Spouse	Check one	☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member
		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

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 <a href="mailto:cRACoCoevents@gmail.com">cRACoCoevents@gmail.com</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:pindersok@comcast.net">pindersok@comcast.net</a>.

Payment Summary						
2023 Dues:	\$10.00					
Scholarship Donation:		_ (Optional; \$20 or more will help)				
Total:		☐ check	☐ Zelle	☐ PayPal		
	Wha	at's New with	You?			
Your friends enjoy reading in our newsletter about you and your activities. So take a minute to jot down <b>WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU</b> in the space below and send it in with your dues. If you prefer (as we do), you can email your note to <a href="mailto:newsletter@chevronretireescontracosta.org">newsletter@chevronretireescontracosta.org</a>						
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