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#### RETIREE'S BUFFET LUNCHEON

Monday, July 15, 2024 Chevron Lakeside Headquarters

See the attached flyer on page 9 & 10 for information, signup and directions to the

event



We are in such a blessed area of the country where we can do a lot of activities outdoors most of the year. This Spring has really brought that home where the rains look to be finished and the summer heat has not fully settled in. I hope you are planning days of fun with family and friends – picnics, baseball games, golf, backyard parties, etc. I went to the Mountain Play for the first time (it has been playing on Mt. Tam for 113 years) and saw "Kinky Boots" which is fantastic fun.

Our luncheon was delayed a little because we wanted to have it in the new "Chevron Lakeside" facility. We hope to also have some of our Scholarship winners and their families in attendance.

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. Please fill out the form (on our website – chevronretireescontracosta.org) 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.

**CRA National Meetings**: Our CRA Annual Meeting (where all the Chapter Presidents attend) was in Denver in early May. It was a great meeting with great attendance and good discussions. One of the highlights we get to do at the Annual Meeting is honor our **Public Service Award** Winners. Read the next Encore located on the CRA website (chevronretirees.org) which will feature the winners, one of them being local!

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 is walking the Res in Lafayette. We did the Cataract Falls trail in Marin again this year - 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. 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



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# PRESIDENT MESSAGE (continued)

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).

If anyone needs assistance or just wants to talk with someone, please send a note to CRACoCoevents@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
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### 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:

Michael C. Fousha Ingeborg E. Nienhold Charles D. Penney

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.

### PHOTO ALBUMS OF INTEREST

#### **Chevron Retiree Farewell to Chevron Park**

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipO4JEAkmytsv-4tX8nCLxxoxO2JN0uFuKRyKkGmlt6l51AzqRG2GLA\_nymz0iS5dQ?key=Ry1PdlNrNWkzbWJkcGdKRDVYYjR0bHZabDhrcVdR

# Last CRA Lunch at Chevron HQ

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

Ade Adekunle
Katie Beresini
Pierre Breber
Mary Chan
Donna Covert (rejoined)
Deborah Donovan
Heather Early
Angela Gallegos
Eugene Go
Olivia Harting

Richard Kemink Willem Lynn Kenneth Morgan Glenn Mork Tina Perez-Hill Linda Pierce Brenda Sheets Richard Smith Lou Yeh

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# **MEMBER'S NEWS**

#### **Eleanor Adams**

Enjoying traveling, cooking and fitness.

#### **Susan Brossard**

After retiring from Kazakhstan in 1999, I took a couple of years off. Had a few years career in insurance, and finally fully retired end of 2013. My husband, Enid, and I moved to New Plymouth in Idaho. We are roughly 40 miles NW of Boise in a town of 1500 in the heart of farms and ranches. We are within 2 hours of great fishing, camping, hunting and fantastic outdoors. My husband was a Marine in Vietnam, and we spend a lot of time volunteering with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Loving Idaho and our life here!

#### John Dewes and Kathy Henschel

We just returned from our first international trip since a year ago. We cruised around Japan and over to Korea to see the ancient capital of Korea which John hadn't been able to see in his year and a half with the army or subsequent visits. A few days in Kyoto and Osaka on each end. Otherwise we're busy with non-profits and volunteering at church when John isn't visiting the ER - it is amazing how many parts of the body need maintenance when you get old. John needs another three years to reach his goal of being retired as long as he worked for Chevron.

#### John Fitzpatrick [CVX Law Department]

Retired in 2006, and now, after living in the east bay for 39 years, is moving permanently to his home state, Pennsylvania, where he serves as a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park, PA. All are welcome, anytime, for a tour of the most consequential battle of the American Civil War, and the site of the immortal Gettysburg address there by President Lincoln. I can be reached at 925-817-7819 or jofi2@comcast.net

#### **Thomas Harris**

I've been back to RTC as a contractor since January 2023 working with DT&S. We're beginning to travel again now that COVID seems to be over.

#### **Olivia Harting**

After 22 amazing years at Chevron, I retired from the company in March 2024. I miss my team and the people I worked with every day, but I am enjoying a "sabbatical" and some down time.

#### W.G. Hohlt

Still conductor with Nevada Northern Railway Foundation in Ely, NV.

#### George M. Jardim

Getting older.

#### Mark Logan

Nancy and I moved to the Portland Metro Area last year after 30 years in San Ramon. We are closer to our son up here, and are able to help with grandkids. We are enjoying it up here and love the green foliage everywhere.

#### **Gary Nicholson**

Just celebrated 15 years of marriage with Lysa this March. Both of our girls, Kira (March) and Brianna (Sept.), are getting married this year. I continue to enjoy snow skiing with trips to Alyeska, Bachelor, White Pass, Big Bear and home base Tahoe this season.

#### Ed Peggs

Busy with 3 grandchildren. Our son is getting married in September. Spending time up in Clio, California as much as we can.

#### **Steve Semorile**

Off to Normandy in fall. Spend spare time watching granddaughter play high school sports. She made varsity softball as a freshman pitcher and utility player.

#### **Brenda Sheets**

Just a few months into retirement and loving it! Spending time with the grandkids, lots of travel, and time for my many hobbies.

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

#### Robert (Bob) Sheperd

I reached 97 years last December and am very fortunate that I can walk, drive my own car and participate in senior activities. Many of my Chevron Overseas friends have passed away, but I still feel a strong attachment to the Bay Area in general and the Contra Costa Chapter in particular. My wife, Gloria, passed away in 2017 so I now live with my son, Roger, and his wife, Mary. Cheers to fellow COPI-ers!

#### **Jeff Stemke**

Working on KM SharePoint and a novel on Al.

#### **Ernesto Tev**

Ernesto's wife, Nancy, passed away in 2023. We are sorry for your loss.

#### **Angela Wong**

Enjoying retirement. Busy volunteering, cruising, attending SF Giants games, and taking care of my elderly parents. Life is good!

### CHEVRON NEWS

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05/29/24 Chevron Updates Stockholders At Annual Meeting

05/06/24 Chevron Pipe Line Company And American Aerospace Technologies To Fly Unmanned

Aircraft In San Joaquin Valley

April 2024

04/26/24 Chevron Reports First Quarter 2024 Results

04/25/24 Tengizchevroil Starts WPMP Operations At Tengiz Oil Field In Kazakhstan

04/08/24 Chevron Pledges A Contribution Of \$3 Million Towards Relief Efforts For The Floods In

Kazakhstan

04/04/24 Chevron Invests In Carbon Capture And Removal Technology Company, ION Clean

Energy

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Scholarship Program application deadline has passed. We anticipate awarding six scholarships of \$2,000 each. We anticipate announcing the scholarship recipients at our luncheon meeting on July 15. 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.

### **FUN ACTIVITES**

#### **Hiking Group**

We are enjoying the sunny skies and brisk air in the mornings on our hikes. Since it's warming up we are doing more of our hikes further to the west. 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

#### **Chevron Golf Club San Ramon**

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 2024, membership is only \$85 for new members. For more information, contact cgcsanramon@gmail.com.

#### Chevron Humankind - Grants and Volunteering

Chevron Humankind is your resource for getting cash grants for your favorite non-profits and for finding outlets for that volunteering energy you have. Opportunities for volunteering with Chevron employees are finally increasing after the pandemic. Remember that Chevron allows retirees to match up to \$3,000 or your donations to non-profits, \$1,000 of that can be based on your volunteering with a non-profit.

There were over 56,000 matching grant requests in 2023 (employees and retirees). This is a fantastic benefit to us as retirees – please avail yourselves of the opportunity. Now, over half of the matching requests were submitted in January. If you can spread that out over the year it would be great.

April was National Volunteer Month, here are some stats for Chevron's participation (employees and retirees): 3,550 hours, 884 volunteers, 70 non-profits impacted, 79 projects.

Retirees are invited to submit projects for the 2024 Fall Volunteer Campaign. Do you have a project at a non-profit that can use volunteers? During the Fall campaign, retirees can also sign up for projects that match their interests and availability. Most Fall Campaign projects will be posted in Chevron Humankind by early September 2024.

#### Social Security Seminar - June 18

This is from Brad. I was talking with a friend of mine about the nuances and strategies of when to apply for Social Security. And I thought other Chevron retirees might be in the same boat. So I asked if she would be able to get a speaker and put together a seminar on Social Security for retirees. She works for Morgan Stanley and has set up this in-person seminar for up to 30 of us. This is an informational session, not a sales seminar. It will be from 9:30-11:00am in Walnut Creek. If you are interested, send an email to cracocoevents@chevron.com to get more information.

Whether you've spent years thinking about your future retirement, or you're just starting to build your retirement income strategy, now is a great time to join this session and learn more about the ways Social Security can fit into your future plans.

#### What to expect

To help you get more complete understanding of how Social Security can fit within your retirement Income plan, we'll cover:

- · Facts you need to know about Social Security, including what to consider before starting benefits.
- Stories that bring crucial Social Security decisions to life, considering your work history, marital status and more.
- · Key points on Medicare and how it may complement your retirement income plan.
- Next steps to help you integrate Social Security benefits into your retirement income plan.

# CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK (CAN)

# STOP RICHMOND'S TAX OVERSTEP. TELL THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL TO REJECT THE REFINING TAX ACT!

#### Take action now

Chevron needs your help. The Richmond Progressive Alliance and special interest groups are proposing a massive new tax increase that will have a major impact on our operations in Richmond.

Visit our Action Alert page to have your voice heard by sending a message to the Richmond City Council today!

https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/takeaction/2715/?utm\_medium=offline&utm\_campaign=corporate&utm\_term=CAN

#### Refining tax act

For over 100 years, Chevron has fostered a strong relationship with Richmond. As the city's largest employer and taxpayer, we play a pivotal role in the economic vitality of the community, contributing more than \$2 billion to the local economy since 2015.

The taxes and fees we already pay cover almost a quarter of the city's general fund. If passed, this newly proposed tax, could have Richmond depend upon Chevron for nearly half of its revenue.

We continue to believe that working together with Richmond City leaders and community members in an open and transparent way is good for Richmond. We support policies that encourage the kind of investments needed to create a better quality of life for Richmond residents. We believe this proposal is the wrong approach.

The proposed tax threatens to significantly raise the already high cost of living, hurt our city's economy, and reduce Chevron's ability to make the investments in our facility that bring job opportunities, emission reductions, and enable us to provide the reliable and ever-cleaner energy our community depends on every day.

Please send a letter to the Richmond City Council. It only takes a few minutes and a few clicks. Go to https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/takeaction/2715/?utm\_medium=offline&utm\_campaign=corporate&utm\_term=CAN

You can also support us at an upcoming City Council meeting by filling out this form at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oZ15\_cG\_NEKpHHKzocueJrISVkIR-qVBqrH2r3UpvXtUOTRNNUxORDJZVkpGOUZCOUJDN00zQ081RC4u.

#### Resources

View your CAN dashboard

https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/login-join-can/

#### Educational videos

https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/login-join-can/?relay\_state\_url=%2Feducational-videos%2F

#### Election resources

https://chevronadvocacynetwork.com/login-ioin-can/?relay state url=%2Fcivic-action-center%2F

# WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Have you seen the new and improved Chevron Retirees Website? It is fantastic! 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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To reach any of the board members, please call Brad or send an email to cracocoevents@gmail.com.

# Chevron Retirees Association Contra Costa Chapter Monday, July 15, 2024 Luncheon

11 am – Social Hour Noon – Buffet Luncheon

Our July 15 luncheon will be held at the new Chevron Lakeside headquarters, located at 2600 Camino Ramon. The buffet will be Italian themed, with green salad, pasta salad, vegetarian ravioli, Tuscan chicken with mushrooms, and fresh baked cookies. Water and iced tea will also be provided.

Our guest speaker will be Chevron Historian, John Harper. We will also announce our 2024 scholarship recipients at the luncheon.

Reservations are due no later than Monday, July 8, 2024.

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

Member Name	Guest 1	
Member Phone	Guest 2	
Member Fmail		

Options	Cost	No.	Total
Buffet Only	\$55		
Buffet with Wine	\$60		
Buffet with Beer	\$60		
Total			\$

### **Payments**

### Checks

Send your completed form and check payable to Chevron Retirees Association to:

Chevron Retirees Association Luncheon PO Box 371 Orinda, CA 94563-0371

### **Electronic Payments**

Zelle and PayPal payments should be made to CRA Treasurer, Mike Colvin, at <a href="mailto:CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com">CRACoCoEvents@gmail.com</a>. In the "what's this for" section, please include attendee name(s) and indicate:

- Buffet only
- Buffet with wine
- Buffet with beer

Please note all attendees will need to check in at Reception upon entering the facility.

Please bring a government-issued photo ID.

For questions, please contact Maggie Pryde at 925-997-7377 or <a href="mailto:CRACoCoLuncheon@gmail.com">CRACoCoLuncheon@gmail.com</a>.

# Chevron Retirees Association Contra Costa Chapter Monday, July 15, 2024 Luncheon

### **DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON LAKESIDE, 2600 CAMINO RAMON, SAN RAMON**

#### **GOING NORTH**

From I-680, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Turn right onto Bollinger Canyon Road. Turn left onto Camino Ramon. Turn left at the 2600 Camino Ramon entrance and follow signs to the visitor's parking lot. If the parking lot is full, drive back towards Camino Ramon and turn into the overflow lot near the entrance. Follow the sidewalk to the main lobby doors under the glass arch. Check in at the security desk with a government issued ID.

#### **GOING SOUTH**

From I-680, take the Crow Canyon Road exit. Turn left onto Crow Canyon Road. Turn right onto Camino Ramon. Turn right at the 2600 Camino Ramon entrance and follow signs to the visitor's parking lot. If the parking lot is full, drive back towards Camino Ramon and turn into the overflow lot near the entrance. Follow the sidewalk to the main lobby doors under the glass arch. Check in at the security desk with a government issued ID.

