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RETIREE'S LUNCHEON

Friday, March 15, 2024
Auditorium at Chevron Park

See the attached flyer for information, signup and directions to the event.



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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024 everyone. I can tell already that this is going to be a great year. Two months and I've only played 2 rounds of golf – they all keep getting cancelled due to rain. But my volunteering projects have all been on (relatively) dry days and so I've been able to enjoy the work of helping others. Probably best as my handicap has been rising over the winter.

I have been talking about the last luncheon at Chevron Park for several lunches now. But really, this is going to be the last! March 15 – please come and hear about the new digs for the employees. We are looking for a venue for our June luncheon.

Hopefully many of you came to the **Graduates Luncheon** in December. Rob Schwierts gave us a great update on the status of Chevron. We are looking for another venue for that one too – one that will hold a lot more people.

We are now well into our **Membership Renewal** period. If you haven't sent in a check since November then you probably owe for 2024. Online payments work best, or 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 continue to enjoy!) 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! Due to everyone's generosity, and a donation from the Graduates Committee, we are planning to offer 6 scholarships this year.

CRA Meetings: The CRA had our planning meeting (called the Mid-Year Meeting) on Feb 3-5 in Burlingame. Our Annual Meeting (where all the Chapter Presidents attend) is in Denver, CO in late May. 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

PRESIDENT MESSAGE (continued)

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.

We try to keep bringing activities that you might like. In this issue you will see activities that you can do with other retirees and employees - be a science fair judge, go on a hike, play golf. There are lots of opportunities available and we're working on more. Don't forget to take advantage of the Columbia Employee Store discount!

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

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 2023 winners are featured in the 3Q 2023 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-3-3-221da80d4925166a33a148ff0000bc9509.pdf?sfvrsn=c7be6773_0 and return it to me at CRACoCoevents@gmail.com, or give me a call – 925-348-6707.

CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK

I urge you to join the Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN). In 2023 we increased our CAN membership by 50%. We are now over 1,500 and we need to keep increasing that number. The participation of the latest action alerts was the largest to date. Part of CAN is to provide you with information about our company and industry that you can share with others. Things like explaining the cost components of California gas prices, explaining what lower carbon entails, or videos on subjects like new energy solutions that Chevron is working on. CAN is also about giving you the ability to easily participate in action alerts to send letters to your elected representatives on issues that are important to the industry. We need all energy sources to move forward. There are many outspoken critics of our industry, those of us who know better need to share the facts, and advocate for a balanced solution. Please join the Chevron Advocacy Network. www.Chevronadvocacynetwork.com

CHEVRON NEWS

Click on the article to open.

02/02/24	February 2024 Chevron Reports Fourth Quarter 2023 Results
01/18/24	January 2024 Chevron Direct Investment Fund Ltd. Confirms Kazakh Investments
12/14/23	December 2023 Chevron Earns Top Marks On Corporate Equality Index For 18th Consecutive Year
12/06/23	Chevron Announces \$16 Billion 2024 Capex Budget

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:

William H. Leney
Larry A. Moore

Judd M. Rogstad
William L. Shewry

Elaine C. Sights
Robert M. Whitney

Bill Leney was the CRA National President from 2005-2007.

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 EVENTS

Volunteering Opportunities for Science Fairs:

Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair - March 8.

HELP! Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair—IN-PERSON in 2024—is scheduled for Friday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg and we need your help!

Without **your** involvement, further competitions would not be available to our student competitors in the county. Students need to go through their County Science Fair to be able to compete at the California Science Fair, the National Middle School Science Fair, and the International Science Fair.

In existence since 2005, the Contra Costa Science Fair expects to have about 200 student competitors who will need your expertise to evaluate project boards and conduct interviews.

The fair will require each judge volunteer to give a full 8 hours of time to ensure every student(s) project has access to multiple interviews. Won't you volunteer to be a judge on March 8?

Judges choose among the six competition categories:

- behavioral/social sciences including gerontology;
- biological including biochemistry, microbiology, zoology, botany, medicine, and health;
- engineering;
- environmental sciences;
- math/computer sciences; and
- physical science including chemistry, earth and space, physics.

There are two student competition levels: JUNIOR: Grades 7 and 8; and SENIOR: Grades 9 through 12. You may choose the competition level most suited to your preferences.

Several Chevron employees and retirees volunteer for this regularly and we always need more judges. Brad McCullough has volunteered since before he retired and says it is a lot of fun and an incredible learning experience - these students are incredible!

For more information or to sign up, log in to Chevron Humankind and then click this link: [Judges Needed - Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair! Fri., March 8](#)

Alameda County Science & Engineering Fair - March 16:

The first Alameda County Science Fair was in 2012. This follows the same general structure as the Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair. It will be held at Chabot College in Hayward on March 16 from 7:30am - 2:00pm.

For more information or to sign up, log in to Chevron Humankind and then click this link: [Judges Needed for the 2024 Alameda County Science & Engineering Fair - Sat., March 16](#)

MEMBER'S NEWS

Your fellow retirees would love to hear what's going on with you. Please take a moment to tell us what you've been up to. Feel free to send a note to cracocoevents@gmail.com or go to our website at www.chevronretireescontracosta.org and click on the What's New With You link to type in your message.

Harry Beadle

In October, we moved from Rossmoor in Walnut Creek to Rancho Palos Verdes in L.A. We have a great view of Catalina Island from our balcony. We are near our son and family and are pleased with the move.

Letizia Dale

Don't recognize anyone anymore, but enjoy reading about all the retirees. I was born on Feb. 7, 1926, and all my friends are mostly gone now. Thank you.

Katie Hower

Took our annual R&R vacation to Maui (stargazing on Haleakala, pool side fun and great restaurants). Visited family and friends back East and my alma mater, Rutgers. Had a great time visiting with Ch E professors and Department Chair. I continue serving at Mt. Diablo Chapter DAR recording secretary, attending weekly Bible study and take cardio dance at the gym.

David Inchausti

Newly retired, joining my wife Sylvia in retirement. Drove across the U.S. to kick things off. Living on both coasts, spending time with the children and a grandchild in northern Virginia.

Scott Johnson

Looking forward to a year of travel both within the U.S. and Europe with family and friends.

Cathy Kearns

Tom and I really enjoy living at Lake Tahoe. We still hike long trails, the most recent last spring was El Camino de Santiago Frances. It took us six weeks, from St. Jean, Pied de Port, France to Santiago and then on to Finisterre, Spain on the Atlantic Ocean. The best part was meeting so many people from all over the world. We miss our friends in CRA, but we don't get to the Bay Area very often. We do enjoy meeting many Chevron retirees in Incline Village where we live. Happy New Year to you all.

Don Kerr

My wife, Michelle, and I are happy to announce our Son, Kevin Kerr, was married to Nikki Sirota in Bellevue Washington this year, and starting their life together in Austin, Texas.

O. Art Kubal

Sandy and I plan to spend the summer in Logan, Utah where we purchased a condo last fall. We are still motor homing but toying with giving that up also. Health for both of us is good, and we are active in golf and pickle ball.

Robert McCoy

We are still enjoying life in New Hampshire. We've lived here since 2005 and are glad we are located close to family.

Brad McCullough

I continue to be very involved in the Chevron Retirees and love meeting all the people I never knew at Chevron. At our Graduates Luncheon I met my first Noble retiree - I'll be working with him to join CRA... I also am now a Rotarian (albeit a red badge meaning I'm in my plebe phase) which means I have more avenues to help people in our local communities and around the world. Our Sister City in Japan has said they are available to accept exchange students again (since the pandemic) and so I am co-leading a trip with six Berkeley high school students to Japan for 12-14 days in July/August. Homestays in Sakai (our sister city) and travel to Kyoto and Hiroshima. And on the "oh to be young again" front, my daughter and her boyfriend are on a cruise to Antarctica and they just sent us pictures of them doing a polar plunge (jumping off the (small) cruise ship into the water in a bikini with a rope tied around her - presumably in case she goes into shock and needs to be hauled up) and their tent camping on the Ice Shelf, but also some adorable penguin pictures (real penguins, not them in their winter clothes).

Maria Mercurio

Hello everyone! My how time flies. I retired 3 years ago (covid year). The first few months were relaxing, then I said to myself... "now what?" So, 10 months later, my husband and I watched our new home being built in a 55+ community in Brentwood. That cured the boredom with lots of decisions to make, things to buy, new people to meet, and frequent drives to the ocean! It seems like years since Chevron when work was all consuming. So proud to join all of you as a retiree! Yay! I'm finally an Upstream Annuitant. Hope to see you in 2024!

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Robert Murphy

Very much enjoying retirement; have 3 new grandkids with 2 more expected in January. Spend time with family and staying connected with old friends. Had a ball with a leisurely drive up to and then around the Pacific Northwest in July, then a long stay on the beach at Kailua, Oahu in August ... planning next journey now. Cheers!

Jeff Patry

Our much loved son passed away in December. We will always be grateful for the world class care and treatment he received at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Keith Sawyer

President of Livermore Valley Opera. Seeking volunteers for set construction, event planning and event hosting. See www.lvopera.com

Lawrence Thompson

Retired in 1996. Still trying to make 35 years in retirement but starting to feel my age. I will be 87 in November. Just lost my friend, Bob Whitney, who worked at Chevron for 40 years.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2024

This scholarship program is for children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren of paid CRA Contra Costa Chapter members. 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 and the donation from the Graduates Committee, we anticipate awarding **six scholarships for \$2000 each** for this academic year. 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 (preferred) by **May 15, 2024**.

Students may apply each year they are eligible, but those who have previously been awarded one of our scholarships 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 \$131,000 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.

FUN ACTIVITES

Hiking Group

We are looking for the sunny skies and brisk air in the mornings for our hikes, but they are few and far between, and we've been trying to avoid muddy trails. We have hikes from Easy to Difficult so there's something for every interest. Our upcoming dates are Feb. 24 (Berkeley Stairs) and Feb. 29 (tbd). Contact us through cracocoevents@gmail.com for more info and to get on the Hiking Group Mailing List.

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 this year are adding rounds in Santa Rosa and Sacramento, plus a long weekend in Monterey. 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 2024, membership is only \$85. For more information, contact cgcsanramon@gmail.com.

Chevron Employees are invited to save on upcoming performances at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek!

See below for your exclusive discount codes to save on upcoming performances!

All shows can be purchased through the below links, or by visiting LeshnerArtsCenter.org and entering the appropriate discount code*.

- Internationally acclaimed, Grammy nominated saxophonist / clarinetist Anat Cohen Tentet brings a vibrant mix of jazz performers to Walnut Creek's Leshner Center on February 29 at 7:30pm. To save, click [here](#) enter code CHEVRON.

Please note: discount tickets are subject to availability and not applicable on previously purchased tickets. All ticket sales are final.

Chevron Retirees Association website

Take a look at the CRA website (www.chevronretirees.org). There are lots of great pictures out there of retirees having fun, good benefits information, links to Benefit Hub and Chevron Humankind, information on the Chevron Advocacy Network, etc. There is also work underway to update the CRA website to make it more enjoyable for everyone – stay tuned.

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

Rick Bradeson
Kevin Connelly
Kathleen Deane
Julie Hoyle
David Inchausti
Muigai Karigaca

Blake Koc
Roger Pillon
Roger Prince
Bruce Springer
Eric Weinmann

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>

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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
Friday, March 15, 2024 Luncheon**

**This will be our last Retiree's Luncheon at the Chevron Park location.
Make your reservation today!**

11 am – Social Hour

Noon – Buffet Luncheon

Our March 15 luncheon will be held in the Auditorium at Chevron Park. Chicken, beef, salmon and vegetarian entrees will be available in the buffet, along with salad, potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls and mini-desserts. Iced tea and coffee are included.

Our guest speaker will give an update to the upcoming move to the Chevron Lakeside campus.

Reservations are due no later than Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Space is limited. If we reach capacity, you will be notified immediately if you are on a waiting list, and we will contact you if there is a cancellation.

Member Name _____ Guest 1 _____
Member Phone _____ Guest 2 _____
Member Email _____

Options	Cost	No.	Total
Buffet Only	\$45		
Buffet with Wine	\$50		
Buffet with Beer	\$50		
Total			\$

Payments

Checks
Send your completed form and check payable to Chevron Retirees Association to: Maggie Pryde CRA Luncheon 1458 Entrada Verde Alamo, CA 94507

Electronic Payments
Zelle and PayPal payments should be made to CRA Treasurer, Mike Colvin, at CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com . In the "what's this for" section, please include attendee name(s) and indicate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch only• Lunch with wine• Lunch with beer

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

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

Chevron Retirees Association Contra Costa Chapter Friday, March 15, 2024 Luncheon

DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON PARK, SAN RAMON, GOING NORTH

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





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Chevron Retirees Association, Contra Costa Chapter

Membership Dues Form

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
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 . (Mike Colvin processes epymts.)

Payment Summary

2024 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

Continue on back if needed.