

# *METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER*

## **Chevron Retirees Association**

### March Luncheon

**Tuesday March 10, 2015**

**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

March 5, 2015 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

**Luncheon Schedule:**

June 2, 2015

### Entrée Choice

We now offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on page nine when you send in your reservation.

This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

1) ***BBQ Brisket & Smoked Sausage***

2) ***Almond Crusted Tilapia topped w/ Sun-dried Tomatoes, Basil & Lemon Butter***

Each Plate is served with Chef's Choice Starch and Fresh Vegetables, plus a dessert, iced tea and/or coffee.

## President's Message

2014 will be remembered as the year the Metropolitan Houston Chapter (MHC) began to actively partner with multiple Houston area CRA Retiree clubs in an effort to offer MHC members opportunities to attend different luncheon venues as well as meet more new faces and possibly former working colleagues. Our first joint luncheon with the Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club was held in June at the Riverbend Country Club in Sugar Land and was a big success. MHC co-hosted its second joint holiday luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston in December at the H.E.S.S. Club which was another success. Your Board plans to continue this partnership initiative in the year ahead. Also, during 2014, MHC continued efforts to promote recruitment and membership retention. Successful efforts by the Call-Out Committee and mail-outs of monthly solicitation letters to recently terminated Chevron employees resulted in 19 new members which is the highest number of new members in recent years. From a fiscal standpoint, your Chapter's Board continued its established practice of monitoring the Chapter's annual budget throughout the year.

At the December, 2014 luncheon meeting, I reported that, with the exception of two Board members who retired from the Board, all remaining Officers and Directors of the 2014 Board of Directors had volunteered to return to serve on the 2015 Board of Directors and be on the slate of nominees for re-election to the Board. With no additional nominations from the members attending, this slate of candidates was voted upon and unanimously re-elected by attending members.

Page 2 of this newsletter displays photos and position titles of your 2015 Board of Directors. Returning members include myself- President (Chapter Officer); Don Edmonston, serving as both Vice President (Chapter Officer) and Membership Contact Chair; Howard O-Donnell, serving as both Treasurer (Chapter Officer) and Luncheon Coordinator; Truman Childress (Director-At-Large), serving as Scholarship

Program Coordinator; Bill Alvarez, (Director-At-Large), serving as both Membership Data Coordinator and P.O. Box Coordinator; and Glenn Ewan (Director-At-Large), serving as MHC Communications Chair and also CRA Demographic Chair. I am pleased to announce that Pansy Meyer, who has distinguishingly served as Secretary on past MHC Board of Directors, has volunteered to again serve as Secretary (Chapter Officer) on the 2015 Board of Directors.

George Treibel, MHC Past President and CRA Area Vice President will also again serve as Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinator on the 2015 Board of Directors. As of this publication, the second position of Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinator ( Director-At-Large), remains open. Any Chapter member interested in further information about this open position is encouraged to contact any Board member for assistance.

As always I 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](mailto:Contact@cra-metrohouston.org)

Or write and mail a brief description of your thoughts or suggestions to:

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

On behalf of the 2015 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 2015.

*Bill Dodge*

# 2015 MHC Board of Directors



Bill Dodge  
President



Don Edmonston  
Vice-President,  
Membership Contact Chair



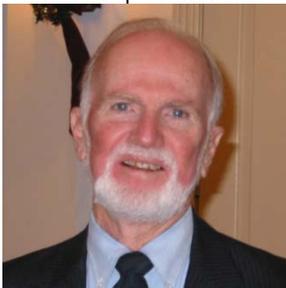
Pansy Meyer  
Secretary



Howard O'Donnell  
Treasurer,  
Luncheon Coordinator



Truman Childress  
Scholarship Program Coordinator



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

(Open)  
Luncheon Entertainment  
Co-Coordinator



Bill Alvarez  
Membership Data Coordinator,  
P. O. Box Coordinator



Glenn Ewan  
MHC Communications Chair,  
CRA Demographics Chair

## Directors Duties for 2015

### **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 Contact Chair**

The Membership Contact Chair 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**

#### **P. O. Box Coordinator**

The Membership Data Coordinator shall manage the process of maintaining the official database of Chapter members. The P. O. Box Coordinator retrieves the mail and distributes it to the appropriate board member for processing.

**Bill Alvarez**

### **Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinators**

The Luncheon Entertainment Co-Coordinators shall be responsible to arrange for entertainment for quarterly luncheons.

**George Treibel and (Open)**

### **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**

## March Program

*Susan K Williams*



A life-member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Susan has been associated with the Show for more than 30 years serving on four different committees.

Currently in her 14th year as a member of the Speakers Committee, Susan has held several leadership roles and is a current Captain for Business Special Events.

She is a Speakers Committee Ambassador, an announcer for both the Conroe and Houston Go-Texan parades, and often is seen around the Houston area as Giggles the Rodeo Clown.

Susan has earned the Committee's Big Mouth and Mega Mouth awards nearly every year she has been on the committee. In 2003 and 2012, she won Team Speaker Awards and in 2012, was presented with the Committee's Speaker of the Year Award. Susan also recently received a coveted Top-Shelf, Quality Speaker award.

For more than 10 years, Susan served as a staff writer on the Show's Bowlegged H-Magazine earning several Golden Quill awards for her writing. She also is a former member of the Communications Editorial Committee and the Western Heritage Community Challenge Committee, serving as Captain of the Rodeo Choir, the all-volunteer choir that sang the National Anthem each night at the Show.

Susan has served in other organizations also benefiting youth and education. Currently, she is a member of the San Jacinto College Foundation Board of Directors. Previously, she served three years as a member of the Clear Creek Education Foundation Board of Directors, and was a member of the NASA Longhorn Project Board of Directors.

A 1997 graduate of the University of Houston with a BA in Journalism, Susan is an organizational change management communications consultant, and technical/business writer.

In her "spare" time, Susan is a motivational speaker who believes that "opportunities happen when you least expect them."



## Last Meeting Highlights

*Rodney Rasberry*



A Professional entertainer for over 40 years, Rodney has performed in Las Vegas, Nashville, and throughout the United States and Canada. His appearances in hotels, restaurants, supper clubs and country clubs in and around the Houston area have always been highly enjoyed by his audiences. Currently he is

performing every Saturday night at River Oaks Country Club, one of Houston's most prestigious venues. Rodney is also one of the most popular musician, singer and entertainers in the senior living industry in Texas.

Rodney presented a musical program featuring favorite Christmas songs and other old favorites. You may view his presentation on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) on the meetings page.

## Membership

It is Membership Renewal time. Membership renewal is from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 through March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. A special thanks go out to the 63% of those who have already renewed their membership. The yearly cost to renew your 2015 membership is only \$12.00. Renewal is easy; just use the form at the end of this newsletter. Remember that if you procrastinate and miss the March 31<sup>st</sup> date, you will not be included in the 2015 Directory.

MHC has a "try it for free" program for first time members. Any retiree of Chevron or one of its merged companies that has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree Association chapter will receive their first year's MHC membership for free. You may want to use this first time offer to entice one or more of your retiree friends that haven't yet joined MHC. Just give them the link to our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) to show them the benefits of our chapter.

**Renew today.**  
**Don't put off until tomorrow**  
**what you can do today.**

## **2015 Scholarship Program**

Your MHC Scholarship program for the year 2015 will again be in the amount of **\$2000**. This one-time award is for recognizing academic excellence and personal development of graduating high school seniors who have applied to and been accepted by an accredited four year university/college or two-year community/ junior college.

The 2015 eligibility requirements now include any and all graduating high school seniors who are related to a dues paying member of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including grandchildren step children, nieces and nephews, etc., who otherwise meet the scholarship requirements enumerated in the Scholarship Application Packages.

Please Note: Application, including all required documentation as specified in the Scholarship Application Package, must be **received** by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by **May 1, 2015**. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for the completion, requests for Scholarship Application Packages should be made as early in 2015 as possible.

Request for Scholarship Application Packages should be made either by e-mail or postal mail at:

[tgchildress@sbcglobl.net](mailto:tgchildress@sbcglobl.net) OR

Truman Childress  
MHC Scholarship Committee Chairperson  
7502 Renmark Lane  
Houston, TX 77070

**\$1,514 Thanks to YOU!!! \$1,514**

Through January, your generous contributions toward our 2015 Scholarship total \$1,514.00. The award will be presented at the June luncheon. Thank You! We are gratified to see that our members share our commitment:

**“These Students Are Our Future”.**

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**.

Rest assured your contributions are being accounted for separately and will be used for no other purpose. We hope you continue your help in MHC’s funding of this very worthwhile program.

## IN MEMORIAM



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

John Edwin Baily	01/05/15	
Shirley Rome Benefiel		Gulf
John Stanley Brown	10/16/14	Aramco
Walter Capp	12/06/14	Gulf
Linda Comperatore	01/09/14	Gulf
Gary Eugene Darby	01/03/15	Chevron
James Everett Dinn	10/28/14	Texaco
Marion Hyland Dorr Spouse of Frank Dorr	12/09/14	Texaco
Clark B. Griswold	12/03/14	Gulf
John Paul Klein	10/08/14	Chevron
Valentine Mock	12/04/14	Gulf
Daniel W. McGill	11/27/14	Chevron
Leo T "L.T." Moore	09/29/14	Gulf
Charles Henry Nelson, Sr.	11/01/15	Gulf
Winnifred S. Peloquin	11/22/14	Gulf
Robert Turner Poore	10/31/14	Gulf
Paul Anthony Riegler	11/09/14	Texaco
Dr. Robert Edward Sheriff	11/19/14	Chevron
Billy Ray Stewart	12/03/14	Gulf

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 Pansy Meyer or email [membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org).

## Treasurer's Corner

### Year End Financial Statement

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
Income	\$4,500.00	\$4,940.00	\$4,500.00
Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,402.00	\$300.00
Surplus Carry-Over		\$674.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,016.00</b>	<b>\$4,850.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
CRA Dues	\$1,125.00	\$1,239.00	\$1,125.00
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$650.00	(\$33.22)	\$150.00
Scholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Web Site	\$200.00	\$283.70	\$300.00
Misc. Expenses	\$250.00	\$235.47	\$250.00
Mail Box	\$468.00	\$468.00	\$0.00
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,893.00</b>	<b>\$5,292.95</b>	<b>\$5,025.00</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$393.00)</b>	<b>\$1,723.05</b>	<b>(\$175.00)</b>

2014 had a net surplus of \$1,723.05, which included a carryover surplus of \$674 from 2013. This net surplus was the result of several items, including the following:

- Increased donations to the scholarship fund;
- More members renewed or joined than budgeted;
- Two joint lunches where expenses were spilt resulting in lower costs;
- Additional savings due to Board members negotiating better discounts with vendors, etc.

The surplus amount was transferred to our savings for future use and the 2015 budget was further adjusted to reflect the above savings expected in 2015. The MHC 2015 budget thus shows a small negative amount and is in the proper range for a zero budget.

## \*\*DIRECTORY UPDATES - ONLINE DIRECTORY\*\*

Since the 2015 Directory will be published the first of April, there are no 2014 Directory updates in this edition of the Newsletter.

Our online membership directory, with all the latest changes, is available 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.

## *Seen at the Last Luncheon*

We thought you might be interested in who attended our December 2 joint luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston. An informal list of attendees is below. If you haven't seen some of your MHC friends in a long time, come to the March 10 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

<i><b>MHC Attendees</b></i>		<i><b>TRCH Attendees</b></i>	
Bill Alvarez	Clo Ladner	Virginia Benfield	Martha Mickey
Harold Ayers	Paul Larson	Brad Boike	John M. Old
Doris Baker	Mildred Lynn	Al Brown	Larry Orr
Lionel Barton	Phil Melancon	Tom Bumpass	Doris Riette
Olive Barton	Ricky Mercado	Jack Burns	Tomas Rodriguez
Esther Bender	Pansy Meyer	Laura Crabtree	Sid Roe
Ron Bernard	Joachim Modlich	Cecil Culver	Monte Rogers
Sam Bounds	Jean Moritz	Mike Dach	Mary Sue Rowe
Truman Childress	Betty Nowlin	Pat Dach	Mike Ryan
Frank Coe	Howard O'Donnell	Surinder Dhamija	Sophie Salassi
Roger Cutler	Sandy Owens	Charlie Distefano	Mauricio Salazar
Bill Dodge	Charlie Rhoads	Peggy Distefano	Virginia Schneider
Linda Dodge	Diane Rhoads	Dora Elliott	J. Ray Scott
John Douglas	Jim Robertson	Milton Elliott	Robert Skaggs
Donald Edmonston	Mary Lou Rowland	Margaret Finley	J. Arnold Smith
Gail Edmonston	Pete Rowland	Dorothy Fontaine	John C. Strickland
Richard Englehart	Jim Ryan	Dale Gibson	Gary Taylor
Glenn Ewan	Nancy Ryan	Delores Gorski	Jim Taylor, Jr
Lorraine Ewan	Edward Schneider	Barbara Hill	Mary Verges
Buford Foster	Linda Schneider	Tom Hill	Bill VerMilyea
Donna Foster	Steve Seiler	Charlene Huddleston	James Voldan
Don Fought	Suzanne Seiler	Dennis Huddleston	Ernestine Washington
Jim Gerhardt	Charles Specht	Evelyn Kassey	Howard Weisoly
Dorothy Greenwood	Elizabeth Spooner	Michael Kassey	Mark Weller
Charlie Hancock	Betty Stokes	Harold Kaufman	
Sherald Hendrix	Jim Stokes	Nancy Kaufman	<b>Houston Food Bank</b>
Lorie Houglan	George Treibel	Larry Kuntschik	Brooke Curtis
Mary Ann Jones	Bill Wally	Linda Lawless	
B. R. Koehler	John Weiss	Dollie Levert	<b>Entertainer</b>
Charlene Koehler	Pat Whitnel	Fred Levert	Rodney Rasberry

**Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service. Please help give those less fortunate a good meal to help start their New Year.**



# DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

## METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER



**ESTHER BENDER**



**GAIL EDMONSTON**



**MARY LOU ROWLAND**



**JIM RYAN**



**RICHARD ENGLEHART**



**PETE ROWLAND**



**DOROTHY GREENWOOD**

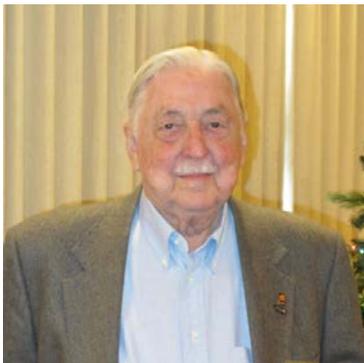


**LINDA DODGE**



**RICKY MERCADO**

## TEXACO RETIRES CLUB OF HOUSTON



**JOHN STRICKLAND**



**ERNESTINE WASHINGTON**



**TOM BUMPASS**

# **ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CRA**

## **Hear In America Discount Hearing Aid Program**

CRA Members continue to take advantage of the discounts offered through HIA. There are currently 87 Members registered, of which 12 have purchased hearing aids. HIA is able to offer discounts ranging from 30% to 50% for top of the line hearing aids. In addition, they also offer other services that include a three-year warranty and free maintenance for the life of the hearing aid. To avail yourself of these great savings and services you must first enroll with HIA. There isn't an enrollment fee, a premium or a service charge. You can enroll on line at [www.hearinamerica.com](http://www.hearinamerica.com) or by phoning them at 1-800-286-6149. HIA's hours are 9:00 AM to 5:15 PM Eastern, Monday through Friday.

## **Chevron Humankind Skip Rhodes, Public Affairs Chair**

January 31, 2015 was the deadline to submit any remaining 2014 matching grant requests by paper form. No 2015 gifts will be accepted via paper form; these transactions must be completed online.

Below are a few common issues that resulted from Chevron accepting paper forms and prompted us to transition to an online only solution.

- Handwriting can be hard to decipher and staff may not have been able to read it or could mistakenly enter in a request to the wrong nonprofit or for a different amount than intended.
- Different organizations can have similar OR matching names. The person entering a grant request from the paper form could unknowingly select an incorrect nonprofit.
- Significant time delays and added costs were incurred. It takes extra time to receive and process a match request accurately and avoid the above issues, which slows payment to the nonprofits and increases costs to Chevron.
- Paper forms get lost in the mail, resulting in added customer service calls and/or nonprofits not receiving grants.

If you do not have access to a computer or you are not comfortable using one, you are

encouraged to contact a trusted relative or close friend to help you submit your Humankind matching forms. If this is not a solution for you, contact any MHC Officer or Board Member and we will work with you to submit your donations.

For Humankind customer service or questions about the website please contact support:  
Telephone: 1-866-751-6031 M – F,  
8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST)  
Email: [chevron-support@yourcause.com](mailto:chevron-support@yourcause.com)

## **Verizon Wireless Discount Al Horan, CRA Benefits Chair, recently advised:**

The Verizon Wireless (Verizon) discount is now available. We are extremely thankful to Chevron and Verizon for making the discount a reality for retirees. The discount is generally equal to 20% and is applied to the Shared Data portion of the “More Everything Plans”.

To obtain the discount Members who are already with Verizon will be required to validate their eligibility by using the Verizon form, “Your Retiree Discount”, which includes providing a retirement confirmation letter or pension statement. Anyone who is considering transferring to Verizon, should mention the discount when they speak to a Verizon representative. Like existing customers, new customers will be required to validate their eligibility. Anyone who cannot produce documentation should contact Jim Bateman, Administrator for the Verizon discount. Jim will issue a confirmation letter for the Member. Jim's email address is [jsbateman@att.net](mailto:jsbateman@att.net) and his phone number is 916-467-7520. Jim is also a Member of the Benefits Committee and the President of the Sacramento Chapter. (Please note, Chevron is in the process of adding the “Your Retiree Discount” form to the Chevron Recreation website - <http://chevrec.mybigcommerce.com/products/Verizon-Wireless.html>.)

If a Member should receive a rejection notification from Verizon, they should contact John Bauer, Major Accounts Manager, Verizon Wireless. John's email address is [john.bauer@verizonwireless.com](mailto:john.bauer@verizonwireless.com) and his phone number is 925-817-9358.