

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chevron Retirees Association

September Luncheon

Tuesday September 10, 2013

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

\$20.00 per person

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Friday September 6, send them to:

MHC Assistant Treasurer

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Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

December 3, 2013

March 4, 2014

June 3, 2014

President's Message

Greetings from the Metropolitan Houston Chapter (MHC) Board! Your Board members have been actively involved in addressing important business matters affecting our chapter. Also, as I initially announced at our June 4th luncheon, planning is well underway with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston (TRCH) to hold a special joint holiday luncheon on December 3, 2013 at the H.E.S.S. Club. More on our special joint holiday luncheon later in this message.

Right now, I'd like to bring you up-to date on significant actions approved at our last Board meeting held on July 11, 2013.

- First, our annual contract with the H.E.S.S. Club for the 2013-2014 fiscal year (i.e., July, 2013 - June, 2014) was approved by your Board after negotiations were held to minimize an increase in the luncheon price requested by the Club, its first since 2008. To cover this price increase, your Board felt the need to approve an **increase in the luncheon price of \$3.00/person** (i.e., from **\$20.00 to \$23.00/person**) but decided it **not take affect until the March, 2014 luncheon**. To offset the price increase under the new contract with H.E.S.S. Club for our remaining two luncheons during 2013, MHC will continue to subsidize the luncheon price charged by the H.E.S.S. Club. Additionally, savings to the chapter are expected since we will be sharing the entertainment expenses with the TRCH at our joint luncheon in December.
- Secondly, in regards to preparations for the MHC/TRCH joint luncheon, a special joint committee of selected MHC Board members and their TRCH Board counterparts will be meeting in the fourth quarter to finalize plans to

coordinate roles in preparation for the special joint luncheon. With an encore performance by Louise Trotter (Harpist) performing for a second year in a row and our first- ever joint luncheon with our retiree colleagues in the TRCH, this event will surely be a special occasion for all in attendance. Look for further details about this special joint luncheon to appear on the MHC website at www.cra-metrohouston.org and in the fourth quarter MHC newsletter.

- Lastly, as mentioned in the second quarterly MHC newsletter and with guidance from Howard O'Donnell, Treasurer, your Board has been monitoring its 2013 budget and expenses more closely than ever to ensure the financial integrity of your Chapter, now and into the future. At our recent board meeting, Howard provided a financial summary for the first two quarters showing that we are currently in balance with our 2013 budget. Looking ahead to 2014 and beyond, your Board has reviewed various options to cover increasing costs of funding its various expenses.

It should be noted that your Board has affirmed its commitment to continue the Scholarship award in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2014 program year. While member contributions to the annual MHC Scholarship Program will continue to be exclusively used to help fund the amount of the annual scholarship award, in years beyond 2014, tight budget considerations may affect the annual scholarship amount.

With a commitment to remain fiscally responsible along with a desire to continue offering a robust level of services to all its members, your Board has approved a **\$2.00 increase in the annual dues** (i.e., from **\$10.00 to \$12.00/member**) for the **2014 Dues Year**

effective October 1, 2013. While it regrets having to increase annual dues, your Board feels that at \$12.00/yr., members will continue to receive significant value for their dollar.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the MHC newsletter which provides highlights from our June 4th luncheon including our featured speaker, Allen Johnson, Lorie Houglan's presentation of our 2013 Scholarship winner, Michael Moritz, and special recognition of member, Jim Robertson, for his nomination by our chapter for one of the annual CRA Public Service Awards. I would also encourage you to look at the MHC website (www.cra-metrohouston.org) to see postings of audio/video clips of these luncheon presentations.

Looking ahead to our September 10th luncheon, we will have an encore presentation from Jay Strickland who provided us with a memorable presentation at our September luncheon in 2011.

We look forward to seeing you at our September 10th luncheon.

Bill Dodge

September Program



Our Speaker, Jay Strickland, was our guest speaker at the September 2011 luncheon and – fortunately –has agreed to come back to visit with us again.

Jay is a graduate of the University of Houston. He was with the parts division of General Motors as a Senior District Sales Manager for 15 years and won several National Sales awards. He was a Marketing and Sales Manger and later Regional Sales Manager for a National Auto Parts Chain.

He was an Area Governor for Toastmasters International and has won several speech contests including the 2006 District finals Humorous Speech Contest. He has been a Key Note Speaker for 20 years and addressed such organizations as, South Montgomery Woodlands Volunteers Annual Luncheon, American Women's Business Association, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Rotary Clubs, Non Profit groups and private dinners.

He is a former Consultant and Trainer for Dale Carnegie and has worked with such companies as David Weekley Homes and ExxonMobil.

He is now an Independent Associate with Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.

Last Meeting Highlights

Our June meeting was a very busy one. We had an interesting presentation on the 9-1-1 system, recognized our 2013 scholarship winner, and recognized a member for his volunteerism.

Our featured speaker was Allen Johnson, Executive Director for Emergency Services for HCA's Gulf Coast Division. He provided us valuable information about the



workings of the 9-1-1 system. Furthermore, he discussed the signs of heart attacks and strokes and some do's and don't's with regard to emergency services. Not all hospitals are created equal when it comes to emergency services, so it behooves us to

familiarize ourselves with the local hospitals serving our neighborhood.

Michael Moritz, grandson of Jean Moritz, was awarded our 2013 scholarship. Scholarship Committee Chair Lorie Houglan made the presentation. See the details in the Scholarship article.

We took time to recognize the efforts of Jim Robertson. Your chapter nominated Jim for one of the annual CRA Public Service Awards on the basis of his volunteer work along the Cypress Creek Greenway. Competition was stiff and Jim didn't win. Chapter President Bill Dodge presented Jim with a certificate from CRA.



As is our custom, we video recorded the proceedings. Though we had some problems with our recording equipment, we captured most of Allen's and Lorie's presentations. Check out the video on the Meetings page on our website (www.cra-metrohouston.org/Meetings.html).

2013 Scholarship Winner

By Lorie Houglund
Scholarship Program Coordinator

The 2013 MHC Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded at the June 4th luncheon to Michael Moritz, an outstanding young man and academic scholar from among a field of some very strong candidates. Michael graduated from Lutheran High School in San Antonio and will be attending Auburn University in Alabama this coming fall. Michael plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering with a focus on transportation. Eventually, he plans to earn his master's degree in automotive systems, combustion, or propulsion related studies.



Michael, an Eagle Scout, graduated with a perfect GPA (all A's) in a curriculum that included 13 honors/AP classes. Words or phrases used to describe him by some of his school faculty/administration are: leader, organized, athletic, enthusiastic, work ethic, state robotics competitor, dedicated volunteer, and confident about his personal faith and convictions.

One person from Lutheran High School shared with the scholarship committee some interesting information about our scholarship award winner:

"Michael is a very positive leader in our school community. Not only does he show leadership in the classroom, but also on the athletic field and courts. He has been our football quarterback for the past three years and has taken responsibility for his team both on and off the field. He sets an example for what behaviors are acceptable and expected. He is a tremendous role model for our young athletes. Michael is on Student Council as Student Body President and displays leadership to drive this group."

Congratulations to Michael and his family, including Jean Moritz, who is the Metropolitan Houston Chapter sponsoring member of her grandson.

You Know You Can't Take Them With You

As Sponsored by Pete Rowland, MHC Board Member, and endorsed by the MHC Board

How many of you – like me - have a "Shrine" in your home office ... or den ... or still in boxes in your attic ... or the rafters of your garage filled with Gulf or Chevron mementoes you obtained during your working career?

Consider just a minute: What disposition is going to be made of them once you're gone? **NOT PLEASANT TO THINK ABOUT? I know!!**

Fortunately, one of our MHC members, Bob Overton, recently donated some of his to MHC to be used as Door Prizes. On behalf of MHC, let me say to him, "We greatly appreciate this donation".

That got me to thinking: I seriously doubt if any of our kids or grandkids has any interest in inheriting them ... they never worked for Gulf/Chevron or any of the companies acquired by the company over the years. Nor – probably – does your wife ... she is likewise thinking, "What on earth am I ever going to do with those company mementoes of his?"

So, why don't you consider – like Bob Overton – donating them to MHC for Door Prizes? In so doing, as MHC gives them out as Door Prizes, you can be sure that some of those younger "Whippersnappers" who will be retiring as years go by, can learn a little about some of their company's history and enjoy having some of the mementoes of yours (ours) which have given us so much enjoyment over OUR years with our company and into our retirement.

I know they'd appreciate having them, too!!

Consider it!!

Oil Patch Trivia Contest

In the 1920s, Gulf No-Nox gasoline owed its sweet smell, clarity, and anti-knock qualities to the Alchlor Process, a Gulf-patented version of:

- a. Catalytic Cracking
- b. Lead Additives
- c. Thermal Cracking

The answer will be announced at the luncheon, so mark your answer, write your name on the line above and cut out this little item. Bring it with you to the luncheon and submit your answer there. A winner will be drawn from all the correct answers and awarded a free lunch.

Pension Supplement

In late April, many Gulf retirees received notification that they were being granted a pension supplement. The supplement will be 15% with a \$25 per month minimum. Eligible retirees must have never been eligible to elect a lump sum payout and be eligible for retiree medical benefits. Approximately 25% of pension fund annuitants were eligible for the supplement. The CRA has been a long-time champion of supplements such as this.

Unfortunately, some eligible annuitants appeared to have been left behind. Through an error in the screening process, Gulf retirees from the first half of 1986 were not granted the supplement. Through the efforts of a local chapter member and CRA Benefits Chair Al Horan, the oversight was called to Chevron's attention. We are pleased to report that an additional 350 recipients received favorable notification letters in mid-June adding them to the rolls of supplement recipients.

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. You can search by Zip Code to help find members that live in your neighborhood.

Bay Area Veterans Memorial

Through the efforts of local Texaco retiree Jenny Arunyon and her husband Bruce, the Bay Area Veterans Memorial was recently dedicated in Seabrook. The Arunyon's put over three years of effort into the project, taking advantage of Chevron's Humankind Program.



MHC Past President George Treibel attended the dedication ceremony representing Chevron and the CRA. George, a Vietnam-era Navy veteran, was moved by the ceremony and the reception he received. He said:

"My biggest highlight was when a middle-aged woman held my hands and thanked me for my service. She started getting tears in her eyes, put her arms around my neck, hugged me and started crying. We held each other for a few minutes until she stopped crying, held my hands again with tears in her eyes and said "Thank You" and walked away. One thing about veterans and their families is that we are always there for each other. I hope that the hug helped her and eased some of the pain that she has endured."

We should all be thankful for the sacrifices of our veterans, volunteers like the Arunyon's, and the Chevron Humankind Program.

Door Prize Winners **\$25 Gift Card**



IN MEMORIAM



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

Dorris A Ahrens	05/01/2013	Gulf
Thomas John Binig	07/01/2013	Gulf
Ava T Brannam	03/05/2013	Gulf
David Breneman	04/19/2013	Chevron
Joy Buchanan	06/06/2013	Texaco
Benjamin Cole Craft	05/07/2013	Chevron
Virgil Wayne Fivecoate	06/30/2013	Texaco
Naomi Younger Haynes	06/13/2013	Texaco
Freddie John Hennes, Jr.	06/11/2013	Gulf
Milford Hollingsworth	04/13/2013	Gulf
Earl Justice	05/03/2013	Chevron
Harlan Emory Kent	04/08/2013	Gulf
Ben Hamill King, Jr.	05/11/2013	Texaco
James Herschel McDonald	06/02/2013	Gulf
Edward G Oder, Jr.	01/22/2013	Gulf
Tommy P Pierce	01/15/2013	Gulf
Joseph Piper, Jr	07/03/2013	Gulf
Bernard Roe (Bill) Pravel	04/28/2013	Gulf
James H Redick	04/17/2013	Gulf
Arthur M Rentz	01/08/2013	Gulf
Robert Rieansnider	06/07/2013	Chevron
Magdalene D Ringh	04/02/2013	Gulf
Rachel C Sabo	05/23/2013	Gulf
Donald Charles Scheline	05/27/2013	Gulf
James "Jim" McGeery Seamans	05/07/2013	Texaco
Marvin Lee Skelton	07/25/2013	Texaco
Geraldine Lynell Smith Survivor Spouse of Albert Smith	06/23/2013	Gulf
Mary Smith	04/11/2013	Chevron
Francis (Frank) Farley Souder	05/08/2013	Chevron
Alvin John Suster	07/10/2013	Texaco
Jack K Vineyard	01/30/2013	Gulf
Dorsel C. White	06/12/2013	Chevron
Jack W. Williams	07/25/2013	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 Doris Baker.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the June 4th luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the September 10th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Bill Alvarez	Clo Ladner
Harold Ayers	Rod Loper
Doris Baker	Ricky Mercado
Esther Bender	Pansy Meyer
Sam Bounds	Jean Moritz
Craig Brooks	Khristi Moritz
Dolores Brooks	Michael Moritz
Charlie Caldwell	Rao Mutyala
Truman Childress	Sita Mutyala
Frank Coe	Howard O'Donnell
Roger Cutler	Charlie Rhoads
Bill Dodge	Diane Rhoads
Don Edmonston	Jim Robertson
Gail Edmonston	Chuck Rubins
Glenn Ewan	Jim Ryan
Lorraine Ewan	W. C. Savre
Buford Foster	Charles Specht
Jim Gerhardt	Elizabeth Spooner
Dorothy Greenwood	George Treibel
Charlie Hancock	Clint Weber
Shirald Hendricks	Sandra Weber
Lorie Houglan	Pat Whitnel
Allen Johnson	Gene Wilson
Karl Kennedy	

West Houston Assistance Ministries

"A Door of Hope"

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



Second Quarter Directory Updates

All updates to the directory have been posted to the online copy. We do not publish updates here since it is unsecured.