



Northwest/Alaska/Hawaii Area of the Chevron Retirees Association
**CHEVRON TEXACO PUGET SOUND CHAPTER OF THE CHEVRON
 RETIREES ASSOCIATION**
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This year is screaming along with the Northwest's usual unpredictable weather. Unfortunately, a snowstorm required the cancellation of the March luncheon at the Redmond Family Pancake House. Our next luncheon is scheduled at the Black Diamond Bakery and Deli on May 14th. Hope to see many of you there.

The CRA Annual Meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta Canada on May 18-20, 2026. The Northwest Area will be well represented by Daryl Brennick (Area VP), Ray Airone (Alaska Chapter President), Rosemarie and Dennis Lewis (Puget Sound Chapter) and Louis Webb (Mid-Columbia Chapter). Please let any of these delegates know if there are any concerns or issues you would like them to raise.

Currently there are 111 dues paying members in the Puget Sound Chapter, with 74 of the total being a combination member plus spouse. There are still a few previous members who have not renewed their membership, which brings up the issue of how we communicate.

The majority of the Chapter's information is provided via the Internet with some members being mailed copies of the newsletter and Chevron's ENCORE. We realize there are members who do not have computers, printers, etc. available to them. If you, or someone you know would benefit from receiving paper copies, please let our newsletter publisher, Dennis Lewis, know so they can be added to the mailing list.

We welcome our new 2026 members. Please share your work experience and current activities by sending Dennis Lewis a brief "What's New With You" story.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Black Diamond Bakery and Deli on Thursday May 14, 2026.

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A Letter from the Editor

This is my third effort at editing this newsletter. I continue to learn and, hopefully, improve. I want to thank the board for their input and help. Without them I would not be able to do this.

Normally we have an event to report about with pictures and stories, but our Redmond Lunch was cancelled due to snow. Disappointing, but necessary. The driving conditions were horrible. I would like to thank Betty Kollen for coordinating with other board members and quickly deciding to cancel the event and notifying the attendees. I know that it saved my wife and I a 40-mile drive through dangerous conditions.

At our last Board Meeting we decided to add a feature to the newsletter. For the next few editions each member will introduce themselves and write a brief article about their lives and history.

I look forward to hearing from you with suggestions and ideas. This Newsletter is for you. Please let me know if you have anything that you want added. Email (dennisklewis@comcast.net) or phone (253 208-2579) are the best way to contact me.

What's New With You?

Do you have any news about yourself or other ChevronTexaco retirees that you would like to share? Do you or do you know of any retiree that volunteers, let me know. These comments will be published in an issue of the Newsletter. Just send me a note, email, or text with your information or story. Please include pictures! We have some excellent submissions in this issue but want many more. I hope to hear from you before the next issue.

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2026 Calendar of Events

May 14, 2026

11:00 AM

Lunch

**Black Diamond
Bakery & Deli
32805 Railroad Ave
Black Diamond, WA**

August 13, 2026

11:00 AM

Picnic

Lake Sammamish

October 8, 2026

Lunch

**Ben Dews Restaurant
6501 6th Ave
Tacoma, WA**

December 10, 2026

**Christmas Party
Ivars Salmon House
401 NE Northlake Way
Seattle, WA**



Hello everyone. My name is Rosemarie Lewis, and I am on the Board of Directors for the Puget Sound Chapter of the Chevron Texaco Retirees Association. I was asked to provide a brief biography and history so members can get to know me. However, at my age "brief" will be difficult. I was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington. After graduating from high school, I went to vocational school and ended up as a licensed Dental Assistant. This came in very handy as life went on. I married my husband Dennis in 1970. We have celebrated 56 anniversaries together. We have two children, one daughter and one son. Three grandchildren, ranging from ages 14 to 30. Our lives and activities right now are centered on the 14- and 16-year-old as they travel the western United States competing in events. The 16-year-old girl competes nationally in Horse Shows, and the 14-year-old boy plays basketball up and down the west coast.

I was working as a Dental Assistant when I married, went into day care in my home when my children were young, then returned to Dental Assisting when they started school. Dennis started with Gulf Oil in 1973 at a government funded research pilot plant located at Fort Lewis, Washington. I was working for a wonderful children's dentist when in 1981 Ronald Reagan stopped the funding for the pilot plant and our lives changed. We moved with Gulf Oil from beautiful Northwest to the less beautiful Odessa, Texas area. One year later Dennis's gas plant was shut down. We moved to Hobbs, New Mexico. During this time Gulf merged with Chevron. We stayed in Hobbs until 1991 when we moved with Chevron to Santa Maria, California. Each time we relocated I was fortunate that I always found employment immediately as a dental assistant. In 1998 Dennis was offered a "28 day on/28 day off" job in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Suddenly I oversaw the family. During his first tour, which lasted 90 days I packed up and moved us back to Tacoma. Dennis asked that I find a house near a golf course. I did better and found one **on** a golf course. He was a happy camper (golfer?) when he returned! We continue to play there to this day. When we moved back to Tacoma, the dentist that I had worked for some 18 years earlier asked that I come back to work for him. I had never lost touch with him and the staff. I saw them every time we returned home on vacation. They always had a party when I was in town. The dentist passed away, but the staff still gets together. I spent more than 40 years as an assistant then retired. We joined the Retirees Association when Dennis retired. I soon learned that spouses are important to the organization and enjoyed all the activities. I met many diverse wonderful people. I was asked to become a board member two years ago. My fellow members are great to work with, and everyone gets involved with planning and putting the lunches and other events together. I would encourage anyone, especially spouses, to join us. We have openings and you will find the experience as rewarding as I do. I hope to see you all at the events.

Rosemarie

Chevron Corporation Activities Summary

January–March 2026

Overview

From January through March 2026, Chevron focused on stabilizing refining performance, advancing strategic projects tied to the Hess acquisition, and navigating ongoing arbitration with Exxon over Guyana assets. The company also emphasized capital discipline, upstream growth, and early-year operational reliability.

January 2026

- **Refining System Reset:** Chevron began the year addressing lingering margin weakness from late 2025. Several refineries underwent planned maintenance to improve reliability and reduce unplanned downtime.
- **Guyana Arbitration Developments:** Chevron reaffirmed its commitment to acquiring Hess' 30% stake in the Stabroek Block. Legal teams prepared filings for the next phase of arbitration with Exxon.
- **Permian Basin Momentum:** Early-year production reports showed continued strength in the Permian, with well productivity tracking ahead of Chevron's 2025 averages.
- **Capital Spending Alignment:** The company finalized its 2026 capital program, prioritizing shale, deepwater, and Hess-related integration projects.

February 2026

- **Operational Performance Update:** Chevron reported improved refinery utilization as maintenance cycles wrapped up. Downstream margins remained soft but showed early signs of stabilization.
- **Hess Integration Milestones:** Teams advanced integration of Bakken and Gulf of Mexico assets acquired through Hess. Chevron highlighted expected synergies and long-term production uplift.
- **Energy Transition Investments:** Chevron expanded its lower-carbon portfolio with incremental investments in renewable fuels and carbon capture partnerships.
- **Community & Safety Initiatives:** The company continued mobile air-monitoring programs and community engagement efforts near key facilities.

March 2026

- **Upstream Strength:** Chevron reported strong first-quarter production trends, driven by Permian growth and early contributions from Hess assets.
- **Refining Margins Improve Slightly:** Market conditions modestly improved, helping downstream results recover from Q4 2025 lows.
- **Guyana Arbitration Continues:** Arbitration proceedings entered a new stage, with Chevron maintaining confidence in its contractual rights.
- **Shareholder Communications:** Chevron issued early-year guidance reaffirming its focus on capital discipline, dividend stability, and long-term production growth.

Key Takeaways (Q1 2026)

- Upstream performance remained the company's strongest driver.
- Refining margins improved but remained below historical averages.
- Hess integration and Guyana arbitration were central strategic themes.
- Chevron positioned itself for stronger results heading into Q2 2026.

What's New With You?



Jean Thurber

This is only March and already I've been on three trips this year. Actually the first trip started New Year's Eve 2025.

- (1) Went to Oahu, HI for the wedding for my 2nd oldest grandson on December 31. There were 2 ceremonies: one in a church on January 2 and the other on January 3 in a tropical location on the island. It was so beautiful ... and so my family grows by another new member. This grandson's older brother married last August at a beautiful venue in Auburn, WA. I am certainly blessed because both grandsons captured the hearts of some sweet young women.
- (2) Went to Reno, NV on March 2 (this has been my annual trip with sisters, sisters-in-law and female cousins). I brought some luck with me, I guess, because I brought home all my \$\$\$ and a nice tidy sum of theirs! The weather was cold but dry and perfect for spending time outside walking to try to burn off calories from all the good food at the hotel.
- (3) Went to Phoenix, AZ on March 9 to visit my next youngest brother that is dealing with some serious health issues. I am the oldest of six siblings and all my siblings went to see our brother at the same time. He was well enough to sit in the sunshine to watch the Mariners play Colorado in a Spring Training game. The M's lost, but it was fun being there and watching them.

Since two of my siblings had to come through Seattle to go south, they stayed for a while before heading back to Wrangell, AK where they have had snow since early December. I had hoped to bring one sister to the March luncheon but, as luck would have it, it snowed here in Seattle and the luncheon was cancelled. Now that my house is empty except for me, more company is coming for a short stay later this week. I live close to the airport and have empty bedrooms so I have company stay with me throughout the year while on their way somewhere else. We are a close knit family.

Now it's time to plant the tubers I dug last fall and take advantage of any dry spells to bring the gardens alive again. I need to fence some areas off because there is a bunny that has been nibbling at some of the new starts. I need Elmer Fudd! 😊

Jean

Walt Gill

Retiring after 35 years and 15 jobs in Marketing and Public Affairs in Headquarters and various US cities, I took jobs at Trader Joes, The Home Depot and Whole Foods Market. People working retail jobs have erratic work schedules and demanding physical jobs, so please be nice to the people that provide us with groceries and other goods. My wife and I live in the house that we purchased in Kensington when I started at Standard Oil in 1983. I volunteer to support the local police department and am excited to continue to as the Chair of CRA's Public Affairs Committee where we help manage the PSA, CAN and Humankind. CRA is a great organization with many capable leaders and benefits.

At the Christmas Parties every year our Chapter raises funds for charities in our area. Everyone has been very generous. Below are the letters of recognition we received this year!



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March 5, 2026

Chevron Texaco Puget Sound Retirees
15350 Angelo Strada PI SE
Olalla, WA 98359-4508

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$100, which we received on March 3, 2026. We are grateful for your support of the communities that we serve.

Your gift is much more than a donation—it's an investment in a healthier, more just society. Together, we can nourish and uplift our communities.

Stories like these reflect the impact of your generosity.

Sequim Food Bank (Clallam County): *"We are seeing a clear and concerning trend in our community: more families are turning to us for help for the very first time, and visitors who haven't needed our services in several years are now returning due to increased financial strain. Many of our senior visitors have shared that recent Social Security increases are not keeping pace with the rising cost of groceries, housing, and basic necessities, leaving them with difficult choices to make each month."*

SVDP Georgetown Food Bank (King County): *"The value and impact of our partnership with Northwest Harvest cannot be overstated. Without your support, this month would have been especially difficult for neighbors who rely on our Food Bank to feed their families. In the first week, nationwide budget cuts to TEFAP funding had an immediate impact on our first week supply of food. Yet, Northwest Harvest remained steadfast in their delivery, providing an average of 1649 lbs. per week. With your help, we are able to provide vital nutrition to our neighbors."*

Thank you for making a difference.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "TR" followed by a flourish.

Thomas Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer

TAX RECEIPT: *This letter may serve as your receipt for tax purposes. Northwest Harvest is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Tax ID Number: 91-0826037. No goods or services were exchanged for this gift. If you have questions about the deductibility of your gift, please consult a tax specialist and/or IRS Publication 526.*

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26 February 2025

Chevron/Texaco
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Dear Chevron/Texaco Puget Soud Chapter,

On behalf of the USO Northwest and the men and women in uniform whom we serve, I want to thank you for your compassion and support of our USO Northwest Organization. We are pleased to have received your \$100.00 donation and promise to be good stewards of your donation. Please know that we value your donation because it allows us to make a difference for so many serving our country today.

In times of peace and those of crisis, our men and women in uniform are there for us. The USO expresses the appreciation of our grateful nation through our corps of volunteers and services. Each year, USO Northwest continues to advance its mission of providing morale and welfare support to the Northwest's military and their families. Through our programs, such as our Airport Centers and the USO Canine and Gaming Programs, we have seen smiles of military families and provided a sense of relief to the deploying. This year, because of the consistent support from friends such as you, the USO Northwest is able to support family readiness groups, provide a place of rest and refreshment at our Sea-Tac and JBLM centers, and support homecomings, deployments and National Guard training with our Mobile Canteen.

Thank you for your continuous support – it is much appreciated!! It is heartwarming when USO NW is considered worthy of your hard-earned dollars. I cannot believe all the goodness I have seen as the Executive Director of the USO Northwest for just over 17.5 years.

BTW - USO in Washington DC will eventually send your tax receipt for your gift – please know how much I appreciate it at the local level. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald M. Leingang". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Donald M. Leingang
Commander, U.S. Navy (retired)
Executive Director
Lifetime American Legion Member – Post #1 Seattle
Lifetime VFW Member – Post #6785 Kent

Chair, USONW Council
Pam Valdez, formerly of
The Boeing Company

Executive Director
CDR Donald M. Leingang, USN (Ret.)

IN MEMORIAM

Retiree Deaths Reported - Northwest US-Alaska-Hawaii in February

[PUGET SOUND CHAPTER](#)

THUT, CARL C.

3122 RACINE ST UNIT 122, BELLINGHAM, WA 98226

CHEVRON DIED: 02/10/26 RETIRED: 08/29/03

[ALASKA CHAPTER](#)

HANSEN, LARRY R.

1808 MIRANDA CT, KENAI, AK 99611

CHEVRON DIED: 02/05/26 RETIRED: 01/23/96

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AMES, DOROTHY E. (spouse)

7815 156TH STREET SE, SNOHOMISH, WA 98296

CHEVRON DIED: 02/05/26 WIDOWED: 08/19/18

JOHNSON, JAMES R

1300 O AV, APT 213, ANACORTES, WA 98221

TEXACO DIED: 03/13/26 RETIRED: 05/31/89

[SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER](#)

OLIVER, KENNETH M

1200 MIRA MAR AVE. #733, MEDFORD, OR 97504

UNOCAL DIED: 03/22/26 RETIRED: 06/29/86

[ALASKA CHAPTER \(9905\)](#)

BAILEY, R C

910 KATHY PL, ANCHORAGE, AK 99504

CHEVRON DIED: 01/14/26 RETIRED: 10/31/92

HUTCHISON, CHRISTINE A

281 JULIUSSEN STREET, KENAI, AK 99611

CHEVRON DIED: 04/27/23 RETIRED: 12/30/11

OSKOLKOFF, ARNOLD E

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UNOCAL DIED: 02/09/26 RETIRED: 06/29/99

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UNOCAL DIED:01/02/26 RETIRED:03/30/83

BRAATEN RICHARD A

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CHEVRON DIED:03/25/26 RETIRED:07/10/92

We will not mourn with sorrow deep.
Or stand by your empty place and weep.
For death's dark veil, we will not fear.
But celebrate the life you held so dear.
Your laughter echoes in our ears.
Your wisdom calms our rising fears.
Your spirit, though it has flown free,
Still walks in every memory.
We see you in the sun's bright ray.
And in the dawning of the day.
Your light remains, a guiding star,
A beacon showing who you are.
For you were more than just a friend,
A story with no final end.
Your joy, your light, your love, your art,
Will live forever in our heart.



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Please Join us for the ChevronTexaco Retirees Chapter lunch on May 14th at The Black Diamond Bakery & Deli. We look forward to seeing you there!

We warmly invite you to join us for a delightful luncheon with the ChevronTexaco Retirees Chapter on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the charming **Black Diamond Bakery & Deli**, conveniently located at **32805 Railroad Avenue, Black Diamond, WA**. Our gathering will kick off with a social hour at 11:00 AM, followed by a delicious lunch around 11:30. This is a wonderful opportunity for members, especially those in the Black Diamond area, to come together and reconnect in a friendly atmosphere! Remember, everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring along a family member or friend to share in the fun and perhaps lend a hand with transportation—after all, the more, the merrier! Lunch will be ordered from the menu, and each guest will settle their bill individually after the meal. To ensure you have a spot at our table, please give Al Chiamulera a call at **253-862-0116 (text messages are not accepted)**. We can't wait to share laughs, stories, and camaraderie with you. Stay well, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Your Chapter Board.
