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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Monday, June 12, 2017**

**(No-host social hour – 11:15 to 12:30)**

**\*\* Note change in time (30 minutes later than usual) for this meeting only \*\***

**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)**

**R. Hewitt Pate**

**Vice President and General Counsel, Chevron Corporation**

We are pleased to welcome Hewitt Pate to our luncheon on June 12th. He is the Vice President and General Counsel for Chevron Corporation, a position he has held since 2009. Hew will update us on Ecuador litigation and just a few major cases that are pending. He will also tell us about the highlights of his career from his days as a law clerk for US Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

As Chevron's chief legal officer, Hew directs the company's worldwide legal affairs and serves on the company's Executive Committee. Prior to joining Chevron, he was a long-time partner at Hunton & Williams in Washington, D.C. and headed the firm's Global Competition practice. From 2003 to 2005, he served as the assistant attorney general for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was a deputy assistant attorney general in the Antitrust Division, responsible for energy, transportation and other regulatory matters, from 2001 to 2003. In 1999, he served as Ewald Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Virginia.

Earlier in his career, he was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, for retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and for Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III. He is  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the start of an early summer and its attendant allergy season. We hope that the transition to the new health care system has settled in, and that all are taking good care of themselves and their families, with “Safety First” as we have learned from our days in Chevron.

Our quarterly lunches have seen a steady increase in audience participation thanks to the fascinating talks given by our Chevron Executive speakers. The speaker for our upcoming lunch on June 12 is very timely: R. Hewitt Pate is the Vice President and General Counsel for Chevron Corporation. Prior to joining Chevron 8 years ago, he served as the assistant attorney general for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was a deputy assistant attorney general in the Antitrust Division, responsible for energy, transportation and other regulatory matters. Earlier in his career, he was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, for retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and for Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III. As our legal system has become increasingly newsworthy, we look forward to an interesting discussion session with him.

**For lunch on June 12, do not come before 11:15**, we are starting half an hour later.

Don't forget that one of the best statistical odds (better than any lottery) for your children, grandchildren (and great-grands, if any) to help offset college costs is to apply for the Contra Costa Chapter Scholarship. This program is unique to our chapter and we encourage you to get them to apply. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Lastly, one of the hallmarks of our retirees is how much they give back to the community by volunteering their time, skills, and efforts. Chevron bolsters this good work by charitable contributions based on your volunteer time and your monetary donations. For more on this, visit <https://chevron.yourcause.com> and make your volunteer efforts go further.

Have a safe summer,

Adrian D'Souza  
President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

## LUNCHEON SPEAKER (continued)

a member of the Washington, D.C., and Virginia bars, the American Law Institute, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

He joined Chevron in 2009 in the position he currently holds. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and English from the University of North Carolina in 1984 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia in 1987.

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Peter Schmidt:** Have been volunteering with raptors at the Lindsay Wildlife Experience for almost 20 years; birds are way more predictable than humans. Burning Man now consumes a large chunk of retirement time all year round; quite a different culture than Chevron but in some regards the people are the same.

**Charlie Froese:** Marty and I have four grandchildren, all of them in college. Thanks to Chevron Retirees they have all enjoyed scholarships given by you Retirees. We and they thank you very much for your generous donations. Fortunately, I am still able to attend the luncheons, and I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

**Dave Tucker:** This year will be a year for the Tuckers to remember. February's birthdays included a milestone for my wife Bev and we are patiently awaiting the June arrival of our fifth grandchild. Our family will join in celebration of our newest member with our son James, his son Eli, and his wife Heather. In my twenty-fourth year of retirement my wife and I are continuing assisting our community, traveling when we can, socializing and enjoying times out with our family.

**Mark Heinemann:** Mark retired in July 2016. He worked for Tengizchevroil from April 2008 to May 2016.

**Donald G. Stedman:** Don is doing OK! Gay had her left knee replacement in October 2016. Then she had a congestive heart failure on December 11, 2016 and had a stent put in. She's doing fine now! We'll be married 65 years on May 17, 2017. Ain't life grand!

**Robert McCoy:** We continue to enjoy the four-season climate in New Hampshire. Thankfully our health is good and our family is nearby. 2017 will be our 50th wedding anniversary so we are starting planning for this great event.

**William Ellison:** My wife, Lenora Ellison, died March 30, 2016 – we had been married for 62 years.

**Hilario Mata:** Still enjoy traveling, playing golf, doing volunteering. Went to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity group to build homes and building 20 houses in Martinez for low-income families. Working with Suscol Intertribal Council building Suskol House in Napa County. Enjoyed working with East Bay Volunteer Center for 35 years and the Monument Crisis Center in Concord. My greatest thrill is enjoying my three grandchildren!

**Ken Haley:** We are still very active in Rossmoor. I'm still on the Board of Directors responsible for all the common facilities, serving as Treasurer. Mercifully, term limits will

ensure that I retire in 2017. My wife, Barbara, is President of our Homeowners Association, which keeps her very busy as well. We do squeeze in time for travel. We were in Spain and Portugal last fall, and we are planning to see the tulips in the Netherlands this spring and Morocco later in the year.

**Gwen Watson:** Having fun with FitBit. Haven't reached the 10,000-step goal yet, but I'm proud of the 6,000 I get most days.

**Colin Schlesinger:** My wife Cecile and I enjoy volunteering with Norcal Poodle Rescue. Let me know if you are looking for a white, fluffy, non-shedding poodle or poodle-mix. I also volunteer with Contra Costa Jewish Day School, where I am on the Board of Trustees and a past president.

**Don Waddell:** Been retired for over 2 years now! We are enjoying our vacation home in Truckee winter and summer.

**Linda Johnson:** Still working part-time at the Consumer Learning Center, enjoying semi-retired life. Our youngest is a junior in high school and we just came back from a successful Marching Band competition in Arizona over the holiday period, taking 1st place in Class 5A competition. This year will be filled with college visits as well as a trip to visit family on the East Coast.

**Irene Gullapalli:** I was a reservoir engineer and simulation engineer with ETC. I am looking for a job. I am planning to enroll in the Chevron Bridge Program. If you have any other advice about getting a job after Chevron, I would appreciate it if you could get in touch with me.

**Keith Sawyer:** Retired on September 6, 2016 after the last four years on a rotational assignment supporting Gorgon, Wheatstone, and NW Shelf gas in Perth, Western Australia – 38 great years. Now working for Avfuel Corporation half-time as of September 12, 2016. Looking forward to seeing fellow retirees in 2017!

**Roger Vogel:** In September 2016, my wife Corinne and I traveled to Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, to receive Alumni Awards for Community Service (we were in the class of 1964). The awards were in recognition of our 43 years as foster parents to over 130 children. Our two eighteen-month-old children went with us. We continue as foster parents with no plans for "retirement."

**Michael Ferris McGrath:** Just celebrated another birthday – turned 84 on January 18th. Moved from our home of 30 years to a condo in San Ramon. Life moves on . . .

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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:

E. L. Johannessen  
Rolland E. Sears



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 (continued)

**David Barlow:** The Barlow family continues to both tour and populate the world with numerous cruises and a growing progeny of 23 grandchildren and now 3 great-grandchildren and all voted for Trump!

**Linda Woodruff:** My husband Martin and I are busy working for our own company, Woodruff Design Construction, and dream about real retirement some day. Our eldest son and his fiancée are expecting a baby boy on the 4th of July. The whole family went on an Alaskan cruise together, except for my mother, who at age 90 refuses to eat out.

**Ron Buffi:** Ron passed away September 23, 2016 while playing bridge, a game he loved. He is survived by his wife Barbara and his son Steve.

**Michael D. Spafford:** I've discovered a geothermal gold vein which apparently arrived at the time Mt. Diablo was formed. I've been extremely busy working the project solo. It's amazing, there it was, right in front of me, and it's been my retirement passion ever since.

**Harry Hertless:** I am enjoying being the Administrator for the Pebble Creek HOA website in Goodyear, Arizona. Also enjoy building my own PCs.

**Richard Mota:** I have been active for the last few years handing out Bibles through the Gideons International organization, presently acting as the secretary for the Antioch-Pittsburg Camp. We meet weekly to pray for all the Christian churches and all of the public middle and high schools.

**Victoria Shore:** Had a wonderful coastal cruise on Princess Cruise Lines with my husband, and enjoyed each port of call, especially Ensenada, Mexico. Working on my quilting hobby, doing "Quilts of Valor" for Quilts of Valor Foundation, which presents the quilts to our local veterans. Any honorably discharged veteran is eligible to receive a quilt. Go to [qovf.org](http://qovf.org) for more info. To date we have presented more than 200 quilts to local East Bay and Contra Costa veterans.

**Douglas F. Hatton:** Isn't it amazing how time flies! On June 28th of this year, Jane and I will have been married 42 years (who'd have thunk it?). In July I will have been retired 17 years and our youngest son Tyler will be 36 years old (Kim, my daughter, will be 49 and Chris, my oldest son, will be 51). Wow! Even with all that going on, I can be found most mornings having coffee with a group of San Ramon locals at Attila's Café solving all the world's problems. Besides being involved with our church, I am still playing golf with "old" Chevron friends twice a week, still going to S.I.R.s luncheons once a month and still going over to Hawaii for two weeks every year. I guess you could say LIFE IS GOOD!

**Glenn W. Billman:** Still enjoying Chevron Luncheons and the chance to meet friends of many years as co-workers.

**James Gekas:** 85 years old – wow!

**Steve Semorile:** Attended my first Chevron Holiday lunch in 18 years in December. Nancy and I are enjoying retirement. Spend two days a week helping out in our granddaughter's 2nd grade class, usually doing math, but  
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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING WITH CHEVRON EMPLOYEES

### Highlights of Volunteering Opportunities with Chevron Humankind:

- Celebrate and volunteer at the Juneteenth Parade and Family Festival in Richmond on June 17  
Chevron Fire Department booth Chevron booth
- Mentoring students - Nor Cal Summit on Youth, May 10 or Junior Achievement Social Innovation Camp, May 18
- Adult mock Interviews - Stride Center May 25, ROP evening June 6, ROP Afternoon June 14
- Women's Network Hiking; Saturday mornings, 2nd Sat each month; usually between Walnut Creek and Dublin and typically 1-2 hours; contact Elizabeth Stokes (Estokes@chevron.com).

### Non-profit boards looking for directors:

- Ross Valley Players, contact Vic Revenko (revenkoCRA@aol.com)

### For a complete list and more information, click here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSIx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4>

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

also anything else that needs to be done. Also help out with the school's recess run club. Last October we spent a week at Disney's Aulani Resort in Hawaii, including a helicopter tour and a visit to Pearl Harbor. Watched our granddaughter's national cheer championships in Las Vegas in January. This year we have plans for Giants Spring Training. Will again be helping our daughter coach a U-10 softball team in Modesto.

**Paul Larson:** As many of you know, I have been living in Meridian, Idaho for 3 ½ years following a mild stroke suffered in Grand Junction, Colorado where we were to attend our grandson's graduation from high school. We had lived in Concord for 38 years following the move from Pascagoula. Boots passed away last April. Kathryn, Matt, and granddaughter live nearby.

**Michael R. Koch:** After 38 exciting years with Chevron, Ann and I chose to retire in August and return from Buenos Aires to our home in Alamo. Still in the adjustment phase of retirement but we certainly enjoy our new freedom which gives us time to travel (Antarctica trip was one of the most pure, wild, and humbling places we have ever visited). Wonderful to be so close to our daughter and her family, especially our 5-year-old grandson.

**Ed Peggs:** Our daughter is getting married this year in July which will keep us busy. Taking a trip to France in June with several friends. This year on the board of directors of Ferrari Owners Charitable Foundation with a goal to raise \$250,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

**Chuck Scanlan:** It looks like I must yield to age and nature and get a hip and/or knee replacement. The biggest problem is to find a time which is least disruptive to activities, e.g. California Symphony and Chevron Retirees Association. Hopefully they will excuse my being absent at a few meetings.

**Audrey White:** I think I have finally adjusted to being "retired." About to complete my M.Div. in preparation to serve people who are hurting.

**Walter J. Koop:** Barbara and I are well and happy.

**Allen Uzzell:** I have been working for several years with a non-profit in Richmond named College Is Real, which helps prepare high school students for college. In 2016, I was elected to the Board of Directors of Richmond Promise, Inc., which is a Chevron-funded scholarship program for Richmond residents to attend college. Both of these  
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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The deadline for the 2017-2018 Scholarship Program was May 2, 2017. We will be announcing the four recipients of the \$2000 scholarship awards at our upcoming June luncheon and we hope to have recipients, who live in the area, attend our luncheon with their parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. We will also announce the recipients in our next newsletter and on our chapter website, along with their pictures.

Past winners of our scholarships are shown on our website, as well. We have grown from granting two scholarships of \$1000 each in 2005 to authorizing four scholarships for \$2000 each this year. We are very proud of this program and could not do it without your contributions.

For information regarding the program, contact Helen Romain, hromain@comcast.net.

**Thank you again for these contributions and for the goodwill it provides to Chevron Corporation.**

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

organizations need more volunteers, and I would be happy to introduce Chevron retirees who may be interested in giving back to the Richmond community.

**Vern Hance:** Alive at 85. Still active in Northern California Kit Car Club – Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Web Flunky. Still doing auto accident investigations for PRT Associates in Orinda. Active at First Presbyterian – Concord. Hold a couple of offices there. Quit restoring cars – too hard to get up after getting under.

**Philip Zylberman:** Started playing ice hockey again after 20 years off!

**Claudia Polidori:** Volunteer tennis coach at local high school.

**Ken Main:** Enjoying retirement! Keeping busy with SIR Branch 8, travel (recent Amtrak to Denver), two grandchildren (ages 3 and 5), upcoming wedding of my youngest son (June 2017). Also, trying to focus on my golf game, staying fit and out of hospital. I would welcome an email from a Marketing colleague (mainkenneth46@gmail.com).

**Richard and Peggy Nielsen:** Still living in Cameron Park, CA. Sold our condo in Incline Village, Nevada in October, 2016. Now doing upgrades to our Cameron Park home. Still keeping in touch with several Chevron Real Estate Management colleagues.

**Arnie Lamb:** Back from Kauai in January. Daughter and family due during Easter week. Active in Rotary, and

social bridge and dining clubs. Enjoying the rain, but wishing for the warmth of summer.

**Hank McDermott:** Recently joined Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 116 in Walnut Creek – found over 30 Chevron retirees as members there, and the group enjoys weekly golf and many other activities. (If you are interested check out their web site). I am also still playing Senior Slow pitch Softball several mornings a week in Walnut Creek.

**Joan Rose:** In early 2016, I received an award from the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) Women in Security Interest Group in appreciation for outstanding and dedicated service to the Global SIG team. In July of 2016, after 49 years in Information Technology, 33 of which were in Information Security, I retired. In September 2016, my first grandchild was born and I have settled into part-time child care. I am still traveling. In January 2017, I went on a Star Trek cruise to the Caribbean, hosted by William Shatner. I am planning on a riverboat cruise down the Danube in May. After 30 years on the board of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of ISSA, I did not run for re-election in March 2017. It is nice to be retired.

**Gregory Geyer:** Volunteering at Meals on Wheels and feeding the homeless at Trinity Center in Walnut Creek (through my church Saint Matthew Lutheran). Skiing as much as possible in the winter and cycling as much as possible in the summer. Wine tasting in Napa/Sonoma as much as possible too. Overall having a great time being retired.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

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 Monday, June 12th Luncheon

***Due: Monday, May 29th***

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

**(Circle each entrée choice.)**

Your name _____	Chicken Piccata	Roast Sirloin	Vegetable Wellington
Guest's name _____	Chicken Piccata	Roast Sirloin	Vegetable Wellington
Guest's name _____	Chicken Piccata	Roast Sirloin	Vegetable Wellington

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 Monday, June 5th.

## 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)

### 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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