

Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees

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## NEXT MEETING

**Monday, February 22, 2016**

**(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**

### **Lloyd Avram National Manager, State Government Affairs**

The 2016 election season is upon us, and the future of how we fuel our country and economy is front and center in the national debate. We are pleased to welcome Lloyd Avram, Chevron's National Manager, State Government Affairs, to our February 22 lunch to speak about how political trends and energy policy affect the company and what retirees can do to have a voice in the debate.

At Chevron, Lloyd directs a national team that advocates on energy policy issues with elected officials, regulators and other key stakeholders. Prior to this role, he managed the corporation's global media relations function.

Lloyd joined Chevron in 2008 from DataPath, Inc., where he oversaw corporate and investor communications for the Atlanta-based satellite technology developer before its sale to Rockwell Collins. From 2001 to 2006, he was with Mirant Corporation, an independent, global power producer headquartered in Atlanta. At Mirant, he led all aspects of corporate and crisis communications.

Prior to joining Mirant, Lloyd held senior communications positions with global telecommunications manufacturer Nortel Networks in Dallas and Edmonton, Alberta from 1994 to 2001. He has also worked in the public sector, managing communications departments and providing counsel for government officials in Alberta and Saskatchewan. He began his career with the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Corporation.

Lloyd was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and became a U.S. citizen in 2007. He holds degrees in social sciences and media from the University of Regina. Married with four children, he is an avid road cyclist, history buff and political enthusiast. He has completed advanced management programs with Mirant Corporation and Chevron Corporation.



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**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE NO LATER THAN MAY 2  
SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A very happy, safe and healthy New Year to all our Chevron Contra Costa retirees! As I take over the job I must express my thanks to our outgoing president of two years Chuck Scanlan, and our Board members. They have worked hard to bring you informative newsletters and organize quarterly luncheon events in a very nice venue, with an interesting slate of Chevron management speakers. Most of all, these local chapter luncheons provide you with a source of camaraderie with former workmates. And speaking of 2016 Chapter luncheons, here are the key dates to enter into your calendar:

February 22

June 13

October 13

December 9 (Graduates Luncheon)

Our paid membership has been increasing for the last several years, and thanks to your many generous gifts to the Scholarship program, our balance has grown sufficiently so that we have increased the number of college scholarships again this year for our members' children, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren. Please note this year's deadline is May 2. I would like to encourage every current member to work on recruiting more members for our chapter and for our luncheon events. This is certainly an initiative this year for our Board.

Our **next luncheon meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016** at the Contra Costa Country Club.. Our first speaker of this year at this luncheon is Lloyd Avram, National Manager, State Government Affairs, Chevron Corporation. He directs a national team that advocates on energy policy issues with elected officials, regulators and other key stakeholders. Expect an update on the progress of the Chevron Advocacy Network, its 2015 successes 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.

With best wishes to you all for 2016,

Adrian D'Souza

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Steve Wilson:** I started off my first year of retirement with filling up my passport pages. I spent a week in Paris, a week in London, then a week on a tour of the Normandy Beaches. A couple months later I was in Madagascar for two weeks visiting with lemurs, then a week in Johannesburg, a week in Cape Town, and a 3 day layover in Dubai.

**Jane Doty MacKenzie:** I am currently a student at Princeton Theological Seminary, pursuing a Masters in Divinity.

**Richard Mota:** I have been active in the Gideons International, now the Secretary for the local camp here in Antioch.

**Jerry Goodson:** Enjoying retirement. Please note, I have moved to So. Cal.

**Earl M. Mason:** My wife and I just celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary. The Lord has been good to us.

**William Dal Porto:** After twenty years on the Board of the Alameda Boys and Girls Club, they've tapped me to be the Chairman of the Board starting next July for two years.

## 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:

Jared Abell  
Don Bower  
Jay E. Broadwell

Les Mitchell  
James R. Strawn  
Patricia P. Werts



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).

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our chapter's scholarship program! Because of your generosity, we are able to offer **FIVE** scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. As a reminder, our 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 extra-curricular activities. Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support organization, will select the recipients and distribute the awards. We suggest that you encourage your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren to apply for one of the scholarships as their chances of getting one are quite good: approximately 25% of our 2015 applicants received a scholarship.

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 2, 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.

The amount of each scholarship is \$2000 this year and the number of scholarships approved by the Board of Directors is five. 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 and they think highly of our company for this gift.

Application forms are available on-line on the chapter's website, [www.chevronretireescontracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org) or by calling or e-mailing: Helen Romain, 925-833-8298 or [hromain@comcast.net](mailto:hromain@comcast.net).

Thank you so much for your continued support. The past scholarship winners have been so appreciative as you may have seen in their thank you notes that we have included in previous newsletters. Remember, too, that they are good ambassadors for Chevron!

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

**Peter C. Workman:** MiMi and I moved from the East Bay to a farm in Santa Rosa in 2013. Our three grown children all completed University. Two are gainfully employed and one is taking technical courses preparing to re-enter University life as a graduate student. Our oldest and his wife had a healthy, happy baby boy last February. That was a very joyous event for all of our family. We are very happy with the pastoral life in Sonoma County. Since all the family loves gardening, cooking, and viticulture, we're lucky to have settled in the North Bay where that is a common lifestyle. We have entertained many of our Chevron friends here on the farm and hope to continue to do so in the future. We have much to be thankful for.

**Steve Semorile:** Going on eight years in Modesto. Helping out in granddaughter's first grade class once a week. Spent a week in Maui in October. Planning a river cruise in Oregon next July. Still try to run an occasional 5K race – healthy and happy.

**Judd Rogstad:** Still doing taxes for AARP tax aide, even though my eyesight is getting worse from macular degeneration. Still playing golf, though.

**Margaret Carman:** I survived my 90th birthday in August. My two daughters took me to Maui to celebrate last February. We all had a great time. I would like that to be an annual affair! I don't think it will happen unless I hit the lottery.

**William Shewry:** Bay Area retirees from the former Ortho Division of Chevron Chemical Company held their annual Christmas luncheon with 28 attending.

**Michael (Mike) Egan:** After attending classes twice a week for five months, I tested and passed the National Registry Test for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) which I perform while volunteering as a firefighter in Graeagle, California. My wife and I still drive back and forth to Sparks, Nevada from Walnut Creek to sit our 9- and 6-year-old grandchildren when the parents' shifts coincide. I'm still riding my bike, keeping active, and enjoying life.

**Art Kubal:** Sandy and I had a wonderful 3-month motorhome trip to the Canadian Maritime Provinces this past summer. Newfoundland, while remote and sparsely populated, is full of wonderful, giving folks. Just read about

## MEET YOUR 2016 CHAPTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In case you were wondering about our Chapter's Board of Directors, here's a quick summary of the 2016 Board and what each person is responsible for:

- **Adrian D'Souza** is President of the Board. He runs the Board meetings and represents the chapter at CRA Area and National meetings.
- **Bob Boenig** is Vice-President (Programs). He arranges the speakers for our chapter's luncheon meeting
- **Cathy Kerns** is Vice-President (Membership), and maintains a database with the names and addresses of our members (this data is not shared with anyone).
- **Lyman Young** is Treasurer, and maintains a record of our chapter's financial activities.
- **Joanne Clum** is Secretary, and provides administrative assistance to the Board.
- **Helen Romain** heads the Scholarship Committee. She coordinates the scholarship application and granting process.
- **Debbi Semenick** heads the Compassion Committee, which expresses our sympathy and condolences to grieving members.
- **Holly Newman** assembles and publishes the four yearly newsletters, and also updates the website.
- **Chuck Scanlan** is a Past President of our Chapter.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 22, 2016  
June 13, 2016  
September 26, 2016

### Graduate Luncheon:

December 9, 2016

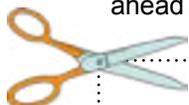


### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

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 February 22nd Luncheon

***Due: Friday, February 12th***

**Late Reservations or Cancellations: Call Cathy Kerns (925-376-8840)**

**(Circle each entrée choice.)**

Your name _____	Chicken Scallopini	Roast Sirloin	Vegetable Wellington
Guest's name _____	Chicken Scallopini	Roast Sirloin	Vegetable Wellington
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Enclose a check for \$25 per person, payable to Chevron Retirees Association. Mail to Chevron Retirees Association, P. O. Box 371, Orinda, CA, 94563.

If you have any questions regarding the luncheon, call Cathy Kerns (925-376-8840). Cancellations and late reservations must be received by Wednesday, February 17.

## WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Chevron Retirees Association, National Organization:  
[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 Activities:  
[chevrec.mybigcommerce.com](http://chevrec.mybigcommerce.com)

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

Bay Area Activities for Retirees:  
[chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp](http://chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp)

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)

Gander, Newfoundland after 9/11/2001. Fantastic people!

**Donald Egan:** Still holding on to Chevron stock and encouraged dividend isn't being cut and that the long-range picture looks like the oversupply and reduced demand will disappear in my lifetime.

**Sarah (Sally) W. Turner:** I moved to a very nice senior living facility about this time last year and am very happy here. Lots of activities and two meals a day and the best part: it's right here in Clayton, so I've made many new friends while still being near my old friends, and am still able to volunteer at the Clayton Museum on Main St. We're open Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m., so come visit us.

**Pat Harries:** Still working for J. Coupe Travel Associates. Thirty-eight years in March 2016. Enjoy cruising! Taking a Panama Canal cruise for the holidays – Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale on the Island Princess.

**David Ashe:** Hard to believe it has been eighteen years of retirement. Health is good, life is good. Fortunate to live in such a beautiful area of California. Spent four weeks travelling Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Maine. Planning a European river cruise in 2016.

### 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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