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Luncheon

Thursday, September 24, 2026
Chevron Lakeside

See the attached flyer on pages 9-10 for information and signup for the event.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had always envisioned less activity in my retirement, but everything is so much fun I don't want to do less. I just built and installed a kit shed (with others) for one of my non-profits – over 500 screws!! This July and August have been probably the busiest for me since retiring 10 years ago. Maybe it's just my memory, but I don't remember the multiple days over 100 here in Orinda like we've had in the past few years. It has been warm this year, but now it's only in the 80's - Now I'm headed to Monterey for 2 days of working NCGA tournaments where it will be highs in the 60's. I hope that all of you are enjoying your retirement, whether it's still doing some paid work, volunteering your time for others, lots of travel, or getting through that library of books you've been meaning to read – or maybe all of the above!! Whatever it is I hope you enjoy every bit of your retirement.

Our **Fall Luncheon** will again be at Chevron Lakeside. We will be talking about AI (or will it be AI doing the talking...) See the Luncheon flyer on page 9 to sign up.

One of the great things Chevron Retirees Association gets to do is to honor our **Public Service Award** Winners. Read the Third Quarter Encore magazine - located on the CRA website (chevronretirees.org) – to learn more about the PSA winners. And the Encore is now honoring retirees who didn't win the awards but we want to recognize them for their great efforts anyway. If you are volunteering for an organization and you would like to see up to \$5,000 go to that organization, send a note to cracocoevents@gmail.com and we'll send you an application.

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/urban 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 cracocoevents@gmail.com to sign up.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

We had ten excellent students apply for **scholarships** this year, and five of them were awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. We had college students as well as graduating HS Seniors apply. All five of our winners, with family members, were able to make the luncheon this year – it was great to meet them in person. Please read the article later in this newsletter and visit our website www.chevronretirees.org/cocohome for more information. Thank you to everyone that donates – your donations are what funds these scholarships and allows us to give out so many awards each year.

Save Friday, December 11 for the **Graduates Luncheon**. More information on the venue, cost, speaker, etc. will be coming later.

The Chevron Retirees Association is all about bringing people that worked for Chevron or other legacy companies together. In addition to the luncheons, one way we can do that is through **special interest groups**. We have the hiking group, 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
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WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

George Boscoe
Isabel Castillo
Arthur Connick
Jan Demcsak
Janet Duncan

Lorinne Griswold
Amy Ho
Pat Larracas
Patricia Leigh
Philip Millhollon

John More
Anne O'Neal
Michael Smith
Cynthia Wong
Charlotte Yates

COMPASSION COMMITTEE

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:

Erwin Durrer William L. Brook Mary T. Cao

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 2026 WINNERS

These are the fantastic scholarship winners for 2026.

Dominic Corbett - grandson of Herb Wimmer

Having recently graduated from Davis Senior High School, Dominic will be attending UC San Diego this fall. He will be majoring in Marine Biology at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, following his lifelong passion for the ocean and its inhabitants. With this degree he has two goals: to focus on sustainable conservation efforts, and to research the untapped potential of marine resources for the betterment of humanity. In high school, Dominic was an active member of Student Government. Having held multiple ASB positions, Dominic was the leader of many planning committees and was directly responsible for the success of a variety of events from parades, rallies, talent shows, and sports game student sections to name a few. He was also president of the Ocean Conservation Club, president of DSHS's Theatre Board, president of a school spirit club, and was active in many other school activities.

Kendall Hui - daughter of Bertha Guo

Throughout high school, I have been passionate about giving back to my community. Seeing my rescue dog, Donnie, and my 102-year-old great-grandmother's happiness together encouraged me to seek opportunities to benefit dogs and seniors. This led me to start a non-profit organization called GrandPaws Blankets, where my high school colleagues and I visit senior centers to create handmade blankets for rescue dogs. I also founded a club at my school called Love and Second Chances where students create blankets for the rescue organization where we adopted our dog from. I played softball for 11 years, and volunteered for over 400 hours through the National Charity League. I have been a lifeguard/swim instructor for the Town of Danville the past four summers, a softball umpire for the past five seasons, and used my Mandarin fluency to tutor English learners at my school. In the fall, I will attend the University of Southern California to study Economics and Data Science, where I plan to use my knowledge of business and finance to give back to my community.

Jackie McCarley - daughter of Daphne McCarley

My educational and career goals are centered on becoming a math teacher who helps students build confidence and resilience in learning. Although math came naturally to me growing up, I struggled during my transition to high school and realized that success requires persistence, adaptability, and asking for help. That experience changed my perspective on learning and inspired me to support others facing similar challenges. I plan to pursue a degree in mathematics and education so I can create a classroom where students feel comfortable making mistakes and asking questions. Through tutoring peers, I discovered how rewarding it is to help others understand difficult concepts. Long term, I hope to make math more accessible and encourage students to value growth over perfection while developing the confidence to think independently.

Finn Carlson - daughter of Lisa Leong

Finn is a second-year animal science major at UC Davis, and her long-term goal is to help people in direct, meaningful ways. Finn entered UC Davis as an animal science major because she's always loved animals, but she realized she admired the support they provide to their owners even more. That realization pushed her to explore healthcare and public health with an open mind so she can find ways to help people. Finn is currently seeking opportunities to support communities through volunteering in hospitals and housing shelters because she wants people to feel heard, respected, and comfortable asking for help. Her next goal is to explore large-scale public health work, such as disease monitoring in labs, and to take public health courses to guide her path forward.

Kyle Mendonsa - grandson of Adrian D'Souza

Hello! My name is Kyle Mendonsa and I plan to be an endocrinologist, a doctor who specializes in the world of hormones and how they coordinate everything across the body. My goal is to empower patients to truly take care of themselves and become strong advocates for their own health and wellness. Outside of my studies, you can usually find me in the kitchen, where I love experimenting with ingredients to create delicious, nourishing dishes. For me, medicine and cooking go hand-in-hand, because managing our health starts with what we use to fuel our bodies. I'm excited to combine my passion for endocrinology and culinary creativity to help people live healthier, happier lives.

MEMBER'S NEWS

Bob Cody

I'm Actively producing my own feature film, "Rules of Betrayal." I'm Executive Producer/Owner. Currently casting throughout the USA for my major film. My podcast can be viewed: Google: Robert Cody YouTube California Live Podcast. 480,000 views. Visit my website: www.rulesofbetrayal.com.

Janet Duncan

I worked in Chevron's Human Resources function for 20 years, and it was a wonderful experience. I'm also thoroughly enjoying retirement. I spent the first few months decompressing and recharging, and it feels great to be free from Sunday-night stress. In April, I traveled to Europe with my family, visiting London, Rome, and Paris, and this month I'm heading to Singapore to celebrate my birthday. I've always wanted to attend a tennis Grand Slam, so I'm also going to the US Open. Retirement has given me more time to exercise consistently—I have to keep moving!—and to become more active in my church community. I'm really looking forward to connecting with everyone.

Janinne Franke

Still at Abbott Laboratories working in the medical devices business unit as a Director for Divisional Security (Cyber).

Dave Kochis

Praise the Lord Jesus for his continued blessings. I am downsizing: sold the motor home and my fishing boat. I am in good health. Sticking around home. Connie, my wife of 62 years, has been in memory care for the last 15 months. She is being well taken care of.

Dennis Kohlmeier

Slowing down at 90+ - still very active at church in Pleasant Hill. Our younger son passed away – glioblastoma at age 54 on April 21, 2021.

Laura Krause

I've moved to Benicia 2025. Joined the Yacht Club and love biking daily. No car needed most days and can bike to my family to see grandbabies!

Robert Moore

My wife and I have been doing a lot of camping, Silver Falls Oregon, Wrights Beach Bodega Bay, Pinecrest Lake. We are leaving on a 21-day trip to Italy next week!

Sally Morris

Dave Morris passed away February 16, 2026 after a 28-month battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was a fighter to the end. Dozens of Chevron friends from his early days at Richmond, San Francisco, Perth Amboy, Hawaii and CRTC days, including Chevron Technical University attended his Celebration of Life.

Jim O'Brient

Still traveling a lot – recent big trips to Japan, Sicily, the Croatian coast from Venice to Athens, and New Zealand. (All despite a full "reverse" shoulder replacement in summer of 2025.) Also still fully engaged with multiple non profits (Kiwani's Club, Northern California Geological Society, Mt. Diablo docent, Moraga Garden Farm, and Amherst College Alumni).

Ann O'Neal

I am currently serving as President of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Ed Peggs

Moved to Granite Bay in May 2025, close to our grandkids. Enjoy living close to Folsom Lake.

Patsy Ronat

All is well – still enjoying learning new things and traveling to new (well, actually old) places. Plan to pay my respects to Michelangelo on the next trip!

Lillian Smithson

First great grandbaby – Leo Savio ... another great grandchild (a girl) coming in November. Recently celebrated 94th birthday with family. Happy to say we are all healthy and well – and that includes me!

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Ron Tarica

Continuing to teach classical music appreciation to senior citizens once/week. Also business manager and Treasurer of non-profit arts education Young Imaginations agency. New addition to family is first "great" granddaughter – Aria Rose 9/19/25. She's a real cutie.

Charles Whiteneck

Still playing softball twice a week. And enjoying being a team member with John Dewes. Former CREMCO/CBRES and Chevron Real Estate & Marketing.

Linda Vest

It's been a busy year. Spent a few weeks in Finland and Norway in February seeing the Northern Lights four times, dog sledding, floating in the icy sea in a survival suit and enjoying the c-c-cold and beauty. In April visited Brisbane, Australia and cruised from the Solomon Islands through Papua New Guinea and spent a few days in Bali. This month we spent two weeks in Alaska -- the highlight was three nights at Brooks Falls where often 19 bears were catching salmon. Next month it's a week at a spa in Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico with three cvx retirees. In November we cruise on a small expedition ship from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands and Antarctica. Next year is also shaping up to be a busy one.

Robert (Bob) Wilkenfeld

Blessed with continued good health, my wife and I are enjoying many trips. Recent outings include Australia, Cuba, Vietnam, Hawaii and the East Coast. I continue to cycle, hike and wood carve weekly, and backpack in the Sierras when I can find a buddy.

COMMUNITY AND CONNECTIONS

Our social and volunteering activities have taken off spectacularly over the past quarter! Our vision is to have a calendar of events to choose from, including a variety of volunteer activities to benefit the community as well as some social events to enjoy the company of former colleagues.

Beginning in June, we started a regular schedule of volunteering with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano counties. We are committing 15-20 volunteers every other month, with the next date coming up in September (full) and November 3 from 1-3pm (20 spots open). We plan to schedule these dates quarterly in 2027 also, so check your calendar and sign up at cracocoevents@gmail.com. We will be cultivating more opportunities as the demand and interest rises. Members share that having a coordinated group facilitates being active in the community, as helping others and having fun with others is a winning combination. In June, our volunteers ranged in age from 14 to 82, and in August, our group included several couples with 30+ years of marriage combined with Chevron Service lengths of over 40 years!

Our July bay cruise tour of the USS Potomac in Oakland was wonderful. Over 40 member participants, friends and family gave positive feedback about the specific event and asked for more! We had a beautiful day socializing and learning some presidential history! Our next social event ,with 35 participants, will be August 24 at Oracle Park to see the S.F. Giants play the Cincinnati Reds (full), with more sports activities in the planning stages.

CHEVRON NEWS

Click on the article to read report.

August 2026

08/17 [Chevron advances its strategic exploration program with discovery in Angola's Block 0](#)
08/11 [Chevron announces leadership changes](#)

July 2026

07/31 [Chevron reports second quarter 2026 results](#)
07/08 [Chevron and ZL Chemicals announce technology licensing agreement for advanced chemical surfactant technology](#)

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUN ACTIVITIES

Hiking Group

Since it's warm out, 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 0 to 35. We've played 13 of our planned 24 outings this year. The club officers arrange for tee times and send out an email. At these outings, we have an optional small game going (net or skins) and closest to the pin prizes on 2 holes. We also have 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 2026, membership is only \$90. For more information, contact cgcsanramon@gmail.com or come talk with Brad at the luncheon. We held our Club Championship at Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley over the August 1-2 weekend. The gross winner was Damian Wolfgram by one stroke over Carlos Bonilla. The net winner was Tatyana Zerlin, whose first round score was a blistering 57 (91 gross which was her best round of her life by far) which proved to be too difficult to beat on the second day. We have had 1 team make it through the NCGA Qualifiers and go to the NCGA Championships.

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. Please use your Chevron matching to fullest extent you can. It is there for a reason – please use it. And please submit your request as early as possible to avoid the end-of-year deluge of requests.

For volunteering purposes, there are still great projects in Chevron Humankind, mostly connected to the Richmond Refinery.

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.

If you have any questions/issues, feel free to contact us at cracocoevents@gmail.com.

Financial Seminars

We continue to hold several in-person Financial Seminars in Walnut Creek hosted by MorganStanley. Our next seminar is on Wednesday, September 9 covering Medicare. We typically have a 3rd party speaker along with Financial Advisors from Morgan Stanley. There are always a lot of questions from the retirees and the small audience size allows for a lot of discussion. We have a separate distribution list for these seminars, so if you are interested, please send a note to cracocoevents@gmail.com expressing your interest to be added to the distribution list.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUN ACTIVITIES (continued)

Chevron Heritage Center Retiree Tour September 24, 2026

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, September 24 from 10:30 – noon. There will be another tour in November, and additional tours will be scheduled in 2027.

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 a few days prior to the tour.

Chevron Retirees Association Happy Hour Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Join fellow Chevron retirees for an evening of good company, drinks and catching up with colleagues. Working employees are also invited to attend.

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Time: 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Canyon Club Brewery Danville
206 Sycamore Valley Rd.

Whether you're a longtime friend from the office or someone we haven't seen in awhile, come reconnect with Chevron retirees and employees over drinks and appetizers. No agenda--just great conversation and good times. No retiree membership is needed to attend. We'd love to see a great turnout.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 23 by email to cracocoevents@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly.

See you all there

WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

Have you seen the new and improved Chevron Retirees Website? It is fantastic!
www.chevronretirees.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
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/benefits>

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

Benefits (Benefits Corner, CRA Benefits, Social Security/ Medicare resources, Chevron Benefits)
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/benefits>

In Memoriam
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/inmemoriam>

CRA Membership (what does CRA do? Are you interested?)
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/membership>

About Us (officers, chapter locations, coming events)
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/about>

Resources
<https://www.chevronretirees.org/resources>

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

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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, September 24, 2026

11 am – Social Hour

Noon – Buffet Luncheon

Our September 24, 2026, luncheon will be held at Chevron Lakeside, located at 5001 Executive Parkway in San Ramon. The buffet will feature Mexican cuisine with grilled steak and chicken fajitas, cheese enchiladas, flautas, rice and beans, guacamole with chips and salsa, dessert, iced tea, and coffee.

Our guest speaker will be discussing the impacts of Artificial Intelligence on our daily lives.

Reservations are due no later than Monday, September 14, 2026.

Member Name		Guest 1	
Member Email		Guest 2	
Member Phone No			

Options	Cost	No.	Total
Buffet Only	\$45		
Buffet with Wine	\$55		
Buffet with Beer	\$55		
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 Harinder Sidhu, 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.

