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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 55th Annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 13th, 2019 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. 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 24, 2020 at the Contra Costa Country Club. Details to follow in our January newsletter.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Graduate Luncheon:

December 13, 2019

CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 24, 2020

June 15, 2020

September 21, 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone.

As this is the end of the year, our next Contra Costa luncheon won't be until February, but don't forget about the Chevron Graduates Luncheon on Friday, December. 13 (p. 4-6).

Speaking of luncheons, we are going to have our 2nd annual multi-chapter luncheon at the same restaurant as last year celebrating Chinese New Year on Tuesday, February 4 (p. 8).

Membership renewal information is on page 7. We appreciate your support of our chapter. The dues will be going up to \$10 per year. We needed to make this increase in order to continue to cover our expenses.

With the renewal, we will be asking again for your help in funding the scholarships that we give out in June. Members are the sole funding for these scholarships and they are very exciting to the recipients. Remember that applicants must be a relative of a CRA Contra Costa Chapter member. Your support during the membership drive by donating a few extra dollars would really help. We are hoping to reach \$100,000 in total scholarships given in the 15 years that this program has existed.

I continue to go back to Chevron 1-2 times per month to meet with the San Ramon Boomers Employee Network LT, work Boomers events like the retiree panels, talk with our friends in Corporate Affairs about volunteering, talk with other employee network leads, etc. If you would like to get more involved with current employees, contact me. We have a distribution list of people that are interested in getting more information (via email) on events and I'd love to add you to that list. We will also be using this list to notify members of events that we hear about at the last minute, where sending out to the entire membership isn't feasible.

Please remember to be safe as we transition from fall into winter. The days are shorter but kids are still out, so please watch your driving – slow down and keep alert to dangers. I want to wish the best to those in the fire zones all over the state, and to all the first responders that are involved. I also want to thank the PG&E crews for all the work that they are doing as first responders and in checking lines after power outages.

Looking forward to my first year as chapter president, a good holiday season and the new year.

Brad McCullough President
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:

Colleen Cameron	Robert F. Dixon	Robert W. Haitsma	William A. Hopkins	Noreen Y. Jang
William H. Johnson	Lewis E. Lamph	Paul R. Larson	M. J. Sandretto	

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 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Contra Costa Chapter's scholarship program begins when the 2020 dues notice is sent out. 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, 2020. 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 and send the application by mail.. Depending on the amount of scholarship donations, the number of scholarships given out and the amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Board, probably by the next newsletter. We have given out \$96,000 in scholarships since 2005. We always appreciate your generosity and would like to total over \$100,000 this year.

We appreciate your support of this program as we enter our 15th 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.

MEMBERS NEWS

Jamie Moss Forrest: While my husband Paul is flossing and brushing his teeth with his WaterPik, I'm trying to win \$28,000 a MONTH - FOR LIFE from the Publisher's Clearing House. He thinks it's \$28,000 a year, but he's wrong...don't tell him though!

I too am flossing, playing golf AND playing Mah Jongg - my newest, favorite pastime! Retirement is great - I'm President of my Ladies Golf Club and that allows me to use all the skills I learned on the job at Chevron! The only difference - no one is reporting to me, so it's like herding cats!

Cathy Kerns - Tom and I are still backpacking. In 2008, we completed the Pacific Crest Trail (10 years of section hiking). This August, we completed the Appalachian Trail (8 years). Tom is involved with SIR. His golf continues to improve and he enjoys the socializing. I participate in the Assistance League of Diablo Valley and enjoy working in their Lafayette thrift shop. We have five grandchildren, ages 2-11. Both of our sons and families live in Chico, where our sons have an e-commerce business together. Our lives are delightfully full!

Jackie Osborne - Newly retired in 2019. Digging my way out of two plus years of treatment for breast cancer. Regaining stamina and freedom to travel, exercise, volunteer, etc. Enjoying family, friends, outdoors, book clubs, cooking, knitting, etc. Next big trip is to Egypt and Jordan.

Tom Orlando - Still working! CFO - Alkar Human Resources (temporary staffing company serving Napa and Solano counties)

Chevron Graduates – 55th Annual Holiday Luncheon

**Friday, December 13, 2019
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 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. – Raffle Ticket Prizes

Cost is \$40 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Make your reservations early (as space is limited), and in any event, before the Wednesday, November 27, 2019 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 –

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 and umbrella holders 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!

2019 Chevron Graduates Luncheon Reservation Form

Return by Wednesday, November 27, 2019

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 ___

SPECIAL EVENTS

January 2020 is Chinese New Year - the Year of the Rat

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 for our 2nd Annual multi-chapter luncheon. The theme this year, like last year, will celebrate Chinese New Year. Reservations have been made at the Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant in Emeryville. More information, including sign up instructions, will follow once details have been confirmed.



2020 CHEVRON BENEFIT UPDATES

Part of the mission for our CRA Chapter members is to remind you of your benefits. In recent weeks Via Benefits has been sending the Fall 2019 Medicare Edition of its newsletter, The Via Benefits Advocate. This newsletter provides important information about Medicare's Open Enrollment Period for Chevron's post-65 retirees and post-65 dependents and survivors, which runs from October 15 through December 7, 2019. As stated in the newsletter, "Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) Plan F and Plan C are going away in 2020 for new enrollees, but NOT for people already in the plans. Those already enrolled in Plan F or Plan C will be "grandfathered" in and able to continue with their plans as long as they want." The newsletter also includes an update regarding the coverage gap, also known as the "donut hole," which will take effect in 2020 for Part D Prescription Drug plans. Please review all information sent to you on this important topic.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CHEVRON HUMANKIND

There are lots of opportunities for volunteering with employees through Chevron Humankind. Both CRA and Chevron would love for you to join in on any of these events. They are a lot of fun, you're helping others, and you're doing all this alongside current employees who are fun to talk with. These are generally all 1-time events with no ongoing commitment required.

For a complete list of the volunteering opportunities please click on the following link. If you are getting a hard copy of this newsletter then the link doesn't work :-) and so email Brad McCullough at bjcc2@comcast.net or call him at (925) 253-0229 and he can send it to you. This list gets updated about every 2 months.

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

The link takes you to a document on Google Docs which is a listing of the events from Chevron Humankind that are in the Bay Area. Also included are other special interest events that you might be interested in such as additional volunteering opportunities and fun activities (like hikes, festivals, fundraising walks, etc.). This listing is emailed out to a distribution list of interested retirees - if you would like to be on this distribution list, please contact Brad.

Also, if you are working with a non-profit and they need additional volunteers, contact Brad and he can include that information in this document as well. We are also working on setting up a relationship with Richmond Promise (in conjunction with the Chevron Refinery) which works to mentor High School students from Richmond to prepare for college and life – again, ask Brad if you're interested.

There are some upcoming events that we are highlighting, with more details at the link above:

- Tuesday, November 5: Bay Area Science Festival at Oracle Park, S.F.; STEM-related exhibits by Chevron, hospitals, scientific companies, etc.; Volunteering as helpers with the Chevron exhibitions.
- Saturday, November 8: Chevron Women's Network Hike: trail TBD
- Tuesday, November 12: Help girls learn more about STEM at the 2nd annual Girls Lead the Way STEM Summit; San Ramon
- Tuesday, December 3: Drop off your finished knit scarf for GRIP at Chevron offices.

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