



# The Report

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## THE JUNE 15TH LUNCHEON HAS BEEN CANCELLED

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, this is sure an interesting time... I hope that everyone is healthy and riding this pandemic out safely and in the best possible way for your mental health. Anyone taking up a new hobby?

I am definitely looking back and feel blessed that I chose Chevron as my employer back in 1979 – not knowing at age 21 how important a very strong company is with a defined pension plan and retiree benefits, a strong community service ethic, and the opportunity to work with a cadre of interesting, intelligent, and genuinely nice people from around the world.

My daughter landed her first job out of college. She just started as an RN in San Francisco on the Telemetry Unit which are usually cardiac and renal patients, but they converted part of that unit to be for the possible COVID-19 patients. She has not had that many possible COVID-19 patients, but the ones that she has had she's been masking/gowning up, going through all the safety precautions. What a time to be starting your career. Kind of like starting at Chevron today, or in the late 90's when oil dropped back below \$10/bbl!

We have had to cancel our June luncheon and postpone the Bancroft Gardens tour. However, we are planning on holding the tour in the Fall and with recent developments are hopeful that things continue to improve and our September luncheon will be possible. We will have more information on both of these events in our 3rd quarter newsletter that will come out in August.

I am glad that we were able to get in our two luncheons during February without incident. We had a great time mingling with friends and enjoying the presentation and conversation with our speaker, Cary Knuth. The cross-chapter luncheon celebrating Chinese New Year was again a very popular event with about 65 attendees (is your bamboo plant still alive?).

I would like to encourage everyone to give us your email so that we can send information to you electronically. There are times when we want to reach out and let people know about something that has a short timeline (like the increased matching that Chevron sponsored for April, or a cancelled event). To send something out through US Mail is very expensive for us because we have a large number of people on our list and so we usually only include those items in our newsletters,

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and only if the timing fits. Email notifications, however, are easier and very timely.

Do you have kids or grandkids that could use a scholarship? One of the benefits of being a member of the Contra Costa Chapter is our scholarship program, generously funded by your fellow chapter members (thank you everyone!). We have extended the application period to May 15 and the odds of obtaining one of the 3 scholarships is usually around 1 in 6 (depending on the number of applicants).

Thank you to all our board members that make everything happen! We have a new member on the Contra Costa Chapter Board, Tricia King, welcome Tricia! I would like to keep adding more benefits to you, our members. More volunteer board members add diversity and skills, spreads out the work, and brings in more ideas of what we can do. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact me.

If there is anything that you would like to see different in the Chapter, any events you would be interested in seeing us arrange for the members, any thoughts or ideas, please reach out to me.

Stay safe, healthy, and sane, and be of service to yourself and others.

Brad McCullough  
President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:**  
September 21, 2020

**Graduate Luncheon:**  
December 4, 2020



## TIDBITS

*Tidbits* is a bi-monthly collection of articles, excerpts, and items of interest taken from Chevron news releases and other media sources, along with a little bit of humor. It is published on a bi-monthly basis by the Chevron Retirees Association and can be found at <http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup/Tidbits.aspx>

## MAY 15 APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Hopefully you received an email recently to let you know that the 2020-2021 Scholarship Program application deadline was extended to May 15 (rather than May 2) because of the Coronavirus pandemic. In that email new instructions were listed for submitting a scholarship application. You can also check on the chapter website for those changes.

This year we will be awarding 3 scholarships for \$2000.00 each. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our June luncheon so we will not be able to invite our local scholarship recipients to the luncheon for you to meet. We will, however, 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](mailto: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:

Glenn W. Billman  
Newton B. Drury  
Mary G. McDonald

Robert M. Moore  
Josef A. Scherrer  
Caroldean L. Shinnick

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@chevron-retireescontracosta.org](mailto:compassion@chevron-retireescontracosta.org).

## MEMBERS' NEWS

**John & Debbie Cullison** - Not much has changed. Still Chairman of the Board of Liberty Bank in SSF. My uncle passed away two year ago, and now I'm a trustee of his trust. Lots of work but keeps me busy. We moved to Santa Rosa in November of last year after 40 years in Concord. Just love it here. We're out in the country at the base of Hood mountain. The previous owners had to evacuate during the 2017 fires but nothing near us in the 2019 fires. AAA renewed my homeowners insurance without a big increase, so I guess they are comfortable with the area. My sweet wife, Debbie, a third generation Chevron employee, and I just celebrated our 50th anniversary. No big trips planned as of yet.

**Robert Huntoon** - Still enjoying good health and the Oregon Coast! "All the Best."

**George Schmidt** - Jane and I are enjoying playing gold and traveling. We took a Viking River Cruise (our third) to Paris and Normandy this year. We have booked a tour for 2020 on Holland America, which starts in Venice then on to Croatia, Istanbul, Turkey, then to the Greek Islands and Athens.

**Linda Johnson** - Very busy year. Retired for 11 years and this past April, my husband Scott joined me as a Chevron retiree after 38 years with the company. Traveled to Spain fo one older son's church wedding and then to Tokyo, Japan to see our younger son off to his study abroad program. We had some side trips to Arizona for Spring training, Tahoe, Carmel and Palm Desert.

**Claudia Starks** - I have a four-month old granddaughter! She and her parents are living with me. This is the end of my first week of retirement so you know where my headspace is there. I will say, I retired at the right time. I am very happy with my decision and so is my body.

**Don Meehan** - I've been away from Chevron for nine years and life continues to be good. We've done trips to Europe and the East Coast and visits to the wineries in Napa Valley. As long as we're vertical, we'll keep doing so. As long as we have our health, there's little reason to complain. Good luck and many blessings to my fellow Chevron retirees.

**Kathleen Henschel & John Dewes** - Still enjoying life, service, and social activities. Travels this year included three weeks in Florence, a marvelous experience, and Cuba—most educational!

**Jon H. Smith** - Many thanks to Kathy and all Chevron retiree volunteers. Best wishes to all Chevron retirees for a blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2020!

**Charlie Hatfield** - I am enjoying creative loafing but I have nieces and nephews doing all sorts of interesting things. My nephew has his own IT company, customizing computer systems for doctors and dentists. My niece and her daughter own a travel agency. A great niece is assistant manager of a Disney hotel at Disney World. Another great niece and her husband are employed by the National Trust in England, conducting tours of estates and palaces and other heritage sites. Still another great niece has just opened her own art studio/gallery in the Aerospace area. A great nephew works for UPS at their international air hub in Louisville.

**Dave Tucker** - 2019 was another busy year! Our travels were light as we stayed in town to replace flooring in our home of 41 years and renovate plumbing, appliances, yard fencing and the home's air conditioning system. Our social calendar of organization meets and visits with family and friends was highlighted by a grand dinner party to celebrate my 80th birthday. My wife, Bev, and I continue our community involvement to help others. This year will be the twenty-sixth year of my retirement from Chevron. To all we send our

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best wishes for health and prosperity in 2020.

**Ron Tarica** - Still teaching my classical music appreciation classes to senior citizen in several cities each week here on the Central Coast. Also, still CFO and Business Manager for non-profit arts education agency, Young Imaginations, in San Rafael, which gets me up to the Bay Area every to months for board meetings. This allows seeing son's family in Los Gatos and other friends in the area. Grandkids here are now sophomore and Cal Poly and junior in Atascadero High School, both active in music. Retirement stays busy but many fewer kids sports activities.

**Waren King** - My wife, Sue, spent the better part of 2019 writing a book, which has just been published. Titled "Questions From The Pews", it deals with questions that she repeatedly encountered during her pastoral ministry after she left Chevron. Each chapter delivers an in-depth but concise narrative on a given topic. I think it's a great book, but I'm a little biased. It is available on Amazon.com.

**John Driscoll** - Since retiring in Q4 2018, I have enjoyed substitute-teaching in the West Contra Costa Unified School District part time. Also I am working on improving my golf game, and spending time in Tahoe with my wife Peggy. Last summer we had a great time in Ireland visiting with family and also a trip to Greece.

**Peggy Driscoll** - I am having fun with my favorite hobbies in retirement: sewing, piano, drawing. I'm active in two sewing guilds, one for garments and the other quilting. This year I will be learning machine embroidery. Also I enjoy Tahoe with husband and family.

**Yvonne Wolf** - Newly retired in June of 2019 after 35 years with Chevron, I'm still trying to adjust to retirement and find myself kindof lost and wandering some days, but finally think I'm getting the hang of retirement and certainly enjoy sleeping in instead of getting up at 4:00 am to go to work. I'm keeping busy making handmade leather purses (which are for sale if you're interested), and in trying to keep my garden weed-free. Hope to see some familiar faces at the Retiree Lunches.

**Patricia Harries** - Still working as a travel advisor (over 40 years). Hope things improve so people can enjoy seeing our amazing world again.

**Laura Thompson** - I reside in Walnut Creek with my husband, George Gutierrez, who is also a Chevron retiree. While our retirement has not worked out exactly as we had planned due to George's chronic pain and mobility challenges, we are thankful to live in the Bay Area with all that it has to offer. We enjoy spending time with family and friends and appreciate not having to get up to the alarm clock at 5 am!

**E. James Owens, Sr.** - Still living in Rossmoor, Walnut Creek and am enjoying weekly visits and luncheons together with three of my five children who live in the Bay Area.

**Arnold Lamb** - Still enjoying retirement. Last September, took a cruise from Quebec to New York with many stops on the way. Enjoyed Quebec, Halifax, Charlottetown, Boston, and New York. We stayed with our daughter and her family, particularly with our young granddaughters.

**R. H. (Richard) Towne** - Last note from us (Dick and Janet Towne). We are no longer in the Contra

## MEMBERS' NEWS (continued)

Costa Chapter since we moved to Utah. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in California as Dick is a native Californian. We will miss you all but have fond memories of the company and our dear friends, Standard stations, marine station (Hyde St Pier), Wholesale Marketing Office SF, 130 Sutter St Accounting Office, Concord Center, 555 Market St and San Ramon (Chevron Park). All these places are now gone, of course, but the memories are still there. Hope this note finds you all well as you can be at our age. Hello to all my friends and fellow workers that are still out there and have a good year.

**Elodiea (Lodie) Dixon** - My husband, Bob Dixon, passed away August 3, 2019. He served as President of CFCU for many years after Ken Boers retired. In those days Chevron employees headed the credit union.

**Jeffrey Carvalho** - I've been playing ukulele with the Melody Minstrels at the Dublin Senior Center. We play around 10-12 gigs a year at various retirement homes and senior centers around the Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon area. We also play the Dublin Splatter Festival every year. I have also been playing solo acoustic guitar at Open Mic night at Pinot's Palette in Livermore most Wednesday nights. I also perform as the opening act for friends at the occasional gig around the area.

**Ed Peggs** - Welcomed our first granddaughter, Teagan in August! Also in 2019 got a cabin in the town of Clio.

**Maria Morton** - At this time, I have sad news. My husband, Ronald Morton, passed away October 6 from an accident.

**Anna M. (Ann) Cole** - I especially want to know about Chevron news that might pertain to me. I do not have a computer or smartphone, etc. Too late to start at 100!

**Jerry J. Goodson, Jr.** - I began the year with the dreadful news that I have stage 4 metastatic prostate cancer that spread to my bones, lymph nodes and spine. I had taken a PSA test but was not notified back in September that it was high at 175. I went again in January for another PSA test and it was 1730. I was told on January 21, 2020. I encourage all you men out there to get your PSA test yearly, as it could save your life.

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVRON HUMANKIND

With the pandemic, most group volunteering has stopped and so the Chevron Humankind volunteering list that we produce has not been updated. There are still volunteering opportunities out there – local food banks, non-profits board positions, making fabric masks, checking in on neighbors (especially the elderly) – plus, always needed are blood donations and monetary donations. Please do what you can for others, to grow and improve the larger community. Doing so also helps you continue to grow in retirement. And if you are in need, reach out to us – we are a large community of Chevron Retirees willing to help each other.

We had 54 people attend the luncheon on February 24 (see below). That is a lower number than average and we are hopeful that number will increase for future luncheons. Congratulations to our wine bottle winners: Lisa Savio, Bev Tucker and Don Bea.

FULL NAME	FULL NAME
Bea, Alene	Knuth, Cary
Bea, Don	Kohlmeyer, Dennis
Boenig, Bob	Kowalski, Roxann
Boortz, Marielle	Leitgeb, Joe
Callahan, Georgia	McCullough, Brad
Canepa, Denise	Muth, Larry
Clum, Joanne	Nance, Norman
Coppock, Roxanne	Newman, Holly
Day, Larry	Oliver, Larry
Dewes, John	Reid, Joe
Dotterer, Marlene	Romain, Helen
Dotterer, Rick	Savio, Chris
D'Souza, Adrian	Savio, Lisa
Egan, Michael (Mike)	Schlesinger, Colin
Ferree, Jacalyn	Schultz, James
Fryer, Gary	Sherman, Terry
Guthrie, Ann	Smithson, Lillian
Guthrie, Ben	Springer, Kent
Harrison Jr, Ralph (Burt)	Tucker, Bev
Heinemann, Mark	Tucker, Dave
Henschel, Kathleen	VanDerZanden, Dan
Hori, Glenn	Vargas, Hugo
Hughes, Doug	Vest, Linda
Javinsky, Marty	Williams, Donna
Kamal, Med	Wood, Andrea
King, Tricia	Zipursky, Lorne
Knaus, Christopher (Chris)	

## 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 (also includes volunteer activities):  
[www.chevron.yourcause.com](http://www.chevron.yourcause.com)

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)

Chevron Energy Transition:  
[chevron.com/energyconversation](http://chevron.com/energyconversation)

## BENEFITS UPDATE

The Chevron Benefits Committee tracks and provides information to retirees via the Chevron publication, Encore. You will want to check this website periodically to ensure you are up to date on changes to benefits as well as discounts you are entitled to as a retiree. The Benefits Committee has also developed several resources you may find very helpful. Be sure to check out the Benefits Guide, Advanced Care Planning, and Personal Planning Worksheet that can help you organize and record personal and financial information for your survivors. You can get to these documents and lots of other retiree information by going to [chevronretirees.org](http://chevronretirees.org) and clicking on 'CRA Benefits' under Committee-developed Resources.

Visit the Chevron Advocacy Network website ([chevronadvocacynetwork.com](http://chevronadvocacynetwork.com)) to sign up for CAN and find information on climate change, electric vehicles, and who actually owns Chevron gas stations. Registration is free and provides you with the latest news and advocacy opportunities. Did you know that you can now register for CAN on the go? Simply text **CAN** to **64122**.

### 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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