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First Quarter Luncheon

Thursday, June 26, 2025
Chevron Lakeside

See the attached flyer on page 7-8 for information and signup for the event.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Spring has sprung and the birds are singing. We've got some wren eggs in a box on our back patio which is fun to watch even as we keep our distance. I'm back from a trip to Japan (I know 4 others that went to Japan this spring!) where I was able to experience the cherry blossoms in their full glory. Absolutely incredible spectacle. I hope that everyone is enjoying the Spring cool days and the short bouts of sprinkles that go with it. It's a great time to have some outside activities to see the wildflowers, the beauty of new growth in trees and plants, and the smell right after a spring shower. Get outside, some exercise, some sun, and some fun!

Our **Summer Luncheon** will again be at Chevron Lakeside on June 26, taking into account some of the suggestions we heard after the last luncheon. We likely will not have the speaker determined by the time this newsletter goes out, but we will update you through email and on the website. See the Luncheon flyer below for more information and to sign up.

CRA National Meetings: Our CRA Annual Meeting (where all the Chapter Presidents attend) will have happened by the time you read this, but I'm writing this prior to that. We have several Chevron Managers attending (in person and by Zoom) so we should get an update on Chevron's efforts to reduce costs and where the major projects stand. One of the highlights we get to do at the Annual Meeting is honor our **Public Service Award** Winners. Read the next Encore (located on the CRA website (chevronretirees.org)) which will feature the winners.

Our **CRA hiking group** continues to get new members coming out with the stalwarts on our 3 hikes per month. We do an easier hike (typically one or two that are on the East Bay Regional Parks Trail Challenge), a stairs hike (Berkeley/Oakland or San Francisco), and a challenging hike each month. This group is free to join so come hiking with us. Send a note to cracoevents@gmail.com to sign up.

Our **Contra Costa Chapter Scholarship** deadline is coming up fast – May 15. We appreciate all your support for these scholarships, and the money that you donate towards the cause, as do the scholarship winners! We try and get as many of the scholarship winners coming to our next luncheon as possible, and love to hear them talk. Come join us.

This association is all about bringing people that worked for Chevron or other legacy companies
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panies together. In addition to the luncheons, one way we can do that is through **special interest groups**. We have the hiking group mentioned above, there is also Chevron Golf Club San Ramon if that interests you (send a note to CGCsanramon@gmail.com). Maybe something else interests you – pickle ball, bridge, meeting for breakfast, bicycle riding, book club, etc. Let me know if you are interested in an interest group and we can work on getting it going (even if you don't want to lead it).

If anyone needs assistance or just wants to talk with someone, please send a note to 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.

Brad McCullough
President, Contra Costa Chapter, Chevron Retirees Association
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WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Sheryl Forster
Dale Kinsella
Rodolfo Rabago Jr.

Braden Reddall
Margaret Smith-McCollum

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 Scholarship Program application deadline is May 15. Please go to the website for more information and the scholarship application. We anticipate awarding five scholarships of \$2,000 each. We will honor the scholarship recipients at our luncheon meeting in June. Information regarding the scholarship recipients will be in a future newsletter, as well as on our chapter website, <http://chevronretireescontracosta.org/scholarship.html>

We appreciate your contributions to our scholarship program and encourage those of you who would still like to contribute to this year's program to use our online payment methods or send a check to CRA, P.O. Box 371, Orinda, CA 94563. If you have any questions about the program, you can contact Brad McCullough at cracocoscholarship@gmail.com or 925-348-6707.

Thank you again for your scholarship donations and for the goodwill it provides Chevron Corporation and the Chevron Retirees Association



MEMBER'S NEWS

Thomas Burns: I enjoyed a family reunion over Thanksgiving with my two sons, their wives, and five grandchildren.

Jane Chin: I am enjoying retirement. Last summer, my husband & I took around the country Amtrak trip. 29 days and 7 stops. Martinez, LA, New Orleans, DC (to visit family), Chicago, Minot ND, Seattle, back to Martinez. I am now in the "Stent" club, and watching my exercise and diet. Hoping to do more travel soon.

Sheryl Forster: Newly retired, I'm excited, but nervous for this next chapter in life. Looking forward to figuring it out!

Eileen Kuzmicky: Haven't been able to attend for awhile as I have been having sciatic pain which I have been receiving epidurals which aren't helping.

Jim O'Brient: Still busy with local non-profits; currently President of Northern California Geological Society. Marie and I have been busy traveling including most recently to Italy (our 50th wedding anniversary trip with all the family) and Turkey. Going to Japan and Sicily, Italy, Croatia, and Greece in 2025.

OIL INDUSTRY NEWS

These articles were brought to our attention. One talks about the Phillips 66 LA refinery closure planned for this fall. In the other, the Valero Benicia and Wilmington (SoCal) refinery will be closing by April, 2026.

<https://investor.phillips66.com/financial-information/news-releases/news-release-details/2024/Phillips-66-provides-notice-of-its-plan-to-cessate-operations-at-Los-Angeles-area-refinery/default.aspx#:~:text=%E2%80%9CWe%20understand%20this%20decision%20has,the%20Los%20Angeles%2Darea%20refinery>

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/valero-energy-shut-down-benicia-114916586.html>

See the chart below – these changes will reduce the number of refineries in California to 6, losing about 20% of current capacity.

| California Refineries Producing CARBOB and California Diesel | | |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| Company | Refinery | Capacity (Mb/d) |
| Marathon Petroleum | Los Angeles | 365 |
| Chevron | El Segundo | 269 |
| Chevron | Richmond | 245 |
| PBF Energy | Torrance | 160 |
| PBF Energy | Martinez | 156 |
| Valero Energy | Benicia | 145 |
| Phillips 66 | Los Angeles* | 139 |
| Valero Energy | Wilmington | 85 |
| Total | | 1,564 |

* To be idled in Q4 2025

ACTIVITIES

Hiking Group

We are enjoying the sunny skies and brisk air in the mornings on our hikes. Since it's warming up we are doing more of our hikes further to the west. We have hikes from Easy to Difficult so there's something for every interest. Contact us through cracocoevents@gmail.com for more info and to get on the Hiking Group Mailing List. You can see pictures of our past hikes and hikers at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1TBeGYuHzZPniVWV5x6Dok-UuDjixGDmC>

Chevron Golf Club San Ramon

Chevron Golf Club San Ramon (CGCSR) is an NCGA Affiliate Club that has as its base Chevron employees, contractors, and retirees. The club has about 60 members with indexes ranging from 5 to 39. We've played 4 of our planned 24 outings this year, where the club officers arrange for tee times. At these outings, we have an optional small game going (net or skins), closest to the pin prizes on 2 holes, a season-long match play, a club championship (net and gross winners) and a special end-of-year tournament. Most outings are on Friday or Saturday. We play a wide variety of courses, mostly East Bay, North Bay and Tri-Valley, but a couple up in Sacramento and a Monterey weekend. The NCGA affiliation means that you get an official NCGA handicap and have the opportunity to represent CGCSR in NCGA tournaments (partially subsidized by the club). For 2025, membership is only \$85. For more information, contact cgcgsanramon@gmail.com.

Chevron Heritage Center Retiree Tour, May 15, 2025

The Chevron Retirees Association has been invited to attend complimentary tours at the Chevron Heritage Center in Dublin. Guided tours are limited to 20 people, and the next tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 from 10:30 – noon. There will be two additional tours later this year.

The Chevron Heritage Center offers a vast tableau of the oil industry's rich and varied history. Established within legacy-company Texaco in 1950 to collect historic material, the archive now provides a hefty record of Chevron's growth from a modest oil prospecting organization formed in 1879 to its current status as one of the world's great energy companies. The archive's collection underscores this growth by encompassing the history of Chevron's many legacy companies, which include such energy pioneers as Standard Oil Co. of California, Texaco Inc., Gulf Oil Corp., Getty Oil Co. and Unocal Corp.

Please RSVP or direct questions to Maggie Pryde at maggie4131@gmail.com. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. Additional information will be provided to attendees prior to the tour date.

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:

John (Jack) Brodbeck John H. Vollmer

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.

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS

July 17, 2025
October 16, 2025

2025 LUNCHEON DATES

June 26, 2025
September 16-18

GRADUATES LUNCHEON

December 5, 2025.

CHEVRON HUMANKIND – GRANTS AND VOLUNTEERING

Chevron Humankind is your resource for getting cash grants for your favorite non-profits and for finding outlets for that volunteering energy you have. Chevron announced in February that they have reduced the company match to \$2,000, and \$1,000 of that can be based on your volunteering with a non-profit.

With the move from San Ramon to Houston, Chevron does not have as many volunteering opportunities in the Bay Area. There are still quite a few through the refinery, and there will still be a 2025 Fall Volunteer Campaign. Go to Chevron Humankind to see these opportunities. Do you have a project at a non-profit that can use volunteers? Retirees can also submit projects to Chevron Humankind.

Occasionally, members have projects where they are looking for volunteers or have volunteer positions that they are looking for candidates. We can selectively include those in the newsletters if you send them to us in a timely fashion.

Lee Oller, Art Oller's wife, is co-Secretary of the non-profit Community Arts Foundation, which provides scholarships to students of all ages who want to take art classes but cannot afford to do so. They have been serving this need since 2006. Here is their website: <https://www.commartsfoundation.org/>. Their board is currently in need of a new Treasurer – are you interested? Contact us at cracocoevents@gmail.com and we will put you in contact with Lee.

WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Have you seen the new and improved Chevron Retirees Website? It is fantastic!
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 Humankind:
www.chevronhumankind.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

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 interested?)
<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>

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Maggie Pryde, Luncheon Arrangements

To reach any of the board members, please call Brad or send an email to cracocoevents@gmail.com.

Chevron Retirees Association, Contra Costa Chapter

Luncheon: Thursday, June 26, 2025

11 am – Social Hour

Noon – Buffet Luncheon

Our June 26, 2025 luncheon will be held at Chevron Lakeside, located at 5001 Executive Parkway in San Ramon. The buffet will feature grilled boneless chicken breast, tri-tip sirloin, green beans almondine, red skinned garlic mashed potatoes, salad, fresh baked bread, cheesecake, iced tea and coffee.

We will have a guest speaker and announce our 2025 Scholarship Program recipients.

Reservations are due no later than Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

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| Member Name | | Guest 1 | |
| Member Email | | Guest 2 | |
| Member Phone No | | | |

| Options | Cost | No. | Total |
|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| Buffet Only | \$40 | | |
| Buffet with Wine | \$45 | | |
| Buffet with Beer | \$45 | | |
| Total | | | \$ |

Payments

Checks

Send your completed form and check payable to
'Chevron Retirees Association' to:

Chevron Retirees Association Luncheon
P. O. Box 371
Orinda, CA 94563-0371

Electronic Payments

Zelle or PayPal payments should be made to CRA Treasurer, Mike Colvin, at CRACoCoevents@gmail.com. In the **"what's this for"** section, please include attendee name(s) and indicate:

- Buffet only
- Buffet with wine
- Buffet with beer

Please note all attendees will need to check in at Reception upon entering the facility.

Please bring a government-issued photo ID.

For questions, please contact Donna Toy at (925) 984-3398 or CRACoCoLuncheon@gmail.com.

DIRECTIONS TO CHEVRON LAKESIDE 5001 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, SAN RAMON

GOING NORTH

From I-680, take the Bollinger Canyon exit. Turn right onto Bollinger Canyon Road. Turn left onto Camino Ramon. Turn left onto Executive Parkway and continue into Lakeside parking lot. Follow the sidewalk to the main lobby doors under the glass arch. Check in at the security desk with a government issued ID.

GOING SOUTH

From I-680, take the Crow Canyon Road exit. Turn left onto Crow Canyon Road. Turn right onto Camino Ramon. Turn right onto Executive Parkway and continue into Lakeside parking lot. Follow the sidewalk to the main lobby doors under the glass arch. Check in at the security desk with a government issued ID.

