

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

March Luncheon

Tuesday March 14, 2017

HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society)

5430 Westheimer

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

11:00 a.m. Greetings and lunch

12:00 noon Program

\$25.00 per person, includes gratuity

Prepaid reservations need to be received by

Thursday March 9, 2017 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

June 13, 2017,

September 12, 2017 (Tentative), December 12, 2017 (Tentative)

Entrée Choice

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

- 1) *BBQ Brisket and Smoked Sausage*
- 2) *Almond Crusted Tilapia with Sun Dried Tomatoes, Basil, and Lemon Butter*
- 3) *Grilled Vegetable Medley served with Pasta Al Pesto*

Each Entrée served with fresh vegetables, Chef's choice starch, salad, dessert, and iced tea and/or coffee.

Dues Time Again

We have three categories of membership dues status. Each member's status is shown on the email message accompanying this newsletter and on page 9 of the printed version. The status indicators are:

- **PAID** – Your dues are paid for 2017 or beyond.
- **DUE** – Your dues are paid for 2016 but not yet for 2017.
- **PAST DUE** – Your last dues payment was for the 2015 year. You have not yet paid your 2016 dues.

When we post your dues payment, your status is updated. After posting all dues received before April 1, we clean the membership master files, print and distribute the membership directory.

If your dues are in the **PAID** or **DUE** status, you will be listed in the directory.

If your dues are in the **PAST DUE** status, you will be removed from the membership roll and you will not be listed in the directory.

**Please ensure your dues are
up to date NOW!**

First Metro Houston Chapter “Silent Auction” Planned

Plans are underway for holding the Chapter's first "Silent Auction" at our June 13th luncheon. Although further particulars are still being developed, essentially members will be encouraged to bring to this luncheon one item of personal company memorabilia they would like to donate to the Chapter. Members would set a starting bid price on a sheet of paper next to their donated item which would be displayed during the luncheon. Members bidding the highest price would win and purchase the donated item. Proceeds would be used by the Chapter to either offset operating expenses or possibly be applied to the MHC Scholarship Fund. Be looking for more information about this auction in the May MHC newsletter. In the meantime, begin thinking about what personal company memorabilia you would like to include in this Silent Auction.

Coupons for Prescription Drugs

For anyone who has the misfortune to find that one of your prescription drugs is not on your health insurance plan's formulary you may want to check www.goodrx.com for a coupon. In my case my natural thyroid medication was not on my health insurance's formulary. My 90 day prescription at Walgreens went from \$63.19 to \$27.10 with my GoodRX coupon. There may be other coupon sites out there that are better. If you find one, please share it with us.

Scholarship

Each year our organization awards a \$2,000 college scholarship because of our members' generous support. We award this scholarship to the best student who has applied for the scholarship. The scholarship is based upon merit and not financial need. Each student is required to submit their application that includes their transcript, standardized testing scores, three reference letters, a 500-word essay, and a letter of acceptance to the college of their choice. The Scholarship Committee then evaluates all applicants for the scholarship based on this information.

The Scholarship Committee Chairperson must receive applications, including all required documentation as specified in the Scholarship Application Package, no later than May 1, 2017. The scholarship is awarded at our June luncheon. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for the completion of required documentation, requests for Scholarship Application Packages should be made as early in the year as possible. Since our MHC Scholarship is limited to those applicants who are sponsored by a current dues-paying member of the MHC, we must validate the student sponsor before sending out a packet to the applicant.

If you are a qualified sponsor, please fill out the Student Nomination and Sponsor Validation Form found on our website at:

<http://cra-metrohouston.org/Qualifications.html>

and send it to our Scholarship Chairperson Doug Beatty by e-mail or postal mail at:

Doug_the_Elder1@hotmail.com

or

MHC Scholarship Chairperson
5220 Braeburn Drive
Bellaire, TX 77401-4815

March Program

Mel Haynie



Mel Haynie is the Director of Recruiting and Internal HR contact at Edge Engineering and Science, LLC (EDGE). Mel has worked in HR and Recruiting for twelve (12) years. In her role, she helps shape the company culture by identifying and employing key personnel and manages the administrative functions of HR at the local level.

Mel became a member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, HLSR, in 2015 and joined the Membership Committee where she completed her Rookie Year as the #2 Sales Person and earned Shotgun Sales award. She has remained on the Membership Committee and again earned the Shotgun Award for badging by November prior to the Show. In 2016, Mel joined the Speakers Committee as a Provisional Member. She recently conducted a speech to Grimes County Go Texan

BBQ Cook-off event and is scheduled to announce both the Conroe Rodeo Parade on February 25th and the Downtown Houston Parade on March 4th.

Mel's husband is also a member of the HLSR serving on the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee. He serves that committee with photography and attends the Armed Forces Appreciation Committee during the downtown parade, the World Championship BBQ Cook-off and on the Appreciation days of both Armed Services and First Responders.

MHC Primary Contacts

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Membership Committee Chair	Bill Alvarez	281-497-6365 wfal@comcast.net	CRA Past President	Charlie Rhoads	713-569-6931 charlie_rhoads42@yahoo.com

The President's Podium

It is time to get serious about submitting your Grandchild's, Great-Grandchild's application for a Metro Houston college scholarship. The closing date for considering applications for the 2017 award is May 1, 2017. The form to submit to Doug Beatty to ask for the application packet is on our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org under the Scholarship tab. Please take advantage of this benefit if you have a descendant that qualifies.

We had another very fine attendance at our December luncheon. More than one hundred sixty registered and more than 150 attended. We are sorry that we cannot refund the meal payment for those who find at the last minute that they cannot attend but we are required to pay HESS for those meals unless we are notified by the Thursday before the luncheon that you cannot attend. Then we can adjust our count to HESS. Many new members, spouses, and several Boomers attended. If you are not familiar with the term "Boomer", these are people who are still working but are on the short road to retirement. We welcome their attendance at our luncheons, and hope we impress them positively and that they want to join our chapter as soon as they retire. If there is a specific type of program that you would like presented at your chapter luncheons, please let us know. With our currently large crowds, we are not attempting to have a sign-in, so we have published a list of those with luncheon reservations later in this edition. Peruse the list, and you may find a friend you could have seen.

December was our annual election of officers and Board Members at Large. In case you missed the slate in the last newsletter, the current Board of Directors were elected to an additional term.

As is pointed out on the first page, it is down to the deadline for paying your 2017 dues. Please "Pay Up/Catch Up" so you will remain in our chapter directory. While you are writing a check for your dues, and hopefully your luncheon, how about adding a little for the MHC Scholarship Fund? With our 800 members, if each of us gives only \$2.50 each year, we would guarantee the continuation of the \$2,000 scholarship. Remember, the recipient of this award is not some stranger; it is one of our own grandchildren or great grandchildren. You may not know the child, but you likely know the sponsoring member. If you are interested, check out the Scholarship article on page 2 in this edition for information on who qualifies.

Here is wishing you a very Happy New Year !!
Glenn Ewan

Last Luncheon Highlights

Scott Graham, Houston's Own Piano Man



Scott Graham is a local Houstonian, with over 20 years' experience in the music industry. He is classically trained with a Bachelor of Arts in the Theory of Music Composition and a minor in Piano and French Horn.

Scott has mastered a variety of musical styles including standards, top 40, jazz, new age, classical, world music and piano arrangements of some of the best classics and cover tunes of all time. His repertoire embraces the sounds of yesterday and today, and his infinite, sheet-music library includes pieces from the 1920s through some of the most popular hit songs available today, everything from Cole Porter to Cold Play. You may listen to his program on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org in the *Meetings* tab.

Online Directory

Did you know about the powerful tool that you have access to find fellow retirees within MHC? Just browse on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to MHC's website: www.cra-metrohouston.org. Now find the Directory menu tab, and if you point to it you'll see a drop down menu item How To Create Your Logon. Click on it and you'll have all the instructions to get you started. After you register you'll receive an email confirming your registration. If you do not receive this message within an hour, please send a note to membership@cra-metrohouston.org so we can approve your logon manually.

After the logon information, there are instructions on how to use the directory search. This online directory search contains the most current information from our database. It is updated at least quarterly but often sooner. Let's say you meet someone at a luncheon, and you remember his name is Bob or Bill or at least something that starts with "B". You can search the first name with the first character, or the last name with the first character. Of course, the name field searches can be narrowed down by searching by more than one character, "Bo" for example will find Bob but not Bill. What if you think you would like to go to a luncheon but you aren't sure you can drive that day? You can search the directory by your 5 digit zip code and find all the MHC members who live in your area. Be sure to leave the name fields blank for this to work.

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MHC supports the Houston Food Bank with our donations of non-perishable food and paper goods and cash. Because the Food Bank purchases in very large quantities and with significant discounts, we are advised that your \$1 contribution to them provides a full day of meals to a needy neighbor. Therefore, if you are going to purchase items for this purpose, **consider donating the cash; it purchases a lot more when HFB spends it for you, and it will be used to purchase items HFB needs most. To facilitate cash donations, we will place a donation jar for the HFB on the registration table. Don't forget Chevron Humankind matching if you donate with your check made out to Houston Food Bank in any amount of \$20 or greater!**

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Eric Brown



Gary Taylor



Alan Scott



Ronda Valentine



Larry Huebel



Jackie LeJeune



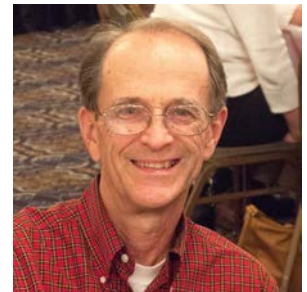
Debra DiMuccio



Cindy Munday



Dora Elliott



David Gardner



Don Edmonston



Jim Gerhardt



James Lejeune



Kevin Deal



Judy Spencer



Thomas Rodriguez

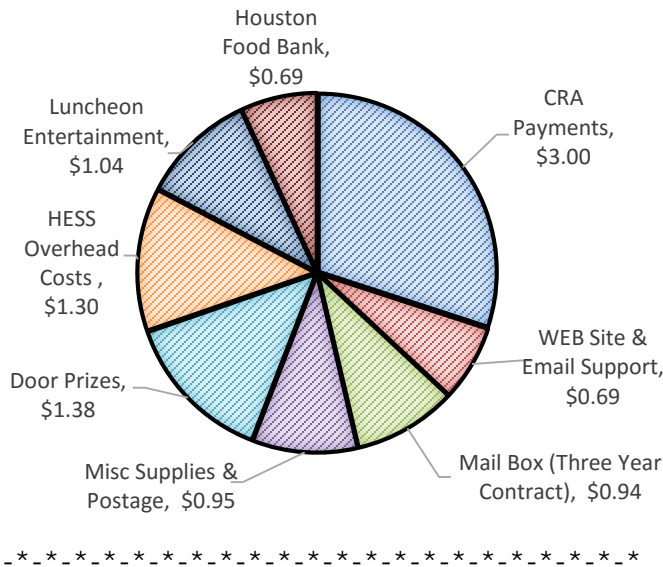


John Munday



2017 Budget

(Where does my \$10 go?)



MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of the year – membership renewal. From October 1st through March 31st you can pay your \$10.00 fee for your 2017 membership. Renewal is so easy; just use the form at the end of this newsletter. For those procrastinators who have a PAST DUE status for their dues, just remember that if you miss the March 31st date, you will not be included in the 2017 Directory.

MHC has a “try it for free” for first time members. Any retiree of Chevron or one of its merged companies who has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree 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 who haven’t yet joined MHC. Just give them the link to our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org to show them the benefits of our chapter.

Speaking about our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org you may just want to check it out yourself to see all the good information that is out there for you.

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

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez
MHC Membership Committee Chair

Treasurer’s Corner

2016 End of Year Financial Statement

REVENUE	Annual Budget	YTD Actual
Income (dues)	\$4,500	\$5,116
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,500	\$5,166
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$1,059
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$1000
Web Site	\$300	\$500
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$2,229
Lapel Pins	\$2,197	\$3,587
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$600
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$550
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$500	\$455
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,322	\$9,480
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,822)	(\$3,158)
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
	DATE	
Beginning Balance	4/1/2016	\$0
Scholarship Donations	12/31/2016	\$1698.50
General Fund Transfers	4/13/2017	\$
Scholarship Award	6/2017	(\$2000.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)	12/31/2016	(\$301.50)

Items of note: Merger of former Texaco Chapter resulted in larger than expected expenses. These are all one-time expenses and will not occur in 2017.

METRO HOUSTON BENEFITS CONNECTION



Bill Dodge is our Chapter’s immediate Past President and a current Metro Houston Board Member. Bill is also a CRA Benefits Committee Member. If you have any problems with your transition from Chevron supported health insurance to

OneExchange, Bill is the person in MHC to contact. Bill is also available to assist Chapter members on other Chevron/CRA benefits questions. He will either answer your question or find the person who will. His contact information is:
Phone - 832-934-0680
Email – wndodge@sbcglobal.net



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

Robert W Bass	10/18/2016	Gulf
Mavis L Carter	12/06/2016	Gulf
Robert A Chumbley	12/18/2013	Unocal
Thomas L Clark	9/20/2016	Texaco
James P Dimiceli	8/23/2016	Texaco
Imo J Dodd	9/17/2016	Getty
William "Bill" Donat	2/6/2017	Gulf
Kenneth W Doss	10/24/2016	Texaco
Elmer Eisner	10/20/2016	Texaco
Marcus J Epperson	10/1/2016	Getty
William A Fann	8/2/2016	Texaco
Ouida S Foster	4/25/2016	Gulf
Raymond Galvin	01/20/2017	Chevron
J Bruce Gilman	10/4/2016	Texaco
Mark P Hinton	11/1/2016	Gulf
Jerry D Hunter	11/16/2016	Gulf
Richard D Jones	11/23/2016	Gulf
Coy E Killion	11/15/2016	Gulf
Ralph S Kurland	11/08/2016	Gulf
Ken R Lafferty	11/19/2016	Texaco
Alexander E Lord	10/30/2016	Gulf
Michael D Lyons	11/7/2016	Texaco
Richard T Major	11/9/2016	Texaco
Jose Luis Marques	11/3/2016	Texaco
Robert Marquez	11/5/2016	Unocal
Francis J Mitch	11/01/2016	Texaco
Ray Lee Pace	11/20/2016	Texaco
Evelyn V Payne	10/12/2016	Texaco
Eva D Quintero	11/10/2016	Chevron
Norman L Schultz	11/01/2014	Texaco
Patrick J Simon	2/11/2012	Texaco
Victor J Stacey	2/16/2016	Gulf
Ken Steinkirchner	2/3/2017	Chevron
James G Thomas	12/08/2016	Getty
William G Volz	11/29/2016	Texaco
Tillman L Wheat	11/2/2016	Texaco

NON LUNCHEON ACTIVITIES



How about a short cruise? MHC is exploring the option of taking a 4 or 5-day cruise out of Galveston this fall in addition to our regular luncheon. Let us know if this is something you might be interested in doing. For example:

Carnival Valor - 5 Day				
November 4, 2017				
Date	Day	Location	Arrive	Leave
11/4/17	Sat	Galveston, TX		4 PM
11/5/17	Sun	Fun Day At Sea		
11/6/17	Mon	Cozumel, Mex	9 Am	6 PM
11/7/17	Tue	Yucatan, Mex	10 AM	6 PM
11/8/17	Wed	Fun Day At Sea		
11/9/17	Thu	Galveston, TX	8 AM	

The cost per person with two persons per room, tax included are:

Interior Room –	\$402.78,
Ocean View -	\$442.78.
Balcony -	\$562.78

Contact Charlie Rhoads or any MHC Board member or just email the following with your input activities@cra-metrohouston.org.

Bridge Anyone?

We are also exploring the possibility of having a Bridge group. If you are a player and would like to join an MHC group, please contact Charlie Rhoads or email activities@cra-metrohouston.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Did you celebrate your birthday this quarter? We know many of your fellow MHC members did. Find out who by checking the birthday list shown under *Membership* at the website, www.cra-metrohouston.org.

How about your wedding anniversary? Was it this quarter? If it was, find out who shares your anniversary month by checking the website, www.cra-metrohouston.org, for anniversaries under *Membership*.

December 13 Luncheon Reservations

(Spouses and Guests are listed after their Member Host, therefore, are not shown in alphabetical order)
 (If you had guests that are not listed, we apologize but we failed to capture their names.)

Dele Adeniji	Don Edmonston	James LeJeune	J E Rogers
Sophie Allen	Gail Edmonston	Jackie LeJeune	Monte Rogers
Gary Allen	Dora Elliott	Ken Leung	Jim Ryan
Bill Alvarez	Milton Elliott	Fred Levert	Nancy Ryan
Ruth Anderson	Glenn Ewan	Dollie Levert	Bill Sanderford
Harold Ayers	Lorraine Ewan	Sandra Littlefield	Shari Sanderford
Karen Barnett	Gary Fitzgerald	Jordan Loftus	Alan Scott
Lionel Barton	Dorothy Fontaine	Mildred Lynn	Robert Skaggs
Olive Barton	Buford Foster	Joann McCann	Harold Smith
Doug Beatty	William Fraizer	Lance McKenzie	Claudia Smith
Iris Beatty	David Gardner	Craig McKnight	Phil Smith
William Bednar	Judy Gee	Ginger McKnight	Georgia Smith
Deborah Bednar	Jim Gerhardt	Delores Medina	Charlie Specht
Sam Bounds	Edward Gerstbrein	Ricky Mercado	Judy Spencer
Jon Branson	Dale Gibson	Pansy Meyer	Betty Spooner
Ho Cheng	Fran Goeken	Esther Bender	Linnie Edwards
Michael Chrzanowski	Mary Jo Martin	Joe Modlich	James Stokes
Eileen Chrzanowski	Santana Gonzalez	John Montgomery	Betty Stokes
Michael Cluchey	Dorothy Greenwood	Jean Moritz	John Strickland
Rick Smyrl	Charlie Hancock	Keith Morton	JC Suman
Clay Coe	Shirald Hendrix	Cindy Munday	Jeff Sunderland
Frank Coe	Douglas Hicks	John Munday	Mandy Sunderland
Carter Conlin	Edity Hicks	Sita Mutyala	Brian Taylor
Kelly Cox	Dennis Huddleston	Rao Mutyala	Janis Taylor
Michael Dach	Charlene Huddleston	Judy Odle	Gary Taylor
Scott Darnell	Larry Huebel	Howard O'Donnell	George Treibel
Leonce _Castagnos	Deborah Huebel	Brenda Opliger	Rhonda Valentine
Centha Davis	Rei-Yu Chen Hwan	Harry Opliger	James Voldan
Eric Brown	John Jackson	Sandy Owens	Bill Wally
Kevin Deal	Esther Jimenez	Espy Price	Michael Wasik
Tunis Deal	Evelyn Kassey	Ann Price	Clint Weber
Tom Deboise	Michael Kassey	Wanda Reves	Sandra Weber
Debra DiMuccio	Michael Koster	Charlie Rhoads	Fred Wells
Manuel Provencio	Paul Larson	Frances Rios	Jennifer Wells
Bill Dodge	Bill Laub	Jim Robertson	Thomas White
Linda Dodge	Janice Laurie	Tomas Rodriguez	Pat Whitnel
Betty Duplechain	Linda Lawless	Nereida Rodriguez	Paul Woldy
Paul Eastaway	Bob Leeper	Sid Roe	

DIRECTORY UPDATES

To ensure the privacy of our members, directory data is not included in the website version of the MHC Messenger.