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NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 25, 2019

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

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

\$35.00 per person including tax, tip and door prizes

(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)

**Greg Hardy
National Coordinator, Stakeholder Advocacy Team**

We are pleased to welcome Greg Hardy to our February 25 lunch. He is National Coordinator, Stakeholder Advocacy Team, part of Chevron's State Government Affairs organization. In this role, he manages grassroots stakeholder advocacy programs and campaigns to protect our business through the Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN) and Chevron Employees Political Action Committee (CEPAC). Greg will be talking about the current state of political affairs

Previously, Greg was Manager, State Government Affairs in the Rocky Mountain region where he managed government, community, and public affairs in the region. Prior to that role, he held various positions where he was responsible for handling public and government affairs in Southern California, Arizona, Bakersfield, Sacramento and San Ramon. In addition, he has served in leadership roles on several business and community organization boards throughout his career.

Greg joined Chevron in 1990. He received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 25, 2019

June 17, 2019 at Scott's Seafood, Walnut Creek

(more information will be in
the May Newsletter)

September 23, 2019

Graduate Luncheon:

December 2019 (date to be determined)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to you all as we publish the first newsletter of 2019. We look forward to seeing you at our next lunch on Monday, February 25. Reservation details are included in this newsletter. Our luncheons are a great opportunity to meet former colleagues and friends from the Bay Area and are particularly recommended for the many new members who have joined our chapter recently.

Regular attendees of last year's lunches will have noted that the speakers have been very interesting. This month's speaker should be very informative because of rapid national changes. Our luncheon speaker is Greg Hardy - National Coordinator, Chevron's Stakeholder Advocacy Team. He is also the leader of Chevron's Advocacy Network, which always seeks retiree involvement to protect and enhance the interests of you and our company. Additionally, he has supported upstream and global gas organizations during his experiences in government and public affairs.

Please fill out and return the annual dues form which has gone out as an email or regular mail, as well as in the November 2018 Newsletter. The annual dues form includes a donation line for the scholarship fund which benefits descendants of chapter members only. You can refer to the Scholarship article in this newsletter for the scholarship eligibility requirements. We appreciate the members who have given to the scholarship fund, which benefits us, and we encourage all members to contribute to this unique and useful program in any way they can. Our Chapter Board unanimously passed a vote of thanks to the Chevron Graduates Holiday Lunch Committee (which includes leader Kathy Henschel, CRA National President) for their generous donation of \$1000 to our chapter's scholarship fund.

Do not forget to read the fascinating personal stories in Member's News, which is a feature in our newsletter. Our members have an amazing variety of recreational and family experiences. We encourage you to share "What's new with you" with us, and we will publish them in our newsletter.

Once again, a safe, healthy and happy 2019!

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

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:

Ralph A. Hoffmann

Patricia J. Williams

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@chevron-retireescontracosta.org.

In addition, you might want to check out the Chevron Retirees Association website (www.chevronretirees.org) for survivor information and advanced care planning. Go to Membership tab across top, then Overview. Within What Has the CRA Accomplished, go to Tools, for an excellent Survivor's Guide (which can be completed online and printed) and the Advanced Care Planning Booklet.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our chapter's scholarship program! With the amount of donations submitted so far, we will be offering **THREE** scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, our chapter's scholarship program started when the 2019 dues notice was 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, 2019**. 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 three. 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 very highly of our company for this gift. Since the program started in 2005, we have distributed over 61 scholarships, totaling about \$90,000 and your generosity has been so supportive of this program. **If you have already sent in your dues for the current year, you can still send an additional donation to Chevron Retirees Assn, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563.**

Application forms are available online on the chapter's website, www.chevronretireescontracosta.org or by calling Helen Romain, 925-833-8298.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Special thanks go to Carol Smith, the widow of the originator of our scholarship program, Stanley Smith, for her very generous donation in his memory. The past scholarship winners have been so appreciative, and this assistance is needed so much, as college costs keep rising! Remember, too, that the scholarship recipients are good ambassadors for Chevron!

MEMBER'S NEWS

Maurice J. Sandretto: I was 105 last November and feeling very, very well. Been retired 43 years!

Allen Uzzell: I have been active for several years as a Board of Directors member for Richmond Promise, a scholarship and career success program funded originally by Chevron USA Inc. Recently, I have begun serving as an advisor to a Diversity in STEM organization at Diablo Valley College, called STEM in Color. Both groups need volunteers to act as mentors, coaches, role model speakers, so please contact me if you have an interest. I also provide occasional

services to College is Real, a college success program in Richmond. College is Real is also in need of mentors, so please contact me if you are interested. aluzzell@comcast.net (925) 856-7765

Kathleen G. Henschel: Another great year of travel for us—to Australia and New Zealand and cruising in the Baltic and the Adriatic. Chevron Retirees Association takes a front seat for both of us, as President and as Interim Benefits Committee Chair.

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MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Lloyd G. Plank: Joyce and I lost our Lafayette home due to the massive mud slide of 2017. We have moved to independent living in Sacramento near our daughter.

John J. Fitzpatrick Jr: Still giving tours at Gettysburg every year from April 15 to November 10.

Darsh Bhuta: I retired in 2016 from AMBU business unit. Now I founded a company, Clean Energy Roadmap, that provides consulting services. I teach Bikram Yoga and play golf.

Larry J. Oliver: Retired in September 2018 and moved from Houston with my wife, Mendy, to Alamo. Daughter, Katherine, a nurse, was married in May and lives in Dallas. Son, Ryan, works for Oronite as an engineer in Richmond and lives in Oakland.

Jalal Afifi: Sports-joined a soccer team; Travel-been traveling in the U.S. and overseas once every quarter; Working out-go to the gym 5 times a week; Community Service-am director at Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary International Club and director and treasurer at Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary Foundation; Networking-joined the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce; Helping out-simplifying financial decisions for and helping people with their investment questions as I am also a wealth advisor.

James (Jim) O'Brient: Busy with our Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley and our many local service projects that span Contra Costa and Alameda counties. I am currently on the Board of Directors and serving as Membership Chair. Enjoying trips to see our 7-year-old grandson, Liam, in Southern California. Also take day-long bike trips in the Bay Area, Carmel and So. California with a group of retired CVX geologists and

geophysicists. Just finished a major remodel of kitchen and garage, so back to more travel now.

Dave Kochis: Still enjoying retirement and still live in Danville. Into my 7th year as church administrator for Calvary Chapel of San Ramon. Enjoy bass fishing on a regular basis. My banjo pickin is sounding pretty good!

Jackie Martsching: I'm still working as an internal auditor for Del Monte Foods, Inc.

Robert (Bob) Wilkenfeld: Retired in May 2018 and have been filling my calendar with travel, hiking, lunches with former colleagues and wood carving classes.

Ed Peggs: Busy the last two years as a board member and rally chair for Ferrari Owners Charitable Foundation. Raised over \$700,000 for Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area from 2017-2018. Always looking for sponsors. Lots of travel, fishing and driving.

V. Kenneth Michel: Jane and I are still living the "good life" of retirement closer to our two grandsons in north Alabama. Lots of baseball and football games to watch!

W.G. (Bill) Hohlt (S&D 1999): Still living in Ely NV and am Volunteer Conductor at the Nevada Northern Railway, a national historical landmark (www.nnry.com).

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 with 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).

For a complete list and more information, click here:

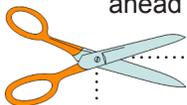
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DIRECTIONS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY CLUB, PLEASANT HILL, GOING SOUTH

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, February 25th Luncheon *Due: Monday, February 11th*

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

(Circle each entrée choice)

Your name _____ Chicken Scaloppini Grilled Salmon Vegetable Wellington
Guest's name _____ Chicken Scaloppini Grilled Salmon Vegetable Wellington
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Cost: Chicken Scaloppini _____ (number of lunches) times \$35 = \$ _____

Grilled Salmon _____ (number of lunches) times \$35 = \$ _____

Vegetable Wellington _____ (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, February 17th*.

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

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.

Please print your name _____ Today's Date _____

Email to newsletter@chevronretireescontracosta.org or
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