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## NEXT MEETING

**Monday, February 26, 2018**

**(No-host social hour - 10:45 to 12 noon)**

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

**\$30 per person (\$35 for beef) including tax, tip and door prizes  
(Note increase in price due to higher costs)**

**(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)**

### Adam Karson

#### Senior Economist Global Macroeconomics, Corporate Strategic Planning

We are pleased to welcome Adam Karson to our February 26 lunch. He is the Senior Global Macroeconomist at Chevron, where he is responsible for coverage of macroeconomic and policy issues as they relate to commodity and sovereign risk. Adam leads Chevron's short- and long-term global macroeconomic forecasting and is an internal advisor to executives and business leaders on economic issues. We look forward to Adam's presentation about how new technology, such as the introduction of electric cars and semi-trailer trucks, may affect the oil industry. Walmart and J.B. Hunt Transport, for example, already have electric semi-trailers on order. Part of his presentation will be from 30,000 feet and then he will focus on a few specifics.

Prior to joining Chevron, Adam was a Senior Director at Keybridge Research LLC, where he specialized in international economics and finance. During his tenure he led Keybridge's economic outlook and forecasting services and chaired the firm's business development committee. With more than a decade of economic advisory experience, he has a track record of helping businesses improve strategic decisions across multiple sectors and geographical markets in the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East. He holds a Bachelor's degree, with Honors, in Economics from Johns Hopkins University and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Duke University.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We hope you had a very happy holiday season in the company of friends and family. Your chapter board joins me in wishing you a very safe and healthy New Year.

My past messages have highlighted the advantages of being a member of our chapter of the Chevron Retirees Association (CRA). In this newsletter, please look at the article on volunteer opportunities available to our retirees. They are personally satisfying as a way to use your talents to give back to the community, and a good way to stay safe and healthy this year.

I was pleased that the number of questions I received regarding Chevron-assisted Medicare supplement plans, especially for Medicare-eligible retirees, fell steeply in the enrollment period in the last quarter of 2017 when compared to the year before. We have shared valuable resource links on the website at <http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup/CraBenefits.aspx> and in our chapter newsletters as well as in handouts at our quarterly chapter lunches. Please use these valuable and cost saving resources.

As you receive your annual dues payment forms, we ask that you think of contributions to our chapter's Scholarship Program that directly benefit children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of dues-paying members. The annual awards are paid directly to college tuition and are always appreciated by the recipients.

Another area for your attention – the inevitable product of our increased cost of living means that for 2018, our lunch price at the Contra Costa Country Club will increase. We have not raised our price for about ten years, but recent increased food and service charges by the Country Club make this necessary. For 2018, vegetarian and chicken selections will be \$30/person, and beef or fish entrees will be \$35. Salad, dessert and the service charge are included in the price, and the no-host bar will continue. We look forward to seeing you there on February 26!

*Adrian D'Souza*

President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Mary Overpack:** I adopted a Lab/Shepherd mixed puppy from ARF in July and named him Beau. He is now 7 months old and full of energy. He keeps me active and busy.

**Paul Forrest:** Still recovering from a mild heart attack in September 2017, followed by quadruple by-pass surgery, one valve replacement, two other valve repairs and the installation of a pace-maker. Like being hit with a Mack Truck. But nearing the end of a three-month cardio rehab effort now and feeling quite good. Lucky to be alive thanks to incredible surgeons and saintly nurses. Jamie and I are back in La Quinta, CA for the winter. Seems like we're having the best weather in the country right now. As I say, lucky to be alive. Miss all our Chevron colleagues.

**Alvin Todd:** Enjoying retirement, actually busier than when I was working. Joined CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and CART (Contra Costa County Animal Response Team). Red Cross-certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED. Joined EBARC (East Bay Amateur Radio Club) and 4Cs (Contra Costa Communications Club) radio clubs. My ham call sign is KK6QQX. Still member of Richmond Ramblers. Official computer tech for Melody, my spouse.

**John Takacs:** Carm and I have had a good 2017. Our first great-grandchild, Audrey Boone, was born in February to Angela and Kevin Boone, and our granddaughter, Lauren Ables, became a doctor in May. She is presently doing her 3 year residency at John Muir Hospital. Our grandson, Kevin

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year. As a reminder, our chapter's scholarship program begins when the 2018 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.
- Scholarship applications should be submitted to Scholarship America **NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2018**. The application may be completed online but it cannot be saved and sent directly to Scholarship America. Applicants need to remember to print out what has been completed on the application and send that by mail to Scholarship America.

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. Since the program started in 2005, we have distributed over 57 scholarships, totaling over \$82,000 and your generosity has been so supportive of this program.

Application forms are available online 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!



## 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 T. Houghton  
Stephen A. Olsen  
Robert P. Van Luchene

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).

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVRON HUMANKIND

Come volunteer with employees!! Chevron has lots of volunteering opportunities throughout the year and you are welcome to join in the fun. These are all 1-time events, no regular commitment required.

We have extracted the volunteering activities located in the East Bay that are listed in Chevron Humankind, plus Employee Network events, and put them into a document which you can access either through the link at the bottom of this article, or from the CRA Website, [www.chevronretireescontracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org).

Find something you like and sign up today. If you have an idea for a CRA volunteer activity, contact Brad McCullough ([bjcc2@comcast.net](mailto:bjcc2@comcast.net)).

It's Science Fair season - come find out what kids are thinking these days - you'll be amazed! No specific knowledge needed:

- El Monte Elementary, Concord - Feb 13; 8-11:30am
- Valhalla Elementary, Pleasant Hill - Feb 21; 3-6pm
- Monte Gardens Elementary, Concord - Feb 22; 8am-2:40pm
- West Contra Costa School District, El Cerrito - Feb 27, 1-5pm
- Contra Costa County Fair, Los Medanos College Pittsburg - Mar 16; 7am-3pm
- Alameda County Science Fair, Pleasanton; Mar 16; 2-8pm (2 shifts)
- Alameda County Science Fair, Pleasanton - Mar 17; 9am-3:30pm

For a complete list and more information, click here:

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:**

February 26, 2018  
June 11, 2018  
September 24, 2018

### **Graduate Luncheon:**

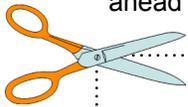
December, 2018 (date to be announced)

### 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, February 26th Luncheon *Due: Monday, 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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- For 2018, vegetarian and chicken selections will be \$30/person, and beef or fish entrees will be \$35. Salad, dessert and the service charge are included, and the no-host bar will continue.

Cost: Chicken Scallopini \_\_\_\_\_ (number of lunches) times \$30 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Sirloin \_\_\_\_\_ (number of lunches) times \$35 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Wellington \_\_\_\_\_ (number of lunches) times \$30 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check for the total cost, 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 *Sunday, February 18th*.

## 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/basic](http://chevron.yourcause.com/basic)

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

Boone, is employed by the Active Army National Guard (8 years) and spent 3 weeks on duty at the Santa Rosa fires. He is stationed at the Petaluma Armory. Our 12 year old granddaughter, Shannon Battle, is a student at Tabernacle Christian School and is active with the Walnut Creek Traveling Soccer League and the St. John Vianney CYO basketball team. Our daughter, Carole Battle, retired from Chevron after 32 years of service and her husband, Joe Battle, retired from the Contra Costa Probation Department after 22 years of service. Our daughter, Laura Boone, is a Business Coach and National Director for Veterinary Coaching and Partner at Fortune Management. I have been retired for 25 years and still enjoying every day.

**David J. "Dave" Tucker:** On November 19th I celebrated my 24th year in retirement. My wife Bev and I are enjoying life traveling, socializing, gardening, watching our five grandchildren grow and assisting people in need. All the best to my fellow retirees in 2018.

**James S. Gekas:** Slowing way down. God Bless us all!

**Kathleen G. Henschel and John Dewes:** Kathy writes: John and I had a year full of travel in 2017 – Antarctica, Brazil, Southern Africa, Washington DC, New York City, Maui with all of John's kids and grandkids, Mexico, several short trips in California, and to Europe for music festivals in Krakow, Edinburgh, and Lucerne – such a joy! We're staying home for the holidays – to get some rest!! John writes: I'm with her.

### 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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Please print your name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

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