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#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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

Chevron Park
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon

\$45-\$50 per person

Our guest speakers for this meeting will be representatives of the HQ Move Team, who are coordinating the move from Chevron Park to the new San Ramon facility in 2024.

We will also announce our 2023-24 Scholarship recipients at the luncheon.

#### PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The weather is great and that leads to doing more things outside. Whether it's gardening in the yard, hiking Cataract Falls in Marin County (see below), playing pickle ball, playing golf, going on a cruise, running a marathon, I encourage you to go outside and enjoy these days while the weather is still relatively mild and the air very clean.

You asked for it and you got it. Our 2Q luncheon is going to be at Chevron Park on June 20. As I write this we are still working out the details and presenter, but it will be someone from Chevron and it should be an interesting event, hopefully related to the move to the new space.

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 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.

It is **Contra Costa Chapter Scholarship application** submittal time. The deadline is May 15. Get those applications in. And for everybody else I encourage you to send in a little extra with your membership (or separately – we're not picky) so we can continue to recognize these incredible students. Please see the Scholarship article in this newsletter.

**CRA National Meetings**: Our CRA 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 next Encore which will feature the winners (even I as CRA President don't know who they will be!!).



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# PRESIDENT MESSAGE (continued)

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. Our own Jim Bonwell is one of the recipients this year.

We have the **CRA** hiking group which gets together 4 times per month on varied intensity hikes around the Bay Area. One of our easy hikes was to walk the canal in Pleasant Hill. Probably our hardest hike was on April 26 on the Cataract Falls trail in Marin. Absolutely beautiful waterfalls due to the Spring rains, and the rest of the hike with gorgeous views of the valleys around Mt. Tam was a real treasure. There were 8 of us on this hike. This group is free to join so come hiking with us. There is more information in the article below.

This association is all about bringing people that worked for Chevron or other legacy companies together. In addition to the luncheons, one way we can do that is through **special interest groups**. We have the hiking group mentioned above, there is also Chevron Golf Club San Ramon if that interests you (send a note to CGCsanramon@gmail.com). Maybe something else interests you – pickle ball, bridge, meeting for breakfast, bicycle riding, book club, etc. Let me know if you would like an interest group to start and we can work on getting it going (even if you don't want to lead it).

Another way of getting people together is their interest in the **Employee Networks** that you might have been a part of at Chevron. At the National level we are planning to work with the Networks to see if retirees can play some part in those Networks. If you have an interest, and especially if you were involved in one of the Employee Networks, let me know so maybe you can be involved as we move that forward.

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

Bill Clutter
Bahman (Bob) Dastmalchi
Zoraida Egan
Michael Long
Timm Miller
Phyllis Robinson
David Seals

Lesley Smith Mervyn Soares Diane Tierney Johnathan Tseng Isabella Van Oppen Li Wu

# **CHEVRON NEWS**

Click on the article to open.

4/28/23	Chevron Announces First Quarter 2023 Results
04/17/23	Chevron Road Trip Demonstrates Renewable Gasoline Blend
04/13/23	Chevron and the Angelicoussis Group Announce Ammonia Carrier Joint Study Agreement
04/04/23	Advisory: Chevron Corporation's 1Q 2023 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast
03/08/23	Chevron to Host Chevron Exchange Q&A Series for Retail Shareholders
03/07/23	Chevron and JERA sign MOU to explore carbon capture and storage projects in United States and Australia
03/06/23	Bayou Bend Expands Carbon Capture Project to Onshore Southeast Texas

# **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:

Angela C. Backman Charles R. Froese Charlie Hatfield Carlos N. Montoya David E. Rogers

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

The 2023-2024 Scholarship Program application deadline is May 15. Applications are still being accepted but the deadline for applications is closing fast! We anticipate awarding up to five scholarships of \$2,000 each, depending on the responses. You can find the application and more scholarship information on our website at http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org/scholarship. html.

We anticipate announcing the scholarship recipients at our luncheon meeting on June 20. Information regarding the scholarship recipients will be in a future newsletter, as well as on our chapter website, www.chevronretireescontracosta.org.

We appreciate your contributions to our scholarship program and encourage those of you that would still like to contribute to this year's program to use our online payment methods or send a check to CRA, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563. If you have any questions about the program, you can contact Brad McCullough at cracocoscholarship@gmail.com or 925-348-6707.

Thank you again for your scholarship donations and for the goodwill it provides Chevron Corporation and the Chevron Retirees Association.

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

#### John Cullison

It's been a while and a lot has happened. Retired 28 years now. We sold the bank in So. City last year so no longer chairman. I joined the bank just before I retired. Debbie and I moved to Oakmont near Santa Rosa in 2018. Had our first and only fire evacuation already. House was safe, but the fire came within a half mile of us. We have a generator so thought no worries about food spoilage; however, because of the proximity of the fire, PG&E disconnected our gas meter. Our generator runs on natural gas, so guess what? We were out of the house two weeks. Debbie and I celebrated our 53rd wedding anniversary last October. No trips. No grandchildren. Don't golf, and the family sold off two of our four golf courses. Trying to downsize. My aunt, the matriarch of the family, turned 103 last April. The way she's going, I think she'll make it to 104. Kids are fine. Daughter in Santa Rosa (reason for move) and our son, a mountain man, lives in the Santa Cruz mountains. I have two adopted children from my first marriage—a daughter that lives in Montague, near Mt. Shasta, and a son that lives in Salt Lake City.

#### Kirk Doberenz

Carolyn & I are actively involved with the Porsche Club. With the club in 2022, we traveled to The Broadmoor in Colorado, Bend Oregon, the Poconos mountains in Pennsylvania along with many local trips in the Bay Area. Carolyn participates in the club's Threads and Treads group where they knit blankets and then assemble layettes that are give to each newborn at the county hospital in Martinez. Kirk is on the Board of Directors serving as Treasurer. Kirk volunteers at the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda fixing machines and working with the Board of Directors. As we are both Golden Bears, we are over at Cal for football, volleyball, basketball and gymnastics events. So nice living close to your alma mater.

#### Mike Egan

We split our time between Walnut Creek and Blairsden-Graeagle (Plumas County). I have been a volunteer firefighter/EMT with Graeagle Fire Department for 10 years and just renewed my EMT certificate. The question is: can I last 2 more years?

#### **Debbie Giorgio**

Last September I hiked 72 miles of the Camino de Santiago, with three of my high school friends. It was an amazing experience. The people out in the country, of Spain, were friendly as were the fellow hikers.

#### **Katie Hower**

Last year celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Maui and took a Holy Land trip to Israel. Continue serving as the DAR Mt. Diablo Chapter Recording Secretary and staying active in two Bible study groups.

#### **Arnold Lamb**

Travelling to Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta, San Diego and New York for pleasure. Reasonable good health. 85 this past January. OK so far.

#### **Mart Masak**

Just returned from Newfoundland, a friend's birthday party. Didn't remember -25oF and February being quite so cold.

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

#### **Ed Peggs**

Two grandkids and new puppy (Barney) are keeping us busy. 2022 travel to British Columbia spending time with our friends on their boat cruising the San Juan Islands. Spent lots of time at the cabin in Clio, CA clearing brush and maintaining the old logging roads. This winter seems like I am continually clearing snow!

#### Joseph Prejean

Just getting old, I wish all employees well.

#### Steve Semorile

Nancy and I are doing well. Spend a lot of weekends watching granddaughter's traveling softball team, mostly around the valley. Finally taking our trip to Italy this Spring. Will be on a cruise on Viking from Rome to Venice. By happenstance, we arrive in Venice for our 50th wedding anniversary. Looking forward to this trip, which was postponed due to Covid. Still trying to stay in shape; have a treadmill and stationary bike in our garage that gets daily use. Still able to run 3+ miles—just at a slower pace than I would like.

#### **Bob Shepard**

I passed my 96th birthday in December so I suspect the ranks of my Chevron Overseas friends are getting thinner; however, for those still out there, a big hello! My wife, Gloria, passed away in 2017 so I am living in Medford, Oregon with my son Roger and his wife Miki. I keep busy at the Medford Senior Center playing piano and keeping up my Spanish in a weekly Spanish Conversation Group. It would be nice to hear from any of my COPI colleagues, so drop me a line.

#### Michelle Selig Tiscareno

I retired in 2018 after nearly 33 years with Chevron. When my husband retired at the end of 2020, we moved back to my home state of Colorado to be closer to my family. I miss my friends in CA, but loving it here!

#### Linda Vest

Continuing to travel. Last October I returned to Machu Picchu after 20+ years ... it's a lot harder dealing with the altitude these days. Six weeks later the country was in turmoil; sure glad we went to Peru when we did. Spent Christmas in Hawaii on a cruise from San Francisco (very convenient); In April I traveled to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands; in July it's Bulgaria and Romania and then Christmas in Tunisia.

#### HIKING GROUP

We are enjoying the sunny skies and brisk air in the mornings on our hikes, and it looks like muddy trail days are almost a thing of the past. We have hikes from Easy to Difficult so there's something for every interest. Contact us through cracocoevents@ gmail.com for more info and to get on the Hiking Group Mailing List. You can see pictures of our past hikes and hikers at this link: 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.

Reservations for June 20, 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 June luncheon will be held in Building T's atrium at Chevron Park. Chicken, beef, salmon and vegetarian entrees will be available in the buffet, along with roasted potatoes, grilled vegetables, dinner rolls and mini-desserts. Iced tea and coffee are included.

Buffet is	\$45 per	person.
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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 speakers will be representatives of the HQ Move Team, who are coordinating the move from Chevron Park to the new San Ramon facility in 2024. We will also announce our 2023-24 Scholarship recipients at the luncheon.

Make Zelle online payment to CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com. Under "what's this for," include attendee name(s) and luncheon 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 **June 12**. If your reservation/payment is received after that date, we'll put you on a waiting list and notify you if there's a cancellation.

For questions, late reservations or cancellations, contact Maggie Pryde at 925-997-7377 or CRACoCoLuncheon@gmail.com.

#### 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.

#### 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

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# Chevron Retirees Association, Contra Costa Chapter

# **Membership Dues Form**

Name Email	Mailing Address (Including City, State, and ZIP Code)	
Phone No Spouse	Check one	<ul><li>New Member</li><li>☐ Renewing Member</li><li>☐ Delete me from your mailing list</li></ul>

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>.

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