

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

June Luncheon

Tuesday June 13, 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 June 8, 2017 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

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) *Balsamic Glazed Salmon Filet*
- 2) *Sautéed Chicken breast w/fresh mushroom Madeira sauce topped w/ Mozzarella cheese*
- 3) *Eggplant Parmesan with Penne Pasta and Vegetable medley*

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



As published in the February, 2017 MHC Quarterly Newsletter and announced at our March luncheon, the Chapter will be holding its first "Silent Auction" at our June 13th luncheon. Members will bring to this luncheon **one** item of pre-registered personal company memorabilia they would like to donate to the Chapter. Upon arrival, participating members will be provided a bid sheet to complete with a short description of their item, how much it is worth, and their name as donor. They will set a starting bid and minimum bid increase increments. There will be space for each bidder's name, phone number and the amount of their bid. The bid sheet will be placed next to the donor's item which will be displayed during the luncheon. Members bidding the highest price will win and purchase the donated item. Winning bidders will be recognized at the conclusion of the luncheon meeting and will purchase their donated item at that time. Only cash or a personal check will be accepted. Proceeds will be applied to the **Houston Food Bank**.

To allow for sufficient display space, **a limit of 25 donated items has been set.** Therefore, members who wish to participate will be required to pre-register their donated item in advance of the luncheon by calling Bill Dodge at **832-934-0680** leaving a voice mail message if not answered. Item pre-registration will be handled on a "first come, first served" basis, so be sure to pre-register as soon as possible.

Also, members who have pre-registered their item are asked to arrive early at the luncheon during the Social hour which starts at 10:00 AM to set up their item and complete their bid sheet. Bidding will close at 11:00 AM.

If you have any questions about the Silent Auction, please contact Bill Dodge at **832-934-0680** or by email at wndodge@sbcglobal.net for assistance.

Scholarship

Did you know that the Metropolitan Houston Chapter has been awarding one scholarship annually since June of 2001? Over \$25,000 has been awarded to the winning candidates during that time period. This year our organization will award a \$2,000 college scholarship to the winning applicant. As of April 13, 2017, the Scholarship Fund has received \$2,322 in donations – thanks to you for your generosity for fully funding the scholarship!

This scholarship is based upon merit and not financial need. We award this scholarship to the best student who has met all the requirements for the scholarship. This year we have five viable candidates, grandchildren nominated by dues-paying members of the Metropolitan Houston Chapter. Each student is required to submit an 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 will be awarded at the upcoming June 13th luncheon.

Doug Beatty
MHC Scholarship Chairperson

Doug_the_Elder1@hotmail.com

or

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June Program

Liz Cubage



Liz Cubage currently serves on the Boards of Fayetteville's Chamber of Commerce and Fayetteville Area Heritage Museum. She also serves on the City of Fayetteville's Hotel

Occupancy Tax (HOT) Advisory Board and is a member of Fayette County Tourism Association. She and her husband Spencer are very active in Fayetteville, but are not retired. They own Pipeline Pigging Products located in Tomball Texas – but that's another story.

Liz Cubage graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Parkside with a double major in Philosophy and German and earned her Master's degree in Educational Technology at the University of A&M.

Before moving to Fayetteville in 2008, Liz had 34 years' experience as an Educator and Administrator in both the Public and Private school sectors. One lesson that Liz took away from her experience with students and parents is the importance of helping students identify and then value their interests.

In 1980's, when Liz began her academic career, it was not normal for girls to hunt and fish at all, and boys did not value their non-academic experiences of hunting and fishing. Often these same boys did not consider themselves either readers or writers...and in the typical way, they were not. Although it is common now for girls to be included in hunting and fishing, during this time would have been considered "unseemly" for a girl to show any interest or ability in hunting or fishing.

To close this gap, Liz introduced students to works of well-known authors, such as Teddy Roosevelt and Ernest Hemmingway, well-respected Hunting and Fishing magazines, and well-recognized literature such as Hatchet. Through this match of reading material and the freedom to choose to write about their hunting experiences, Liz saw the flicker of light start in many students who thought they could not read well or write well. Soon other students were reading hunting and fishing material as well.

Liz applies that lesson in the nonacademic world now. After all, every student becomes an adult and moves into the BIG world. People never lose their interests and for those who are fortunate enough to live in or around Fayetteville, the opportunities for all types of outdoor sports abound - both for hobby and for business. For those folks who are not fortunate enough to live nearby - come stay and play in Fayetteville! There's lots to do.

Pete Dodge



Pete Dodge has 38 years experience as an Exploration Geologist working the Gulf Coast both on and offshore. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Geology. Pete began his professional career with The Superior Oil Company in Lafayette and was more recently employed by Petro-Hunt in Houston. He

enjoyed a distinguished career with multiple oil & gas discoveries where he contributed both geological and geophysical support toward Gulf Coast prospect generation and development. He was a contributing author for the NOGS "2010 Typical Oil & Gas Fields of South Louisiana" and a guest speaker for LGS and SLOPES.

In addition to Oil & Gas exploration, Pete developed a love and passion for the sport of bass fishing over the past 58 years and has never looked back! He is a charter member of the original Oilman's' Tournament held at Toledo Bend in the early 80's and has fished as an amateur on the "BASS" circuit in Florida, Louisiana & Texas. His favorite lake to fish is Fayette County located just over an hour's drive from Houston. He has fished Fayette County since the early 80's and due to the recent downturn in the oil industry is now retired and lives just 1 mile from Oak Thicket Park, where he owns and operates Pete Dodge's Guide Service as a full time professional bass fishing guide.

Pete has long recognized similarities between his professional career as a Geologist and the sport of bass fishing as they both rely on contour maps, seismic or sonar data, amplitude interpretation and quite frankly a little luck! Pete's presentation today is focused on those similarities.

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

Last Luncheon Highlights



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 announced both the Conroe Rodeo Parade on February 25th and the Downtown Houston Parade on March 4th.

Mel presented an interesting program on the financial impact of the Houston Rodeo on the entire Gulf Coast area. If you would like to view her program, it is available in the Meeting tab on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org.

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 entering more than one character to search for, "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

			
Don Faught	Evelyn Kassey	Janice Laurie	Jim Ryan
	<p>GRAND PRIZE WINNER</p>  <p>\$75 VISA CARD</p>		
Sid Roe			Carter Conlin
			
Dollie Levert			Francis Rios
			
Charlie Rhoads	Jim Stokes	Judith Spencer	

I apologize for the fuzzy pictures. The camera we were using was not auto-focusing as advertised. We will try to do better.

Membership

Just a reminder to the 200+ members who have not paid their 2017 dues: membership renewal is from October 1st of the prior year through March 31st of the dues year (e.g. October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 for dues year 2017). You will be reminded that your 2017 dues are due on the form at the end of this newsletter. Timely payment of your dues helps your chapter operate smoothly. Please help us out and pay your dues when they are due.

MHC has a “try it for free” 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 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.

We are interested in any idea or suggestion that you may have to make our chapter more to your liking. Please email membership@cra-metrohouston.org with your idea or suggestion.

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

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez
MHC Membership Committee Chair

PRESIDENT’S PODIUM

Your Board of Directors keeps searching for additional activities which our members might enjoy. Last quarter we floated two ideas in the *Messenger*. They were 1) a short cruise out of Galveston and 2) a Bridge group. We received the underwhelming response of zero. We have dropped those ideas and catalogued them as B.D.I’s (Big Dumb Ideas). We haven’t given up; we are still searching. Look elsewhere in this edition for our next idea.

I will be attending the CRA Annual Meeting in San Mateo on May 20-22. If you have a burning issue you wish brought before this group, send it to me. I will be cruising with my family during the June luncheon, so George will be your Master of Ceremonies.

The South Texas Area will be hosting the CRA Annual Meeting next year in San Antonio, and we will need help with some light duty tasks like manning the registration desk or the hospitality area. You meet a lot of nice people and have a great time in San Antonio. Let me know if you might be interested.

Glenn

Treasurer’s Corner

2016 End of Year Financial Statement

REVENUE	Annual Budget	YTD Actual
Income (dues)	\$5,780	\$5,408
TOTAL REVENUE		
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,734	\$1,563
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$600	\$191
Web Site	\$400	\$0
Misc. Expenses	\$150	\$44
Special Events	\$10	\$0
Mail Box	\$543	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$800	\$206
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,837	\$2,004
Surplus/(Deficit)		
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$2,322
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$232

Items of note: Scholarship fully funded by donations! \$322 collected for next year’s award! Revenue lower at present due to a lag in membership renewals; expenses on budget.



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

George E Burchfield	01/11/17	Gulf
Carolyn M Cassard	01/10/17	Chevron
Louis D Cataline	03/05/17	Getty
Dorothy K Charon	12/01/16	Texaco
Roger R Coleman	01/23/17	Gulf
Howard W Collins	01/28/17	Texaco
Helen J Dees	02/02/17	Gulf
William M Donat	02/06/17	Gulf
Joseph F Felice	12/24/16	Texaco
Beverly H Gace	03/16/17	Texaco
David W Graham	01/14/17	Gulf
Francis L Harrison	12/26/16	Unocal
Mary K Holland	02/27/17	Gulf
George C Kimball	01/10/17	Gulf
Henry L Kuczynski	12/31/16	Gulf
Austin Langley	03/08/17	Gulf
Thomas E Latimer	02/26/17	Gulf
Edward F Lee	11/28/16	Getty
James R McKinley	02/03/17	Getty
Gerald Maple	04/06/17	Chevron
Warren T Moser	03/04/17	Chevron
James B Moss	01/10/17	Gulf
Joseph N Nace	02/03/17	Gulf
John C O'Connor	11/05/16	Gulf
Constance M O'Rourke	03/18/17	Gulf
Arnold L Rhodes	02/05/17	Texaco
Ernestine H Riddle	01/23/17	Texaco
Vaughn T Roden	02/18/17	Gulf
Hugh A Siler	03/13/17	Texaco
John D Smith	01/24/17	Unocal
Jackye S Sorensen	02/02/17	Texaco
Richard H Strozier	01/25/17	Texaco
Kenneth L Wiley	01/22/17	Gulf
Jerry D Wilson	03/08/17	Texaco

NON-LUNCHEON ACTIVITIES

We have tossed around the following:

1. Attend an Astro's ballgame as a group
 - a. We could go on a night when the Chevron Employees Club is attending and take advantage of their discount pricing. You would need to join their group but that is only \$6/year.
2. Have a Spring or Fall "Picnic" or fish fry.
 - a. MHC would make this a low cost event by subsidizing the meal cost but it would not be free.
3. Attend the theater as a group?
 - a. We could look for an attractive play at AD Players, The Alley, or other local live theater groups.

Please send your ideas to Charles Rhoads at charlie_rhoads42@yahoo.com

Lifetime National Park Pass for Seniors - Price Increase

If you're over the age of 62 you're going to want to nab your lifetime pass ASAP.

At just \$10, the National Park Service's lifetime pass for seniors is one of the best deals out there—but not for long. At some point this year, the price of the pass will jump to \$80 in order to help fund projects and visitor services throughout the U.S. National Park system.

This is the first time the National Parks Service has raised the fees on the senior pass since 1994, according to the American Association of Retired Persons.

While the National Parks Service doesn't expect the price jump to happen any time "within the next few months," according to their website, Americans who are over the age of 62 can currently still get their lifetime pass for \$10 in person at any of the parks, or for \$20 online for now.

Don't turn 62 for a few years? Despite the fee hike, \$80 is still quite a deal for a lifetime pass, the National Parks Service thinks. "We don't want anyone to feel blindsided and say, 'Why didn't anyone tell us about this?'" NPS spokeswoman Kathy Kupper told AARP. "We don't know whether we'll get any pushback. [The higher fee] is still a great deal."

Not even close to turning 62? These passes admit the pass owner plus three adults at parks where per-person fees are charged, so maybe it's time to finally start planning that National Parks trip you've been talking about for years with your mom and dad.

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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*.

March 14 Luncheon Reservations

The following table contains the names of those members who made reservations for the luncheon. We do not have an actual attendance list.

(Spouses and Guests are listed after their Member Host, therefore, are not shown in alphabetical order)

(If you had guests who are not listed, we apologize but we failed to capture their names.)

Bill Alvarez	William Fraizer	Jordan Loftus	Jean Silarski
Harold Ayers	Jim Gerhardt	Ricky Mercado	Robert Skaggs
Deborah Bednar	Edward Gerstbrein	Pansy Meyer	Roy Smyrl
Will Bednar	Dorothy Greenwood	John Moncrief	Charles Specht
Esther Bender	Charlie Hancock	John Montgomery	Judy Spencer
Eric Brown	Charlene Huddleston	Keith Morton	Betty Spooner
Michael Cluchey	Dennis Huddleston	Howard O'Donnell	James Stokes
Frank Coe	Bruce Johnson	Brenda Oplinger	John Strickland
Carter Conlin	Evelyn Kassey	Harry Oplinger	Jeff Sunderland
Karl Cottrell	Michael Kassey	Kathleen Raica	Mandy Sunderland
Debby Cutler	Harold Kaufman	Charlie Rhoads	Brian Taylor
Roger Cutler	Nancy Kaufman	Diane Rhoads	George Treibel
Centha Davis	Frank Klahn	Francis Rios	Bill Wally
Tom DeBoise	Patsy Klahn	Tomas Rodriguez	John Weiss
Bill Dodge	Bill Laub	Sid Roe	Thomas White
Linnie Edwards	Janice Laurie	Monte Rogers	Pat Whitnel
Glenn Ewan	Bob Leeper	Jim Ryan	
Lorraine Ewan	Dollie Levert	Nancy Ryan	
Donald Fought	Fred Levert	David Silarski	

DIRECTORY UPDATES

The new directory has been printed and mailed to all members of record as of April 1, 2017. If your dues were up to date then and you did not receive your copy, please let us know so we can get you a copy.