

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chevron Retirees Association

March Luncheon

Tuesday June 2, 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

May 28, 2015 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

September 1, 2015 (Tentative)

December 1, 2015 (Tentative)

March 15, 2016 (Tentative)

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) ***Beef Petit Tender w/ Wild Mushroom Sauce***
- 2) ***Baked Tilapia w/ Garlic Butter and Grape Tomatoes***

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

President's Message

We had a very entertaining speaker at our recent March luncheon meeting by the name of Susan K Williams, a life-member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, who kept our attendees undivided attention. Highlights of her program are included in 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 our upcoming June 2nd luncheon meeting. His name, Al Horan, should be familiar to all CRA retirees as he has served distinguishedly as CRA Benefits Committee Chair for several years. If you have a question about your benefits through Chevron or CRA, please send it in with your luncheon reservation. This will help Al organize his presentation to address what is really on our collective minds. Of course, Al will be happy to field questions from the floor. You don't want to miss this special opportunity to see and hear Al speak so be sure to reserve your seat at our June luncheon meeting by completing and returning your enclosed reservation form before the deadline of May 28th.

The MHC Chapter currently has 380 paid members and your Board of Directors is committed to increasing annual membership while retaining current members. At its recent April meeting, your Board discussed the addition of a Membership Committee Chairperson charged with increasing the total number of members of MHC from year to year. The Membership Committee Chair will lead the Membership Committee that will be made up of Directors, Appointed Officers, and /or members of the MHC. As a result of these discussions, several motions have been unanimously approved by your Board to:

- Appoint Bill Alvarez as the new Membership Committee Chair serving as a Director At-Large (#1).
- Confirm the appointment of Charlie Hancock to serve on the Membership Committee as Membership Data Coordinator and P.O. Box Coordinator.
- Approve the change of the role of Director At-Large (#2) from Membership Data Coordinator and P.O. Box Coordinator to Social Activities Coordinator (currently vacant).

As noted in this newsletter we have a position open on your Board of Directors, namely the Social Activities Coordinator. We would love to fill this position with an enthusiastic person that wants to positively influence the direction of MHC with additional activities for members to participate in. Some suggestions received to date include golf outings, wine and cheese tasting, and trips to museums. If helping to organize such activities or any other social activities sounds appealing, please consider joining the Board of Directors. Members so interested should contact any current Board member of your interest or email the chapter directly at: contact@cra-metrohouston.org

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our June 2nd luncheon where we hope to announce the winning applicant of the 2015 MHC Scholarship Program award and personally recognize the award recipient.

Hope to see you there!!

Bill Dodge

June Program

Alan W. Horan

CRA Benefits Committee Chair



He was the Manager, Benefits & Special Services for Caltex Corporation for most of his 27 years of service. He also assisted Chevron with the Texaco merger. As the Manager, Benefits & Special Services he was responsible for benefit programs worldwide, deferred compensation, financial planning, medical offices in Dallas and London, expatriate tax programs, and

security. He worked in New York, Bahrain and Dallas and traveled extensively for Caltex in Africa, Asia, Australia/New Zealand and the UK. Before joining Caltex he was an insurance underwriter and an adviser for corporate insurance/benefit plans. In total he has more than 50 years of experience in the benefits/insurance area. He holds a BBA from Pace University, New York and an MBA from Adelphi University, New York.

Editor Note – Using his vast experience in Human Resources and Insurance, Al was instrumental in the creation and shepherding of the CRA insurance plans we offer through Met Life. If you have a question about your benefits through Chevron or CRA, please plan to attend the luncheon. Al will be happy to field questions from the floor so don't be bashful.

Items of interest from the CRA

Hearing In America is able to offer discounts ranging from 30% to 50% for top of the line hearing aids. You can learn more at 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.

Verizon Discounts are available to CRA members. Check them out [here](#)

These and many other articles and tips are on the CRA website, www.chevronretirees.org just click on the *Tools and Resources* button in the home page menu bar.

Last Meeting Highlights

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.

You can hear the highlights of Susan's very entertaining program by going to our website www.cra-metrohouston.org and clicking on the meetings page.

ATTENTION!!

This is the final edition of the newsletter that will be transmitted via email, featuring pictures in color, to those who have not specifically provided their preference to receive their copy via email. If you do not let us know how you wish to receive it, your copy will come by postal mail with black and white pictures.

Please consider how nice it is to view all the pictures in color not to mention the benefit of breathing good oxygen created by the trees we save by not using paper! Just fill out and send us the Membership and Luncheon Reservation form letting us know your preference. It is either the last page of your printed copy or the body of the note accompanying this email copy of the newsletter. Or simply email us at Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org

Membership

A special thanks go out to the almost 400 of you who renewed your membership for 2015. If you didn't renew your membership you have missed having your information in the 2015 Directory booklet. The yearly cost to renew your 2015 membership is only \$12.00. If you renew now you will still have all the benefits of the Luncheons, Newsletters and the WEBSITE and your information will be included in the online Directory database. Renewal is easy; just use the Membership Dues and Luncheon Reservation form included with this newsletter. So, for the few of you that didn't renew it is not too late.

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 to show them the benefits of our chapter.

Do not forget to ask a friend to join MHC.

Treasurer's Corner

1st Quarter Financial Statement

| <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> | <u>1st Qtr. Actual</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Income | \$4,500 | \$4,402.00 |
| Scholarship Donations | \$2,000 | \$1,983.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$6,500 | \$6,385 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | |
| CRA Dues | \$1,125 | \$1,029.00 |
| Luncheon Meal Cost - Net | \$150 | \$54.53 |
| Scholarship | \$2000 | \$0 |
| Web Site | \$300 | \$0 |
| Misc. Expenses | \$250 | \$5.18 |
| Mail Box | \$0 | \$0 |
| Luncheon Door Prizes | \$600 | \$150 |
| Luncheon Entertainment | \$600 | \$0 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$5,025 | \$1,238.71 |

1st Qtr. actuals are in line with our annual budget, and we are currently on track to meet budget.

Items of note:

- Donations to the scholarship fund increased for 3rd straight year;
- Scholarship amount will be fully funded by donations for first time.
- Most expenses occur later in year, but we are on track with projections.

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.



*The older we get the more we talk to ourselves,
It doesn't mean we're crazy...
We just could care less what
Anyone else has to say anymore!*

2015 Scholarship Program

Your MHC Scholarship program award 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@sbcgobl.net OR

Truman Childress

MHC Scholarship Committee Chairperson

7502 Renmark Lane

Houston, TX 77070

\$2,033 Thanks to YOU!!! \$2,033

Through April, your generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund total \$2,033.00. The 2015 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.

*I very quietly confided to my friend, “I am having an affair!”,
She turned to me and asked “Are you having it catered?”
That my friends is the definition of Getting Old!*

IN MEMORIAM



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

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|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| John Edwin Bailey | 01/15/15 | Chevron |
| William E (Bill) Bryant | 02/17/15 | Chevron |
| Oliver Eugene Byers | 02/09/15 | Gulf |
| Marguerite Zebeau Carpenter | 02/18/15 | Texaco |
| Ronald Coffelt | 12/22/14 | Chevron |
| Joe A Dalmolin | 04/19/15 | Texaco |
| Donald F. Dargen | 06/06/15 | Texaco |
| Jesse J. David | 11/15/15 | Chevron |
| Walter H Felix | 11/10/14 | Gulf |
| Marion C. Henneger | 02/25/15 | Chevron |
| Joseph Leonard Hoppe | 03/07/15 | Texaco |
| Gene Huffman | 02/05/15 | Gulf |
| Janis Mann Huitt | | |
| Spouse of Jim Huitt | 02/07/15 | Gulf |
| Nicodemus Joseph Kutac | 02/05/15 | Chevron |
| George L. Mann | 02/01/15 | Texaco |
| Vastine Mueller | 04/18/15 | Texaco |
| Chester E. Nowak | 02/11/15 | Gulf |
| Johanna F. Ochoa | 12/17/14 | Chevron |
| Ronald Thomas Plate | 02/18/15 | Texaco |
| Judith Gail Weber | 03/08/15 | Chevron |
| Luella Catherine Strong | 02/19/15 | Chevron |
| Thomas Wurth | 03/18/15 | Chevron |
| Dorothy June Zbos | 11/13/14 | 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 Pansy Meyer or email membership@cra-metrohouston.org.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our March 10 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 2 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Bill Alvarez | Jim Gerhardt |
| Harold Ayers | Claudia Gildea |
| Jay Barth | Wayne Gildea |
| Emmanuel Belena | Charlie Hancock |
| John Belena | Sherald Hendrix |
| Esther Bender | Paul Larson |
| Sam Bounds | Mildred Lynn |
| Truman Childress | Ricky Mercado |
| Frank Coe | Pansy Meyer |
| Ray Dittmar | Keith Morton |
| Bill Dodge | Charlie Rhoads |
| Linda Dodge | Diane Rhoads |
| John Douglas | Jim Robertson |
| Don Edmonston | Fred Schleich |
| Gail Edmonston | Charles Specht |
| Glenn Ewan | Elizabeth Spooner |
| Lorraine Ewan | Jim Stokes |
| Buford Foster | George Treibel |
| Donna Foster | Bill Wally |

Help Wanted:

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DIRECTORY UPDATES - ONLINE DIRECTORY

Since the 2015 Directory was 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. 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.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



MILDRED LYNN



GAIL EDMONSTON



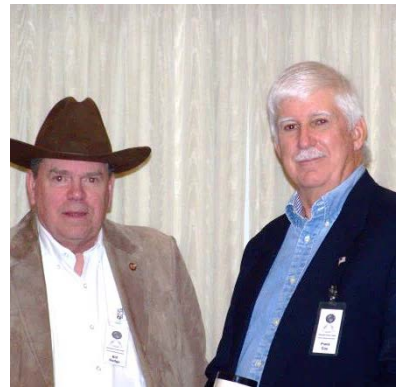
SHIRALD HENDRIX



WAYNE GILDEA



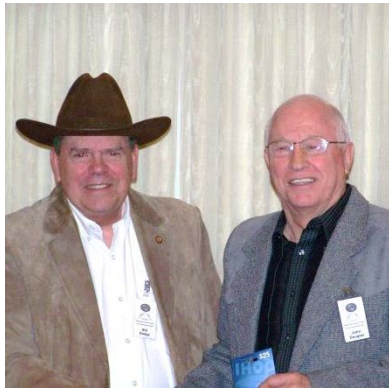
SAM BOUNDS



FRANK COE



LINDA DODGE



JOHN DOUGLAS



KEITH MARTIN



JAY BARTH



CHARLIE HANCOCK



DIANE RHOADS