

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

Tuesday December 1, 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 Wednesday

November 25, 2015 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 15, 2016

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) *Almond Crusted Chicken*
- 2) *Seared Fresh Tilapia*
- 3) *Grilled Vegetable Medley served with Pasta al Pesto*

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

President's Message

"(Ain't It) Funny How Time Slips Away" was originally written and later sung by Willie Nelson. How true the lyrics of this legendary song are. It seems that the older we get the faster the years go by and the approaching end of YR2015 is no different. The important thing, of course, is that we take full advantage of the times we have – both with our families and friends. Being a member of the Metropolitan Houston Chapter of the Chevron Retirees Association should be part of that experience, and I encourage you to take full advantage of your membership through attendance at the quarterly MHC luncheons and/or volunteering to serve on either the MHC Board of Directors or on a Committee (i.e., such as the Call Out Committee or other special committee assignments).

I have been privileged to serve as your chapter's president for the past three years and have enjoyed working with the Chapter's Board members who deserve special recognition for volunteering their time and skills in furthering the financial integrity of the Chapter through closer budget and expense monitoring while continuing to promote the primary purposes of our Chapter. Among these purposes include furthering fellowship among our membership through hosting of quarterly luncheons with interesting guest speakers and talented entertainment, providing scholarship awards for deserving students related to our members, recognizing members who participate in civic

projects and utilizing technology to better communicate with and educate our members on important topics impacting both our Chapter and their lives as Chevron and Gulf retirees.

It is now time for the annual MHC Board elections for 2016 MHC Board members. As part of this process, and until November 15, 2015, MHC members can nominate or self-nominate for one of the following positions. If you are interested in being part of the leadership team of MHC, please submit your choice **for any or all positions** at contact@cra-metrohouston.org or mail in your nomination to: MHC, 11152 Westheimer #729, Houston, Texas 77042. A MHC representative will contact all nominated persons to confirm interest and willingness to serve and to provide specific details regarding the election. The elections will be held at the December 1, 2015 luncheon. For information regarding board responsibilities, contact a MHC Board Member.

NOTE: You must be a MHC member to serve on the MHC Board.

The positions for which you may submit a candidate are:

The Chapter officers - **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.**

These members have agreed to serve, if elected, in the following Officer positions:

President: Glenn Ewan
Vice-President: George Treibel
Treasurer: Howard O'Donnell
Secretary: No candidates at this time*

December Program

Bill Parish

'One Man Band'

In addition to the Officers, there are **4 Director at Large** positions to be elected each year. These members have agreed to serve, if elected, in these positions:
Director at Large – Membership Committee Chair: Bill Alvarez
Director at Large – Membership Call Out Committee Chair: Don Edmonston
Director at Large – Scholarship Committee Chair: Truman Childress
Director at Large – No candidates at this time*

* Note: Pansy Meyer, who has graciously served a Secretary this past year and as host at our luncheons, will be retiring from the Board and will be missed. The position of Secretary as well as one Director at Large position do not have candidates at the time of this writing.

Your Metropolitan Houston Chapter's (MHC) Board of Directors certainly hopes that you are enjoying retirement and are planning yet another special event for you before this year's end. I am referring to plans for a third joint holiday luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston (TRCH) on December 1, 2015 to be held at the H.E.S.S. Club. A special joint committee of selected MHC Board members and their TRCH Board counterparts are finalizing plans to coordinate roles in preparation for this special joint holiday luncheon. You don't want to miss Bill Parrish, 'One Man Band', for his return engagement at our holiday luncheon. Look for further details about this entertainer in this issue of the MHC newsletter.

In closing, I would also like to thank each of you as a member of our chapter for your support and loyalty throughout this past year. Further, on behalf of the MHC Board of Directors, I wish both you and your families a joyful holiday season, good health, and happiness throughout the New Year.

Best Regards,

Bill Dodge

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Bill began playing the guitar in 1966 at the age of 15. He played lead guitar in a rock band during his High School years and in 1970 he formed his own Country Rock band. In 1971, he recorded a song called "A Woman" that reached number 16 on the charts that year. In 1972 he began touring with his own band, working the night club and Hotel circuits in such places as Las Vegas, New York, Nashville and Alberta Canada. In 1975 he worked as front man and bassist for Claude King who recorded many hits including, in 1962, "Woverton Mountain. Bill also played lead guitar with David Houston who recorded "Almost Persuaded" in 1966. In the late 70's Bill attended LSU in Shreveport while working as a guitar instructor and a studio musician. He completed his B.A in 1983. In the early 80's he formed a Country-Rock band called the "Crawdads." which was very popular in North Louisiana and East Texas. They opened for many name acts including Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr, in addition to working many festivals, rodeos, night clubs and were a popular "private party" band performing at numerous corporate events. They headlined at The Louisiana State Fair and in Ft. Worth at Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honkytonk. In 1986 he played Lead Guitar for Randy Travis and opened for Ray Price. He moved to the Houston area (Clear Lake) in 1989 and began working as a single act. In 1990 he was



one of the featured acts on "The Pride of Galveston" which was the first Cruise ship to sail out of Galveston. During the last 20 years, Bill has performed mainly at night clubs, restaurants, retirement centers and at private functions. Bill began teaching guitar in the

late 1980's and has also worked as a studio musician. Bill plays the electric and acoustic guitar, bass, harmonica, and keyboards. In addition to his many music related accomplishments, Bill worked as a printer in 1970 and a DJ/Announcer at KJOE and KRMD in Shreveport, La. in 1971. Bill and his wife, Judy, were married in 1983 and now live in Dickinson, Texas.

Last Meeting Highlights

Skip Rhodes, President

Skip Rhodes & Associates, LLC



Skip is President of Skip Rhodes & Associates, a consulting firm in strategic corporate and non-profit philanthropic organizational and community activities.

He was with the Chevron Corporation for 46 years, where from 1986 - 2005 he was Manager, Corporate Community Involvement, responsible for managing and directing all consolidated charitable and business expense contributions and community engagement programs for the corporation and participating Chevron companies worldwide.

As the CRA's Public Affairs Chair, Skip is the association's liaison with Chevron's Policy, Government and Public Affairs organization. His committee administers CRA's annual Public Service Award program. Skip spoke about his committee as well as Chevron Humankind and the Chevron Advocacy Network. If you missed this luncheon you can hear Skip's fine program on our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org/Meetings.html

Membership

It is that time of the year – membership renewal. From October 1st through March 31st you can pay your \$12.00 fee for your 2016 membership. Renewal is so easy; just use the form at the end of this newsletter. For those procrastinators just remember that if you miss the March 31st date you will not be included in the 2016 Directory.

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 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.

Your MHC Board of Directors has a special request of you for this year's membership renewal. Please take a moment to let us know what type of events or activities will make your chapter more to your liking. Just add a separate note in your return envelope. If you are fine with what we are providing today, let us know that. We hope to hear from all of you. Thank you.

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

Bill Alvarez
MHC Membership Committee Chair

An Opportunity for You:

We have positions open on your Board of Directors. We would love to fill them with enthusiastic people who want to positively influence the direction of MHC. Please consider joining the BOD. Just let any of the current BOD members know of your interest or send an email to contact@cra-metrohouston.org.

Treasurer's Corner

Year to Date Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income	\$4500	\$4478
Scholarship Donations	\$1700	\$2000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6200	\$6478
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
CRA Dues	\$1125	\$1095
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$150	\$713
Scholarship	\$2000	\$2000
Web Site	\$300	\$10
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$135
Mail Box	\$0	0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$450
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$200
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5025	\$4603

3rd Qtr. YTD actuals are in line with our annual budget, and we are currently on track to meet budget.

\$372 Thanks to You \$372

Through October, your generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund totaled \$372.00 therefore the 2016 award is off to a good start. 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. Rest assured your contributions are being accounted for separately and will be used for no other purpose.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



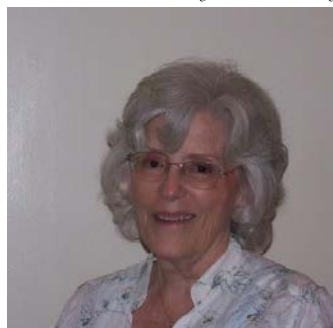
DOROTHY GREENWOOD



JIM STOKES



SHIRALD HENDRIX



GAIL EDMONSTON



PAT WHITNEL



DON EDMONSTON



BOB SUMMER

IN MEMORIAM



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

Betty Ruth Heard King	09/20/15	Gulf
George Jack Larrabee	10/11/15	Gulf
John E. McDonald	08/02/15	Gulf
Virgil DuWayne Stone	10/18/15	Gulf
George Mercer Treibel Father of George Treibel	08/12/15	Gulf
Clarence R (Randy) Wortham, Jr	08/08/15	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 or email

membership@cra-metrohouston.org.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our June 2nd 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 September 1 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Sherald Hendrix
Tim Attoe	Ross Hill
Esther Bender	Lorie Hougland
Sam Bounds	Clo Ladner
Truman Childress	Paul Larson
Frank Coe	Robert Leeper
Roger Cutler	Mildred Lynn
Bill Dodge	Richard McLeod
Paul Eastaway	Ricky Mercado
Don Edmonston	Pansy Meyer
Gail Edmonston	Howard O'Donnell
Glenn Ewan	Bob Sommer
Lorraine Ewan	Charles Specht
Buford Foster	Judy Spencer
Dan Gamel	Elizabeth Spooner
Jim Gerhardt	Jim Stokes
Santana Gonzalez	Ed Traylor
Dorothy Greenway	George Treibel
Charles Hancock	Pat Whitnel
	Skip Rhodes

Newsletter Delivery

If you received your newsletter but not in the manner you wanted to receive it, MAYBE it is because you didn't tell us how you wanted to receive it. We are delivering the newsletter using the method you have indicated you want to receive it. To conserve the financial resources of your chapter, newsletter delivery will **default to e-Mail**. Let us know if you want to receive it by postal mail. Just call Glenn Ewan at 281-693-5461 or email us at Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org



Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service. Please support those less fortunate in making ends meet.

MHC Scholarship

Do you have a relative that is graduating from high school and would potentially qualify for the MHC scholarship? Check out the eligibility requirements below and, if you do, get them started by filling out the Sponsor Validation Form as recommended below. The form is available on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org under the Scholarship tab

The MHC Scholarship is a one-time award 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 amount of the MHC Award for 2016 will again be \$2,000.

To be eligible for the MHC Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. Be sponsored by a current dues paying member of the MHC.
2. Be the natural born, adopted or step child, grandchild or great grandchild of a dues-paying member of the MHC.
3. Achieve an SAT score of 1150 or higher (based on Critical Reading and Mathematics sections) OR an ACT score of 25 or higher.
4. Provide three completed confidential references
5. Submit an essay up to 500 words about themselves and their career goals.
6. Provide your high school Transcript documenting SAT/ACT Score, GPA, Rank in class, Size of class.

Any questions about the MHC Scholarship Program should be directed to the MHC Scholarship Program Coordinator.

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**, for the scholarship which is awarded at our June luncheon.. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for the completion, requests for Scholarship Application Packages should be made as early in the year as possible.

Since our MHC Scholarship is limited to those applicants that are sponsored by a current dues paying member of the MHC, we must validate the student sponsor before sending a packet. If you are a qualified sponsor, please fill out the Sponsor Validation Form and send it to our Scholarship Chairman by either e-mail or postal mail at:

tgchildress@sbcgobl.net

OR

MHC Scholarship Program Coordinator

7502 Renmark Lane

Houston, TX 77070

****Note****

We are now collecting birthday and wedding anniversary dates on the Membership Renewal and Luncheon Reservation form, page 9 of this newsletter. Please give us your data when you renew your membership. We will not share it, apart from this newsletter. We will only use it to recognize you in this newsletter when your special days roll around.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Privacy concerns for our members personal information prevent us from publishing directory data in our online newsletter. The online directory contains all of our current information.