

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

## December Meeting

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011**

**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 need to be received by Friday

March 4, send them to:

**MHC Assistant Treasurer and Member Data Coordinator**

**11152 Westheimer #729**

**Houston, TX 77042**

## Program



Ron T. Capehart is an attorney with Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith. His practice has focused on the transportation industry representing industry leaders in the trucking and intermodal transportation sectors as well as representing vessel owners and

operators in admiralty and maritime litigation, oil, gas and mining companies in litigation as well as handling environmental and pesticide litigation.

Ron is admitted to practice before all Texas Courts, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Ron is a certified mediator and a certified Arbitrator with the Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association. He sits on the HMAA Register of Arbitrators and the TLA ADR Council Arbitrator Panel and Mediator Panel.

Ron is a fourth generation Texan and grew up on a family cow-calf ranch in North Texas. Ron and his family continue to raise horses, Brahman and cross-breed cattle on the land his grand-father and uncles have farmed since World War II.

Ron is a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and currently serves on two committees. He is a member and former Vice Chairman of the Horse Show Announcers Committee and a member and former Captain of the Speakers Committee. Ron has served on HLSR committees for sixteen years and competed at the HLSR in High School.

Ron and his wife Samantha are the proud parents of four-year old triplets, John Thomas, Claire and Hazel. In his spare time (what little of it there is) Ron competes in BBQ cook-offs around the state and enjoys golf, hunting and fishing.

## President's Message

### Happy 2011 Everyone

2010 was really a good year for our Houston Chapter. Between reinstating a few members who haven't been with us for a few years and the ongoing recruiting of new retirees, we brought in 80 new members last year.

You were introduced to your new Board of Directors at the December luncheon and have four returning member Officers who will help provide experience in the planning and direction of this chapter. Since the December luncheon, we have added another member to the open at large position that we had vacant. We now have four new Directors who will supply new enthusiasm and fresh ideas for making this chapter outstanding.

We have asked in the past for your help with suggestions to help increase the chapters growth and things that you would like for us to do. Please let your suggestions be heard by emailing them directly to:

[Contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:Contact@cra-metrohouston.org)

or write a brief description and send it to:

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**Let's make 2011 our best year yet!!!**

# Last Meeting Highlights

## Election of Officers

Shirald Hendrix, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a Slate of Candidates for the 2011 Board of Directors. In a real surprise action, the slate was election by acclamation!! The board meets in the meeting following the luncheon meeting. If you have questions, comments, or concerns you would like to send to the board you may do so via email at [contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:contact@cra-metrohouston.org) or postal mail at MHC Contact, 11152 Westheimer #729, Houston, TX 77042. The new board is:



**2011 President:**  
**Mr. George Treibel**, formerly Vice President of the 2010 Board, was elected to the position of President.



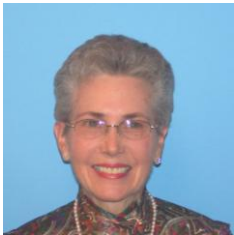
**Scholarship**  
**Mr. Bill Dodge**, who formerly served as President, and as an Area Director of the Hill Country Chapter, has just joined our Chapter and was elected to a Director position. He will serve as our Scholarship Program Coordinator.



**2011 Vice President:**  
**Mr. Glenn Ewan**, currently the Newsletter Coordinator and the annual Membership Directory Coordinator was elected to the position of Vice President.



**Door Prizes**  
**Ms. Lorie Houglan**, who just joined MHC in February of last year, was elected as a Director at Large. She will serve as our Door Prizes Coordinator.



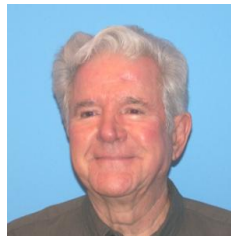
**Secretary:**  
**Ms. Pansy Meyer**, who has served admirably for years in this position was reelected as Secretary.



**Membership**  
**Mr. Charles Hancock**, also a new member of MHC, was elected as a Director at Large. He will serve as our Assistant Treasurer and Member Data Coordinator.



**Treasurer:**  
**Mr. Ricky Mercado**, who has served admirably for years in this position was reelected as Treasurer.



**Don Edmonston** has been a member for some time. He was appointed as a Director at Large at the January Board of Directors meeting. He will serve as our Membership Coordinator.

## December 7 Program Highlights



This time Bob Scott's humorous stories included a story as to how to get your kids to come visit for Christmas AND pay their own way. You can hear this story and other clips from the December luncheon by logging on to our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) and clicking on meetings.



Bill Parish entertained us with guitar and song. He performed solo for a few of our favorite Christmas songs and led us in singing some others. Many of our attendees commented that they had a grand time. If you missed the meeting you missed a good sing-a-long.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the March 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Harold Ayers	Keith & Donna Judge
Margaret Badeaux	Karl Kennedy
Doris Baker	Mary Kole
Steven Ball	Mildred Lynn
Esther Bender	Leonard Mahaffey
Sam Bounds	Randall Martin
Craig & Dolores Brooks	Phil Melancon
Gordon Campbell	Ricky Mercado
Ramon & Judy Cantu	Bill & Kathy Meyer
Frank Coe	Pansy Meyer
Mauizio & Fulvia Croce	Joachim Modlich
Dorothy Curby	Jean Moritz
Dick Czarnik	Sita & Rao Mutyala
Ray Dittmar	Chester Nowak
Bill Dodge	Betty Nowlin
Gene Doremus	Betty Peterson
Theodore Dorenkamp	Felix Powell
John Douglas	Diane Pray
Dr. Don & Gail Edmonston	John Prestwood
Richard Engelhart	Jack & Pat Redding
Barbara English	Barbara Rich
Ron Ermel	Bob Rieansnider
Glenn & Lorraine Ewan	Pete & Mary Lou Rowland
Betty Ezell	Jim Ryan
Buford Foster	Wayland Savre
Jim Gerhardt	Bill Schaub
Herbert & Marilyn Groot	Bob Scott
Ken Hammonds	Sharon Sibert
Charles Hancock	Charles Specht
Shirald Hendrix	Betty Spooner
Lorie Houglan	James Stokes
Lewis Jester	George Treibel
Mary Ann Jones	Clint & Sandra Weber
	Gene Wilson

## FOOD DRIVE

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



## IN MEMORIAM



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

Morris H "Benny" Benson	10/4/2010	Gulf
Larry Cherry	01/17/2011	Unocal
Isham B. "I.B." Cogdell, Jr.	12/9/2010	Texaco
Laura Davis	11/11/2010	Gulf
Robert "Bob" Francis Greenamoyer	11/1/2010	Texaco
Raymond L. Flannelly, Sr.	11/30/2010	Texaco
Kenneth Wilson Harrington	11/26/2010	Chevron
Luther Q "Cal" Keeney	1/2/2011	Texaco
Hudson Bridgeman Mann	1/19/2011	Texaco
Herbert J. Meyer	11/25/2010	Texaco
Herbert Comstock Morris	11/23/2010	Texaco
James Malcolm Otts, Jr.	10/26/2010	Gulf
Albert Gorin Smith	11/8/2010	Gulf
John E. Tessieri	10/30/2010	Texaco
Byron O. Wilkins	01/11/2011	Gulf
William D. Vincent	8/27/2010	Chevron
Bernice "Billie" Roark Wiley	11/29/2010	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.

## ENCORE NEWSLETTER

Due to the cost of printing the Encore newsletter, we will no longer furnish the newsletter at our luncheons. However, if you have internet service, you can go the website: [www.chevronretirees.org](http://www.chevronretirees.org). The Encore newsletter is listed under Publication, which is broken down by quarters. You can also see the archived newsletters from the years 2005 to present.

If you do not have internet service and would like a copy, please fill out the Encore form on the desk by the name badges and we will print and send you the latest copy

# Door Prize Winners



Donald Edmonston



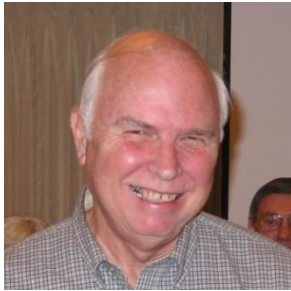
Shanon Sibert



Diana Judge



Theodore Dorenkamp



Ron Ermel

## Grand Prize Winner



Randall Martin



Pat Redding



Betty Nowlin



Betty Spooner



Gail Edmonston



Bob Reinsnider



Ken Hammonds



Charles Hancock



Jim Stokes

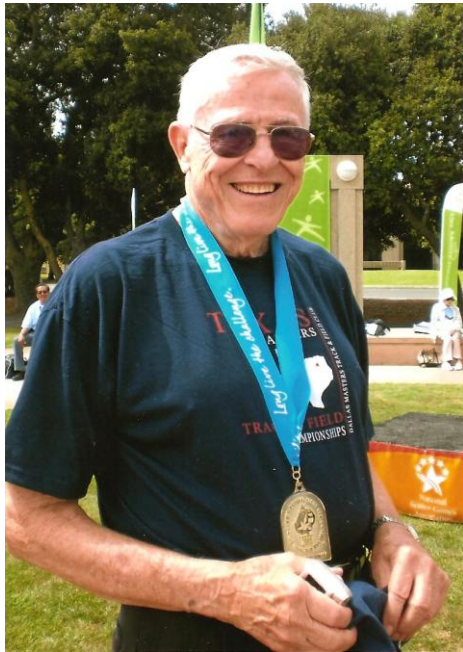


Diane Pray

# Jim Gerhardt

## A Life Of Sports Activity

By Charles Specht



As has been reported, Jim Gerhardt was inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame at a banquet on October 23, 2010. The admissions committee considered Jim's participation in the many senior events since 1991 and the scores of medals (well over 100) awarded him along with numerous other forms of recognition. Contestants enter senior games on an age-related basis in five-year groups, beginning at ages 50 to 54 through 95 to 99. Also considered were his extensive pre-senior years of sports participation and his accomplishments at all levels.

Jim's interest in sports began early in San Antonio with encouragement from his father and an older brother. A nearby open lot gave him and neighborhood kids space for softball and track and field activity. His father provided a backyard sand pit as a soft place to land while high jumping and long jumping. Sand traps on an adjoining golf course were handy also. His list of sports activities expanded in junior high school and included basketball, swimming, relays, golf, triple jump, high jump and tennis. In high school Jim played basketball and more track and field—triple, long and high jumps and added the discus throw and shot put. During his public school years there were very few sports that failed to interest him.

In 1948 as a freshman at Rice University Jim competed for the Olympic Trials as a triple jumper and although he did not win, there would be other opportunities. He played basketball (co-captain in 1951) and is a member of the Rice Athletic Hall of Fame (3 basketball and 3 track and field letters). In June 1952 he competed in the U. S. Olympic Trials and earned his berth in the Olympic Games held in Helsinki, Finland. He was on the Track and Field team and competed in the triple jump event. After college Jim played basketball as a starter on the undefeated 1953 Naval OCS team and started on the 1954 Atlantic Fleet Championship team. He competed in track and field events winning the Navy championship in triple jump in 1953 and 1954, second in long jump both years. While stationed in New Jersey, Jim entered the 1953 National Decathlon and finished fifth in these grueling events.

After retirement from Gulf Jim has concentrated on the throwing events—shot put, discus, javelin and hammer but he has also won medals in race walking and football and softball distance throwing. His participation in the Texas Senior Games began in 1994 and continued through 2010 except for 2000 and 2001 when health issues prevented his taking part. Also in 2005 Hurricane Rita kept him away. 2007 was an interesting year in that Jim had heart bypass surgery in April just after competing in the San Antonio and Houston Senior Games. Nevertheless, later that year he went to the State Senior Games in Temple and won two golds and one bronze. Jim competes in other Senior Games around the country. He has been to the Arkansas Senior games 5 times, Huntsman World Senior Games in 2004 and to National Senior Games from 1995 to 2009 across the nation from Norfolk to Palo Alto, bringing medals home from each. This has earned him Master ranking in the top 10 of his events for over 10 years. If one looks at the World Rankings for 2010, he is found in third place in the discus throw, sixth in the javelin throw and fifteenth in the shot put, each in his age group.

It is impossible to avoid being impressed with the long time Jim has been involved with athletics, with the number of events in which he competed and with the many medals he has won. No wonder that he has been inducted into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame.

Does Jim have a favorite among his many accomplishments over the years? Admitting to having fond memories of the 1952 Olympic Games and the recent induction into the Texas Senior Games Hall of Fame, he turns attention to the continuing attractions of sports involvement. What maintains his interest in sports is the camaraderie, the inspiration, the competition and the constant source of new friends. He adds that sports provide an incentive to maintaining a healthy diet and a healthy lifestyle. His wife, Jo Lynn requires special diet considerations, thereby providing encouragement for each other to practice healthful consumption.

When asked if losing an event results in a disappointment, Jim shrugs and indicates maybe so but he gets over it quickly. That brings up the question, what is next? The 2011 National Senior Games are scheduled for late June to early July in Houston and he looks forward to being in them. Before then several meets are scheduled in San Antonio, Austin and Temple. Also there is some sports-related work to be done. Jim works with the Tal Smith Enterprises, consulting on player salary arbitration for Major League Baseball teams.

And a lot of us thought Jim Gerhardt retired back in 1986.

## CRA Annual Meeting Update

As you read this, the 2011 CRA Annual Meeting will be just over three months away. Delegates representing the CRA's 96 chapters in the US and Canada will arrive in Houston for a three-day meeting (May 14-16) at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel. When not in meetings, the visiting delegates and their spouses will be offered a wide variety of what Houston has to offer. An offsite dinner will be held at the history rich Steamboat House Restaurant. The spouses will be exposed to the new and the old. A shopping trip to The Galleria is planned along with a visit to the George Ranch Historical Park for a tour and chuck wagon barbeque lunch.

Mark your calendars for the evening of May 16. The Annual Meeting will close with a banquet featuring a senior Chevron executive as keynote speaker. This would be an excellent opportunity to hear an update on Chevron and meet members from the other local chapters. Price for the dinner will be \$45 per person. Contact Glenn Ewan to get more details and make a reservation.

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## Membership Status Report

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We now have 532 members. The new membership directory has been mailed out. If you have not received a copy, please contact us by email at [contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:contact@cra-metrohouston.org)

**OR** by US mail at

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## Scholarship Program

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Bill Dodge, Scholarship Chairperson of the 2011 MHC Scholarship Program, reports that the number of requests for Scholarship Application Packages has been significantly high considering this is still early in the new year. He notes that, to date, nine application packages have been sent out in response to requests received from sponsoring MHC members.

For the 2011 academic school year, the MHC is again offering a one-time \$2,000 academic, college scholarship to an eligible graduating high school senior who is related to a sponsoring dues-paying member of the MHC. The scholarship is competitive and selection is based upon academic merit and ability that recognizes scholastic excellence. The MHC Scholarship Committee has oversight responsibility and authority for all academic scholarships awarded by the Chapter.

More information about the program including criteria for eligibility and how to request a Scholarship Application Package can be obtained from the new MHC website at [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org), under the Scholarship button. Otherwise, such information can be obtained from Bill Dodge by phoning him directly or by email at [scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org). All completed applications must be received by the Scholarship Chairperson no later than Monday, May 2, 2011.