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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 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 speaker for this meeting will be discussing Artificial Intelligence at Chevron.



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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

I am writing this between golfing today with the Chevron Golf Club SR and a long hike tomorrow with our chapter hiking group. It's great to see current employees and retirees getting together for these activities. I'm also busy scanning older family pictures for my in-laws Celebration of Life, which also involves going through many, many boxes that I said we'd get to – several years ago. Yes, a retiree's life is hard but I'm used to it now after 7 years. Oh, that and I'm turning 65 this year and so have signed up for Medicare and had my interview with Via Benefits. Is this the next chapter? If so I'm ready for it. Well I think I am at least - I'll let you know after I listen to Lucinda Jackson's talk on August 11th.

I hope you're liking the Chevron Park **luncheons** as we are planning one more in September. This may actually be the last one there as next Spring may be too late. We'll see. We do know that Chevron's offices will be in the old Pac Bell building (or AT&T depending on your recollections) only 2 blocks away from Chevron Park. They will have hoteling space as people are still working from home much of the time.

We had a fantastic group of students apply for our **scholarship**. It is so wonderful to read what they are interested in and how much they have achieved. I'm glad I don't need to compete with them for getting into college!

We had our **National CRA Annual meeting** in May. What a fantastic group of dedicated retirees. A number of people came up to me afterwards saying that this was a great meeting with lots of discussion, sharing of ideas, and camaraderie. That really sums it all up, and what the CRA is all about. I was elected to serve another year as CRA President and Mark Limon from the Wine Country Chapter is our incoming Northern California Area Vice President.

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

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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).

Chevron is planning their **Bay Area Fall Volunteer Campaign** - Sept. 11-29, 2023. When we get the listing of volunteering opportunities we will highlight them on our Volunteering Page (http://chevronretireescontracosta.org/special_events.html).

Sacramento Chapter is having some fun events coming up in the Fall – I encourage you to join their Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/CRASacramentoChapter>) and come to some of them. I have and they are lots of fun.

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

Carla Baumgardner
Vickie Biggio
Renita Brown
Edward Burghardt
Anne Hollingsworth

Paulien Kesler
Mei Lo
Peter Lynn
Tom McGaw
Leslie Meyers

Karen Muldrow
Rob Palmer
Raymond Smith
Polly Rompel
Pamela Uitti

CHEVRON NEWS

Click on the article to open.

August 2023

08/07/23 Chevron Completes Acquisition of PDC Energy
08/03/23 Chevron Offers To Exchange 5.750% Senior Notes Due 2026 Issued By Pdc Energy, Inc.

July 2023

07/28/23 Chevron Reports Second Quarter 2023 Results
07/23/23 Chevron Announces Second Quarter 2023 Performance Highlights
07/23/23 Chevron Announces Senior Leadership Changes
07/05/23 Bunge, Chevron Acquire Argentina Seed Business Chacraservicios Our Operations

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:

Anthony S. Dunagan

Gerald E. Henderson (see tribute below)

Donald G. Roberts

The family invites you to a Remembrance Service for Gerald Henderson, in person and on Zoom, on August 12, 2023 at 10:30. More information can be found in his obituary (<https://www.ouimetbrothers.com/tributes/Gerald-Henderson>).

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.

MEMBER'S NEWS

Linda Backens

We're still spending most of our time in Tennessee with our 4-year-old grandson. But soon we'll be spending more time in California with our grandchild that's due in September. In between we're still enjoying our travels.

Carla Baumgardner

We made a move to Scottsdale, Arizona after approximately 40 years in the Bay Area. The summers are an adjustment, but otherwise we like it here. There is great hiking, and the desert lifestyle agrees with us! I keep busy with some part-time consulting, which is still fun for me.

John (Jack) Brodbeck

My wife, Myrna, and I still live in the East Bay. We enjoy family and friends. May 11, I will be 91 years old; Myrna 86. We live in our own home and will soon be great-grandparents.

Sandy Caban

I would love to host a large group of Chevron retirees at the winery I'm working at in Livermore – Ruby Hill Winery. This is my "fun" retirement job. If Mike Wirth or Mark Nelson are available, it would be wonderful to have them speak or join one of the CRA events. I worked as Mike Wirth and Mark Nelson's Executive Assistant for several years.

Stan Dorst

I enjoy life at the Waterford in Rossmoor and remember with thanks and satisfaction my many years at Chevron.

Janinne Franke

I am employed full time at Abbott in Alameda as an information security officer for the medical devices division. A great company with an identical DNA to Chevron. All the systems are the same, strong corporate culture and HR principles.

Kevin Gross

(Upstream Law and Corp. Compliance) Retired in March 2023 and have since joined Penumbra, Inc.

W.G. (Bill) Hohlt

Still a volunteer conductor for the Nevada Northern Railway National Historical Landmark.

Ed Khachadourian

Can't believe I'm in my 31st year of retirement ... how the years have raced by.

David Kochis

Doing great, enjoying being 80 years old. Still fishing, picking banjo and very active in Calvary Chapel, praise Jesus. Started doing LEGO: an interesting challenge. What's happening at Chevron Park?

Barbara Licata

Retired as of March 1, 2023, and moved from Livermore, CA to a 55+ community in Denton, TX. Still adjusting! Plan to work again doing something, but settling into the new home and community is job enough for now.

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Mei Lo

I just retired last Thursday, April 6th. Still trying to figure out my routines. I definitely will play more tennis, pick up Pickleball games and taking classes I always wanted to do but couldn't because of work and that would be dancing.

Ken Main

Four grandchildren in the area keeping us busy. Childcare two days a week until pre-school takes over. SIRS branch 8 activities (golf, bridge, dining out) keeping me busy. More time to travel in 2024. Appreciate ideas or suggestions about travel destinations (stateside and abroad).

Robert McCoy

We moved to New Hampshire in 2005 and are still enjoying New England. Both the ocean and mountains are close so there is lots of outdoors to be enjoyed. And both our children and grandchildren live in New England.

We decided to stop RVing last year and sold the equipment.

Michael Metcalf

Just published my third book, "Michael Metcalf(e) the Dornix Weaver and Some Dedham Descendants." Another family history. Good retirement fun. It's out on Amazon and other outlets.

Maria Morton

Went to Portugal in December to celebrate my Aunt's 90th birthday and spend Christmas and New Years.

Carol Nitz

In April of 2022, Richard and I moved to Maryland to be close to our only child and our new granddaughter. We sold our home of 34+ years and began the process of starting our new life in Maryland. We moved to a 55+ community and have made many new friends. And it is with great joy that we're able to be Nana and Papa in person to our granddaughter!

Nina Phillips

The first year of retirement is one of transition. The first few weeks I probably spent too much time watching TV as I figured out my routine. But since then I have gone back to school to earn my fitness trainer certification which will help with all you retirees. I joined the local garden club and became very active. I am trying to get them into the 21st century with using an email server. They are reluctant. All my Chevron training comes in handy. My college age son moved out on his own, but close enough to come home on the weekends for laundry. Planning my first retirement trip to Costa Rica with husband who is still working. He likes his job.

Kim Rohrberg

Navigating through my first year of being a widow. I am in a great group of ladies who have also lost their spouses and that has been a great help! Hope to travel in 2024.

Polly Rompel

Hello, this is Polly Rompel. Just retired in April 2023 after 36 years of service from the Finance organization. I am married and we have two grown children and two adorable grandchildren. It's May and I finally have time to complete this retirement form as I have been traveling. My husband, Jay, who retired 2 years ago, and I look forward to the next chapter in life, and I look forward to staying in touch with all you retirees! CHEERS!

Zoltan Saary

I will be 90 next month but not ready for the glue factory yet! Marta is 85 and still playing golf twice a week.

David J. "Dave" Tucker

We, in our retirement, remain committed to community service. I'm now in my sixty-fifth year in financial services assisting families in need, and my wife, Bev, remains in her long career assisting at our school district's "Adults with Disabilities Program." This year I will have been retired from Chevron thirty years and hold many memories of a rewarding service with friends and co-workers. In our days, we have plenty of time to socialize and travel with many international trips made as we did last year to seven European countries. Regards to my fellow Chevron retirees.

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Robert Wilkenfeld

2022 was a rough year for us as my wife experienced unexpected and serious health issues. We have adjusted and are moving forward. I've stayed busy hiking, cycling, wood carving and serving as the President of a local men's club (SIR Branch 146). Looking forward to travelling again.

CRA ZOOM

Planning a Remarkable Life Post-Chevron

CRA Zoom Session - Lucinda Jackson -- Friday August 11 at 10am Pacific

Please join us for this CRA Zoom session! Lucinda Jackson will talk about how we can all have a remarkable retirement. She'll share her Project Management approach (using CPDEP!), including a core value analysis, metrics, and a scorecard to plan life after Chevron. She relates personal examples and lessons learned that have led her to a "next act" that continues to serve her well.

Please register for this session using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0lce2hrT8sG9CENT16T6GTfMWLPGSVXFB7>

Dr. Lucinda Jackson is the Founder of L J Ventures where she speaks, writes, and consults on careers and retirement as well as current environmental issues. Jackson joined Chevron in 1989 after 15 years with Dow, Monsanto, and FMC Corporations. She served for 28 years in leadership roles at Chevron Chemical, Pipeline, Marketing, EMC, ETC and finally as executive of Health, Environment and Safety Technology. Jackson is the author of two memoirs: *Just a Girl: Growing Up Female* and *Ambitious* about her struggles to succeed in male-dominated industries and *Project Escape: Lessons for an Unscripted Life*, a story of the transition from career to retirement. Jackson is a PhD scientist who features on podcasts and has published articles, book chapters, magazine columns, and patents. Connect with Jackson or find her books at: www.lucindajackson.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Two CRA members were honored as Public Service Award winners this year at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. Chevron presented each awardee with a check for \$5000 payable to the volunteer organization of their choice. Their full history of volunteer service and accomplishments will be feature articles in the next edition of *Encore*, our National e-magazine.

Jim Blevins was a winner distinguished by the enormous number of community service organizations (15) that he serves in the Pascagoula Mississippi area. He is a member of the CRA Singing River Chapter, where he was past Vice President.. He was recognized for his service and accomplishments for the City of Pascagoula, the community of Jackson County and the Gulf coast region for many years. Jim was never one to turn down a challenge, with a personality and the experience to have others agree to join and work with him.

Glen Parker of the Chevron Canada Chapter was recognized for a distinguished volunteer career with the Engineers and GeoScientists of British Columbia, and for his work on mobility aids for the TETRA and Disability Foundation, as well as his well-known leadership as a Community Advocate for salmon habitat in the "Fishing Highway" of British Columbia, among many community activities.

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 gcsanramon@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERING EVENTS

Volunteer with employees and retirees at the 2023 Bay Area Fall Volunteer Campaign. This year it will be held Monday, September 11 through Friday, September 29. Three weeks of opportunities to get out there and help your community. The sign-ups aren't quite ready yet, but go to this website http://chevronretireescontracosta.org/special_events.html and click on the **opportunities to volunteer** link in a couple of weeks and they should be available. They will also be available directly on Chevron Humankind.



2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

This year, because of the chapter's continued generosity, we could offer five scholarships of \$2,000 each, and will have enough donations left over such that next year we will likely be able to award 6 scholarships. We had 17 students apply for the scholarships, a 50% increase over the previous year. Congratulations to the winners! Four of them were able to attend our 2Q luncheon and tell us a little more about themselves, it was a real treat hearing what inspires them.

This was our third year that we had our own chapter scholarship committee and judges (within and outside of our chapter) determining the selections. The process is working great, and we plan to keep it this way which, because we aren't paying an outside party to manage it, has enabled us to give an additional award. Since 2005, we have given out over \$132,000 in scholarships to 83 recipients.

Please go to the scholarship portion of our website to find out more about these fabulous students - <http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org/scholarship.html>

Jackson Devoe, grandson of 1993 retiree Richard Devoe, will be attending the University of Michigan with a double major of Economics and Mathematics of Finance.

Michael Fusinati, son of 2017 retiree Linda Fusinati, will be attending UC Santa Cruz with a Biology/Pre-med major.

Elijah Hughes, grandson of 2010 retiree Doug Hughes, will be attending UC Berkeley majoring in Political Economy.

Anton van Oppen, son of 2020 retiree Isabella de Oliveira Lima van Oppen, will be attending Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in Engineering with a concentration in Environmental Engineering.

Valerie Whitfield, granddaughter of 2004 retiree Kristen Bodie, will be attending UC Davis this fall with a major in Systems and Synthetic Biology.

Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to all the applicants (I have reminded them that they can apply again as long as they are still eligible). A big thank you to the Scholarship Committee and judges for volunteering their time and energy to make this happen. And a huge thank you to everyone who adds a little bit to their membership check each year to fund our scholarship. That is the only money we have available for the scholarships, and we collected over \$12,000 this year. That is a tremendous show of support from our members for this program, so thanks to everyone who donated. Even a little bit extra really adds up with about 750 Chapter members. We do accept donations at any time, so if anyone here hasn't given to the scholarship fund, feel free to Zelle some money to the Chapter, or send a check in to the PO Box, either way with a note that it is for the Scholarship fund.

CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK

There is a lot of activity happening with the Chevron Advocacy Network. There is a Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/ChevronAdvocacyNetwork/>) and a website (<https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/>). Both of these have great information on our company and industry - infographics, one-pagers, videos, and lots more. In the works are updates to both of those. CAN also has a newsletter, suggested activations by region, and more coming that will definitely be of interest to you.

We currently have over 1,000 retirees as CAN members, and about 25,000 total CAN members. We are looking to continually grow our network and so I encourage you to join - it's easy, you only need to be more involved if you want to, and it's a great way to stay in touch with what Chevron and the industry are doing (and having to deal with). In the last activation, for the **EPA proposed standards to effectively ban gasoline and diesel sales**, we had nearly 100 retirees take action out of nearly 2400 activations total. It was the largest activation to date, more than doubling previous activations. The EPA activation is still open if you want to add your voice.

**Reservations for September 20 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 September luncheon will be held in Building T's atrium at Chevron Park. The BBQ-themed buffet will include smoked chicken, tri tip and portobellos, maple salmon, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread and dessert. Iced tea and coffee will be provided.

**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 discuss AI at Chevron.

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 to PO Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563.

Reservations are due by **September 12**. If your reservation/payment is received after that date, you'll be placed on a waiting list and we'll notify you if there's a cancellation.

For questions, late reservations or cancellations, please 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](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>

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