

**Chevron Retirees Association  
Hill Country Chapter  
December 2017**

**Word From The President**

On behalf of the 2017/2018 chapter board, I would like to thank all the members of Hill Country Chapter for continued support, and in particular to those who have graciously volunteered their time and skills to support the chapter in its activities and effective communications to all members.

Our chapter is committed to the Chevron Retirees Association's (CRA) Mission Statement: "To attract and retain a diverse and multicultural dues-paying membership that brings value to all retirees and spouses and to the corporation." To accomplish the above, our primary strategy is to provide effective and timely communication to our members from Chevron, CRA, our national organization, and our chapter board. Through effective data gathering and management and your cooperation in providing current email addresses, we are able to promptly forward information to you at little or no cost to the chapter.

We also maintain a chapter website at <http://chevronhccrretirees.org> which has the latest luncheon plans, photos from events, and links to other sites such as CRA, Chevron Corporation, Chevron Human Resources, Chevron Benefits, gift matching programs and others. It is designed to help members easily navigate to all sites which may be of interest to the retiree.

To enhance our social relationships, the chapter plans three to four luncheons during the course of each year. In 2017, we have held luncheons in New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, Georgetown and in Austin. We are fortunate to continue to have interesting guest speakers or entertainers at our luncheons. We will continue rotating our luncheons to different locations during 2018 in order to minimize member's travel time for at least one chapter function during the year. Plans for 2018 will be made at our chapter board meeting on January 17, 2018.

**Some highlights for 2017:**

- \* Added 38 new members
- \* Total membership 240
- \* 98% of members on email
- \* Published 2017 Members Directory
- \* Low communication costs

As we continue into 2018, we will again be gathering data on new retirees, new surviving spouses and retirees new to our area. Although this effort continues on a quarterly basis, we encourage you to retain your membership and help in recruiting new members. Our board is made up of volunteers who are devoting time and energy to maintaining the existence of this chapter. We need your help as well, and ask each of you to invite potential members to join. Encourage them to join you at any of the luncheons. Describe to them why you see benefits of being a member.

We encourage you to volunteer for the chapter's board. It is essential for the future existence of this chapter to have current vacancies on the board filled. We encourage all members to help obtaining guest speakers and/or entertainers, and informing us of any new and exciting venues that may be of interest to the membership.

I look forward to serving as your chapter president for 2018 and hope to personally meet you at any of the scheduled luncheons.

Wishing you and your families happy and healthy 2018.

*Paul Skakun*, President