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NEXT MEETING

One of the next chances to attend a Social Hour / Luncheon in our area, see some of your retiree friends and hear Mike Wirth, Chairman of the Board, at the “Chevron Graduates 54th Annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 14th, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel California Ballroom (45 John Glenn Dr., Concord). This function is organized by the “Graduates Committee” (not part of the CRA chapter) and all Chevron and legacy company retirees, spouses & guests are welcome to attend.

The Graduates Committee has sent a notice of the luncheon and reservation details to their list of potential attendees which many of you are already on. **For those not on the list, a summary of the Graduates Committee notice and their reservation form is included in this Newsletter (page 4-6). If you wish to get on their list and receive future notices you must provide your mailing address or e-mail address (preferred) to the Graduates Committee Chair, Kathleen G. Henschel, by e-mail; kghenschel@gmail.com or phone (415) 713-9979.**

The next luncheon meeting of our CRA Contra Costa Chapter is scheduled for February 25, 2019 at the Contra Costa Country Club. Details to follow in our January newsletter.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We look forward to seeing you at our next lunch detailed in this newsletter. This annual December Graduates Holiday Lunch in Concord with the Chairman, Mike Wirth, as the speaker, is well worth attending as it brings together colleagues from all over the Bay Area. A smaller lunch for the Chinese New Year, also an opportunity to meet friends from the Bay Area, is being held in February and described in this newsletter - worth your consideration.

This newsletter also has some information about 2019 benefit updates. More information about the transition to this new administration platform will be coming to you from Chevron.

The annual dues form includes a donation line for Scholarships for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of members of this retiree chapter only. It would be nice to see more of our chapter members contribute to the Scholarship Fund. See the Scholarship article in this newsletter.

Our members may also want updated news about the well-being of our company. Tid-Bits is a bi-monthly compendium of such news edited and published by me for the retiree members nationwide. Look for it at <http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Tidbits.aspx>

Don't forget the wide range of volunteer activity that Chevron offers. Stay involved and stay in touch!

As this is the final newsletter of the year, let me wish you all a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season.

Adrian D'Souza

President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Graduate Luncheon:

December 14, 2018

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 25, 2019

June 10, 2019

September 23, 2019



COMPASSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We are happy to report that no members of the Contra Costa Chapter of Chevron Retirees have passed away since the issuance of the last newsletter.

A complete list of Chevron retirees' deaths is published quarterly in the retirees' magazine Encore and in the Chevron Retirees' website (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.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Contra Costa Chapter's scholarship program begins with the 2019 dues notice, which is included with this newsletter. As in past years, the scholarships are for one year, and awards will be based on academic merit and ability. Scholarship America, a national non-profit educational support organization, will select the recipients and distribute the awards.

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.

Students should submit their scholarship application to Scholarship America NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2019. 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. Depending on the amount of scholarship donations, the number of scholarships given out and the amount of the scholarships will be determined, probably by the next newsletter. We have given out \$90,000 in scholarships since 2005. We always appreciate your generosity and would like to total \$100,000 within the next two years, or possibly in this 2019 membership year!

We appreciate your support of this program as we enter our 14th year of offering scholarships 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. We are so proud of all our scholarship recipients and we are pleased that our members have supported our program. Please refer to our website to see the past recipients.

Application forms are available on-line on the chapter's website, www.chevronretireescon-tracosta.org or by calling or emailing: Helen Romain, 925-833-8298 or scholarship@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. Find something you like and sign up today. If you have an idea for a CRA volunteer activity, contact Brad McCullough (bjcc2@comcast.net).

Are you a knitter or crocheter? Chevron Knit for GRIP makes knitted/crocheted articles for the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) to help someone stay a little warmer this winter. Get started on your project, finish at home and turn them in to Ann Ciurczak, T-4160, by November 29.

In addition, Caring Hands at St John Vianney is looking for regular volunteers (1-4 hours/month) and training is provided. Caring Hands Ministry works with John Muir hospital to provide assistance to seniors. Volunteers are matched to seniors to help with rides to doctor appointments, shopping or just visits and be a connection to community. Contact Pat Coyle (coylempkc@aol.com) for more information.

Check out <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSIx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4> for more volunteer activities.



Chevron Graduates – 54th Annual Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 14, 2018
Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel
California Ballroom

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, California

Make your reservations today for our joyful holiday celebration.

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit with your retiree friends from all over the Bay Area and other locations.

This is a fun-filled event, long on sociability, with no other purpose than to please our participants.

We will end with our traditional awarding of door and raffle prizes.

Please join us. You'll be happy you did!

11:00 a.m. Social Hour – Ballroom and Bars Open

12:00 noon Lunch

Salad and Dessert with choice of:

Flat Iron Steak, Caramelized Fennel and Olive Relish or
Rosemary Grilled Salmon, Garlic-Lemon Butter or
Vegetarian – Spinach & Ricotta Cheese Ravioli

Master of Ceremonies – Kathy Henschel

1:00 p.m. – Chairman and CEO, Chevron Corporation

1:30 p.m. – Door Prizes & Raffle Ticket Prizes

Cost is \$40 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Make your reservations early, and in any event, before the Wednesday, November 28, 2018 deadline.

All Graduates (Chevron and legacy company annuitants, retirees and former employees), spouses, and their guests are welcome to attend. If you know of anyone who has not received this invitation and would like to attend, or, if you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Graduates Committee.

Please return the reservation form whether you are or are not attending this year's luncheon to let us know if you wish to continue receiving these announcements. See reverse for directions, parking, and other helpful information.

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Directions to Crowne Plaza Concord Hotel – 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, California

Driving Directions – Self-parking is complimentary

From Oakland - Take Hwy 24 East toward Walnut Creek. Merge onto I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left onto Diamond Blvd. Turn Right onto Concord Avenue. Turn Left onto John Glenn Drive.

From San Francisco – Take I-80 East toward the Bay Bridge/Oakland/101 North. Take Hwy 24 East toward Walnut Creek. Merge onto I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left on Diamond Blvd. Turn right onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.

From San Ramon/San Jose – Take I-680 North toward Concord/Sacramento. Take the Concord Avenue/Burnett Avenue exit. Continue on Burnett Avenue. Turn left on Diamond Blvd. Turn right onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.

From Martinez/Benicia – Take I-680 South toward Concord. Take the Concord Avenue/Pacheco exit. Go left onto Contra Costa Blvd. Turn left onto Concord Avenue. Turn left onto John Glenn Drive.



Helpful bits of information:

- Tickets, name tags and place cards can be picked up at the reception table at the ballroom door. They will not be mailed to you.
- **The ballroom and the bars will open at 11:00 am.** You can then select your table and put your place card **at your seat**, and add your table number next to your name on the list posted on the table in the ballroom foyer.
- Unfortunately we cannot reserve seats on your behalf, but if you are with a group, you can designate someone to arrive around 11:00 am to place cards or markers **at each seat** you wish to hold.
- Racks for hanging coats will be available along the walls of ballroom.
- The Social Hour will be held in the ballroom. Two no-host bars will be set up.
- Raffle tickets for hams, wine, See's candy certificates, and other items will be sold during the Social Hour - \$1.00 each. Ticket sellers will be circulating.
- Arrive early to have more time to enjoy being with your Chevron Graduate friends!

2018 Chevron Graduates Luncheon Reservation Form

Return by Wednesday, November 28, 2018

To: Kathleen G. Henschel, Chair
Chevron Graduates Committee
108 Poppy Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ (number) of luncheon reservation(s) at \$40 per person (including tax and tip), made payable to the Chevron Graduates.

Luncheon tickets, name tags and place cards can be picked up at the reception table at the ballroom door. They will not be mailed to you.

Name(s) for tags:
(Please Print)

Retired from:
(Company, Department and Year)

Luncheon Selection:

Beef _____ (#)

Salmon _____ (#)

Vegetarian _____ (#)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

For future invitations – will be held in confidence

Your luncheon tickets, name tags and place cards will not be mailed to you.

I cannot attend, but please continue sending annual announcements: Yes ___ No ___

2019 CHEVRON BENEFIT UPDATES

Part of our mission for our CRA Chapter members is to remind you of your benefits. Please read and follow the guidance for Open Insurance Enrollment that came to you in October, and updates that you can find in the Home page and Benefits section, as well as the Open Enrollment post-65 section -2018 which includes a 2019 update, in <http://www.chevronretirees.org> You also should have received a recent mailing from Chevron regarding 2019 Chevron Benefit Updates. There are changes for pre-65 retirees and post-65 retirees, **with the primary changes being for pre-65** retirees at this time. . You do need to change how your payments are made by December. My understanding is that they will no longer come from your annuity if you are paying them that way and you need to reset your bank account for direct debit.

Chevron is moving to a new benefits administration platform for the HR Service Center that includes a new website called BenefitConnect. ***At this time, the transition to the new benefits administration platform does not apply to the post-65 individual medical, prescription drug, vision or dental benefits or the Retiree HRA Plan. Read page 4 of the mailed Benefits Update insert first.*** It explains that the mailed "Important Notice" is a government-mandated notice that only applies to the Catastrophic Supplemental Prescription Drug Benefit which is provided by Chevron under the Retiree HRA Plan. **The notice does not apply to the prescription drug plan you may have purchased through Via Benefits or elsewhere.**

You can also access the BenefitConnect website but the only information that you can check on at the present time is your retiree life insurance and/or retiree accident insurance. More will come later.

For post-65 retirees, watch for additional information and instructions that will be mailed to you over the next couple of months. If you have problems with Open Enrollment that can't be handled with Via Benefits, please contact me, John Dewes, craben03@gmail.com.

MEMBER'S NEWS

Robert McCoy: Sue and I still enjoy living in New England although winters feel longer as we get older. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in October 2018 on the Big Island, Hawaii. Our celebration was combined with the wedding of my niece so we had a very nice family reunion.

Joe Reid: I retired after near 40 years with Chevron in April 2018. I spent virtually all of my career in the Tax Department. I plan on spending more time with my family - wife, 3 kids and 3 grandchildren now. I enjoy golf, travel and volunteer work (Richmond Promise and Catholic Schools.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

For questions on this special joint luncheon with the East Bay Retiree Chapter, contact John Alvarez on (925) 683-7199



February 2019 is Chinese New Year - the Year of the Pig.

Let's celebrate Chinese New Year together with a special lunch:

A 9-course Chinese meal, including dim sum, stir fry, etc.

Place - Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant
3199 Powell St., Emeryville (take Powell St. exit, head west)

Date - February 6, 2019

Social hour: 11:00 a.m. Lunch: Noon

Price - \$40, tax and tip included. No host bar. (Beers are \$7)

Reservations due by January 16, 2019

MEMBER NAME: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

NUMBER OF LUNCHEONS @ \$40 _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable and mail to: CRA – East Bay Chapter, P. O. Box 850, Pinole, CA 94564.

WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Chevron Retirees Association, National Organization:
www.chevronretirees.org

Chevron Retirees Contra Costa Chapter:
www.chevronretireescontracosta.org

Chevron Corporation:
www.chevron.com

California Initiative Program:
www.chevron.com/CA

Chevron Advocacy Network:
www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com

Chevron Matching Gift Program (also includes volunteer activities):
www.chevron.yourcause.com

The Company Store:
www.chevronstore.com

Information on Medical and Dental Plans:
hr2.chevron.com/retiree/

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