

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

## CHAPTER DUES FOR 2014 ARE NOW DUE

### March Luncheon

**Tuesday March 4, 2014**

**HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society)**

**5430 Westheimer**

**10:00 a.m. Social – cash bar available**

**11:30 a.m. Greetings and lunch**

**12:00 noon Program**

**\$23.00 per person**

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday February 27, send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

### **Luncheon Schedule:**

June 3, 2014, September 9, 2014 (tentative),

December 2, 2014 (tentative)

### **Entrée Choice**

We now offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on page seven when you send in your reservation. This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

**1) Bar-B-Que Brisket and Smoked Sausage**

**2) Parmesan Crusted Tilapia topped w/ Grape Tomatoes & Chardonnay Sauce**

All luncheons are served with salad, apple pie, iced tea and/or coffee.

## **President's Message**

Reflecting on 2013, it was a year the Metropolitan Houston Chapter (MHC) benefited from fiscal "good housekeeping", new member recruitment and member retention initiatives as well as a new partnership venture. From a fiscal standpoint, your Chapter's Board reviewed and strengthened the chapter's annual budget process both for the year and into the future. Board actions were approved to address increased operational expenses while minimizing the impact on membership dues and luncheon prices. New member recruitment and member retention initiatives were implemented which included use of a Call-Out Committee and mail-outs of monthly solicitation letters resulting in 54 new members and the highest number of member renewals in recent years. As a new partnership venture, your Chapter held its first joint luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston (TRCH) on December 3<sup>rd</sup> which had 129 attendees. This special event was such a success that plans will be looked at for a second joint luncheon in December, 2014, possibly with both the TRCH and the Houston Area Marketing Chapter.

At the December, 2013 luncheon meeting, Lorie Houglund, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of eight recommended candidates for Chapter Officers and Directors-At-Large for the 2014 Board of Directors. With no additional nominations from the members attending, this slate of candidates was voted upon and unanimously elected by attending members. Page 3 of this newsletter displays photos and position titles of your new 2014 Board of Directors. Five members have volunteered to return to serve on your Board again during 2014 and include myself- President (Chapter Officer); Don Edmonston, serving as both Vice President (Chapter Officer) and Membership Coordinator; Howard O-Donnell, serving as both Treasurer (Chapter Officer) and Luncheon Coordinator;

Glenn Ewan (Director-At-Large), serving as MHC Communications Chair and also CRA Demographic Chair; and Pete Rowland (Director-At-Large), serving as Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinator. Three members who have volunteered to serve as new members on your Chapter's Board for 2014 include Dorothy Greenwood, Secretary (Chapter Officer); Truman Childress (Director-At-Large), serving as Scholarship Program Coordinator; and Bill Alvarez, (Director-At-Large), serving as Membership Data Coordinator. George Treibel, MHC Past President and CRA Area Vice President will also serve as Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinator on the 2014 Board of Directors.

As always we encourage you to share your thoughts or suggestions on any topics which you would like to have feedback. Please feel free to submit your thoughts or suggestions by emailing them directly to:

Contact @cra-metrohouston.org

Or write and mail a brief description of your thought/s or suggestion/s to:

Metropolitan Houston Chapter  
11152 Westheimer Road, #729  
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I look forward to serving as your Chapter's president again during 2014. On behalf of the 2014 MHC Board of Directors, I would like to express appreciation to all members of our Chapter for your support this past year and look forward to your continued support and input as we move forward in 2014.

*Bill Dodge*

# 2014 Scholarship Program

Your MHC Scholarship Program is once again offering a **\$2000** college scholarship for a 2014 graduating senior, who has applied and been accepted by an accredited four-year university or two year community college or junior college. As in the past it will be a **one-time award** recognizing academic excellence and personal development. The 2014 eligibility requirements include any graduating high school senior that is related to a **dues paying member** of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including stepchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, etc., who meet the scholarship requirements as outlined in the MHC Scholarship application package

**Please Note:** Each student's application, including all required documentation as specified in the application package, must be received by the scholarship chairperson, Truman Childress, by **May 1, 2014**. It is recommended that the students interested in applying should request a package no later than early 2014 to allow sufficient time to complete the application. Each applicant will need to obtain three recommendations from high school staff or perhaps from an organization where they performed volunteer work. They must also submit an original essay of up to 500 words, their ACT or SAT test scores and their High School transcript, all of which may take time to accomplish. To request a scholarship application package, a sponsoring MHC chapter member should provide the following information:

**Student information:** Name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number (home or cell), email address AND

**Sponsoring MHC member's information:** name, relationship to applicant, telephone number (home or cell), and email address.

This information should be sent **either** by email or U.S. postal service mail to the attention of the Scholarship Committee Chairperson:

[scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org)

OR

Metropolitan Houston Chapter  
Scholarship Committee  
11152 Westheimer Road, #729  
Houston, TX 77042

The scholarship application package is normally provided electronically, but can be provided by U.S. mail upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Truman Childress at [tgchildress@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgchildress@sbcglobal.net) or 281-469-4745.

**Please consider supporting the continuation of this annual scholarship by making a financial contribution. As each year passes, our scholarship funds are diminished. If all of us would consider giving even a small amount when we mail in our membership renewal form, together we can Make a Difference.**

# MARCH PROGRAM

## Mike Cook



Mike graduated from Victoria High School in 1962, he attended Victoria Junior College for two years and then attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1967 with a BBA. After graduation he joined the Texas Army National Guard in May 1967 as a private, and he attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in June 1970.

Mike is a director of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and a past chairman of the speakers committee. He has been on several committees since 1979 including the Corral Club Committee the Swine Auction Committee and the Speakers Committee which he still serves on today.

Mike likes to give talks about the History of the Cowboy, his equipment and how the history helped with the founding of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo one of the largest donors of SCHOLARSHIPS in TEXAS and in the UNITED STATES. He is ONE of 32,000 volunteers who help put on the world's largest Livestock Show & Rodeo. In 2013 we had a record attendance of 2,506,238 visitors.

Like many volunteers at the Stock Show he has a full time job. He works as a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley\*. He has been in this business the last 43 YEARS and has included his company as a corporate contributor to the Livestock Show. He is certified as a Financial Planner and an Investment Management Analyst.

After a week at the office, he enjoys visiting his ranch in Austin County on the Brazos River where he keeps his horses, his dog Sweetie, and his pet longhorn Lucky.

### **\*\*ONLINE DIRECTORY\*\***

**Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is online at our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org). You will need to follow a one-time process to establish a userID and password to access this members-only content. Visit the website and click on the "Directory" tab to start the process. Form a carpool; you can search by Zip Code to help find members that live in your neighborhood.**

# 2014 MHC Board of Directors



Bill Dodge  
President



Don Edmonston  
Vice-President,  
Membership Coordinator



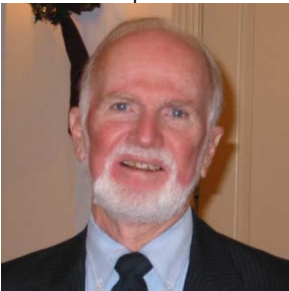
Dorothy Greenwood  
Secretary



Howard O'Donnell  
Treasurer  
Luncheon Coordinator



Truman Childress  
Scholarship Program Coordinator



George Treibel  
Past President  
Luncheon Entertainment  
Co-Coordinator  
CRA Area Vice President



Pete Rowland  
Luncheon Entertainment  
Co-Coordinator



Bill Alvarez  
Membership Data Coordinator



Glenn Ewan  
MHC Communications Chair  
CRA Demographics Chair

## Directors Duties for 2014

### Scholarship Program Coordinator

The Scholarship Coordinator shall manage the process of distributing application packets, receiving completed applications back, and awarding the MHC Scholarship.

**Truman Childress**

### Membership Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator shall manage the process of contacting current members to encourage them to attend our quarterly luncheon meetings and contacting former members to encourage them to return to MHC.

**Don Edmonston**

### Luncheon Coordinator

The Luncheon Coordinator shall manage the process of selecting the Luncheon Entrees and awarding Door Prizes.

**Howard O'Donnell**

### Membership Data Coordinator

The Membership Data Coordinator shall manage the process of maintaining the official database of Chapter members.

**Bill Alvarez**

### Luncheon Entertainment Coordinators

The Luncheon Entertainment Coordinator shall be responsible to arrange for entertainment for quarterly luncheons.

**Pete Rowland and George Treibel**

### Communications Committee Chair

The Communications Committee shall manage the processes of publishing the quarterly newsletter, publishing the annual directory, and maintaining the MHC website with current and accurate information.

**Glenn Ewan**

**Are you one of a group of 100+ members of MHC? It really is time to RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!! So, please renew your membership by returning Page 7 of this newsletter with your check. We want you to continue to share the benefits of MHC membership.**

# Treasurer's Corner

## 2013 Financial Summary

### TOTAL REVENUE

Income \$ 5,841

### **Expenses**

CRA Dues \$ 1,191

HESS Club Charges \$ 621

Scholarship \$ 2,000

Web Site \$ 195

Misc. Expenses \$232

Mail Box \$ 180

Luncheon Door Prizes \$ 448

Luncheon Entertainment \$ 300

**TOTAL EXPENSE** **\$ 5,167**

**Financial Surplus** **\$ 674**

## 2014 Budget

### TOTAL REVENUE

Income (includes \$674 carry over from 2013) \$ 6,179

### **Expenses**

CRA Dues \$ 1,125

HESS Club Charges \$ 650

Scholarship \$ 2,000

Web Site \$ 200

Misc. Expenses \$250

Mail Box \$ 336

Luncheon Door Prizes \$ 600

Luncheon Entertainment \$600

**TOTAL EXPENSE** **\$ 5,761**

**Financial Reserve (Surplus)** **\$ 418**

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In what country was Gulf's first foreign production venture?

- United Kingdom
- Mexico
- Italy

Select your answer, bring it to the luncheon and you could win a free luncheon.

## CRA Public Service Award

As you may recall, during 2013, our Chapter gave special recognition to member, Jim Roberston, for his nomination by our chapter for one of the annual Chevron Retiree Association (CRA) Public Services Awards. We have recently been informed by Chevron's Public Affairs Department that nominations are now being accepted for the CRA Public Service awards for 2014. Members who would like to receive recognition for their service to their community are encouraged to contact one of the above 2014 Board members for information on how to be nominated by our chapter for this award. The deadline for nomination submittals by our chapter is Saturday, March 15; therefore, if interested, please express your interest to a Board member no later than the end of February, 2014.

## Joint MHC/Texaco Luncheon – December 3, 2013

The recent luncheon held jointly between our chapter and the Texaco Retirees Club was an overwhelming success. Working through multiple meetings between officers of both clubs, agreement was reached on the menu, the handling of routine announcements, budget sharing, door prizes and entertainment.



Combining a love for music and entertaining, Texan Louise Trotter, having studied music since the age of 6, is a versatile performer. Her program contained a mix of classical, Broadway, swing, rag, Latin, country western, Christmas favorites, and some jazz and pop standards. You may listen to selections from her performance at [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) - click on the Meetings tab.

The attendance at the luncheon totaled 129 folks with almost 50% attending from each club (68 from MHC and 61 from the Texaco Club). There were NO "no shows" meaning everyone who reserved and paid for the luncheon attended along with three more who paid at the door.

Reports of conversations between members of both clubs have expressed, "What a great idea this joint luncheon was" to have an opportunity to share the December luncheon together. Both clubs are still reporting comments to us that their members continue to say that they had a great time and thought we should definitely do it again in the future.



## IN MEMORIAM



We regret to report the loss of some of our friends:

Cindy Bartges	1/10/2014	Chevron
Sheila Ann Borowski	11/10/2013	Texaco
Doris B Carothers	9/17/2013	Gulf
Audrey Joe Cloninger	11/5/2013	Texaco
Billy Don Collins	10/7/2013	Gulf
Frank Gregg	11/28/2013	Gulf
Alan Ewell Heard	11/27/2013	Texaco
Linda Kulcak Spouse of John Kulcak	11/18/2013	Gulf
Charles W Lantrip	10/22/2013	Chevron
Richard Hugh Liddell	11/25/2013	Texaco
William Ralph Mace	12/30/2013	Gulf
Billie W Mason	11/5/2013	Texaco
Robert E McMillan	11/25/2013	Gulf
Robert Eugene Metzler	12/21/2013	Texaco
Calvin F Neill	5/12/2013	Chevron
Joseph H Piper	07/3/2013	Gulf
George Smith	1/9/2014	Texaco
Joyce M Tillerson Spouse of Roy Tillerson (Deceased)	12/22/2013	Gulf
Clyde Williams, Jr	1/9/2014	Chevron

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

Please help us keep this section up to date. Many of our retiree families do not put an obituary in the Houston Chronicle. When you learn of the death of a retiree, please pass that information to Dorothy Greenwood.

### *Seen at the Last Luncheon*

We thought you might be interested in who attended our joint luncheon with the Texaco Retirees of Houston. An informal list of attendees at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of your MHC friends in a long time, come to the March 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

#### **Metropolitan Houston Chapter**

Bill Alvarez	Ronald Bernard
Harold Ayers	Judy Cantu
Doris Baker	Ramon Cantu
Lana Barton	Truman Childress
Lionel Barton	Eileen Chrzanowski
Esther Bender	Michael Chrzanowski

Frank Coe	Phyllis McEuen
Fulvia Croce	Ricky Mercado
Maurizio Croce	Pansy Meyer
Roger Cuttler	Nancy Money
Ray Dittmar	Jean Moritz
Bill Dodge	Ann Price
Linda Dodge	Espy Price
John Douglas	Jack Redding
Phyllis Douglas	Pat Redding
Don Edmonston	Charlie Rhoads
Gail Edmonston	Diane Rhoads
Richard Engelhart	Jim Robertson
Glenn Ewan	Mary Lou Rowland
Lorraine Ewan	Pete Rowland
John Floyd	Jim Ryan
Buford Foster	Nancy Ryan
Jim Gerhardt	Edward Schneider
Dorothy Greenwood	Linda Schneider
Charles Hancock	Charles Specht
John Hanten	Elizabeth Spooner
Thomas Heffner	James Stokes
Shirald Hendrix	George Treibel
Lorie Houglan	Louise Trotter
Clo Ladner	Bill Wally
Paul Larson	Clint Weber
Gary Luquette	Sandra Weber
Brenda Luquette	Pat Whitnel
Dick McEuen	

#### **Texaco Retirees Chapter of Houston**

Robert Abbott	Jim Hughes
Ellen T Ackermann	Evelyn Kassey
Francis Ackermann	Harold Kaufman
Sophie Allen	Nancy Kaufman
Ruth Anderson	Nancy D. Kwarta
Jenny Arunyon	Bill Laub
Doug Beatty	Linda Lawless
Virginia Benfield	O.W. Lawless
Merlyn Bruce	Fred Levert
Jack Burns	Sandra Littlefield
Bobby T. Clark	Paul Maxim
Carter B Conlin	Harold McCormick
Laura B. Crabtree	Bob Overton
Mike Dach	Nan Overton
Charles Distefano	Doris Riette
Gene Fawcett	Monte Rogers
Dorothy Fontaine	Mike Ryan
Delores Gorski	Sophie Salassi
Dan Graves	Virginia Schneider
Ken Hamilton	Robert Skaggs
Barbara Hill	John C. Strickland
Tom Hill	James P. Taylor
Bill Horton	Mary M Verges

#### **Houston Food Bank**

Jenifer Reves

# Door Prize Winners



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Frank Coe



Maurizio Croce



Nancy Money



Pansy Meyer



Truman Childress



Jim Ryan



Esther Bender



John Floyd



Bob Abbott



John Hanten



Judy Cantu



Gail Edmonston



Nancy Kaufman



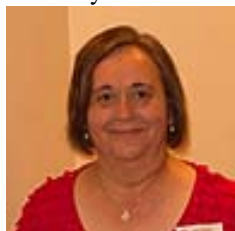
Pete Rowland



Clo Ladner



Bob Clark



Sophie Allen



Ray Dittmar



Ricky Mercado



Harold Kaufman



Merlyn Bruce



Sophie Salassi



Paul Larson



Clint Weber



Bill Laub

?\* We missed getting the name of one of the ladies that won a door prize. We apologize for not being able to identify her and to give her proper recognition.

**West Houston Assistance Ministries. Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service.**

