

Metropolitan Houston Chapter

Chevron Retirees Association

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society) 5430 Westheimer

10:00 a.m. Social - cash bar available

11:30 a.m. Greetings and lunch

12 noon: Program

\$18.00 per person (Prepaid reservations should be sent to: George Treibel by Sunday February 28)

Program: Steve Toomey
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo



Steve Toomey is an attorney with a general civil practice, a Life Member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and a member of the Speakers Committee since 1997.

In addition to his work with the Speakers Committee he is involved with his parish Church and the University of St. Thomas as past President of it's Alumni Board, the UST Center for Irish Studies. Steve and his wife Mills also enjoy traveling and time with their grandchildren.

Steve is most recently an Ambassador with the Speakers Committee and in the past has served as an assistant captain, member of the training team, provisional Team Captain and Team Captain.

Steve's real passion is his work for the Speakers Committee as "Stripes" the rodeo clown. Dressed in traditional rodeo clown gear and makeup, with distinctive red, white and blue shirt and red hat he enjoys putting a smile on faces young and old, while teaching about rodeo clowns and the exciting event of bull riding. Whether visiting children at M.D. Anderson or other area hospitals, performing at special events, speaking to business groups or senior citizens, or just teaching kids - Stripes truly loves being a part of the Speakers Committee and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's efforts to support youth through education. Oh yea! And have fun doing it....

President's Message

Happy 2010 Everyone!!!

2009 is now history and we are looking forward to a very exciting new year here in our Houston Chapter.

You were introduced to your new board members at the December luncheon and will recall you have four returning members who will provide some experience in the planning and direction of this chapter and four very-welcome new members who will supply new enthusiasm and ideas for making this chapter outstanding.

With this in mind, none of us are mind readers ... nor do we hold a license over all the "good ideas" So, if we are NOT doing something you would like for our chapter to consider and/or if we ARE doing something you would like to see us do more of, please let your suggestions be heard by emailing them directly to me at Snoodlem@aol.com or write a brief description and send it to me at:

Earl L. "Pete" Rowland

Together, let's make 2010 our best year yet!!!

Membership dues for 2010 are due
See your customized renewal form

FOOD DRIVE



Please bring **nonperishable food** and/or **paper products** to go to the food bank at West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)

YOUR 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections held at the December 2009 luncheon meeting elected the following slate of officers for 2010:

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

Directors at Large:
Sam Bounds
Glenn Ewan
Jim Gerhardt
Betty Westmoreland



George and Pete



Pansy and Ricky



Jim, Betty and Sam

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee (Frank Coe, Chuck Michlik, Charlie Rhoads, George Treibel, and Bill Wally) for their hard work in preparing this slate.

THANK YOU! 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the total membership of MHC, I would like to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to the members of the 2009 Board:

Officers

President: Les Sisemore
Vice President: Gerald Thurmond
Treasurer: Ricky Mercado
Secretary: Pansy Meyer

Directors at Large

Espy Price
Chick Racer
Pete Rowland
George Treibel

This 2009 Board worked hard and long for the betterment of our MHC and should be commended for their efforts.

REMEMBERING CHARLES W. "CHICK" RACER

We remember the passing of "Chick" Racer, who was a member of our MHC board from the time our (then) Gulf chapter combined with the (then) Chevron chapter. Chick was a past president of the Chevron chapter and continued his active participation on the board of the new combined organization.

On behalf of the Metropolitan Houston Chapter, our condolences go out to Chick's friends and family and we know that he will be remembered and sorely missed for years to come.

HAITI RELIEF FUND DONATION

Your 2010 Board of Directors has voted in favor of a donation to the Haiti Relief Fund – via the American Red Cross – in the amount of \$1,000.00. The tragedy in Haiti is in such immediate need for help and assistance that the board feels such a donation is in order as part of our committed outreach efforts.

You may recall that, in the past, MHC has made similar donations for relief in the wake of hurricane Katrina and the tsunami disaster in Indochina.

Certainly, this disaster in Haiti is equally deserving of our help and I'm very proud of this ... one of the very first official actions of your new 2010 Board of Directors.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, "You're next." They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

IN MEMORIAM

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

RICHARD AARON BAILEY	01/05/10	TEXACO
ROBERT EDWARD BELVILLE, JR.	12/29/09	GULF
WILBERT FOERSTER, SPOUSE OF GLADYS FOERSTER	06/27/09	GULF
DIXIE ANN HARRIS FOSTER, SPOUSE OF W. H. (BILL) FOSTER	12/16/09	GULF
JOHN M. FRANCESE	09/28/09	GULF
BURTON R. GARMANY	11/01/09	CHEVRON
CLABRON M. GATES	10/26/09	GULF
JAMES W. GOEBEL	10/22/09	CHEVRON
RALPH CLINTON HILBURN	12/30/09	TEXACO
BILL JOLLY	01/11/10	GULF
CHARLES G. JUDGE	09/22/09	CHEVRON
VERLON "KITCH" BORDEN KITCHEN	09/30/09	GULF
DAVID L. "DAVE" MARKS	01/12/10	CHEVRON
GEORGE EVANDA (VAN) MCDUFFIE	01/01/10	TEXACO
WARREN L. NELSON	08/21/09	CHEVRON
JOHN L. ODEN	10/27/09	TEXACO
GLEN JEFFERON PARMLEY, SR.	11/12/09	GULF
GEORGE R. PRICE	12/09/09	TEXACO
ROBERT B. PY	10/25/09	TEXACO
TED RHEA PYBURN	12/10/09	GULF
CHARLES WILLIAM (CHICK) RACER	11/13/09	CHEVRON
YVONNE RICHARDS	12/30/09	TEXACO
MARY KATHRYN SAVAGE THORNTON, SPOUSE OF HERBERT THORNTON	11/11/09	GULF
ROY BERNARD TILLERSON	09/20/09	GULF
HOMER JACK WADE	10/18/09	TEXACO

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

Please help us keep this section up to date. The Houston Chronicle has implemented charges for searching its obituaries. It is no longer free to search for deaths with keywords such as "Gulf", "Texaco" and "Chevron". When you learn of a death of a retiree, please let us know by contacting Frank Coe.

GULF TRADEMARK TO CUMBERLAND FARMS

Chevron has signed an agreement to sell the Gulf Trademark in the U.S. to Cumberland Farms Inc., based in Framingham, Massachusetts, effective January 11, 2010. As a result of this transaction, Gulf Oil, L.P. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Cumberland Farms, Inc.) has acquired the rights to market the Gulf brand throughout the United States and its territories.

For 24 years Chevron had ownership of the Gulf brand in the U.S. Its recent use has been limited to minor 3rd party merchandise licensing activity along with licensing the brand for petroleum product sales to Cumberland Farms in the Northeast and Caribbean Petroleum Company in Puerto Rico. While they periodically considered using the Gulf brand themselves, they've found it to be more profitable to leverage its stronger master brand assets (Chevron and Texaco) for marketing activities in the U.S.

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

With your receipt of the November, 2009 newsletter, your Membership Dues for 2010 **became due**. If you have not already done so, we would request that you sit down and send in your check – now – in order to ensure your continued receipt of the mailings from your **Metropolitan Houston Chapter (MHC)**. Information regarding your check, i.e., to whom it should be payable and mailed, is included on the customized final page of this newsletter. All early and prompt renewals will be greatly appreciated.

IN ADDITION, CALL YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS IN THE PAST AND INVITE THEM TO RETURN "TO THE FOLD."

2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your MHC Board has voted to continue our Scholarship Program for the year 2010 **and has voted to increase the amount of the scholarship from \$1,500 to \$2,000.**

In addition, to further enhance the program, the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the MHC Board, has amended the eligibility requirements to **include any and all graduating high school seniors who are related to a dues paying member of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including step children, nieces and nephews, etc.,** who otherwise meet the scholarship requirements enumerated in the scholarship application packages.

All completed applications **MUST** be received by the Scholarship Chairman no later than Monday, May 3, 2010.

Application packages will be available at the March 2nd luncheon or by calling or e-mailing the Scholarship Chairman, Betty Westmoreland.

We hope these enhancements will result in a good selection of graduating seniors making application for MHC's generous, one-time scholarship.

December Door Prize Winners

We are very grateful to Joni Baird, Susie Hebert, and Mickey Driver, our friends at Chevron Public Affairs. They once again made our December luncheon special with concert tickets and gasoline gift cards. Member Betty Spooner once again donated a week in her Scottsdale condo as a door prize.



Ann Thurmond



Betty Nowlin



Richard Engelhart



Charlie Specht



Frank Coe



John Douglas



Inge Skene



Jim Stokes



Barbara Rich



Betty Craig



Mark Indihar

Our Program

We were entertained at the December luncheon by the Benchmark Quartet. Benchmark is comprised of four energetic and talented individuals whose commitment to musical excellence is rivaled only by their passion for entertaining. They are all members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and The Houston Tidelanders, with whom they have competed in numerous Regional and International Competitions. We can't say too much about their occupations here, other than they include a Sales Manager, an Engineer, a Massage Therapist and a Rocket Scientist! We were certainly glad they could take time away from their day jobs to join us.



Equations

Romance Mathematics

Smart man + smart woman = romance
Smart man + dumb woman = affair
Dumb man + smart woman = marriage
Dumb man + dumb woman = pregnancy

Shopping Math

A man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he needs.
A woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item that she doesn't need.

General Equations & Statistics

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

Longevity

Married men live longer than single men do, but married men are a lot more willing to die.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the December 1 luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the March 2 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Maurice Allyn
Sam Bounds
Dolores Brooks
Ramon & Judy Cantu
Frank Coe
Ray Corder
Betty & Bob Craig
Dorothy Curby
Barry Davies
Ray Ditmar
John Douglas
Pat Ebeling
Donald & Gail Edmonston
Richard Engelhart
Buford Foster
Don Fought
Jim Gerhardt
Shirald Hendrix
Mark Indihar
Mary Ann Jones
Keith Judge
Bob Kasuba
Karl Kennedy
Victor Lucas
Mildred Lynn
Leonard Mahaffey
Dick & Phyllis McEuen
Ricky Mercado
Pansy Meyer
Betty Nowlin
Malcolm Paterson
John Prestwood
Espy & Ann Price
Jack & Pat Redding
Bob Rieansnider
Charlie Rhoads
Pete Rowland
Edward Schneider
Sharon Sibert
Dick & Inge Skene
Jim Stokes
Skip & Dottie Stremmel
Gerald & Ann Thurmond
George Treibel
Bill Wally
Howard Weidemann
Betty Westmoreland