

Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees

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## NEXT MEETING

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

**(No-host social hour - 10:45 to noon)**

**Contra Costa Country Club  
801 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA**

**\$25 per person including tax, tip and door prizes.  
(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)**

**Reservation coupon and directions to meeting on page 5**

### **Frank W. Mount General Manager, Investor Relations**

Frank W. Mount, 46, is the General Manager of Investor Relations, a position he assumed in April 2015.

Previously, Frank was the General Manager Finance Supply and Trading, where he had global responsibility for the Finance function that supported Chevron's liquids and gas trading business.

From 2009 to 2012, Frank served as General Manager Finance for Chevron Eurasia Business Unit in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where he was responsible for Finance, IT and Supply Chain. Prior to that assignment, Frank was the General Manager Finance for the Canada Business Unit in Calgary, Canada, where he was responsible for Finance and Administration. Frank has held a number of manager positions of increasing responsibility in Corporate Finance in business locations around the U.S. as well as internationally in Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

Frank joined Chevron in 1993. He earned a Bachelors in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame in 1991 and a Masters of Arts from the University of Texas at Dallas.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In May, I attended the Annual Meeting of the CRA in Vancouver, Canada. It was a delightful event well hosted by the local CRA chapter. They even arranged to use some of the limited days of sunshine which are allocated to Vancouver each year. One outcome was election of a local retiree – Mike Elgie – as president of the national CRA. Another was the renewal of emphasis on activity of the Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN). (There are rumors of a well-funded effort to institute a severance tax on crude oil produced in California so the CAN may have an important task just over the horizon.) Think about joining CAN. A final note in this summary is that Chevron has confirmed its commitment to retiree medical benefits and to CRA. That is good news for us all.

A specific topic which got a lot of discussion was the problems with the Chevron Matching Grant program. Many others have run into the problems which we have encountered locally. Within our chapter we are working on a step-by-step instruction on how to do the needed steps. We hope to have it completed soon. It will come to you via email. (Note: This emphasizes the value of your providing us with your email address. Occasionally, there will be information which we believe is important to you. Email is the most efficient way to send it. Send us an address even if it has to be on your grandchild's computer.)

Our next lunch speaker should be of particular interest in light of the rapid fall of the price of Chevron stock. It may be distressing to us holding (say) 1000 shares. How about the manager of a fund holding 500,000 shares? How would he/she feel and what could Chevron say to make them feel better about holding our stock? Our next lunch speaker is Frank Mount who is General Manager, Investor Relations. I am eagerly looking forward to hearing his approach to a very difficult PR problem and I hope you will join us on 9/28.

Speaking of future lunches, here is the schedule of upcoming luncheon events:

12/4 /2015– Chevron Graduates lunch

Chapter lunches in 2016: 2/22, 6/20, 9/2

We hope to see you there.

To close, thank you again for your growing support of the scholarship fund. Our success has attracted the attention of other CRA chapters and we would like to see them following our lead.

Chuck Scanlan

## 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:

Ronald P. Lance  
D. J. Lindley  
Frank A. Patty  
Kenneth L. Powlesland

Robert V. Quinlan  
Robert G. Randolph  
Barry A. Reik



A complete list of Chevron retirees' deaths is published quarterly in the retirees' magazine Encore and in the Chevron Retirees' website ([www.chevronretirees.org](http://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](mailto:compassion@chevronretireescontracosta.org).

## 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic years. This is the 10th year of providing scholarships and because of the chapter's generosity and the board's contribution, we were able to offer four scholarships of \$2000.00 each (the 4th recipient to be determined due to change of plans). To continue celebrating this ten year anniversary, next year we are hoping your contributions to the scholarship fund will enable our chapter to offer five scholarships at \$2000.00 each. Please go to the website to see more background information on the scholarship recipients for this year.

**Andrea Grote**, Danville CA, daughter of Karen Grote, Danville, will be attending her second year at Boston College in Chestnut Hill MA, pursuing a degree in Biochemistry.

**Megan Kuhnle**, Palo Alto CA, granddaughter of Ann Cormack, Lafayette, will be attending Tufts University in Medford MA, pursuing a degree in International Relations.

**Michael Livanos**, San Ramon CA, son of Nicholas Livanos, San Ramon, will be attending University of Minnesota: Twin Cities in Minneapolis MN, pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Below are thank you notes to our membership that were sent by the recipients:

**Megan:** I am so honored to be a recipient of the Chevron scholarship this year! Thank you so much for your support in my academic endeavors. I really appreciate the help in paying for college. I'm very excited to start at Tufts this fall. Thank you for organizing this program and helping me achieve my goals.

**Michael:** Thank you and the scholarship committee for selecting me to receive this award; it is certainly an honor.

From the appreciation these winners have shown, we can be very proud that we are helping the future generation with our scholarship program. Everyone's support for the scholarship program is appreciated and hopefully we can continue to grow this program. The student's actual thank you notes show how much this program means to them. Thank you again for your support!

Helen Romain



## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Michael Spafford:** Life's been grand! Discovered gold in Alamo of all places, living in Sausalito relaxing. Kailen, now 27, transferred from UCLA Hospital to work as a RN at the new UCSF Pediatric Hospital shortly and Miles, now 24, works for ZBenefits selling health insurance web based model to small businesses. They both work and live in San Francisco. Kailen married to Kevin Brercton, Miles and I single. See you all at the next meeting.

**Charles Brown:** My wife is in assisted living after strokes of 2 years ago. We hope she will get better. I hold down the household.

**John Dewes:** Happy to be married again, to Kathy Henschel, also a Chevron Retiree – and president of the San Francisco

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

**Chapter:** We honeymooned on a Danube River Cruise with a whole handful of Chevron Retirees. Lots of travel planned for 2015 – Paris, Lisbon- London cruise and Manchu Picchu/Galapagos.

**Brian O'Keefe:** Moved June 2014 to Houston, TX. Living in Houston. Wife still working with Chevron.

**Harry E. Beadle:** Elizabeth and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August with our children and grandchildren. We enjoyed a spectacular weekend on the beach in Cayucos, CA.

**Gwen C. Watson:** I'm going to Cuba with a delegation of members of the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley.

**James Wallace:** We are off to do a bucket list item. Going to visit Machu Picchu in Peru. Our youngest daughter, Ann, works at the embassy in Lima. So, it gave us a good excuse to visit.

**Karen, David Ashe:** Blessed with good health. Had fun sharing our beautiful area we live in with our UK friends as well as touring SF, wine country, Norther California and Oregon coasts. We will spend the winter in Yuma playing golf, hiking, biking. Active at home in church, community activities, and of course, golfing. Our door is always open to our Chevron friends.

**C. H. Whitenect:** I retired April 1st as a senior real estate & property specialist of CBRES. I'm enjoying retirement, but also keeping in touch with CBRES. One of my activities is that I am Pleasant Hill Fourth of July, Parade coordinator and chairman, which will soon begin to take more of my time.

**Jeff Williams:** I completed a nearly 2 year project manager contract at Blueshield of California on December 28th, just before the holidays, which was convenient. Still undecided whether to pursue another contract or not before "official" retirement, but definitely plan to make the retirement leap sometime this year.

**Donald Dexter:** Diana & I are still in good health. We enjoy going to the gym at Chevron, Concord. We also still have our place at Northstar but do very little skiing, in fact none! We missed going to Hawaii in 2014, but will go there this year. Our grandkids have grown up. Cole is 17 and Sydney is 19. We always have fun with them when we visit the San Diego area. Cole is a surfer and Sydney a runner. She will go away to UVA this fall. We think she will find out the weather is different in Virginia than the San Diego area. Dawn, Rick and Cole plan to stay in the San Diego area forever! That's good because we plan to visit often.

**Theresa Savage:** Chuck Savage passed away very suddenly Sept. 21, 2014. Life will never be the same. I miss him so much.

**Steve Olsen:** We enjoyed a wonderful month (summer '14) in Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and on Layo di Como (seeking George Clooney). Still actively referee high school basketball and football in the East Bay. Wishing joy to all my former colleagues!!!

**Gwen P. Pyle:** Earthquake was horrific – a 6.0 – and the story goes – there will be others. Wow

**Ken Michel:** Still enjoying life in the low country for South Carolina. Great weather, golf courses and seafood!

**Sue & Martin Hawco:** We are spending lots of quality time with our 4 grandkids. We are doing some international travel. Lots of local hikes to walk of course. We also do volunteer work at our local library and the Contra Costa Food Bank.

**Robert Ritchie:** Spending time with my kids and grandkids is my favorite pastime! The 2 strokes that I had 3 years ago have certainly slowed me down but I still enjoy life.

**David C Reeves:** Becky and I just moved to a horse property in Alamo up against Mt. Diablo State Park and are getting ready to rebuild the original home. We are busier than ever; I found out Becky does not take work direction willingly and there is nobody to delegate to.

**David Carter:** Retired May 2014. Just took our 1st long road trip - 8,500 miles, 13 states. Great trip. Good to see our own country and history. Look forward to our next road adventure.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:**  
September 28, 2015

**Graduate Luncheon:**  
December 4, 2015

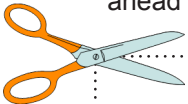


### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

From I-680 South, take Chilpancingo/Concord Avenue exit. Turn left at the traffic light (you will see Target on the right hand side of the street). Continue straight through the traffic light. At the next traffic light, make right on Golf Club Road (you will see a Chevron Gas Station on right hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.

### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING NORTH

Take Highway 24 to I-680 North. Take Willow Pass Road exit. Turn left off freeway onto Willow Pass Road and continue to the third traffic light. Be in the right hand lane and turn right onto Contra Costa Boulevard. Continue on Contra Costa Boulevard through two traffic lights. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Golf Club Road (Citibank will be on left hand side of the street). Continue on Golf Club Road (past DVC Community College) until the road forks to the left. Stay to the right on Golf Club Road. Continue on Golf Club Road through a residential area. Drive ahead to the Contra Costa Country Club at #801 on Golf Club Road.



## Reservations for September 28th Luncheon

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate entree choice for guest:

- Chicken Provencal     ( )
- Roast Sirloin         ( )
- Vegetable Risotto     ( )

*Enclose a check for \$25 per person payable to Chevron Retirees Assn. Mail to Chevron Retirees Assn., P. O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563, by Friday, September 18th. If you have questions regarding the luncheon, call Cathy Kerns (925-376-8840). Cancellations must be received by September 23rd for reimbursement.*

## WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Chevron Retirees Association, National Organization  
(includes national Encore publication):  
[www.chevronretirees.org](http://www.chevronretirees.org)

Chevron Retirees Contra Costa Chapter:  
[www.chevronretireescontracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org)

Chevron Corporation:  
[www.chevron.com](http://www.chevron.com)

California Initiative Program:  
[www.chevron.com/CA](http://www.chevron.com/CA)

Chevron Advocacy Network:  
[www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com](http://www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com)

Discounts, Deals Bay Area Activies:  
[chevrec.mybigcommerce.com/perkspot](http://chevrec.mybigcommerce.com/perkspot)

Chevron Matching Gift Program:  
[www.chevron.yourcause.com](http://www.chevron.yourcause.com)

The Company Store:  
[www.chevronstore.com](http://www.chevronstore.com)

Information on Medical and Dental Plans:  
[hr2.chevron.com/retiree/](http://hr2.chevron.com/retiree/)

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

**Beverly Reynolds:** Purchased my parents' home in Albany and spent the past year working on it. Home Depot became my BFF. I am taking a break from DIY and focus on hobbies and sightseeing.

**Joye McCoy:** Chuck McCoy passed away very suddenly on Monday, February 23, 2015. He and Joye had enjoyed a cruise to Hawaii in January, and a cruise to Mexico in February. He seldom missed the Chevron Retiree's luncheons and meetings and had enjoyed 28 years of retirement after working 39 years at Chevron – Richmond.

**Marty Appel:** I am still working with older homeowners and helping them use some of the equity in their home to add to their retirement portfolio. My website [www.MartyAppel.com](http://www.MartyAppel.com) illustrates some of the benefits of a reverse mortgage. I thoroughly enjoy what I do helping older homeowners have a happier financial future. My wife Janet has been battling inoperable pancreatic cancer for the last 6 months. She has a great attitude and writes of her experiences and treatment in her blog [www.ihavenoendings.blogspot.com](http://www.ihavenoendings.blogspot.com). She has received comments from around the world sharing experiences.

**Art Kubal:** Sandy & I love it here in the desert. We are planning a 4-month motorhome trip to the Canadian maritimes this summer, June through September. This may be our last "big" trip in the coach. We and the coach are getting older!

### What's new with you?

Your Friends enjoy reading about you and your activities. So jot down a brief note on what's new with you in the space below and send it in with your luncheon reservation or, as we prefer, email your note to the address below.

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