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## NEXT MEETING

One of the next chances to attend a Social Hour / Luncheon in our area to see some of your retiree friends and hear a Senior Chevron Executive presentation is the "Chevron Graduates 52nd Annual Holiday Luncheon" on Friday December 9, 2016 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 (page 4-6). 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](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com) or phone (415) 713-9979.**

The next luncheon meeting of our CRA Contra Costa Chapter is scheduled for February 27, 2017 at the Contra Costa Country Club. Details to follow in our January newsletter.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our last luncheon featured Joe Geagea, Chevron Executive Vice-President of Technology and Services – a speaker who can be counted on to keep audiences enthralled with his lively and engaging presentations, and this time was no exception. Our second guest of honor was Audrey Lamastro, Manager, Global Benefits, Chevron Human Resources, who answered many questions around the mandatory sign-up for OneExchange/Chevron Medical Insurance Health plans for post-65 Medicare-eligible retirees. In addition to the Chevron reminders, we have sent reminders to all our Chapter members to register with OneExchange. If you have not yet registered and conferred with a OneExchange Advisor, please book your phone interview immediately at 1-844-266-1392. It's also a good idea to go to [medicare.oneexchange.com/chevron](http://medicare.oneexchange.com/chevron) and register to review the various plans and costs before your interview with OneExchange. **Remember after December 31 Chevron's Medical Plans (medical, drug, dental, vision) for post-65 retirees and survivors will cease to exist! If retirees and survivors do not purchase Medical Coverage through OneExchange, they will lose Chevron's contribution and they will not have Chevron Medical Coverage on January 1, 2017 or thereafter.** (If an individual has medical coverage elsewhere Chevron has issued rules on whether an individual must convert to a plan offered through OneExchange or forever lose the right to take up Chevron sponsored coverage at a later date).

Attendance at the last luncheon was a recent record, and the increasing percentage of new retirees is a sign of a vibrant organization. We ask you to make personal contact with anyone that you know in the ranks of new retirees and encourage them to join us for lunch and fellowship at this gathering. We also encourage you to fill in the flyer you received by e-mail or by post (also included in this newsletter), and attend the largest retiree gathering of the year - our annual Graduates Lunch in Concord on December 9.

We're beginning our process for renewing dues for 2017. Included in this newsletter is the remittance form. The fellowship lunches, informative quarterly newsletter, e-mail notifications and information like this message are some of the many benefits of membership. At this time, we ask that you also consider including in your check a contribution to our Chapter Scholarship program which benefits your grandchildren and great-grandchildren in college.

If you have not signed up yet, complete a two-minute signup for the Chevron Advocacy Network and get better informed in the subjects that matter to our company and through it to us, its retirees. In your web browser, just copy and paste this link <https://www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/> and then click on the blue "Register" button in the upper right corner.

Lastly, we remind our active retirees that there are many volunteer opportunities lead a satisfying life. See page 9 for more details. Volunteer and enjoy a very happy Holiday Season. Our next newsletter will be in 2017!

Adrian D'Souza

## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Joye McCoy:** Chuck McCoy, who retired from Chevron in October 1986 after 39 years, passed away very suddenly on February 23, 2015. His widow, Joye, still lives in Orinda, California.

**William J. McCarthy:** Retired from Chevron 1992 – hard to believe 24 years have gone by since retirement. Still playing golf.

**Ralph Kraetsch:** Carolyn J. Kraetsch advises that Ralph is in a care facility.

**Robert Haitsma:** Spending time reading and building scale models.

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Contra Costa Chapter's scholarship program begins when the 2017 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 12, 2017. 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. This year we will be awarding four scholarships for \$2000.00 each.

We appreciate your support of this program as we enter our 12th 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.

Application forms are available on-line on the chapter's website, [www.chevronretireescon-tracosta.org](http://www.chevronretireescon-tracosta.org) or by calling or emailing: Helen Romain, 925-833-8298 or [scholarship@chevronretireescontracosta.org](mailto:scholarship@chevronretireescontracosta.org).

## 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:

James W. Amland  
Ann M. Cormack



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@chevronretireescontracosta.org](mailto:compassion@chevronretireescontracosta.org).

## Chevron Graduates – 52nd Annual Holiday Luncheon

**Friday, December 9, 2016**  
**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 door and raffle prizes.

Please join us. You'll be happy you did!

11:00 a.m. Social Hour – Ballroom

12:00 noon Lunch

Salad and Dessert with choice of:

Flat Iron Steak, Carmelized Fennel and Olive Relish or  
Rosemary Grilled Salmon, Garlic-Lemon Butter or  
Vegetarian – Red Lentil & Portobello Mushroom Roulade

Master of Ceremonies – Kathy Henschel

1:00 p.m. – John Watson, Chairman and CEO, Chevron Corporation

1:30 p.m. – Door Prizes & Raffle Ticket Prizes

Cost is \$41 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Make your reservations early, and in any event, before the Wednesday, November 23, 2016 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 – Self-parking is complimentary**

**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 dining room will be open early so you can 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 rear wall. Unfortunately we cannot reserve seats on your behalf, but if you are with a group, you can designate someone to arrive early to place cards or markers **at each seat** you wish to hold.
- Racks for hanging coats will be available along the walls of dining room.
- 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 in the ballroom foyer - \$1.00 each. Ticket sellers will be circulating in the foyer.
- Arrive early to have more time to enjoy being with your Chevron Graduate friends!

**2016 Chevron Graduates Luncheon Reservation Form**

Return by Wednesday, November 23, 2016

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 \$41 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 \_\_\_

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Graduate Luncheon:

December 9, 2016

### CRA Contra Costa Chapter Luncheons:

February 27, 2017

June 12, 2017

September 25, 2017



## MEMBER'S NEWS

**Bill Chase:** We did not do any international travel in 2015. We lost our son on 30 October 2015 to a sudden heart attack. Health issues continue to be a challenge. We live every day to the fullest. Friends are a comfort.

**Gregory (Greg) Geyer:** Having fun skiing and cycling.

**George W. Wasson:** Now age 92—working on 93—both knees have been repaired and a pacemaker installed this year (2015). Doing just fine. Still doing some client work on inventions and trademarks. Active with the Lafayette Historical Society keeping Lafayette's 1920 Model T Fire Engine in running order and going to local events.

**Victoria Shore:** Traveled to Alaska on Princess Cruises in July 2015 and had a wonderful time. Especially enjoyed Jewell Gardens in Skagway, Alaska. Enjoying community quilting projects of Quilts of Valor and quilt donations to local charities.

**Jeff Graham:** Retired February 2015. Life is good. Keeping busy with family and friends. Doing some volunteer work. Also refinishing some of my old mahogany furniture. Will be planning a vacation soon.

**Glenn W. Billman:** There is not much new with me or my family. As in the past, we spend as much time as we can during the year at our summer home at Lake Tahoe. We do not ski or ice skate due to lack of necessary balance. However, our three sons and their wives still do well in both winter and summer sports.

**William Abriel:** Opened a new company: Orinda Geophysical. Elected to SEG presidency: President-elect 2016.

**Jim O'Brient:** Retirement 2.0! Finally called an end to my consulting work for Chevron after 12 years and settling down to some real changes in life. Trips to Indonesia and Brazil planned for this year (2016). Had a wonderful first visit to Scotland last summer. Best wishes to all.

**Robert Huntoon:** All good! Steelhead fishing is great with plenty of rain. All the best!

**Pak Leung:** I am a grandpa as of last October (2015).

**Dick Harris:** I retired in 2014 after almost 37 years. My wife and I have stayed in the area. We're taking life easy; I've become involved with the Barnabas Group and as a Board member of Summit Adventure, two terrific Christian non-profits.

**Chuck Scanlan:** Still mobile, though at a slower speed. After seeing the airport mob scenes on TV, thoughts of flying anywhere are on indefinite hold. If we can get there by car or train, we'll go.

**Gwen Watson:** As Voter Service Chair of the League of Women Voters, I helped organize televised candidate roundtables for State Senate, Assembly, US Congress, and more, which were broadcast everyday until the primary election June 7 on Channel 27, 24, and 99.

**Ade Adekunle:** Enjoying and loving this new phase of life with two grandsons.

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING WITH CHEVRON EMPLOYEES

Here are some highlights of opportunities to volunteer with Chevron Humankind and to participate in events of interest put on by the Employee Networks. For a complete list and more details, go to:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pMwBSix2pFjhT7sHDSx9CybbbUJX1zkcus8xkiuJXH4>

- Women's Network Hiking; Saturday mornings, 2nd Sat each month; usually between Walnut Creek and Dublin; contact Elizabeth Stokes (Estokes@chevron.com).
- Contra Costa/Solano Food Bank; Nov 17, (every 3rd Tuesday); 11:30 – 1:15; Richmond; Distribute Produce;
- Reading Partners; school days through 12/31; San Pablo; reading with elementary students to improve their reading skills
- College is Real; school days through 12/31; De Anza HS, El Sobrante or Richmond HS, Richmond; mentoring high school students so they can get into college
- Loaves & Fishes; Nov 11, (every 2nd Friday); 9:15 - 1:15; Pittsburg; Lunch pre-cleaning, prep, service and cleanup
- Bay Area Science Festival; Nov 5; AT&T Park; Chevron Booth or Techbridge Girls Booth

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### A Christmas Carol

Center REP

Buy one get one free tickets

Show runs Dec 8 - 18

Chevron Family night (opening night) is Dec 9

Also get \$5 off tickets at any Center REP performance

Chevron is the season sponsor for Center REPeritory Company at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. *Employees and contractors can buy one ticket and get the second ticket for free for the December 9 performance.* Bring the whole family for this holiday classic. To order tickets call the ticket office at 925-943-7469 or visit the ticket office at 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. *This offer can only be redeemed in person or over the phone using reservation code "TRADITION".*

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**Paul Larson:** My wife of 63 ½ years passed away on April 2, 2016. She will be very missed.

**Robert McCoy:** We are still living in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire area and enjoying the four seasons. Our children and grandchildren live in New Hampshire and Massachusetts so we are able to see them often. We still take RV trips but not as often as in California. I still have the old MGB that I drove to San Ramon and it is great fun on the New England roads.

**Myra Cloud:** Having the time of my life!

**Leland G. Anderson:** My beautiful wife and best friend of 55 ½ years passed away on September 20, 2014 – cancer.

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## 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)

Discounts, Deals Bay Area Activities:  
[chevrec.mybigcommerce.com](http://chevrec.mybigcommerce.com)

Chevron Matching Gift Program:  
[chevron.yourcause.com](http://chevron.yourcause.com)

Bay Area Activities for Retirees:  
[chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp](http://chevrec.chevron.com/default.asp)

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/)

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**Linda Johnson:** Enjoying retirement and still working part-time for the Consumer Learning Center. Our oldest son graduated from college this past December (2015) and my youngest is a sophomore in high school enjoying marching band, which my husband and I volunteer heavily for. Such fun! We have a family reunion coming up in June 2016 in Breckenridge, Colorado and a thirty-year wedding anniversary we will celebrate in Italy this summer!

**Hilario Mata:** Still enjoying traveling, playing golf, doing volunteer work. Went to El Salvador recently with Habitat for Humanity group to build houses, and also building 20 houses for low-income families here in Martinez. Working with Suscol Intertribal Council building Suskol House in Napa County. Enjoyed working with East Bay Volunteer Center for more than 30 years and the Monument Crisis Center.

**Jeffrey S. Williams:** I retired "for real" at the end of 2014, at the end of my last Project Manager contract. However, both kids are still in college. Katie just finished U of Portland and starts a Masters program at San Diego State U real soon. Scott has another year to go at Sonoma State U, having

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added a 2nd major. Sherry and I are great!

**James Wallace:** Enjoying the weather in Arizona. It is going to get hot. And watching my 401K try to weather this economy. Chris and I are still volunteering at the Mini-Museum, she as a docent and I as a jack-of-all-trades.

**Houston Kimbrough Jr (son of Nancy Kimbrough):** My mother, Nancy Kimbrough, passed away Feb 11, 2016. She lived near us in Greensboro, NC for the past 10 years. We loved having her close to her 3 grandchildren and 8 great grands. She was a great inspiration to all of us and is still greatly missed by all. She was almost 94 when she died and very active to the end.

**Jeff Cole:** September is my first month off the payroll. My daughter was married two weeks ago. I am coaching volleyball and remodeling my home.

**Don Stedman:** Will be retired from Chevron 30 years on 11-1-16. Retired on 11-1-86 with the 4 plus 4; and I recommend it very highly! Retirement, that is. Still going strong!

**Art and Patsy Ronat:** Loving life and laughing often – we're doing fine! Moving a little slower maybe, but still moving! Celebrated our 51st anniversary in June 2016 (actually we celebrate it every day!) And we love to see old friends at the Retirees' luncheons . . . thanks to all who volunteer time and energy to keep this association going.

**Andy Spires:** Not much to report. I observed my 84th in April 2016 – still going strong. Patt (my wife) has been having health problems but we're coping. Regards to my former co-workers at the former Chevron AgChem.

**Duy Dang:** I'm now in my second year of retirement, and I am loving this new phase of my life.

**NT Lucy Do:** Just completing my term as President of the Alumnae Association of Mills College and three years as trustee of Mills College. Looking forward to more travel!