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## NEXT MEETING

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

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

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

**\$35 per person including tax, tip and door prizes**

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

### **Bruce Niemeyer**

#### **Vice President, Strategic Planning**

(He was unable to speak at last meeting due to accident that closed Highway 680)

We are pleased to welcome Bruce Niemeyer to our September 24 luncheon. He is Corporate Vice President of Strategic Planning for Chevron Corporation, a position he assumed in February 2018. He is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the company, allocating capital and other resources and determining operating unit performance measures and targets. Bruce will describe his new role, as well as the significance of the Permian Basin at the luncheon.

Previously, Bruce was vice president of Chevron's Mid-Continent business unit. He was responsible for developing Chevron's assets in the mid-continent United States, including Chevron's significant Permian assets in Texas and New Mexico. Prior to this role, Bruce was vice president of the Appalachian/Michigan strategic business unit, where he led the company's development of natural gas from shale in the northeast U.S. He also served as general manager of strategy and planning for Chevron North America Exploration and Production Co.

Bruce joined Texaco in 2000 from Atlantic Richfield Co. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and is a registered petroleum engineer in the state of California.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

September 24, 2018

### **Graduate Luncheon:**

December 14, 2018

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We look forward to seeing you at our next lunch, September 24th, detailed in this newsletter. Our speaker could not make it for the last lunch due to a total closure of Highway 680. That has never happened before in our meeting history going back decades at the gorgeous Contra Costa Country Club venue and before that at other places. Bruce has very graciously agreed to speak instead at this upcoming luncheon.

We were so pleased to see more new faces at the last lunch and encourage you to invite your friends and colleagues!

Please join the CRA contingent Saturday October 20 for the Alzheimers Health walk assembling at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. See information in the volunteering section of the newsletter. Several of the chapters in the greater Bay Area, led by Richmond, have expressed an interest in a luncheon of good fellowship to meet other colleagues residing in other areas. This will be a smaller event different from our quarterly luncheons in Pleasant Hill and held at a central location like Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant in Emeryville. We are thinking of the April 2019 timeframe so it does not conflict with the December holiday season and the Graduates lunch, or any of our regular chapter lunches. Stay tuned.

We have a couple of openings for our Board of Directors and hope you will consider contributing your talents in our organization. The commitment is minimal, a two-hour meeting quarterly with various tasks divided among Board members. Please contact me at [dsouzaadrian@yahoo.com](mailto:dsouzaadrian@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

Please keep sharing your retirement activities for inclusion in the newsletter. We enjoy your many and varied experiences. Speaking of retirement activity, don't forget the wide range of volunteer activities that Chevron offers, including our Board of Directors activity mentioned above. Stay in touch!

*Adrian D'Souza*

President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Paul Forrest:** I am sad to advise that my son, Scott Alexander Forrest, passed away on April 19, 2018 after a two+ year battle with chronic colorectal cancer.

He is survived by his wife Lisa and their 14-year old daughter Meghan. Scott was just 49 years old. We are grateful that he is no longer in any pain and is now at peace.

**John R. Maerzke:** This 20th year of retirement took us on a ski trip to Japan in Nagano, site of

the 1998 Winter Olympics. And this spring we enjoyed a Tulips of Holland cruise followed by a road trip in Northern Germany.

**Dan Teichman:** In May, sold our house in Lafayette CA and we are moving to Austin TX. Looking forward to our new home and BBQ!

**Eric Gomez:** Alive and well! Retired at Richmond Facility, 4 years ago now.

**Dave Tucker:** This is a year of milestones for me.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2018-2019 RECIPIENTS

We are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic years. This year, because of the chapter's generosity and the board's contribution, we could offer four scholarships of \$2000.00 each. Please go to the website, [www.chevronretireescontracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org), to see more background information about this year's scholarship recipients with their pictures.



**Kaylee Gillett**, Walnut Creek, granddaughter of Gene Meyer, Walnut Creek, 1997 retiree, will be attending University of California, Los Angeles, pursuing a degree in Biology.

**Heidi Kwong**, San Ramon, daughter of Fred Kwong, San Ramon, 2014 retiree, will be attending University of California, Los Angeles, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**Eric Obenaus**, Folsom CA, grandson of Lawrence Thompson, Moraga, 1996 retiree, will be attending University of California, Santa Barbara, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**Lauren Tarica**, Atascadero CA, granddaughter of Ron Tarica, Templeton CA, 1997 retiree, will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA, pursuing a degree in Biology/Music.

From the appreciation these winners have shown, we can be very proud that we are helping the future generation with our scholarship program. Everyone's support for the scholarship program is appreciated and hopefully we can continue to grow this program.

Thank you again for your support!

Helen Romain

## MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

My firm is in its 46th season, career – now part-time – 60 years, Chevron retirement 25 years and 5th grandchild – Ezra Tucker – celebrated his 1st birthday. My wife and I are enjoying our senior tap-dancing group. Ongoing is our community service provided to clients in need and our school district's Adults with Disabilities Program. In our days we plan to spend time traveling and, of course, continue to enjoy visits with family and friends.

**Lillian Smithson:** Leaving 5/12/18 with my daughters, Lisa Savio and Georgann Cheozza to Palm Desert for 10 days. From there we are going to Mammoth Arizona to visit my cousin, whom I haven't seen since I was 12 years

old. (We've talked many times on the phone.) I want my daughters to see where I lived with my grandfather from 6 years old until 12. As so many children during the Depression, we were "farmed out." "Me too" as the saying goes.

**Lloyd and Joyce Plank:** Joyce and I have moved to Sacramento, close to our daughter. We were run out of Lafayette, CA (after 49 years) by a massive mud slide.

## 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:

Donald G. Stedman

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)).

Some highlights over the next couple of months:

- Week of Caring - Week of September 10-15 - lots of different events with lots of different volunteering activities throughout the Bay Area helping local non-profits. There is bound to be something that will interest everyone!!
- Many projects also need project leaders to help guide the volunteers.
- Helping kids get back to school through backpack drives, backpack stuffing, or mentoring
- Volunteering that is an ongoing need such as Food Banks, Animal Care, Soup Kitchen
- Network events to either attend or volunteer. If you have an interest to get back in touch with a network, let Brad know - we're getting closer to adding retirees to specific Network email distributions.
- Come to the East Bay's only Olive Festival on October 14 in Orinda. Free entry, lots of olive-related activities.
- Please help support Alzheimer's Association in all that they do for research and for local support of those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Walk to End Alzheimer's is October 20 at Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek.

For a complete list and more information, click here:

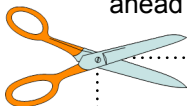
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## DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

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, September 24th Luncheon *Due: Monday, September 10th*

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

**(Circle each entrée choice)**

Your name _____	Chicken Provencal	Roast Sirloin	Butternut Squash Ravioli
Guest's name _____	Chicken Provencal	Roast Sirloin	Butternut Squash Ravioli
Guest's name _____	Chicken Provencal	Roast Sirloin	Butternut Squash Ravioli

Cost: Chicken Provencal \_\_\_\_\_ (number of lunches) times \$35 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Butternut Squash Ravioli \_\_\_\_\_ (number of lunches) times \$35 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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, September 16th*.

## 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)

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

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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