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NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2019

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

Venue Change
Scott's Seafood
(Contra Costa Room)
1333 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA

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

(This price is subsidized by the Chapter)

Arthur Lee
Chevron Fellow and Principal Advisor, Climate Change

We are pleased to welcome Arthur Lee to our June 17 lunch. He is Principal Advisor, Climate Change, part of Chevron Corporate Health, Environment and Safety. He is also a Chevron Fellow in the area of Air Quality and Carbon Management. Early in his career at Texaco, Arthur participated in and led direct advocacy efforts via the American Petroleum Institute and other business groups on the US Clean Air Act regulations in hazardous air pollutants and criteria air pollutants. Since 1998, Arthur has focused on energy and greenhouse gas emissions management. This has included the first corporate inventory protocol for emissions accounting, emissions analytical and carbon price forecasting processes for major capital projects, and strategy planning and technology deployment.

In 2008, Arthur received recognition for "contributing to the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He continues to participate as an industry expert in the IPCC, writing reports, providing reviews and has served as the review editor. Arthur was a member of the US Government federal advisory committee responsible for developing the Third National Climate Assessment, which was published in 2014. He received a letter of recognition for this work from President Barack Obama.

Arthur joined Texaco in 1993. He received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from California Institute of Technology.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

June 17, 2019

September 23, 2019 (Contra Costa Country Club)

Graduate Luncheon:

December 13, 2019



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We start off with a safety message. Summer is the season for travel. Drive safe and have a very safe and happy summer with friends and family.

Please note that our next luncheon is at a NEW LOCATION – Scott's in Walnut Creek. It is easy to access right off the Walnut Creek freeway intersection. Our usual venue is busy with a golf tournament.

This time I would ask every reader to not just sign up as a member, but to make it a personal goal to enroll at least one of your Chevron retiree friends as a CRA member. Please try to do this in the month ahead.

We would really like to hear from you on other ideas you may have to increase membership. There have been new retirees from San Ramon. Typically, new retirees look for things to do about six months to a year after retirement; after they have taken care of their most immediate needs. Several retirees from 2018 have e-mailed me recently about joining. Our response as always – All are welcome!

We would alert you to the many benefits to Chevron Retirees that you all knew and enjoyed as Chevron employees. They include recreational and other discounts through Chevron Recreation, perks and other benefits. The best place to look for all these benefits is at this link on our retiree web site:

<http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup/CraBenefits.aspx>

Enjoy the benefits of Chevron Retiree-hood and your summer,

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

MEMBER'S NEWS

Leslie Berry: Retired life allows time to have a dog. I am President of the Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club, in Concord (come train with us). My Australian Shepherd, Kitty Hawk, keeps me busy. We competed in agility and currently focus on obedience related events. We were invited to the National Finals with the 'Australian Shepherd Club of America' and won the Championship for Novice Obedience last September. Unbelievable!

John Maerzke (Corp PS 1998): It's ski season for which I wait nine months each year unless I score a trip to the Southern Hemisphere. Just home from skiing in Val Gardena in Italy's Dolomites with the 70+ Ski Club.

Gerardo Peniche: During my first year retired (2018), went to Cancun, Guadalajara (3 times), Ayutla Jalisco - which is where my wife was born, visited several magic pueblos in Mexico, took a 3000 mile road trip with family across the western USA (which was just beautiful and unforgettable), and to finish the year we spent 14 days in Israel - another incredible trip.

In addition to traveling, I have volunteered and partnered with several non-profits which allows me the opportunity to give back and bless others as I have been blessed.

I am also working on creating a cyber security course for the elderly in the San Ramon area to help them protect from various actors trying to steal data/info while using their technology.

Lastly, I am interpreting (as I am fluent in Spanish) in the tri-valley in the medical industry and the various school districts throughout. Truly enjoying it.

In 2019, plans are to do some remodeling to the house, continue my volunteering, teach and travel to Sedona, Australia and a take cruise which embarks in Chile and disembarks in Argentina. Retirement is busy and fun!!!

Don Downey: Keeping busy as video historian for the local Pearl Harbor Survivors group. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the 1928 Standard Oil of California beacon on Mount Diablo's light was extinguished during the West Coast blackout. It stayed dark until Pearl Harbor Day 1964, when Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz relit the beacon and suggested it be illuminated every Dec. 7th to honor those who served and sacrificed. Join us December 7th 2019 at the Cal State East Bay campus in Concord. The lighting of the beacon will take place at 5 p.m. and once lit, will shine all night.

Steve Woehleke: I was elected to the Moraga Town Council in November for a four-year term, building on my 20 years plus of volunteer town support on several commissions and boards. I'm very active in the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, along with Chevron retirees Jim O'Brient and Mike Metcalf. I play tennis regularly with Chevron retiree comrades, and we hike and back-

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2019-2020

The deadline for the 2019-2020 Scholarship Program was May 2, 2019. We will be announcing the three recipients of the \$2000 scholarship awards at our upcoming June luncheon at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek, June 17, 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. As you know, we have grown from granting two scholarships of \$1000 each in 2005 to awarding over 60 scholarships last year. Our program is the largest of the Chevron Retirees organizations. We are very proud of this program and could not do it without your contributions. We again want to acknowledge the spouse of the originator of the program, the late Stanley Smith, for her continuous support and very generous donations.



For information regarding the program, contact Helen Romain, hromain@comcast.net. We always encourage contributions to the program from those of you who haven't contributed yet, as well as additional contributions from those who have already contributed, and these can be sent to CRA, P.O. Box 371, Orinda CA 94563.

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

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:

Steve A. Cavazos
James L. Seavey

Harry Hertless
Forrest M. Smith

John F. (Jack) McGuire

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.

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pack as opportunities arise.

Steve Semorile: Starting our 12th year in Modesto. Continue to volunteer at granddaughter's school once a week. Took riverboat cruise from New Orleans to Memphis in 2018. Plan to cruise the Rhine River in 2019. We sponsor granddaughter's softball team that is coached by her Mom. This year will include a travel team representing Modesto.

Lewis M. Cook: Maintaining my active work in astronomy. Still writing a monthly article for the Ka'u Calendar newspaper on the Big Island. Just submitted my 153rd article: www.kaucalendar.com/news/01_9p4.html. Enjoying retirement and grandsons.

Donna A. Cook: Working on my fourth book, soon to be published. First three can be found under Donna Gholson Cook on Amazon.com. Enjoying retirement and watching three grandsons grow up. Two are already in high school!

Linda Johnson: Still enjoying semi-retirement. Our youngest started college in the Fall at San Francisco State University. Our oldest son and his wife are preparing for a job transfer to Utah. I am still a part-time employee at the Consumer Learning Center, which gives me the freedom to have a very flexible schedule. We travelled to England, Ireland, and Scotland this summer and are looking forward to a trip to Spain this coming summer and perhaps Japan in the Fall.

Elaine Sights: I was a victim of the Northern California Camp Fire on November 8, 2018. My home was completely destroyed. I was able to evacuate with a few changes of clothing in a carry-on suitcase. That is all I was able to escape with. All of my pictures and valuable documents were lost. I am currently living with my brother and his wife in Murray, Utah. I was one of the fortunate survivors as I had family who took me in. My plans are to return to

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California and to rebuild on my property.

David J. Tucker: FYI, received word from retiree Richard "Dick" W. Foss living in East Wenatchee, WA. He will celebrate his 90th birthday June 14.

Douglas Hatton: Still living the good life; still in San Ramon.

Christopher Bluhm: Enjoying retirement (1+ years). Splitting time between Danville and Carlsbad. Taking viticulture classes at Las Positas College in preparation for planting a small vineyard in our backyard.

Jeff Stemke: Having a blast: New home in Crow Canyon Country Club, lots of remodeling projects (built a great bookcase cabinet in new office). Three very cute granddaughters (wife too!). Getting into the software business (again?). Created a next-generation sharepoint team site with loads of features. Just launched Visual-Knowhow.

Deborah McNaughton: Enjoying lots of travel with retirement. In 2018, I visited Morocco (I have a son who lives there) and Spain. I keep busy with my passion for genealogy. I am on the board of the CCC Genealogical Society (CoCo County). I enjoy tracing my Sottish ancestry. In 2017, I toured the Highlands of Scotland tracking my roots. In 2019, I have a Viking Ocean cruise planned to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Cheers!

Nicholas Haritatos: Nancy and I are selling the house we have lived in for 57 years and moving in with our daughter. The new house does not have very much storage space, so we are in the process of deciding what to keep and what to get rid of.

Russ Mowrer: I will be a great grandfather in May! I completed radiation treatment for prostate cancer in October and Sandy and I went to Hawaii (Maui) to celebrate with a few Mai Tai's. I'm still an active Walnut Creek Creaker softball player but I retired as the Registrar. Retirement is great. Wonderful seeing everyone at the Graduates Christmas lunch. See you at the next meeting.

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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:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSIx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CyybbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4>

I email this list out about every 2 months to a distribution list of retirees. If you'd like to be on that list, send me a note (bjcc2@comcast.net).

Some highlights:

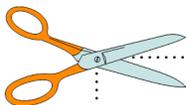
- Dinner with a Scientist– 2 Dates - Mon., May 20 or Tues., May 21, 5-8 pm, Oakland
Oakland Unified School District's Dinner with a Scientist are semi-formal dinners that connect Oakland science teachers and students with local scientists. As a featured scientist, you have the opportunity to share about your scientific journey and experiences. The goal of the event is to encourage and support science teachers as well as inspire a generation of future scientists.
- "How We Solved It" Career Panel; Virtual; June 4 - Aug 13; 1:00p-2:00p; 17 dates available Tues/Thurs plus attend a prep session a week before at 8:30a; Share your education and career experiences with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) teachers by participating in a live-virtual panel. The teachers will then use what they heard to better mentor their students.
- STEM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! "Shark Tank" Style; May 24; 5:15 - 9:00 pm; Dublin
Dublin High School's top engineering students will participate in a "Shark Tank" style program and we are looking for volunteers who will help judge the presentations or showcases. The students will be presenting to a panel of industry judges for prizes and bragging rights and the top teams will showcase their designs for prizes. The competition will be fierce! Dinner will be served.

DIRECTIONS TO SCOTT'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, WALNUT CREEK, GOING SOUTH

From I-680 South, take the North Main Street exit toward Walnut Creek. Keep right to take the North Main Street S ramp toward Bart/Downtown. Merge onto North Main Street and stay in the middle lane. You'll veer slightly to the right to go onto North California Boulevard. Stay on North California Blvd for .87 miles, then turn right on Bonanza. Make a left into the first driveway at The Plaza. This is the entrance to the complimentary valet parking for Scott's Seafood. The signage above the lot shows 1333-1331.

DIRECTIONS TO SCOTT'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, WALNUT CREEK, GOING NORTH

From I-680 North, take Olympic Boulevard exit. Turn right off the freeway onto Olympic and get in the left hand lane (not the far left lane as it forces you turn). Continue through two traffic lights. At the second traffic light, turn left onto South California Boulevard. Continue on South California Boulevard and make a left onto Bonanza. Make another left into the first driveway at The Plaza. This is the entrance to the complimentary valet parking for Scott's Seafood. The signage above the lot shows 1333-1331.



Reservations for Monday, June 17th Luncheon *Due: Monday, June 3rd*

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

(Circle each entrée choice)

Your name _____

Chicken Piccata

Grilled Salmon

Guest's name _____

Chicken Piccata

Grilled Salmon

Guest's name _____

Chicken Piccata

Grilled Salmon

Cost: \$35.00

Number of lunches: _____

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 Monday, June 10th.

Luncheon survey question:

Do you have a preference for Chevron speakers over non-Chevron speakers? Yes No

Background to survey question: It has been the practice of the Board to get Chevron speakers for our luncheons. Occasionally, we have gotten a non-Chevron speaker and have noticed that attendance at that luncheon is less. We would like to get input from luncheon attendance to guide our future selections. Please feel free to add comments.

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

Chevron Energy Transition:
chevron.com/energyconversation

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Wes Lohec: Enjoying retirement since June 1, 2018.

Sandra Garcia: Starting eighth year as retiree. Never thought I would say those words. Camping, travel, hanging out with friends and family. Life is good.

Geoff Thorpe: Retired from Corporate Tax in April 2018 with 20 years of service (1987-1995, San Francisco; 2006-2018, Concord and San Ramon).

Brad McCullough: Having lots of fun volunteering for many organizations golfing, quilting and other things. Most of my time volunteering is spent with Chevron Retirees Association at both the National and Chapter level. Great people; you ought to consider it.

Judith Shah: My husband Surendra Shah passed away on January 6, 2019, after a long illness.

Patricia Harries: Still working as a travel consultant--41 years as of March! Travel (mainly cruises) as much as possible.

Dean Adkins: Since retiring in May 2018, I've spent quite a bit of time with my two children. I've traveled extensively and gotten into much better physical shape through better diet and exercise. Took up mountain biking as well as road biking. Spent quite a bit of time at my second home in Paso Robles.

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
Mail to Chevron Retirees Assn. P. O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563