

Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees

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NEXT MEETING

One of the next chances to attend a Social Hour / Luncheon in our area to see some of your retiree friends and hear a Senior Chevron Executive presentation is the “Chevron Graduates 51st Annual Holiday Luncheon” on Friday December 4th at the Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel California Ballroom (45 John Glenn Dr., Concord). This function is organized by the “Graduates Committee” (not part of the CRA chapter) and all Chevron and legacy company retirees, spouses & guests are welcome to attend.

The Graduates Committee has sent a notice of the luncheon and reservation details to their list of potential attendees which many of you are already on. **For those not on the list, a summary of the Graduates Committee notice and their reservation form is included in this Newsletter (page 4-6). If you wish to get on their list and receive future notices you must provide your mailing address or e-mail address (preferred) to the Graduates Committee Chair, Kathleen G. Henschel, by e-mail; kghenschel@gmail.com or phone (415) 713-9979.**

The next luncheon meeting of our CRA Contra Costa Chapter is scheduled for February 22, 2016 at the Contra Costa Country Club. Our speaker is scheduled to be Rachel Setton, Chevron’s Stakeholder Advocacy Coordinator, who will update us on the progress of the Chevron Advocacy Network, its successes in 2015 and the significant need for retirees to join the Network to support the company’s legislative and regulatory activities with elected officials, both locally and nationally. Other details will be in our January newsletter.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be my last “Message” as Chapter President. Adrian D’ Souza, now our treasurer, will assume this position at year end. It startles me that the time has passed so fast. Maybe it demonstrates that old saying – Time flies when you are having fun. Congratulations to Adrian in his new position .

Looking back, I am most proud of our chapter’s continuous rising support for the scholarship program. It shows that we retirees are not just stuck in the past; we are willing to invest in the future of our children and grandchildren. Thank you all. Please keep up the good work.

Speaking of donations, this is my last pronouncement on the Chevron Matching Grant program. Both the websites for the chapter (www.chevronretireescontracosta.org) and the national CRA (www.chevronretirees.org) have links to guidance on how to fill out the Chevron Humankind application. One problem not addressed is how to upload the receipt from the donee organization so it can be attached to the application. Without that receipt, the match may not occur or be long delayed. On this we cannot help you because the method of uploading seems to vary with your computer system. Find a competent grandchild or a local computer whiz to help you with this problem. (It worked for me, courtesy of my grandson.)

We are encouraging your participation in the Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN). “Big Oil” is still a villain in many people’s eyes, and we need people who can present Chevron’s position to media and to decision makers . Those people are us, veterans of past “wars”, to whom experience gives a broad perspective when we contact others on critical problems, CAN can be contacted at www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com.

Finally, a sincere word of thanks to all those who were on the chapter boards over the last two years. The president’s job would be very burdensome without the contributions of those other members. You made my job enjoyable and I really appreciate your work. Which reminds me – we can still use more board members. Think about joining, The work is not arduous or unduly time consuming . The current members are fun to be with and would quickly welcome you. If you want a nice place to volunteer, this is it!

It is a bit early but I want to close with a hearty wish to you all for a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Chuck Scanlan

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Contra Costa Chapter's scholarship program begins when the 2016 dues notice is sent out. As in past years, the scholarships are for one year, and awards will be based on academic merit and ability. Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support organization, will select the recipients and distribute the awards.

Students may apply each year they are eligible, but those who have previously been awarded a scholarship by our organization 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.

Submit your scholarship application to Scholarship America NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2016. The application may be completed online but it cannot be saved and sent directly to Scholarship America. Remember to print out what you have completed on the application.

This year we increased the amount of each scholarship to \$2000 because of the support for the scholarship program by all of you. At this time, the number of scholarships approved by the Board of Directors is four. However, this may change depending on the donations of the members. Because 2015 is our 10th year of providing scholarships, we would like to be able to offer five scholarships of \$2000 each in the upcoming 2016-17 academic year. We appreciate your support of this program and hope you will add some additional money with your dues payment to continue this support. The individuals we support may be future leaders of Chevron.

Application forms are available on-line on the chapter's website, www.chevronretireescontracosta.org or by calling or e-mailing: Helen Romain, 925-833-8298 or scholarship@chevronretireescontracosta.org.

Information on This Year's 4th Scholarship Recipient:

Kevin Moore, West Linn, OR, grandson of Chuck Scanlon, will be attending Portland State University, pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering.



Chevron Graduates – 51st Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 4, 2015
Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel
California Ballroom

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, California



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Make your reservations today for our joyful holiday celebration.

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit with your retiree friends from all over the Bay Area and other locations.

This is a fun-filled event, long on sociability, with no other purpose than to please our participants.

We will end with our traditional awarding of door and raffle prizes.

Please join us. You'll be happy you did!

11:00 a.m. Social Hour – Ballroom

12:00 noon Lunch

Salad and Dessert with choice of:

Flat Iron Steak, Carmelized Fennel and Olive Relish *or*
Rosemary Grilled Salmon, Garlic-Lemon Butter *or*
Vegetarian – Spinach & Ricotta Cheese Ravioli, Lemon Zest & Basil Cream Sauce

Master of Ceremonies – Kathy Henschel

1:00 p.m. – Joe Geagea, Executive Vice President, Technology, Projects and Services, Chevron Corporation

1:30 p.m. – Door Prizes & Raffle Ticket Prizes (three for \$1)

Cost is \$40 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Make your reservations early, and in any event, before the Wednesday, November 18, 2015 deadline.

All Graduates (Chevron and legacy company annuitants, retirees and former employees), spouses, and their guests are welcome to attend. If you know of anyone who has not received this invitation and would like to attend, or, if you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Graduates Committee.

Please return the reservation form whether you are or are not attending this year's luncheon to let us know if you wish to continue receiving these announcements. See reverse for directions, parking, and other helpful information.

Directions to Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel – 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, California

Driving Directions – Self-parking is complimentary

From Oakland - Take Hwy 24 East toward Walnut Creek. Merge onto I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left onto Diamond Blvd. Turn Right onto Concord Avenue. Turn Left onto John Glenn Drive.

From San Francisco – Take I-80 East toward the Bay Bridge/Oakland/101 North. Take Hwy 24 East toward Walnut Creek. Merge onto I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left on Diamond Blvd. Turn right onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.

From San Ramon/San Jose – Take I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left on Diamond Blvd. Turn right onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.

From Martinez/Benicia – Take I-680 South toward Concord. Take the Concord Avenue/Pacheco exit. Go left onto Contra Costa Blvd. Turn left onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.



Helpful bits of information:

- Tickets, name tags and place cards can be picked up at the reception table at the ballroom door. They will not be mailed to you.
- The dining room will be open early so you can select your table and put your place card at your seat, and add your table number next to your name on the list posted on the rear wall. Unfortunately we cannot reserve seats on your behalf, but if you are with a group, you can designate someone to arrive early to place cards or markers at each seat you wish to hold.
- Racks for hanging coats will be available along the walls of dining room.
- The Social Hour will be held in the ballroom. Two no-host bars will be set up.
- Raffle tickets for hams, wine, See's candy certificates, and other items will be sold during the Social Hour in the ballroom foyer – three for \$1.00. Ticket sellers will be circulating in the foyer.
- Arrive early to have more time to enjoy being with your Chevron Graduate friends!

2015 Chevron Graduates Luncheon Reservation Form

Return by Wednesday, November 18, 2015

To: Kathleen G. Henschel, Chair
Chevron Graduates Committee
108 Poppy Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ (number) of luncheon reservation(s) at \$40 per person (including tax and tip), made payable to the Chevron Graduates.

Luncheon tickets, name tags and place cards can be picked up at the reception table at the ballroom door. They will not be mailed to you.

Name(s) for tags:
(Please Print)

Retired from:
(Company, Department and Year)

Luncheon Selection:

Beef _____ (#)

Salmon _____ (#)

Vegetarian _____ (#)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

For future invitations – will be held in confidence

Your luncheon tickets, name tags and place cards will not be mailed to you.

I cannot attend, but please continue sending annual announcements: Yes ___ No ___

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:

Benny R. Bryant
Paul J. Hollkamp
Fredric R. Overpack

A complete list of all Chevron retiree deaths is published quarterly in the retirees' magazine Enclore and in the Chevron Retirees' website (www.chevronretirees.org). If you come to know of Chevron Retiree members from the Contra Costa Chapter who have passed away, please let us know immediately at compassion@chevronretireescontracosta.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Chevron's Graduate Holiday Luncheon:

December 4, 2015

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 22, 2016

June 20, 2016

September 26, 2016

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

Discounts & Deals:
www.chevrec.chevron.com/deals/default.asp

Chevron Matching Gift Program:
chevron.yourcause.com

Bay Area Activities for Retirees:
chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp

The Company Store:
www.chevronstore.com

Information on Medical and Dental Plans:
hr2.chevron.com/retiree/

MEMBER'S NEWS

Please send us news about you and your activities for the next newsletter!

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.

Please print your name _____ Today's Date _____

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