

Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

September Luncheon

Tuesday September 11, 2012

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 7, send them to:

MHC Assistant Treasurer

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Upcoming Luncheon Schedule:

December 11, 2012

March 5, 2013

September Program

“The Generation After the Greatest”



Valerie Vogt was born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1952. She learned the meaning of travel at a young age. In the first 10 years of her life, she had moved ten times. From Kansas to Alaska and from the east coast to the west coast, her life as the daughter of a Special Agent was spent on

or close to key military bases around the world. Jim Sheddric, her father, was Central Fire Control in a bomber on Tinian Island in the Marianas, and from there was recruited as an agent.

Dating when your father carried a shoulder weapon was not always easy.

“The Generation After the Greatest” carries stories of humor, patriotism, and poignant memories of the past. The values and standards of that time are salted into hilarious anecdotes of life growing up in the 50’s with one of the country’s best Special Agents as a father.

President’s Message

I’m really excited as we move into the third quarter. We are continuing to add new members to our chapter and the luncheon/meeting attendance is still up from last year.

The Board has appointed two retirees who are added to the Leadership Team – Doris Baker and Howard O’Donnell. Doris Baker will be in training to replace Pansy Meyer, who after 15 years as Secretary, has decided to retire from the Board at the end of this year. Howard O’Donnell will be in training to replace Ricky Mercado, who after 15 years as Treasurer, has decided to retire from the Board at the end of this year.

As for the Board, Lorie Hougland and her committee did an outstanding job in selecting Abigail Robertson for the 2012 recipient. Bill Dodge and his committee are doing an excellent job calling the Survivors and trying to get them involved in the Chapter as well as Don Edmonston and his Call-Up Committee. Ron Hall and his survey gave us another way to start some other activities between the quarterly luncheon/meetings.

Thanks to those of you who attended the last luncheon and I hope to see you at the September 11th meeting. Please check our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org, for any recent updates.

2012 Scholarship Winner

The 2012 MHC Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded at the June 12th luncheon to Abigail Robertson, an outstanding young woman and academic scholar from among a field of some very strong candidates. Abigail



graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio and will be attending Walsh University in N. Canton, Ohio this coming fall. Abigail plans to pursue an undergraduate degree with a double major in biochemistry and education. Eventually, she plans to earn her master's degree in education with the ultimate goal of teaching middle school students in science and math.

Abigail graduated first in her class with a perfect GPA (all A's) and included in her curriculum were 11 honors/AP classes. Abigail received Student of the Year awards in various subjects and was a member several Honorary Societies. She was involved in a variety of student organizations and her school's track team along with contributing to her church and community through volunteerism. A personal reference that was provided to the scholarship committee about Abigail speaks volume about her:

“Abby has overcome great adversity and continues to be a caring, wonderful young woman. With the death of her mother, Abby has become nurturer and caregiver to her 6 younger siblings. She is an extraordinary young woman whose devotion to her family is supreme. Abby has chosen to be positive in her outlooks on life, being a role model for her siblings.”

Due to the great distance to travel from Ohio to Houston, Abigail's great uncle, Jim Robertson, accepted her scholarship award on her behalf.

Don't miss out on the possibility of a free lunch!! Read the entire newsletter.

Last Meeting Highlights

Our favorite story teller, Bob Scott, was out of commission because of a bum knee. But Bob provided a good joke and a story about Houston oilman “Silver Dollar” Jim West. Frank Coe drew the short straw to present Bob's material. Check out the video on our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org.

Candice Twyman Executive Director BBB Education Foundation



Candice gave a presentation on the current state of identity theft scams.

One good tip was to never carry your Medicare card unless you are going to the doctor. An identity thief needs three basic pieces of personal data to steal your identity: (1) your full name, (2) your driver license number, and (3) your Social Security Number. You always carry your driver license with you. Why easily provide the third by carrying your Medicare card with your SSN on it?

Another sound piece of advice dealt with providing sensitive information over the Internet or the phone. Never do so unless you initiate the contact. Don't respond to unsolicited emails or phone calls! Make sure you make contact through an access point known to be good.

A video of Candice' presentation can also be found on our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org and click on the Meetings tab.

West Houston Assistance Ministries *“A Door of Hope”*

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



Jim Robertson Receives a 2012 Mayor's Volunteer Houston Award



Houston Mayor Annise Parker honored 14 volunteers for exceptional public service at the 2012 Mayor's Volunteer Houston Awards ceremony on May 10, 2012. Among the 14 award recipients was Jim Robertson, Chevron retiree, for his environmental & wildlife preservation volunteer work for the Cypress Creek Greenway Project as part of Cypress Creek Flood Coalition. Dr. Robertson has been a keen environmental champion, serving as chairman of the Cypress Creek Greenway Project. He helped envision a multifaceted approach to improving the Cypress Creek watershed, making it an environmental asset for area residents and users of the Creek, while mitigating the potential for flooding. Like most projects involving watersheds, the benefits of his contributions ultimately reach far beyond the northwest part of town where he lives.

The vision for the Cypress Creek Greenway is to create a continuous linear greenbelt along Cypress Creek and Little Cypress Creek, stretching from west of US 290 to the east where it connects with Spring Creek Greenway. A part of the vision is to use the Greenway to connect a series of existing and future anchor parks and to develop a trail system along the entire length of the Greenway that would link other trails in the Greenway parks and local communities. For more information, please go online to: <http://www.ccfcc.org>.

Free Lunch Program Enhancements

The MHC Board recently approved the continued observance of the MHC Free Lunch Program, adopting new features to further encourage members to take advantage of the program. This program was initially adopted several years ago to encourage our members to invite non-member Chevron and Gulf retirees residing in the metropolitan Houston area to attend MHC luncheons and hopefully become members.

Under this program, a member who is accompanied by an invited non-member retiree to a MHC luncheon has been offered a MHC Free Lunch Certificate, which is then filled out by the member and validated by a MHC officer or Board member. Upon presenting the validated certificate at a future luncheon, that member is provided a free lunch at that luncheon.

To further promote this program, members are now being encouraged to invite not only non-member retirees but also non-member surviving spouses of Chevron or Gulf retirees who may live in the same geographic zip code of the member. To assist in transportation to luncheons, carpooling is also being encouraged where possible.

Moreover, participating members will now be allowed to use their certificates at any future MHC luncheon attended within the following 12 month period after receipt – previously restricted to the next luncheon after receipt. Members will be limited however to receiving one certificate per luncheon regardless of the number of non-member Chevron and/or Gulf retirees or surviving spouses that member invites to a particular luncheon.

Contact information on non-member retirees and/or surviving spouses residing in the metropolitan Houston area can be obtained from either George Triebel or Bill Dodge who can be reached either by email correspondence or their home phone as shown in the online MHC Directory or hard-copy MHC Membership Directory.

IN MEMORIAM



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

Loren Anderson	04/26/2012	Gulf
Donald Joseph Aucoin	05/11/2012	Texaco
George Byron Autrey	04/30/2012	Texaco
Chester Darrington Barron	02/22/2012	Chevron
Thomas Bickham, Sr.	05/31/2012	Gulf
Frances David Clark	07/12/2012	Gulf
Elver D. C. Cox	07/18/2012	Texaco
Edward Dejean	04/2012	Gulf
Paul Leighton Donoho	06/10/2012	Gulf
Jo Lynn Smith Gerhardt Spouse of Jim Gerhardt	07/10/2012	Gulf
Richard H. Graves	06/12/2012	Texaco
James David Herold, Sr.	04/25/2012	Gulf
Wanda Hefley	12/2011	Gulf
John Henry Jones	07/05/2012	Gulf
Howard Andrew Kirsch, Sr.	07/07/2012	Texaco
James Edward Knizner	04/30/2012	Gulf
Donny Ray Nolan	06/14/2012	Texaco
Daniel O'Connell, Jr.	05/01/2012	Texaco
Nora Potter	06/11/2012	Chevron
Norman Walter Ray	04/28/2012	Chevron
Alline Marie Rizzo	04/26/2012	Gulf
Bobby G Roberts	04/25/2012	Gulf
Kenneth Ronald Roberts	05/16/2012	Texaco
Emmett Sanders	06/21/2012	Texaco
Walter Ransom Siler	05/09/2012	Chevron
William Lloyd Skaggs, Sr.	04/04/2012	Gulf
Joline Stell	01/22/2012	Gulf
Jon Gwain Thorne	05/09/2012	Texaco
Antonina Vogel Spouse of Raymond Vogel	05/10/2012	Gulf
Lester O. Wall	07/08/2012	Chevron
Adelaide G. Wennesheimer	07/08/2012	Gulf
John D Wetuski	07/06/2012	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 Pansy Meyer at 713-729-1644.

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 12th luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the September 11th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Bill Alvarez	Howard Kessel
Doris Baker	Clo Ladner
W. Jay Barth	Mildred Lynn
Esther Bender	Ricky Mercado
Ron Bernard	Pansy Meyer
Jim Blankenship	Joe Modlich
Betty Blankenship	Howard O'Donnell
Sam Bounds	Rob Rieansnider
Athalee Caldwell	Jim Robertson
Ramon Cantu	Pete Rowland
Frank Coe	Jim Ryan
Dorothy Jean Curby	Wayland Savre
Roger Cutler	Damian Schumacher
Bill Dodge	Sharon Sibert
Don Edmonston	Charles Specht
Gail Edmonston	Elizabeth Spooner
Lorraine Ewan	Betty Staplefeldt
Glenn Ewan	Marie Stewart
Buford Foster	James Stokes
Jim Gerhardt	George Treibel
Dorothy Greenwood	Louise Trotter
Charlie Hancock	Candy Twyman
Lorie Hougland	Clint Weber
Mark Indihar	Sandra Weber

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is now 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.

****New Feature****

You can now search by Zip Code to help find members that live in your neighborhood. How useful is that in establishing carpools to attend the luncheon!!

Door Prize Winners



Gene Wilson



Karl Kennedy



Candice Twyman



Joe Modlich



Jim Ryan



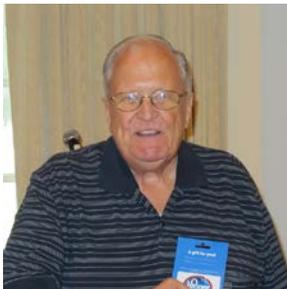
Buford Foster



Jim Robertson



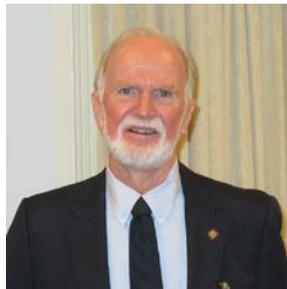
Bill Dodge



Pete Rowland



Sita Mutyala



George Treibel



Mildred Lynn



Howard O'Donnell



Pansy Meyer



Ron Bernard



Many of our door prizes are Gulf/Chevron memorabilia donated by our members. We would like to acknowledge recent contributions from members Ed Schott and Robert E. Bernat. If you have some items you would like to contribute, please contact Ron Hall, our Door Prize Coordinator at (281) 344-0229 or ronald.c.hall@ml.com.

Directory Updates

To ensure the privacy of our members, the Directory Updates are not published in the online copy of the Newsletter. All updates have been applied to the online copy of the Directory.

Developed by Gulf Research, this geophysical instrument was put to use during World War II to detect enemy submarines:

- a. airborne magnetometer
- b. jet propelled gravimeter
- c. underwater alchometer

The answer will be announced at the luncheon, so circle 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.

Words of Wisdom

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.

-- Ronald Reagan (1986)

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.

-- Thomas Jefferson