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## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Social Hour - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Chevron Park  
6001 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon

\$35-\$40 per person

The Contra Costa CRA lunch will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Chevron Park, 6001 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon. Social hour begins at 11:00, with lunch at 12:00. We are pleased to welcome Jonathan Harper, Chevron Historian, as our guest speaker. He will be talking about the history of Chevron Park.

Jonathan was living in White Plains, NY until he graduated from college to begin his career with Chevron West in Denver in 1970. He has stories to tell before we were a Corporation. He asks: "Have you ever watched The Office? See it. That was Chevron West."

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are in the tail end of summer and heading into Fall. For us in the Bay Area that usually means our best weather months of September and October – warm but not overly hot days, and cool nights. It's also the time when many folks do a little travelling because the kids are back in school and the touristy spots are not as touristy. It's a great time to do local day or overnight trips that maybe you haven't done in a while, like Napa, Half Moon Bay (before the Pumpkin festival madness), North Coast, Tahoe. I have been signing up for small events like winery concerts, baseball games, wine tasting, golf, that pay tribute to our local sites and gets us out of the house more. One- or two-day local trips are a lot of fun – I encourage you to get out and try something.

One of the great things about being retired is that you can decide what you want to do, whether it be a little or a lot. Travel, golf, pickleball, volunteering, hiking, reading books, quilting, getting involved in local politics, taking care of grandkids,

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and having a second career are all options, and there are many more. Whatever it is that you do, we'd love for you to share your interests with all of us by sending in your **What's New** story – either with your membership or at any time to [cracocoevents@gmail.com](mailto:cracocoevents@gmail.com).

Are you a seasoned retiree and interested in what Chevron Park looks like? Maybe a more recent retiree that would like to visit the park one last time before it's sold and turned into housing? Our next luncheon – October 13 – gives you that opportunity. In addition to having lunch at “The Park” we will have **John Harper, our Chevron Historian**, come talk to us about Chevron history and memorabilia and probably bring some interesting artifacts. I have seen them present to CRA four times now and each one has brought in some new, interesting aspects of their collection. They are always interested in seeing if your memorabilia might fit into their collection, so if you want to bring small items or pictures of items that you are willing to part with, come talk with him at the luncheon.

We had 11 excellent submissions for the scholarship this year and the judges selected 5 that we awarded scholarships to. Kudos to all 11 applicants (and their CRA family), Congrats to the 5 award winners (and their CRA family), Thank You to all of you who donated to the scholarship fund to make all of this possible, and thanks also to the scholarship committee and the judges to make it all happen.

**Volunteering** through Chevron Humankind is ramping up and the Bay Area Fall Volunteer Campaign is underway (in the past this has been call Week of Caring). Sign up through Chevron Humankind. Also, we have a new volunteer, Miriam Lopez, that will be putting together the monthly (or so) email that goes out highlighting the volunteering opportunities available (thank you Miriam). I highly encourage you to look at those opportunities and pick one to be able to volunteer with other retirees and employees for a worthwhile cause. The monthly email goes out to those that request to be on the volunteering opportunities distribution list, so please send an email to [cracocoevents@gmail.com](mailto:cracocoevents@gmail.com) to be included in that list.

I also want to give a shout out to our **Chapter Board of Directors (Adrian, Brad, Bob, Debbi, Joanne, Linda, Lisa, Lyman, Maggie, Mike, Ron, Taryn, Tricia)**. Without them we wouldn't have a chapter. Several chapters around the country are struggling to stay afloat and in many cases it's due to people not willing to step up and manage the chapter. We don't have that issue here and I hope it stays that way for a long time. If you have some interest in joining the board (or one of the National CRA committees), either now or potentially sometime later, feel free to give me a call.

If anyone needs assistance or just wants to talk with someone, please send a note to [CRACoCoevents@gmail.com](mailto:CRACoCoevents@gmail.com) or give me a call at (925) 348-6707.

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

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## WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Marjorie Cango  
Lori Larson  
Kimberly Leung

Robert Montero  
Joe Paclebar  
Krishnan Parameswaran

Nina Phillips  
Brenda Viegas  
Cary Wages

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

#BenefitTheBay by volunteering this fall!

Chevron's Bay Area Fall Volunteer Campaign is returning in September. The Humankind team is excited to give all Bay Area retirees an opportunity to have some fun while making a difference locally! For a change of pace this fall, get into our communities to do good while bonding with employees and retirees.

Volunteer projects will run from Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 23, but you need to sign up now. More details at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSlx2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4/edit>

October 29 is the Walk to End Alzheimers in San Ramon. Come join the Chevron A-Team and pound the pavement for 1-3 miles for a great cause.

More info at [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/CA-NorthernCaliforniaandNorthernNevada?pg=entry&fr\\_id=15424](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/CA-NorthernCaliforniaandNorthernNevada?pg=entry&fr_id=15424)

## NEIGHBORING CHAPTER EVENTS & MORE

**San Francisco Chapter** is having their next luncheon on October 20 at a restaurant in San Francisco (TBD). The speaker is tentatively Rhonda Morris, VP and Chief HR Officer for Chevron.

## COMPASSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a list of Chevron Retirees who have passed away since the issuance of the last newsletter:

Maria Brougham  
Bob Lindblom

Tom Huvane  
Annette Marasco (see funeral and visitation info in the link below)

<https://www.duggans-serra.com/obituaries/Annette-Marasco?obId=25599735#/obituaryInf>

A complete list of Chevron retirees' deaths is published quarterly in the retirees' magazine Encore and on 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)

## RETIREE BENEFITS NEWS YOU CAN USE

This is an easy way, using Google, to reach our Benefits page and the CRA Benefits sub-page.

Did you know these Google queries:

“Chevron Retirees Benefits” brings up our CRA Benefits home page

“Chevron Retiree CRA Benefits” brings up a more detailed page where the link to the Personal planning packet is clearly shown in the last section. The Survivors Guide is the last two pages of the Personal Planning packet.

You can also access this information from the Home Page of our national site <http://www.chevronretirees.org>.

### **Apply for Medicare Online (from the Social Security Administration)**

You can apply for Medicare online even if you are not ready to start your retirement benefits. Applying online is quick and easy. There are no forms to sign and usually no additional documentation is required. Knowing when to apply for Medicare is very important. You must apply during your limited initial enrollment period. If you're eligible for Medicare at age 65, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday and end three months after that date. If you miss your initial enrollment period, you may have to pay a higher monthly premium. Visit [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare) to apply for Medicare and find other important information.

### **Access Your Earnings History with “My Social Security”**

You should review your earnings history and let Social Security know if there are any errors or omissions. The best way to verify your earnings record is to visit [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) and create or sign in to your personal my Social Security Account. You can verify your earnings, get future estimates, instantly get a benefit verification letter and more, with your own personal my Social Security account, at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). You can access many online services by visiting [www.ssa.gov/onlineservices](http://www.ssa.gov/onlineservices).

### **Chevron Air and Hotel Discounts**

Remember to check Chevron BenefitHub for discounts. It has been refreshed recently with discounts from Avis, and always has good prices for Hotels and Airlines. Plus there is lots more - theme park tickets, auto purchases, computers, insurance, Door Dash, apparel, etc. Take a look and save!

### **Escalate your savings with outstanding savings rates from Chevron Federal Credit Union**

Now you can earn **1.50% APY on MarketEdge** and up to **2.40% APY on a 12-Month Certificate**. Our new every-day rates are among the best in the nation! Click [here](#) for more info.

### **Take steps to protect your child from ID theft**

Child identity theft often goes undetected until your child applies for their first loan or credit card. Learn seven preventative measures you can take now to help protect your child's ID. Read more [here](#).

### **A Chevron benefits note**

Effective August 1, 2022, an expanded travel benefit is available to help cover the cost of travel for those who cannot access the medical or behavioral health care they need where they live. Find out more at the HR website <https://hr2.chevron.com/healthplans/medical/medicaltravel> or call the HR Service Center.

**Reservations for October 13 Luncheon  
Chevron Park  
11:00 am social hour, lunch at noon**

**Please note all attendees will need to check in at Building A Reception and bring a government issued picture ID.**

Our October luncheon will be held in the auditorium at Chevron Park. Chicken, beef, salmon and vegetarian entrees will be available in the buffet, along with salad, potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls and mini-desserts. Iced tea and coffee are included.

Buffet is \$35 per person.

Buffet with up to two glasses of wine or beer is \$40 per person.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luncheons at \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luncheons with wine at \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luncheons with beer at \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Our guest speaker will be John Harper, who will be presenting on the history of Chevron Park. A potential after-lunch tour of the Park is being planned.

Make checks payable and mail to:

Chevron Retirees Association  
PO Box 371  
Orinda, CA 94563-0371

Reservations are due by October 1. For questions, contact Maggie Pryde at 925-997-7377 or [cracocoluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:cracocoluncheon@gmail.com).

Attendees should be fully vaccinated and bring a mask.

**DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON PARK, SAN RAMON, GOING SOUTH**

From I-680 South, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Stay in the right lane and turn right. You'll take the first right into Chevron Park. Pass the guard shack and turn right. Then take the first right into the first Chevron Parking lot and park. Walk across the street to Building A and check in at the security desk.

**DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON PARK, SAN RAMON, GOING NORTH**

From I-680 North, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Stay in the second left turn lane. Turn left and then make the first right into Chevron Park. Pass the guard shack and turn right. Then take the first right into the first Chevron Parking lot and park. Walk across the street to Building A and check in at the security desk.

## 2022-2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This year, because of the chapter's continued generosity, we could offer five scholarships of \$2000 each out of eleven applicants. This was our second year that we had a chapter scholarship committee and judges (within and outside of our chapter) determining the selections and it's working so well we are going to stick with this format. Since 2005, we have given out over \$122,000 in scholarships. More information on this year's program and information on the recipients (with pictures) is available in the Scholarship Section of our website, <http://www.chevronretireescontracosta.org/scholarship.html>.

**Joey Gillett**, Walnut Creek, CA, grandson of Patsy Meyer, widow of Gene Meyer, 1997 retiree, is attending University of Alabama, majoring in Computer Engineering.

**Matt McClelland**, Fresno, CA, grandson of Richard Sweeney, 2010 retiree, is attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Biomedical Engineering with the idea of earning a masters degree and work in the field of prosthetics.

**Ava Pearson**, Berkeley, CA, granddaughter of Benjamin Pearson, 2008 retiree, is attending college in Southern California, studying politics, philosophy and law.

**Leila Phillips**, Modesto, CA, granddaughter of Jay Johnson, 2021 retiree, is in her 3rd year, attending UC Berkeley, and is interested in politics.

**Tannar Wells**, Walnut Creek, CA, granddaughter of Kathryn Gallacher, 2010 retiree, is attending Arizona State University studying American Sign Language to someday become an ASL interpreter.

As you can see, we continue to have very bright and motivated children and grandchildren, most likely motivated by our Chevron retirees! We are very proud of them and wish them the best!

Thank you, too, for your continued support of our scholarship program! We are certainly helping their futures with our program and, hopefully, ensuring good ambassadors for Chevron!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:**  
October 13, 2022

**CRA Board Meetings:**  
October 12, 2022

**Graduate Luncheon:**  
December 2, 2022



## CRA NATIONAL NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 08/25/22 Advisory: Chevron to Present at Barclays CEO Energy-Power Conference
- 08/01/22 Chevron Announces Leadership Changes
- 07/29/22 Chevron Announces Second Quarter 2022 Results
- 07/27/22 Chevron Announces Quarterly Dividend
- 07/05/22 Advisory: Chevron Corporation's 2Q 2022 Earnings Conference Call and Webcast
- 06/29/22 Chevron Achieves Top Certification Scores for Environmental Performance
- 06/13/22 Chevron Completes Acquisition of Renewable Energy Group
- 06/08/22 Chevron, Cummins Team on Renewable Natural Gas Engine Demonstration with Walmart
- 06/07/22 Chevron and KazMunayGas Announce Collaboration on Lower Carbon Opportunities
- 05/26/22 Chevron Announces Appointment of Dr. Wanda M. Austin as Lead Independent Director
- 05/26/22 Chevron Evolves Leadership Structure to Further Enhance Execution
- 05/25/22 Chevron Updates Stockholders at Annual Meeting
- 05/24/22 Chevron, Talos and Carbonvert announce closing of previously announced joint venture expansion of the Bayou Bend CCS project offshore Jefferson County, Texas
- 05/23/22 Advisory: Chevron to Present at Bernstein's 38th Annual Strategic Decisions Conference
- 05/18/22 Chevron Launches Carbon Capture and Storage Project in San Joaquin Valley
- 05/17/22 Chevron Sanctions Ballymore Project in Deepwater U.S. Gulf of Mexico
- 05/16/22 Chevron Announces \$250,000 Donation to New Mexico Wildfire Relief Efforts

Full stories can be found on Chevron Investor Relations <https://www.chevron.com/investors/press-releases>

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**David Barlow** – Enjoying retirement with frequent trips to see our many family members. Now at 23 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Loving taking on the anti-oil liberals whenever I can engage them!

**Ken Crooks** – The wife, dogs, and I moved to Wilder, Idaho in May 2021.

**Don Couch** – Downsized from Orinda. Moved to Rossmoor.

**John Driscoll** – I retired from Chevron Audit department in 4th quarter 2018. I have been working as a substitute teacher in the West Contra Costa unified school district. I enjoy teaching 6th grade. I enjoy playing golf with my retired Audit peers. I also enjoy traveling to Ireland with my wife Peggy.

**Nancy Gossett** – Moved to Washington D.C. area to be with my son and his family. Lovely area. Stop by!

**Farzad Janfaza** – Living in Southern California now.

**Lucinda Jackson** - I recently published my second memoir Project Escape: Lessons for an Unscripted Life (She Writes Press 2022) about the challenging transition from career to a “Next Act.” Two weeks after leaving Chevron, I found myself—along with my semi-reluctant husband—in the island country of Palau as Peace Corps volunteers. I struggled with purpose, identity, ego, and marriage after years of investing so much in my job. Using the same process as for major capital projects (CPDEP)—adding in honesty and humor, I navigated the post-career era to a new life of reimagined possibilities and fulfillment. See more at [www.lucindajackson.com](http://www.lucindajackson.com).

**Kimberly Leung** – Despite retiring in 2011, I chose to return as a contractor to work on bluebook pages for a number of years; but this year I decided to stop. Working remotely was not my idea of a good time, so I’ve retired for good and am now joining this group. I do enjoy connecting with Chevron friends, so please reach out - contact [cracocoevents@gmail.com](mailto:cracocoevents@gmail.com) to get her email address.

**Claudia Starks** – My three-year old granddaughter and I spend four days a week playing with toys, doing arts and crafts, reading books, going to playgrounds, and learning letters/alphabet. Retirement is awesome.

**Andrea Wood** – Broke my leg last summer. Misdiagnosed for six months, but finally on the mend now.

**Alan Mosser** - Late last year I moved from NorCal to Henderson, NV - so will be leaving this chapter & joining the Southern Nevada Chapter. Retirement is great!

**Yung Kwon** - This may be too late for the next newsletter but on July 26 (Tue.), Yul Kwon (my younger son) was on NBC reality show “The snake in the grass”.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Lucinda Jackson**, Chevron Retiree and Author, has a new book out:

### ***PROJECT ESCAPE - Lessons for an Unscripted Life***

A memoir chronicles a challenging post-career journey to a life of reimagined possibilities. A harried scientist and business executive sets off to make a break from her corporate decades and have an “extraordinary” retirement. She launches into a five-phase “Project Escape,” complete with a vision, goals, and a scorecard of success to deliver this next chapter as a volunteer in the island country of Palau. Her struggle with purpose, identity, ego, and marriage provides an unvarnished but encouraging reference for those pondering major life changes.

**Boris Erlank**, Chevron Retiree and Author, has a new book out:

### ***Under the Cloud***

They call themselves The Settlement Bureau. A faceless, soulless organization coercing Americans with threats to expose their improprieties and vulnerabilities. Inhumanely persistent, they’ve secretly driven hundreds of victims into bankruptcy, despair – and several even to suicide.

But when this organization tries to blackmail IT expert Terry Reynolds, they make a serious mistake. Terry is down on his luck. He is penniless, divorced and in a dead-end job. Yet, the abuse of his personal information stirs Terry out of his lethargy and he fights back. He embarks on a digital game of cat-and-mouse with the cold, calculating minds behind The Settlement Bureau – and in doing so, uncovers a sprawling criminal conspiracy.

Under The Cloud is a chillingly plausible new thriller by B.R. Erlank. With a plot ripped straight from the headlines, readers warn this book delivers a “roller coaster ride right up to the final pages.”

## 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 Humankind:  
[www.chevronhumankind.com](http://www.chevronhumankind.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)

All Benefits Quick Links  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup/ChevronBenefits.aspx>

Publications (Encore, Tidbits, Line Rider, Chevron News/  
Press Releases)  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/PublicationsGroup.aspx>

Benefits (Benefits Corner, CRA Benefits, Social Security/  
Medicare resources, Chevron Benefits)  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup.aspx>

In Memoriam  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/InMemoriamGroup.aspx>

CRA Membership (what does CRA do? Are you  
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<http://www.chevronretirees.org/MembershipGroup.aspx>

About Us (officers, chapter locations, coming events)  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/AboutUsGroup.aspx>

Resources  
<http://www.chevronretirees.org/ResourcesGroup.aspx>

Chevron Sustainability  
<https://www.chevron.com/sustainability>

Chevron Announces Q&A Series for Shareholders |  
Chevron Corporation  
<https://chevroncorp.gcs-web.com/news-releases/news-release-details/chevron-announces-qa-series-shareholders>

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