

Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

June Luncheon

Tuesday June 3, 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 May 29, send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

September 17, 2014 (With Unocal at Riverbend Country Club),
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) Beef Shoulder Petit Tender w/ Peppercorn Sauce

2) Baked Tilapia w/ Garlic Butter and Grape Tomatoes

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

President's Message

We had a very entertaining speaker at our recent March luncheon meeting by the name of Mike Cook, a director of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, who kept our attendees undivided attention with "whip cracks" and fascinating stories about the origin of various western attire. Highlights of this luncheon including door prize winners are included within this newsletter. Actual audio/video clips from the luncheon presentations are posted on the Chapter's website at www.cra-metrohouston.org.

Also, featured in this newsletter issue is a biography of our distinguished speaker for the upcoming June 3rd luncheon meeting. His name, Van Chancellor, will be a familiar one to Chapter members who recall him as the Head Coach and General Manager of the WNBA's Houston franchise, the Houston Comets, whom he guided beginning in 1997 to the first four WNBA (women's basketball) Championships. You don't want to miss this special opportunity to see and hear Van speak about his coaching experiences through the years so be sure to reserve your seat at our June luncheon meeting by completing and returning your enclosed reservation form before the deadline of Thursday, May 29.

Looking further ahead into 2014, your Board has endorsed plans to jointly hold its September luncheon with members of the Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club, a CRA South Texas Area retiree organization also based in Houston. The Unocal Club will be hosting this luncheon on September 17th at the Riverbend Country Club located at 1214 Dulles Avenue, in Sugar Land, TX. More information about this special joint luncheon will be forthcoming as arrangements are finalized so please watch for further information in the August newsletter and to be posted on the MHC website.

Also, as previously mentioned in the first quarterly newsletter of this year, your Board has endorsed plans to hold its second joint holiday luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston on December 2nd at the HESS Club. We are also exploring interest of other South Texas Area CRA chapters based in Houston in joining us as well. So watch for additional information on this special holiday luncheon to be posted on the MHC website and in future Chapter newsletters.

At its April meeting, your Board endorsed a proposal to offer Chapter members additional activities to participate in. Some suggestions included such activities as golf outings, wine and cheese tasting, and trips to museums. If such activities or any other social activities sound appealing, your Board encourages any Chapter member who is interested to volunteer to help organize such events. Members so interested should contact any current Board member. Your suggestions for such activities are also welcomed and you are encouraged to do so by emailing your suggestions directly to: Contact@cra-metrohouston.org

Or write a brief description of your suggestion(s) to:

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Houston, TX 77042

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our June 3rd luncheon where we plan to announce the winning applicant of the 2014 MHC Scholarship Program award, and we hope to personally recognize the award recipient.

Bill Dodge

June Program



Van Chancellor

College - Mississippi State '65

In his first five years of professional coaching, Van Chancellor raised the standard of excellence within the arena of women's basketball. After being named the Head Coach and General Manager of the WNBA's Houston franchise on April 29, 1997,

Chancellor guided the Comets to the first four WNBA Championships.

He earned WNBA Coach of the Year honors three consecutive seasons (1997-1999) and was named head coach of the Western Conference All-Star team three straight years (1999-2001). His best efforts as a coach are evident by both his record and the accomplishments of his individual players. Chancellor's exceptional coaching career in the WNBA, and in college, was recognized with induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 9, 2001.

Despite the loss of reigning league MVP, Sheryl Swoopes, to a season-ending knee injury and the retirement of Cynthia Cooper, Chancellor led his team to a 19-13 mark in 2001 and a fifth consecutive trip to the playoffs. In addition, Janeth Arcain earned the WNBA Most Improved Player award and Tina Thompson became just the fifth player in WNBA history to record 2,000 points.

During the 2000 season, Chancellor and the Comets won their fourth consecutive WNBA Championship and became the only professional sports franchise in the United States in the past decade to win four straight titles.

The Comets concluded the regular season with a 27-5 record and a perfect 6-0 mark in the playoffs. Individual honors went to Swoopes, who won her first-ever WNBA Most Valuable Player award and was named as the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Cooper was also named MVP of the WNBA Championship series for the fourth consecutive time.

Chancellor also coached the 1998 WNBA Touring Team, a squad of elite WNBA players who competed against the best teams in Brazil.

Before joining the professional ranks, Chancellor spent 19 successful seasons as the head coach of the University of Mississippi Lady Rebels. Under his guidance, the Lady Rebels posted a winning percentage of .740 (439-154), made 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and became recognized as one of the premier women's basketball programs in the nation.

As a collegiate coach, Chancellor ranks 14th in all-time winning percentage amongst women's basketball coaches. Chancellor, who was named SEC Coach of the Year on three

occasions ((1987, 1990, 1992), never had a losing overall record at Ole Miss despite competing in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

Chancellor played two years of basketball at East Central Junior College in Decatur, MS. Chancellor later transferred to Mississippi State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in math and physical education in 1965. He entered the coaching ranks during his senior year at Mississippi State, serving as head coach of the boys' basketball team at Noxapater High School. Chancellor went on to coach boy's and girls' basketball at Horn Lake High School and Harrison Central High School in Mississippi. Chancellor received his master's degree in physical education from the University of Mississippi in 1973.

Born September 27, 1943, in Louisville, Mississippi, Chancellor and his wife, Betty, live in Houston and have two children, John and Renee, and four grandsons.

A book published in the fall of 1999, "Nothin' But a Champion," chronicles Chancellor's life from his childhood in Mississippi through his third WNBA Championship with the Houston Comets.

In addition to his coaching duties, Chancellor works during the offseason as a television color analyst for Southeastern Conference women's basketball.

Professional Coaching Record

Regular Season

YEAR	TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PCT
1997	Houston	18	10	.643
1998	Houston	27	3	.900
1999	Houston	26	6	.813
2000	Houston	27	5	.844
2001	Houston	19	13	.594
2002	Houston	24	8	.750
2003	Houston	20	14	.588
2004	Houston	13	21	.382
TOTALS		174	80	.685

Post Season

YEAR	TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	PCT
1997	Houston	2	0	1.000
1998	Houston	4	1	.800
1999	Houston	4	2	.667
2000	Houston	6	0	1.000
2001	Houston	0	2	.000
2002	Houston	1	2	.333
2003	Houston	1	2	.333
2004	Houston	0	0	.000
TOTALS		18	9	.667

Treasurer's Corner

Last Meeting Highlights



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 gave a very entertaining talk 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 it had a record attendance of 2,506,238 visitors.

Year to Date Financial Summary		
<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$4,500	\$4,796
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$1,053
HESS Club Charges	\$650	\$83.30
Scholarship	\$2000	\$0
Web Site	\$200	\$0
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$99.63
Mail Box	\$468	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$150
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,893	\$1,385.93

Membership

It is apparent that our membership numbers are down from last year. What can we do about it? We are looking at having more events and gatherings to provide members more reasons to stay. What we need from all of you is for you to talk to your fellow past employees that haven't already joined to consider joining MHC. Just give them the link to our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org. If every current member just contacted one potential new member we will be on our way to a bigger and better organization. Remember just one.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$1197 Thanks to YOU!!! \$1197

Thanks to your generous contributions, through April, we have received **\$1197.00** toward our 2014 Scholarship of \$2,000 which will be presented at the June luncheon. 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 this very worthwhile program.

Membership by Month				
Month Dues Paid	Member Year 2013	Member Year 2014	Month Delta	YTD Delta
Prior to October	11	3	-8	-8
October	0	2	2	-6
November	204	203	-1	-7
December	67	71	4	-3
January	16	22	6	3
February	80	45	-35	-32
March	22	46	24	-8
April	3	8	5	-3
May	25	0	-25	
June	7	0	-7	
July	2	0	-2	
August	8	0	-8	
September	0	0	0	
Total Members	445	400		

IN MEMORIAM



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

Ruth Carter	2/21/2014	Gulf
James Decker	1/29/2014	Chevron
Orval Fouse	1/29/2014	Chevron
Dale Hamaker	2/9/2014	Texaco
William Mace	12/30/2013	Gulf
Walter Mather	4/16/2014	Chevron
Charles Mattei	4/18/2014	Gulf
Benton McGarrah	3/20/2014	Texaco
Robert Overton	2/5/2014	Gulf
John Perkins	3/9/2014	Chevron
Carroll Roesler	4/2/2014	Gulf
Dolores Rubio	1/19/2014	
Paul Rustemier	1/21/2014	Gulf
James Sekeres	3/9/2014	Gulf
Arlene Van Eman Spouse of Chuck Van Eman	2/21/2014	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 March 4th luncheon. An informal list of attendees is below. If you haven't seen some of your MHC friends in a long time, come to the June 3 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Larry Hesketh
Harold Ayers	Lorie Houglund
Doris Baker	Clo Ladner
Esther Bender	Mildred Lynn
Sam Bounds	Pansy Meyer
Truman Childress	Howard O'Donnell
Mike Cook	Jim Robertson
Linda Dodge	Pete Rowland
Bill Dodge	Chuck Rubins
Monte Edlund	Charles Specht
Glenn Ewan	Jim Stokes
Lorraine Ewan	Ulises Tovar
Buford Foster	George Treibel
Donna Foster	Louise Trotter
Jim Gerhardt	Bill Wally
Dorothy Greenwood	Clint Webber
Charlie Hancock	Sandra Webber
Shirald Hendrix	Pat Whitnel

Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service.



A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



PETE ROWLAND



BUFORD FOSTER



JIM GERHARDT



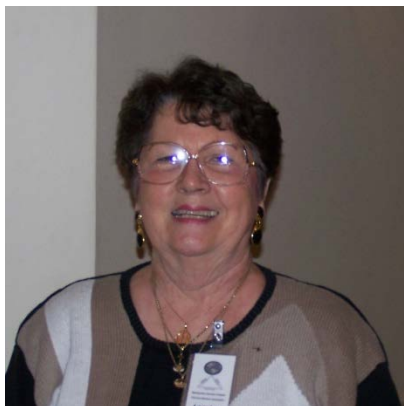
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ESTER BENDER



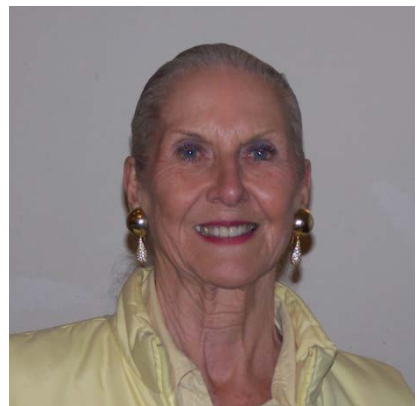
LINDA DODGE



LORRAINE EWAN



LORIE HOUGLAND



DOROTHY GREENWOOD

CHEVRON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

2014 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



****DIRECTORY****

The 2014 Membership Directory was mailed the 16th of April. If you did not receive your copy, please let us know and we will get you a copy.

Willie & Clyde

Willie, "My wife left me last week! She said she was going out for milk and she never came back."

Clyde, "WOW, how are you coping?"

Willie, "Not bad, I've been using the powered stuff!"

****ONLINE DIRECTORY****

Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is online at our website, 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.

The online directory has been updated to provide additional search capability. You can now search for a member by entering just the first letter of either their first name or their last name. This may be useful if, for example, you attend a luncheon and meet someone named Bob or Bill but you don't remember which, now you can search for that person by entering b in the first name box. If you remember that his last name was something like Burns or Brown you can search by entering b in the last name box. If you would like to form a carpool from your neighborhood, you can search by Zip Code to help find members that live close to you.

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