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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

**(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)**

**William P. (Billy) Lacobie, Jr.**  
**General Manager, Strategy and Planning, Chevron Upstream**

We are pleased to welcome Billy Lacobie to our February 27 lunch. He is the Chief Advisor to the executive vice president for Upstream, Jay Johnson. Billy will provide us with an overview of major Upstream projects, including the timing of progress of Gorgon for at least the first two trains, as well as the status of Wheatstone and the increasing importance of the Permian Basin.

Billy directs strategy and planning activities for Chevron's upstream segment, a role he assumed in August 2016. Prior to this, he was the general manager of asset development for the Mid-Continent business unit in the Chevron North America Exploration and Production Company in Houston, Texas.

Billy has held various leadership positions in Chevron, including in operations in Chevron Pipe Line Company, greenfield development in Angola, asset management in Indonesia and operations in the Gulf of Mexico.

He joined Chevron in 1994 as a production engineer in Lafayette, Louisiana. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1994.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has always been good to end the year with the big luncheon (Graduates lunch) that brings together members from all chapters in the Bay Area and further afield. December 2016 was no exception, with a great address to all luncheon attendees by CEO John Watson, followed by an engaging Q&A session.

We always start the New Year with our hope of a better year to come for ourselves, our families and our country. For retirees, health is a big component of a better future. By now, all retirees and survivors who are post-65 should be enrolled in medical coverage through OneExchange and transitioning into use of the new plans.

Our thanks to all who have enrolled - or renewed their 2017 membership - in our Contra Costa Retirees chapter. The fellowship lunches, informative quarterly newsletters, e-mail notifications, and retiree-specific information are some of the many benefits of membership. I get many enquiries about which Bay Area chapter is more appropriate for new retirees who worked in the East Bay: the "Contra Costa" chapter or the "East Bay or Richmond" chapter. These two chapters have separate meetings, newsletters, and membership rosters. The Contra Costa chapter has mostly San Ramon and Concord retirees, while the East Bay chapter has mostly Richmond retirees. Those with friends in both locations often join both chapters, since membership fees are minuscule. For the New Year, can you please resolve to bring into our Contra Costa chapter at least two new members from recent retirees or colleagues who worked with you or for you? Your Board members have pledged to do this as well.

I also urge you to join the Chevron Advocacy Network at [chevronadvocacynetwork.com](http://chevronadvocacynetwork.com). This network is a great way to be reminded of key items of interest to Chevron, and it provides simple check-offs on items of importance that can help each of us make a difference to the company's continued success.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Adrian D'Souza  
President, Contra Costa Chapter

## 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 A. Albright  
Ronald F. Buffi  
Harry Honstein

E. A. Murphy  
E. L. Stokes



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).

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**James Kranzthor:** Now retired for 2 years, my wife Lauren and I have moved to Cambria, California, and are enjoying the beautiful surroundings and LOTS less traffic. Our three boys are all doing well and living in San Francisco, Pleasant Hill, and Sacramento, so you will see us in Northern California occasionally. I still feel very fortunate to have been able to work for Chevron 36 years and retire comfortably. Thanks Chevron!

**Paul Forrest:** Jamie and I continue to spend 8 months a year in La Quinta (near Palm Springs) in the winter, 3 months a year in Arnold (in the Sierra) in the summer, and one 1 month a year in Maui in October. Our goal: 85 degree weather year round. So far, that strategy has worked quite well. We are lucky to have wonderful friends in all of these places. In addition, we continue to enjoy golf, good restaurants and 3 grandchildren.

Paul enjoys writing a daily e-mail blog called "The Daily Outrage" and has been doing so for over two years now. It allows him to vent his frustration with our insane political landscape.

In addition to golf, Jamie works out at our local gym a few days a week and, this year, is planning on learning mahjong.

We miss all of our Chevron friends and thank all of the company's current employees for doing such a great job. We are very proud of the high integrity and excellent image the company continues to maintain. If only the federal and state governments could do half as well.

**Susan McCollom:** Last May, I moved from Cypress, Texas to Prescott Valley, Arizona. Prescott Valley is in the mountains of northern Arizona. Not far from the Grand Canyon. I am so happy here. The weather is wonderful. Air is crisp and clean. Had my first White Christmas ever. Lots of lakes, hiking trails, wonderful people. Absolutely love it.

**Don Downey:** Enjoying retirement! Thanks to all of the co-workers who helped along the way at COPI & EPTC. This year we interviewed WWII Veterans including Pearl Harbor Survivors. Also child survivors of the Battle of Manila and Bataan Death March Survivors. Went to 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack Remembrance Ceremony in Oahu. Videos at [dondowney.com](http://dondowney.com)

**Martin Waterhouse:** Retired from Chevron after 33 years in 2015. Joined the University of San Francisco as their Director of Security Systems then recently re-retired in order to spend more time with the family both here and in the UK. My wife and I love to travel, I still like to regularly hop on my former Chevron commuting bike, noodle with technology, write a blog, play games, periodically take interesting courses and otherwise keep myself engaged.

**Lyn Arscott:** Climbed to the Everest base camp in October 2016. Altitude effect was very noticeable on my trekking speed. Contact me if you want to do this.

**Jeet Bindra:** We now live in Seattle as well as Lafayette. From early April until October we spend in Seattle and escape the winter months of cold rain from October until March by spending time in Lafayette, California. Our older son and his family live in Dallas where we have four granddaughters (aged 6 to 13). Our younger son and his wife live in Brooklyn. I serve on the Board of Directors of three public companies (Southern California Edison Co, Worley Parsons based in Australia, and Lyondell Basell based in London). I also chair the Visiting Committee of the College of Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle. Jan and I are enjoying life traveling and spoiling grandkids.

**Debbie Jones:** I am loving retirement! We did a lot of traveling in 2016 – my favorite was visiting the Hobbiton in New Zealand. I am keeping very busy and doing volunteer work with AARP income tax preparation and our local food pantry.

**Kathleen G. Henschel:** Married life again is a lot of fun! John Dewes and I are travelling a lot and enjoying working together on non-profit boards and at church.

**John W. Dewes:** Enjoying re-married life with Kathy Henschel. Lots of classical music and travel. Serving on board of Berkeley Symphony as Treasurer. Very active at my church. Reached 80th milestone!

**Pat Brack:** Following retirement, I have managed to relax and unwind plus fill up all the time I was employed at CVX with fun projects!

**Lillian Smithson:** Still working at settling my mom's estate. Went to Palm Desert for a week with my  
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daughter Georgann. Am enjoying my adult grandchildren: my daughter Lisa's three (twins that turned 20 in December 2016 and attend Sonoma U, and her eldest, Nicholas), and also Georgann's two. Am still doing special events (with Kris Lazaro).

**Ricard Scheuerman:** As members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Georgie and I marched in the 75th anniversary Pearl Harbor Day parade in Honolulu, Hawaii, on December 7, 2016.

**O. Art Kubal:** Very active in the HOA here in Sun City Palm Desert and in several clubs. I'm golfing 2-3 times per week and someday hope to shoot my age. Sandy and I spent six weeks this summer in Logan, Utah enjoying "Summerfest" activities and plan to return in 2017.

**Tom Fisher:** My wife Sandy and I retired to Steamboat Springs in Colorado to ski and travel. I'm still working on the mountain's race crew after sixteen years. Son Chris is a F-18 pilot for the U.S. Navy. Daughter Jenny is a naturopathic doctor in El Segundo. We have six grandchildren, who of course all ski or are about to.

**Dave Kochis:** Will begin my 20th year of retirement soon! Still doing well. Bass fish on a regular basis. Have become a banjo picker. And most importantly serve my Lord and Savior the Lord Jesus as the Church Administrator at Calvary Chapel of San Ramon. Connie and I just had our 52nd wedding anniversary. I am truly blessed!

**Zoltan Saary:** Retired twenty years ago, but not dead yet!

**Mary Fritz:** In June I visited my British pen pal. She and her family live in Batley, Yorkshire. We've been corresponding since we were 12 years old.

**Joseph Botbol:** I am too old.

**Tim Montgomery:** I have been enjoying being a grandparent for the last year. A few years ago I joined the board of directors of a nationwide organization which honors the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (see [www.ccclegacy.org](http://www.ccclegacy.org)). In 2016 we helped place full-size, bronze CCC Worker statues in three locations where the CCC had a major impact: Zion National Park (UT), Bandelier National Monument (NM), and Fort Missoula Regional Park (MT). Current-

ly, there is only one such statue in California (at CCC headquarters in Sacramento), but we hope to place statues soon at Diablo, Mt. Tamalpias, La Purisima Mission, and Anza-Borrego Desert State Parks to honor the young CCC workers who were instrumental in developing these resources for our enjoyment. Let me know if you'd like to help.

**Ken Michel:** Never thought I'd be saying we're moving, but we are! Jane and I both love the Low Country of South Carolina, but grandsons want us closer to attend sporting and all other events, so we have listed our home in Bluffton, SC, and moving to Huntsville, Alabama area. More later!

**William (Bill) Barnard:** We spent 22 days in October and November 2016 traveling from Lima, Peru, around the tip of South America, over to the Falkland Islands, then to Buenos Aires, Argentina. We most enjoyed seeing lots of varieties of penguins, cruising the Chilean fjords, experiencing a day with gauchos and their beautiful horses and taking in the beauty of Patagonia. We were lucky to have good weather all but one day where it rained as we were going through the Chilean fjords . . . which was still OK as we were on board an Oceania small ship. We expected it to be much colder, especially in the Patagonia region, and had lots of layers on at times . . . and let's just say, we didn't get cold!

**Dave Tucker:** In December I attended the Upstream Controller's annuitant holiday event and luncheon hosted by vice president James W. "Jay" Johnson, and a week later, the Chevron 52nd annual graduates luncheon – informative meetings and socials filled with holiday cheer. My wife Bev's cataract surgeries were completed by December 19th in time for the holidays. We have much to be thankful for at the close of 2016. We both wish all our Chevron friends a very Happy New Year.

**Patricia L. Harries:** Sailed around the warm Caribbean for the holidays!

**John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.:** Still giving tours at the Gettysburg National Military Park, PA to all sorts of groups like families and retirees, from April to November. Also have presented a lecture on President Lincoln coming to Gettysburg to deliver the immortal Gettysburg Address – 50 times in seven states and Washington

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING WITH CHEVRON EMPLOYEES

Here are some highlights of the volunteering opportunities with Chevron Humankind and events of interest put on by the Employee Networks in the first quarter of 2017:

### Highlights of the Volunteering Opportunities:

-- Women's Network Hiking; Saturday mornings, 2nd Sat each month; usually between Walnut Creek and Dublin; contact Elizabeth Stokes (Estokes@chevron.com).

-- Science Fairs:

- Judge, Hercules Middle School Science Fair, Jan 31, Hercules
- Judge, Pleasant Hill Science Fair, Feb 2, Pleasant Hill
- Judge, El Monte Elementary School Science Fair, Feb 7, Concord
- Judge, Valhalla Elementary School Science and Engineering Fair, Feb 8, Pleasant Hill
- Judge, West Contra Costa Science Fair; Feb 28, San Pablo
- Judge, Alameda County Science Fair, Mar 11, Pleasanton
- Judge, Contra Costa Science and Engineering Fair, Mar 17, Pittsburg
- EngineerGirl Essay Competition, Feb/Mar - Virtual

Non-profit Boards looking for directors:

- Ross Valley Players, contact Vic Revenko (revenkoCRA@aol.com)
- Hercules Education Foundation, contact Don Kuehne (donaldkuehne@comcast.net)

For a complete list and more information, go to our chapter's website [www.chevronretireescontracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org).

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DC to various groups including Adult Continuing Learning groups.

**Bradford McCullough:** We have goats! A few months into retirement we thought why not get two goats as pets. Also, my high-school daughter Claire and I visited Manila where I saw many work friends, then to Japan for a sister city student exchange (Berkeley and Sakai).

**Deborah McNaughton:** Enjoyed my first full year of retirement. I experienced lots of travel in the US, to Georgia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania, and abroad, with a river cruise on the Rhine. In 2017, I look forward to more travel, this time to my ancestral home of Scotland.

**Larry Thompson:** I turned 80 last year – still playing golf and tennis at Moraga Country Club. Like most of you, I have struggled through health care with One Ex-

change. Does it have to be that difficult? I now know the location of my Medicare card.

**Joye Lee McCoy:** Since Chuck passed away, I have not been on any trips. During the past thirty years he always planned a trip every month, so I have lots of pictures and memories.

**Beverly Reynolds:** Retirement in Albany, California is good. I had a hip replacement just over a year ago and it has made a world of difference. It has allowed me to take up yoga and weekly walks. The mobility will also be helpful as I will become a grandmother this spring to two grandbabies. Cheers!

**Russ Mowrer:** Sandy and I have one grandson that graduated from McGeorge Law School this year and passed his CA bar exam. Another grandson will graduate from Loyola Marymount University in May.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our chapter's scholarship program! Because of your generosity, we will be offering **FOUR** scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. As a reminder, our chapter's scholarship program begins when the 2017 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 have been about 1 in 4.

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, 2017**. 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 four. However, this may change depending on the donations of the members. 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!

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### ATTENTION: ONE EXCHANGE KAISER MEMBERS

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Mike Elgie, Chevron Retirees Association President, has information for Chevron retirees who are post-65 and members of Kaiser. "Out here in California, prime Kaiser territory, we have been hearing about a little extra rider available from Kaiser. It is called Senior Advantage Plus. It is only available in areas where Kaiser operates, and not all of them. This can be checked on the website [[kp.org/advantageplus](http://kp.org/advantageplus)]. It is primarily eligible on the West Coast."

Mike adds, "It costs \$20/month and gives a little extra coverage for dental, vision and hearing. It also has a fitness part that covers membership of associated facilities. Chevron and OneExchange have assured us that those who choose to arrange this directly with Kaiser will not affect their selected coverage or HRA."

He explains, "One can enroll via their website or call a Kaiser Member Services. Member Services can be reached on the phone by calling 800-464-4000 and following the telephone tree to Membership Services. You may also have another local number. I understand this is available for a limited period during 1Q17. If you are interested, it would be best to contact Kaiser fairly soon."

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

Monday, February 27, 2017  
Monday, June 12, 2017  
Monday, September 25, 2017

### Graduate Luncheon:

Friday, December 8, 2017

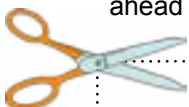


### DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

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 27th Luncheon

**Due: Friday, February 17th**

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

**(Circle each entrée choice.)**

Your name _____	Chicken Scallopini	Grilled Salmon	Vegetable Risotto
Guest's name _____	Chicken Scallopini	Grilled Salmon	Vegetable Risotto
Guest's name _____	Chicken Scallopini	Grilled Salmon	Vegetable Risotto

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 22nd.

## 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/)

ChevRec/BenefitHub (discounts and deals):  
[chevrec.benefithub.com](http://chevrec.benefithub.com)

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Our oldest granddaughter, a Saint Mary's graduate, is getting married in August. And our other two twin granddaughters are sophomores in college, one at UCLA and the other at Saint Mary's. Needless to say, Sandy and I are very proud grandparents. No major travel plans in the coming year. I stay active as a member of the Walnut Creek CREAKERS senior softball group.

**Don Ray:** I retired from Chevron Chemical on October 30, 1990 after thirty-one years of service, twenty-six years ago. I enjoy living in the same home for fifty-five years. I also enjoy volunteering at the Share Food Pantry for twenty-five years at the First Christian Church in Concord. We could use more volunteers there; call me if interested.

### 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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