

Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

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December Luncheon

Tuesday December 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

December 7, send them to:

MHC Assistant Treasurer

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 5, 2012, June 4 2013 (tentative), September 10, 2013

(tentative), December 3, 2013 (tentative)

December Program



Combining a love for music and entertaining, Texan Louise Trotter is a versatile performer. Her programs contain a mix of classical, Broadway, swing, rag, Latin and country western. Having studied music since the age of 6, she gave a piano and harp concert at seventeen, later played with

Beaumont and Baytown symphonies and choral groups in addition to solo concerts. She was awarded the 2003 ISFHC Lifetime Achievement Award for promotion of the lever harp. She has been a featured harpist at Edinburgh Harp Festival, Lyon & Healy Pop and Jazz Festival, and Somerset and Big Sky Folk Harp Festivals. She has recorded many CD's, one with her partner today, Mike Wheeler, called Ain't Misbehavin'!. They will add some Christmas favorites along with jazz and pop standards.



Mike Wheeler was born in Houston Texas in 1961 and grew up listening to the western swing music that his grandfather played on guitar. He formed various pop and rock groups in his teens

until finding his true path in jazz. He studied in San Antonio with Jackie King before going to the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mike later received a Bachelor of Music from the University of St. Thomas, Houston. Mike has worked in clubs, formed jazz groups, and played with most of the major orchestras and performance groups in the Houston area including the Houston Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with jazz artists such as Clark Terry and Joe Williams. He has also backed up many pop artists such as Willie Nelson, Charlie Pride, Andy Williams, Larry Gatlin, Jennifer Holiday, and John Denver to name a few. In addition to leading his own jazz group, he has worked on many projects, including some with alto sax great Jimmy Ford, who was one of his major musical mentors. His first CD entitled Indian Summer, produced by Willie Nelson, spotlights his guitar style. He also teaches private lessons in the Houston area and is currently instructor of jazz guitar at the University of St. Thomas and the University of Houston

President's Message

As this year winds down, I would like to thank all of you that have joined us at our quarterly luncheons. I would also like to thank the Call-Up Committee for an outstanding job that they have done; the Scholarship Committee for the great job that they have done; and all the members that have renewed to keep the Metropolitan Houston Chapter up and running as well as the 19 new members that have joined us this year.

From your Board of Directors/Leadership Team, we extend a special thanks to everyone in the Metropolitan Houston Chapter for your support and loyalty.

For you and your families, we wish a joyful holiday season, good health, success and happiness throughout the New Year.

Board of Directors Officers

George Treibel, President
Bill Dodge, Vice-President
Pansy Meyer, Secretary
Ricky Mercado, Treasurer
Pete Rowland, Past President

Directors at Large and Appointees:

Don Edmonston	Charlie Hancock
Glenn Ewan	Frank Coe
Ron Hall	Doris Baker
Howard O'Donnell	Lorie Hougland

Last Meeting Highlights

Our favorite story teller, Bob Scott, returned to the speakers podium and entertained with stories from the oil patch. Check out his entertaining stories at www.cra-metrohouston.org. Click on the Meetings tab.

Valerie Vogt

"The Generation After the Greatest"



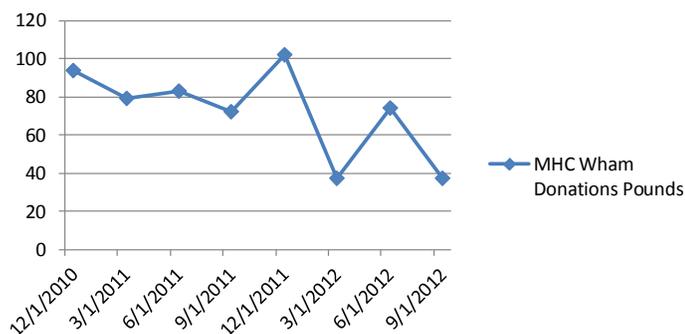
Born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1952, Valerie Vogt learned the meaning of travel at a young age. In the first 10 years of her life, she had moved ten times. From Kansas to Alaska and from the east coast to the west coast, her life as the daughter of a Special Agent

was spent on or close to key military bases around the world.

"The Generation After the Greatest" was filled with stories of humor, patriotism, and poignant memories of the past. A video of Valerie's presentation can also be found on the Meetings tab on our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org.

West Houston Assistance Ministries

MHC Wham Donations Pounds



As you can see in this chart our giving, measured in pounds of material, has been steadily diminishing. Remember, a roll of paper towels doesn't weigh as much as a can of beans but both are needed. During this *Season of Giving*, please remember our neighbors in

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

Donations needed include:

- Canned Fruits and canned vegetables
- Soup and canned meats
- Peanut butter and jelly (no homemade products)
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
- Dry cereals
- Flour/sugar (2 lbs bags) and cooking oil
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo, soap, deodorant
- Razors, shaving cream, hand lotions
- Toilet paper and diapers

2013 Scholarship Program

Your MHC Scholarship Program is once again offering a **\$2,000** college scholarship for a 2013 graduating high school senior, who has applied and been accepted by an accredited four-year university or two-year community college or junior college. As in the past, it will be a **one-time award** recognizing academic excellence and personal development. The 2013 eligibility requirements include any graduating high school senior who is related to a **dues paying member** of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including stepchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, etc., who meet the scholarship requirements as outlined in the scholarship application package.

Please note: Each student's application, including all required documentation as specified in the application package, must be **received** by the scholarship committee chairperson, Lorie Houglund, by **May 1, 2013**. It is recommended that the students interested in applying should request a package no later than early 2013 to allow sufficient time to complete the application. Students will need to obtain three recommendations from high school staff or perhaps from an organization where they performed volunteer work. The applicants will be submitting a 500 word essay, test scores and a transcript, all of which may take time to accomplish. To request a scholarship application package, a sponsoring MHC chapter member should provide the following information:

Student information: name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number (home or cell), and email address
AND

Sponsoring MHC member's information: name, relationship to applicant, telephone number (home or cell), and email address

This information should be sent **either** by email or U.S. postal service mail to the attention of the scholarship committee chairperson:

scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org.

OR

Metropolitan Houston Chapter
Scholarship Committee
11152 Westheimer Road, #729
Houston, TX 77042

The scholarship application package is normally provided electronically, but could be provided by U.S. mail upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Lorie Houglund at loriehouglund@gmail.com or 281-376-6483.

Please consider supporting the continuation of this annual scholarship program by making a financial contribution. As each year passes by, our scholarship funds are diminishing. If all of us could consider giving just even a small amount when we mail in our 4th quarter form, together We Can Make a Difference! These students are our future!

The 2012 MHC Scholarship winner Abigail Robertson sent this letter to our scholarship committee and expressed her wish for this letter to be shared with all MHC members.

September 8, 2012

Mrs. Lorie Houglund
Chevron Retirees Association
Metropolitan Houston Chapter

Dear Mrs. Houglund and Members of the Chevron Retirees Association,

I hope this letter finds all of you well. I would like to extend an overdue note of gratitude for the framed award that I received in the mail. I appreciate that someone went to the effort of framing the document. It is the nicest award I have been given and yet again emphasizes to me the professionalism, thoroughness, and thoughtfulness that shines through in all of my interactions with the Chevron Retirees Association.

I would also like to thank the very talented Member that made me the decorative wood pieces with my name on them. I currently have them hanging on my dorm room wall and they generate comments of admiration every time someone sees them. Thank you for taking the time to hand-craft something for me; that was an incredibly kind gesture.

I recently completed my second full week of classes at Walsh University, and I am very pleased with everything at the University so far. My professors are knowledgeable, inspiring, challenging, and supportive, which coincides with the fact that I love my classes so far despite the hard work they demand. The campus community is very much alive and I have thus far been kept busy with an endless number of lecture series, student clubs, service activities, and schoolwork- and I have only been here for two weeks! My fellow classmates strike me as genuine, kind, and driven, and I look forward to spending the next four years with them.

The more that I come to love Walsh and all that I am learning within its classrooms, the more thankful I am to have received the Chevron Scholarship which helped to make my college experience a reality. Please know that I deeply appreciate the support you have given me, and that I admire the Chevron Retirees Association's commitment to youth and community.

I hope that each of you have a wonderful fall season and a great remainder of 2012!

Sincerely,

Abigail Robertson

IN MEMORIAM



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

John Alfred Barrett	10/1/2012	Gulf
Derrill Gene Bartley	8/22/2012	Texaco
William Douglas Britton	8/25/2012	Texaco
Jimmy Lee Cantrell	9/21/2012	Texaco
James Walter Clark, Jr.	10/11/2012	Gulf
Frank Fox	5/17/2012	Chevron
Joseph Daniel Heminger	10/9/2012	Gulf
Raymond Hobbs	8/5/2012	Chevron
Paul Edward Howe	9/27/2012	Gulf
H. Dean Hoy	8/20/2012	Texaco
Billie Joyce Livingston	9/15/2012	Texaco
Gene Hurley Newman Spouse of E. Kirk Newman	10/07/2012	Chevron
Maggie Robison	9/16/2012	Gulf
John Philip Schlimper	10/16/2012	Gulf
John Joseph Spokes	10/2/2012	Chevron
Howard George Wiedemann	8/7/2012	Gulf
Clara Anna Willing	08/30/12	Texaco

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

Bill Alvarez	Mark Indihar
Doris Baker	Clo Ladner
Esther Bender	Ricky Mercado
Ron Bernard	Pansy Meyer
Jim Blankenship	Syed Mumtaz
Betty Blankenship	Howard O'Donnell
Athelee Caldwell	John Prestwood
Frank Coe	Bob Rieansnider
Roger Cutler	Jim Robertson
Bill Dodge	Pete Rowland
John Douglas, Sr.	Linda Schneider
Don Edmonston	Edward Schneider
Gail Edmonston	Bob Scott
Richard Engelhart	Charles Specht
Lorraine Ewan	Jim Stokes
Glenn Ewan	Jay Strickland
Dorothy Greenwood	George Treibel
Charles Hancock	Valerie Vogt
S. D. Hendrix	Gene Wilson

Since it is the end of the year, it is time to elect the Board Officers and Directors at Large for the next year. Our nominating committee chair, Gene Wilson-Watz, has compiled the following slate. These people will stand for election at the December luncheon. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Please attend and cast your vote.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	BILL DODGE
VICE PRESIDENT:	GLENN EWAN
SECRETARY:	DORIS BAKER
TREASURER:	HOWARD O'DONNELL

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

DON EDMONSTON	CHARLES HANCOCK
LORIE HOUGLAND	FRANK COE

The position of Assistant Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Newsletter Coordinator, and Luncheon Meeting Coordinator will be filled at the first Board meeting in January. These duty assignments and any other appointments to the board will be published in the February Newsletter.

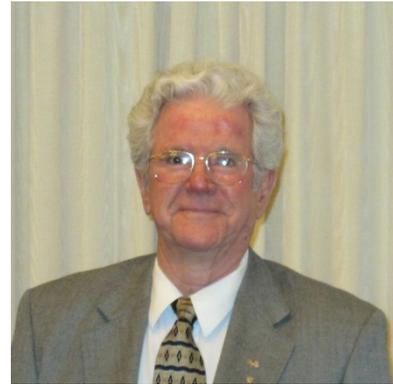
Door Prize Winners



Bob Rieansnider



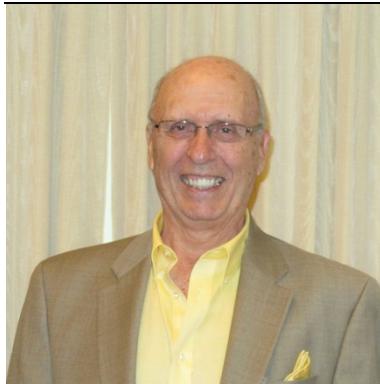
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Don Edmonston



Dorothy Greenwood



Jay Strickland



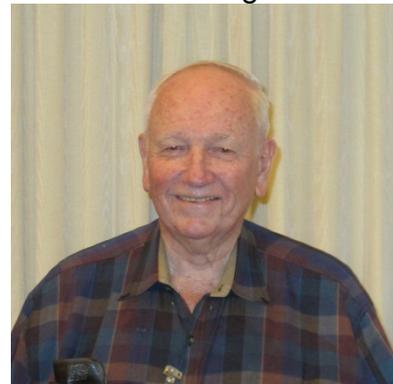
John Douglas



Lorraine Ewan



Roger Cutler



Jim Stokes

It is time for Open Enrollment for Chevron Health Plans. A link to a good analysis of your options is on our website under the 'Latest Items' section on the home page.

This newsletter and some previous editions can be viewed in COLOR at our website www.cra-metrohouston.org - click on 'Newsletter'.

Directory Updates

Directory updates are not included in the online copy of the newsletter as they contain sensitive address data of our members. You can find current information on any member in our online directory.

****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.

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

Steve McQueen played a driver in a 1971 movie that echoed the story of the Gulf/Wyer racing team victories in 1968 and 1969 at:

- ___ a. Le Mans
- ___ b. Watkins Glen
- ___ c. Monte Carlo

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.