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Luncheon

**Monday, September 22, 2025
Chevron Lakeside**

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

Speaker: Neil Delfino

Montecito was hit with massive mudflows on the night of January 9, 2018. This presentation is a look at what really caused the mudslides/flows in Santa Barbara, that resulted in about \$200 million in property damage and killed about 25 people. Neil will set up the events leading to the devastation, what triggered the event, how it progressed, why it progressed as it did, and the damage it left behind. He will also show why it was all preventable and how to prevent a future event from happening.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The heat hit today. I'm glad that I'm able to write this message from my air-conditioned house. The weather has been cooler this year, which has been nice for golf, hiking, and bocce. Though it makes me wonder if getting acclimated to a cooler year so far will sneak up and bite me when the weather does get hotter. I don't have great heat tolerance, probably because I was born and raised in the fog. Central Valley heat makes me melt, much less some of the hotter places where we have retirees like Tucson or West Texas.

Our Fall Luncheon will again be at Chevron Lakeside. See the Luncheon flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information and 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.

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.

We have two **Contra Costa Chapter Scholarship winners** this year, Michael Tu and Chloe Hickey. Both are incredibly gifted students. Michael Tu is starting his 2nd year at Northeastern University. He applied for the scholarship last year but did not win. I believe he is the first recipient to win a scholarship after not winning the first time but following up with another



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PRESIDENT MESSAGE (continued)

er application in a subsequent year. So all you students in the same situation, I encourage you to send in a new application each year that you are eligible. We were able to meet Michael and his family as they attended our 2nd Quarter luncheon. Chloe will be attending University of Oregon in the Fall. Since Chloe lives in the Sacramento area she was not able to attend the luncheon, but I'm sure she would be very interesting to talk with given all of her volunteering and sports. We wish her well in her collegiate career and glad the CRA \$2,000 scholarship will help with her endeavors.

In this issue you will see an article about a **survey** we are conducting. We would really appreciate it if you would answer the questions and reply back as stated in the announcement. We need this information to help us provide you with the best services possible. As an added bonus, 2 people that submit their completed survey will win a \$100 gift card as a thank you.

Save Friday, December 12 for the **Graduates Luncheon**. This year we are privileged to hear from Mary Francis, Chevron Secretary. More information on the venue, cost, etc. will be coming later.

This 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

Paul Cochran
Kathy Fong
Furman Foster
Patrick Garcia
Stephanie Ghisletta
Bill Hoskins
Doug Johnson

Vivian Mayfield
Vicki Newman
Joseph Quinlan
Linda Roberts
Chris Robbins
Wanda Ward

CHEVRON NEWS

Click on the article to open.

08/01/25

August 2025

Chevron Reports Second Quarter 2025 Results

07/29/25

July 2025

John B. Hess Joins Chevron's Board Of Directors

07/18/25

Chevron Completes Acquisition Of Hess Corporation

07/10/25

Chevron Supports Central And West Texas Flood Relief Efforts

MEMBER'S NEWS

J. Dean Adkins: I moved to Paso Robles full time April 1st this year! Drop by if you are in the area ...

Christine Banducci: Tragically lost my husband, Mike, in July 2024 due to complications from his 2022 stroke. I gave myself the gift of healing by walking the Camino de Santiago in the Spring of 2025. Completed the full Camino Frances (500 miles) with zero injuries. Feel free to ask me about the Camino if interested.

Paul Cochran: Retirement is great! The summer bicycling season is here and for the first time in a while, I have time to take full advantage of it.

Patrick Garcia: After 35 years, I retired from Chevron. I started in Retail Marketing in 1990 and ended my career once again in Retail Marketing but now called Sales Product & Marketing. My career in Chevron moved me around to several OPCOs, depts and teams so it was nice to come back to bookend my career where I first started. Now, I'm ready for retirement at 58 years. I've decided to stay in Walnut Creek in my forever home with a couple remodeling projects but would love to travel with friends all over the world. My goal is to set foot on all 7 continents.

Thomas (Tom) Harris: Since retiring in 2013, I just completed my second stint as a contractor at RTC working in the OT&S group on Ionic Liquid materials.

John Fitzpatrick: Moved fulltime to Pennsylvania and still serving as a Licensed Battlefield Guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania. Contact me for a personalized tour of Gettysburg jofi2@comcast.net

Furman Foster: Retired on May 1, 2025 after 32 years 11 months: I'm calling it 33 years. Retail Marketing, DS Marketing, Corporate Affairs.

O. Art Kubal: Sandy and I spent the month of March 2025 driving to Key West Florida – a bucket list item. To and from we had the pleasure of visiting long time Chevron friends. We have been RVing since my 1995 retirement but recently sold our last motor home. Bought a condo in Logan which we use in the summer months to get away from the desert heat in Palm Desert, California. Hello to all that know us.

Vivian Mayfield: Hello Chevron retiree network members. I hope some of you out there remember me. I am about to leave Chevron (this is my last week onsite) after 33.5 years at the San Ramon offices. I am excited about starting a new chapter in my life. I'm looking forward to exploring some new hobbies, sleeping in, having more time to be active and socialize.

Michael F. Metcalf: We've recently moved to Paradise Valley Estates, a continuing care retirement community in Fairfield. Lots to do here and a wonderful community of energetic folks who love to be around friendly and enthusiastic people.

Vicki Newman: Retiring August 1 – just trying to navigate and complete all required forms before the freedom I hear so much about.

Rick O'Brien: Enjoying fourth year as head coach of the Acalanes High School boys tennis program. Spoiling two grandsons every chance I get.

Richard Parmelee: Nothing new with Sharon and I. Both doing well!

Ed Peggs: Three grandkids now, ages 5, 3, and 1. Spending more time up in the Sierras working the land!

Joseph Prejean: Just admitting that I'm "old."

Joseph Quinlan: My name is Joe Quinlan and I will be celebrating 40 years with Chevron on October 21, 2025. My last day with Chevron will be October 29, 2025. My career in Chevron has been Finance & Planning and included assignments in Concord, San Ramon, Cabinda Angola, Papua New Guinea, Tengiz Kazakhstan, Mina Saud PNZ, Libya, Kuwait City, Bakersfield, Luanda Angola, and finally back in San Ramon for the past six years. I look forward to retirement and hopefully getting back in contact with colleagues.

MEMBER'S NEWS (continued)

Patsy Ronat: I was a stand-up trainer at Chevron and I actually am still standing ... everything works and nothin' hurts! ... so doing a lot of traveling these days. Recent trips include the Caribbean; Greenland/Iceland; the lower Danube; Antarctica/Tierra del Fuego expedition. Upcoming are Bermuda in spring and the Nile River this fall. (Lucky to have some good travel buddies who never complain about anything, so even when it rains we still have fun!)

William R. Scott: Bill is in hospice care with stage 4 lung cancer. This will be his last year of membership.

Lillian Smithson: Not much new here – family is increasing – the grandchildren are marrying. Maybe there will be some great grandchildren coming along. Oh! Almost forgot – my granddaughter and her partner are expecting a boy in August – I just found out.

Natalie Talbert: Enjoying having no set schedule. Except for watching our granddaughters, Irie (soon to be 3 from my eldest son Ryan) and Ellie (turned 2 from my younger son Garrett). After years of running 5K, 10K, and CrossFit – awaiting my date for hip surgery. Life is good. I am blessed.

Linda Vest: I'm continuing to travel when I can. In February I spent three weeks in Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar; Sicily and Puglia in May/June; Svalbard, Greenland and Iceland in July; and off to Mexico in September. 2026 is shaping up already with a winter trip to Norway and Finland in February; and Antarctica and the Falkland Islands in November.

Jim Willer: Our 11-year old grandson is coming to visit us from Wisconsin. Planning trip to Tahoe while he is here.

Angelika Wieling: Happily retired and volunteering at the Chamber of Commerce of Yountville in the Napa Valley - Annual Music Festival Napa Valley. Lost my husband, Andy, of 55 years this year. Trying to stay active with pickleball, bike rides and craft activities.

Robert Wilkenfeld: Staying active by cycling and hiking with SIR 146 and woodcarving through Mt. Diablo School District. Travel has taken us to Spain, the Mediterranean, and Vietnam in the past year. Looking forward to many more trips!

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:

Ronda R. Bragazzi
C. D. Moss

George W. Wasson

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.

ACTIVITIES

Hiking Group

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 1 to 40. We've played about half 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 or come talk with Brad at the luncheon. We held our Club Championship at Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley over the August 9-10 weekend. The gross winner was Damian Wolfgrem who won by a single stroke over Ivan Zerlin. The net winner was Ari Illeperuna, whose first round score of 67 proved to be too difficult to beat. We have had 2 teams make it through the NCGA Qualifiers and go to the various NCGA Championships.

Come Join Other Retirees at Sutter Park to See the Athletics Play

The Sacramento Chapter has arranged for tickets to go see the ~~OAKLAND~~ Sacramento A's.

Here are the details regarding the Athletics baseball game:

Athletics vs. Houston Astros
Thursday, September 25, 12:35 p.m. (PDT)

Sutter Health Park
400 Ballpark Dr, West Sacramento

<https://share.google/1EcGPQkkIchU5Zb1Q>

If interested, please RSVP to Mary Harris at mkharris911@yahoo.com.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

San Ramon (join Chevron A-Team) – Saturday, October 25

Sacramento (join Team Snail) – Saturday, September 27

BRINGING AWARENESS OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND SUPPORT

Provided by Parkinson Association of Northern California (PANC)

Recently, the CRA SACRAMENTO CHAPTER hosted an enlightening Zoom presentation focused on Parkinson's Awareness, offering a wealth of resources that can significantly benefit our community. We encourage you to take a moment to engage with this important content by accessing the recorded presentation and the accompanying PDF deck through the provided links. Remember, you are not alone in navigating health challenges; staying informed and connected is vital. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please feel free to reach out to our knowledgeable presenters, Jan Whitney and Tom Cadman. Let's foster our sense of camaraderie by sharing experiences and insights, as we collectively enhance our retirement journey and support one another in our health and well-being. Together, we can make the most of these resources and strengthen our bonds within the retiree community!

Below is the link to the recording and also the PDF deck:

Link to recording:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/n9oniujxvg3fmfahjoqav/Parkinsons_AwarenessCRA_SAC_6-12-2025.mp4?rlkey=hn3b0o1922moh5fjj639zdrvh&dl=0

Link to PDF deck :

PANC Presenation.pdf

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If there are any questions or information needed, please reach out to the respective presenters :

- Jan Whitney, Executive Director of PANC. jan@panctoday.org
- Tom Cadman, Director and Outreach Coordinator tcadman@pacbell.net

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.

MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS
October 16, 2025

2025 LUNCHEON DATES
September 22, 2025

GRADUATES LUNCHEON
December 12, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2025-2026

We had two excellent students apply for scholarships this year, and they both were awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. We left a lot of scholarship money on the table because we didn't get more applicants. Remember that you can apply for a scholarship more than once as long as you meet the qualifications (including not being a previous winner, attending post-secondary school in the Fall, etc.).

Michael Tu: Graduated from the Athenian High School in Danville in June of 2024. He is currently attending Northeastern University as a rising sophomore with a combined major in Business Administration and Health Sciences. As he continues with his education at Northeastern, he strives to explore the relations between healthcare and business and how profit based mindsets influence a hospital's decisions when allocating resources and services to patients. Furthermore, Michael also hopes to discover other more discrete factors that play a significant role in how hospitals are able to satisfy the various needs of their patients and the ways in which they determine who to prioritize whilst coming up with methods they can utilize to keep their institutions afloat. In addition to delving into the complexities of the healthcare and business worlds, Michael also has expressed potential interest in pursuing an education as a physician's assistant, having an intense desire to express a sense of compassion and empathy towards others and discovering ways in which to connect with patients and their loved ones. While pursuing his degree at Northeastern, Michael also seeks to gain more international experience through global travel and interacting with those from a myriad of countries, his interest kindled by his previous experience of studying abroad his first semester freshman year in Madrid via NUin Spain.

Chloe Hickey: Throughout high school, I've been dedicated to service, leadership, and academics. I ran cross country and track at the JV/Varsity level, mentored teammates, and served as a TA for AP Computer Science Principles. I've completed over 600 hours of volunteer work through the National Charity League and Jack and Jill of America, where I held board positions and led community projects. I developed an app blending coding, design, and cybersecurity, and deepened my interest in tech through the Inspirit AI Scholars program and an AI course at Sacramento State. As a member of Black Student Union and National Honor Society, I've supported equity and academic excellence. In college, I plan to major in computer science with a focus on artificial intelligence and use technology to create solutions that improve lives.

CRA CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER SURVEY



The Board wants to hear from you. Below is a link to a short survey about our chapter and how we are doing. Your feedback will help us improve our communications and plan our 2026 events.

Please complete the survey no later than September 30. Your responses will be kept confidential. We will share a summary of survey results in a future newsletter.

As an incentive, we are offering everyone who completes the survey a chance to win one of two \$100 VISA gift cards. If you'd like to be entered into the free prize draw, provide your name and email address at the end of the survey.

We would value your participation. Thank you!

Here is the survey link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBkK6vRltaBeYnn3qdFSFJGanmGP31IljE1gSBWDtZEKLT9A/viewform>

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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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: Monday, September 22, 2025

11 am – Social Hour

Noon – Buffet Luncheon

Our September 22, 2025 luncheon will be held at Chevron Lakeside, located at 5001 Executive Parkway in San Ramon. The buffet will feature grilled boneless chicken breast, Atlantic salmon, penne pasta, red potatoes with butter, green beans almondine, garden salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea and coffee.

Our guest speaker will be Neil Delfino presenting on the Montecito mudslides.

Reservations are due no later than Monday, September 15, 2025.

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 CRA Treasurer, 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.

