

Dear Hill Country Chapter Members:

Happy (early) Spring. We hope everyone is enjoying a great start to 2026. It's difficult to believe the year is already nearly 20% over!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent HCC Member Survey. We had nearly 50 responses. This is an excellent participation rate and very much appreciated. Although the survey returns reflect diverse opinions, there is a clear theme of "keep doing what we're doing". Hopefully, you will agree that is also the theme of our 2026 calendar. Before we get to this year's plans, here are some of the more significant points from your survey feedback:

- About 1/3 of respondents have attended 5 or more events in the last 3 years and plan to attend the same or more going forward.
- Nearly all respondents said we should maintain our schedule of Spring/Fall/Holiday luncheons and Spring/Fall non-luncheon activities.
- The consensus is at least one Senior Chevron speaker and one non-Chevron speaker each annual cycle.
- There is no clear consensus on event location which is to be expected with our members widely dispersed over nearly 400 square miles.
- There wasn't a majority preference for non-luncheon activities, although hiking was the most frequent response.
- The positive feedback on communications was fairly evenly spread across both CRA and HCC communication and for both emails and websites.

We reviewed and discussed your survey feedback as we evaluated options and made decisions on this year's calendar. As you requested, we're staying with the same structure of luncheons and non-luncheon activities. We will also continue rotating event locations around our chapter geography to balance travel requirements for all members. Your survey input provided a few new ideas for venues, speaker topics, and activities that will continue to reference as we make future plans. Once again, thank you to those who participated in this survey. We consider this process a success in that your opinions directly influence our chapter plans and we plan to conduct another survey early next year.

As you can see on our website home page calendar [HCC Home | Chevron Retirees](#) , this year's schedule is taking shape. Plans are complete for our Spring activity and hopefully you've had an opportunity to read the invitation for our March 24 hikes at [Canyon Lake Gorge](#). We will be sending a reminder invitation a couple weeks before the hike, but please feel free to register now if you prefer using this link [Register for Canyon Lake Gorge](#).

Our Spring Luncheon will be Thursday, April 16 at Casa do Brasil in Austin and we are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Ms. Patti Leigh, President of [Chevron Supply and Trading](#). Patti brings a big picture, strategic perspective from her 35 years with Chevron and you won't want to miss her presentation! Please watch your email for the invitation in mid-March.

The Fall Luncheon and non-luncheon activity are still in development, but we are pleased to announce that this year's Holiday Luncheon will once again be the wonderful buffet banquet at the San Antonio Petroleum Club on Wednesday, December 2nd.

We'd like to thank all our members who have already renewed your membership by registering and paying 2026 dues and ask those of you who haven't to please do so soon by completing this form [2026 Membership Form](#). We'd also like to remind prospective members that you are welcome to attend and participate in our luncheons and activities while you make a decision on whether to join...all are welcome!

As you can see in the group photo on our website [HCC Home | Chevron Retirees](#), we have officially welcomed our two newest Board members Shelton Malzar and Audie Setters who were elected at our December Luncheon. Audie and Shelton participated in our annual face-to-face Board meeting and are providing a valued fresh perspective. We would like to add another member so please let us know if you have interest in serving on our board by sending an email to: hccretirees@gmail.com

Finally, a couple reminders on how to keep up to date with all the developments and news from Chevron and the Chevron Retirees Association. The [Chevron Newsroom](#) is the best place to keep up with all the latest information from Chevron and if you haven't already done so we'd like to remind you to register here for the [Chevron Newsletter](#) so you can get this news delivered right to your email inbox.

The new and improved CRA website [Home | Chevron Retirees](#) continues to expand and improve so frequent visits are a good idea to see what's new including the Publications tab where you will find the latest copies of Encore, Benefits Corner, and Tidbits. You can also register to have these delivered direct to your email inbox here: [Register for CRA Publications](#)

Thank you again for your attention, for your membership, and for your feedback!

We hope to see y'all soon,

Hill Country Chapter Board