

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

## September Luncheon

**Wednesday September 17, 2014**

**Riverbend Country Club**

**1219 Dulles Ave, Sugar Land, TX**

**11:00 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 12, 2014. Send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

**Luncheon Schedule:**

December 2, 2014

March 10, 2015

June 2, 2015

## **Buffet-Style Serving**

For this luncheon, a buffet-style serving will be provided rather than an entrée offering. The buffet will provide the choice of either a roast beef or fried chicken selection and include choice of vegetables, salad, dessert, iced tea and/or coffee. Upon request, serving assistance will be available to attendees who have special needs such as mobility impairments, etc.

## **President's Message**

Your Board hopes this newsletter finds you well and that you are staying cool during Houston's hot and humid summer of 2014. Despite the heat *outdoors* your Board members have been actively involved *in-doors* addressing important business matters affecting our chapter. As I announced at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon, the MHC Chapter will have a joint luncheon with the Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club (UGCAC) at 11:00 on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Riverbend Country Club located in Sugar Land, TX. More on our special joint luncheon further in this message.

Right now, I'd like bring you up-to date on significant actions and discussions held at our recent Board meeting:

- First, a special joint committee of selected MHC Board members and their UGCAC Board counterparts will be meeting in late August to discuss plans to coordinate roles for the special joint MHC/UGCAC joint luncheon. The guest speaker will be Robert (Bob) Harvey, President & CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership. His impressive biography is included in this newsletter issue and you will not want to miss his presentation as it will surely be a special occasion for all. Look for further details about this special joint luncheon to appear on the MHC website at [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org).
- Second, your Board has endorsed offering Chapter members' additional social activities to participate in. On page 2 of this newsletter you will find a short survey questionnaire for two suggested activities for member consideration – playing in a MHC sponsored Golf tournament and/or attending a “Meet and Greet” at an evening social time with a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Please complete this survey and return it to the address shown on the survey questionnaire. Any Chapter member who is interested in volunteering to

help organize such events is encouraged to contact a Board member. Suggestions for such activities are also welcomed and members are encouraged to submit them either via email to [membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org) or to write up a brief description of such suggestion/s and mail it to the address shown on the survey questionnaire.

- Next, our 2014 Scholarship Program winner is Michael Bloom. He plans to attend the University of Texas this fall. Information about Michael's academic achievements and career goals is included in this newsletter. Also, your Board has reaffirmed its commitment to continue the Scholarship award in the amount of \$2,000 for 2015 program year. Member contributions to the annual MHC Scholarship Program will continue to be exclusively used to help fund the amount of the annual scholarship award.

As a final note, Pete Rowland, who has distinguishingly served as past President of our Chapter as well as in other various leadership roles on the MHC Board in recent years, announced at our recent Board meeting that, effective immediately, he would be retiring from the Board. On behalf of the Board and all our Chapter members, I would like to extend to Pete our collective thanks for a job well done and best wishes for a happy retirement.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our first-ever joint luncheon with the Unocal Retirees Club of Houston to be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Riverbend Country Club located in Sugarland, TX at 11:00.

*Bill Dodge*

## September Program



**Robert (Bob) Harvey**

President & CEO at Greater Houston Partnership

I serve as President & CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP). GHP is the voice of the business community in the 10-county greater Houston area. In addition to serving its members through a variety of programs and events, GHP promotes economic development and trade in greater Houston and policies that enhance regional economic growth and prosperity.

Prior to joining GHP, I had a career in strategic and organizational consulting (17 years with McKinsey) and in senior management of a large public company (6 years as Vice Chair/EVP with Reliant Energy). At McKinsey, I served energy clients, both in North America and abroad, and led the firm's North American Electric Power and Natural Gas practice. At Reliant, I oversaw retail electricity marketing; electric power generation; wholesale power and gas origination and trading; and the company's European power generation and trading venture.

In addition to the corporate roles, I have served on for-profit and non-profit boards. I currently serve as Lead Director of TRC Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TRR), which provides engineering, consulting, and construction management services to the energy, environmental, and infrastructure segments. I also serve on the board of a start-up venture, Earthwork Solutions, LLC ("ESOL"). I serve on the boards of the following non-profits: St. John's School (Houston, Texas); Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau; Center for Houston's Future; Luther Academy (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); and Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne, Indiana). I also serve on the Advisory Council of the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

Prior board experience includes the Texas A&M Foundation; the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University; United Way of Greater Houston; Central Houston, Inc.; Houston Technology Center; Houston Zoo, Inc.; Houston Zoological Society; The Post Oak School; and the Board of Visitors of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University.

## *Last Meeting Highlights*



**Van Chancellor**

**Former Head Coach of the Houston Comets**

He earned WNBA Coach of the Year honors three consecutive seasons (1997-1999) and was named head coach of the Western Conference All-Star team three straight years (1999-2001). His best efforts as a coach are evident by both his record and the accomplishments of his individual players. Chancellor's exceptional coaching career in the WNBA, and in college, was recognized with induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 9, 2001. To view his program, go to our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) and select the "Meetings" button at the top.

### **Something other than Lunch**



Would you be interested in playing in an MHC Golf Tournament when the weather is cooler?

**Golf Tournament**     Yes     No

**AND/OR**



Would you like to meet and greet in an evening social time with a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres?

**Social Time**     Yes     No

***Please return this section to us at:***

**MHC Activities**

**11152 Westheimer #729**

**Houston, TX 77042**

***Or Email your answers to us at:***

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

**Please enter your ZIP code to help us locate any future event.**    \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# 2014 Scholarship Winner



It is with great pleasure we announce that this year's scholarship was awarded to Michael Bloom who graduated with outstanding credentials from St. John's School in Houston and will be attending the University of Texas at Austin this coming fall. Michael plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in the Honors Chemical Engineering program.

In addition to earning excellent grades and high test scores in challenging academic classes, including many honors/advanced placement classes, Michael was a research lab assistant at Rice University's Dept. of Electrical Engineering, a varsity tennis team player, played alto saxophone since the 7th grade, and won 1st place in the Public Forum Woodlands HS debate tournament.

Congratulations to Michael, his supportive parents Mona & Kenny Bloom and his devoted grandfather Norbert Buchsbaum, who is the Metropolitan Houston Chapter sponsoring member for his grandson.

# Treasurer's Corner

<b>Year to Date Financial Summary</b>		
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Income	\$4,500.00	\$4,904.00
Scholarship Donations	\$1000.00	\$1402.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
CRA Dues	\$1,125.00	\$1,212.00
HESS Club Charges	\$650.00	\$94.16
Scholarship	\$2000.00	\$2,000.00
Web Site	\$200.00	\$9.95
Misc. Expenses	\$250.00	\$125.51
Mail Box	\$468.00	\$468.00
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600.00	\$300.00
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,893.00</b>	<b>\$4,309.62</b>

# Membership

Last year MHC had 445 members. As of June 15<sup>th</sup> MHC has 410 members. What can we do about our declining membership? We are looking at having more events and gatherings to provide members more reasons to stay. Do you have any suggestions? What we need from all of you is for you to talk to your fellow past employees that haven't already joined to consider joining MHC. Just give them the link to our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org). If every current member just contacted one potential new member we will be on our way to a bigger and better organization. I got my new member.

**Make a Difference**  
**Please consider supporting the continuation of this annual scholarship by making a financial contribution. If all of us would consider giving even a small amount when we mail in our luncheon reservation or membership renewal form, together we can**  
**Make a Difference.**

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



**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN COLOR ON**  
**OUR WEBSITE**  
[WWW.CRA-METROHOUSTON.ORG](http://WWW.CRA-METROHOUSTON.ORG)

## IN MEMORIAM



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

Gloria Mae Babin-Villars	06/17/14	Texaco
Rutherford Rutland "Rusty" Brett	07/26/14	Texaco
Donald Arthur Buckner	07/19/14	Texaco
Gary Dennis Douglas	05/20/14	Chevron
Jean Fore	06/19/14	Gulf
Raymond Gary Jacobsmeyer	04/25/14	Gulf
Billie Mae Johnston Spouse of Leroy R Johnston	04/24/14	
Robert Kennedy	07/04/14	Gulf
Barbara Larrabee Spouse of George J Larrabee	05/03/14	
Kenneth Eugene Masters	07/26/14	Chevron
Charles Messier	06/12/14	Texaco
Thomas Muhleman	07/07/14	Gulf
James R. Offutt	04/19/14	Chevron
John R. Perkins	03/09/14	Chevron
Corliss Driscoll Richardson	07/07/14	Texaco
Evelyn Celeste Ross- Matthews	04/17/14	Chevron
Forest Gary Spindle	07/13/14	Gulf
Joel Linn Trostle	04/26/14	Texaco
Beverly Walton	07/05/14	Texaco
Robert Woodson Yarbro	06/18/14	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 Dorothy Greenwood.

## Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Buford Foster
Harold Ayers	Jim Gerhardt
Doris Baker	Dorothy Greenwood
W. Jay Barth	Shirald Hendrix
Esther Bender	Lorie Houglund
Kenny Bloom	Paul Larson
Michael Bloom	Mildred Lynn
Mona Bloom	Ricky Mercado
Sam Bounds	Pansy meyer
Norbert Buchsbaum	Howard O'Donnell
Van Chancellor	Pete Rowland
Frank Coe	Chuck Rubins
Roger Cutler	Bill Schaub
Bill Dodge	Charles Specht
John Douglas	Elizabeth Spooner
Don Edmonston	Jim Stokes
Gail Edmonston	George Treibel
Glenn Ewan	Clint Weber
Lorraine Ewan	Sandra Weber

## \*\*ONLINE DIRECTORY\*\*

Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is online at our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://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.

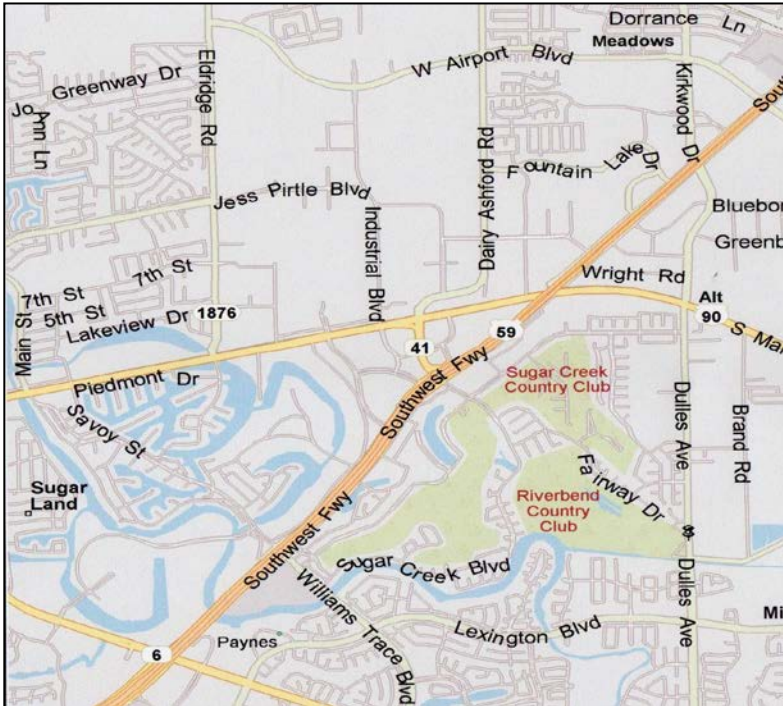
The online directory has been updated to provide additional search capability. You can now search for a member by entering just the first letter of either their first name or their last name. This may be useful if, for example, you attend a luncheon and meet someone named Bob or Bill but you don't remember which, now you can search for that person by entering b in the first name box. If you remember that his last name was something like Burns or Brown you can search by entering b in the last name box. If you would like to form a carpool from your neighborhood, you can search by Zip Code to help find members that live close to you.



# Luncheon Wednesday, September 17

Luncheon for September will be a joint meeting with the CRA Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 17** at the **Riverbend Country Club**. The luncheon will be served buffet style and typically features, salad, fried chicken or roast beef, vegetables, and dessert.

Riverbend Country Club is located in Sugar Land at 1219 Dulles Ave. Obviously there are many ways to get there from Houston, but my suggestions for getting to the club are:



### From the North

You may travel South on Kirkwood from Bellaire Blvd. to the Country Club.

### Traveling Southwest on Highway 59

Exit Kirkwood and turn under the freeway to travel South on Kirkwood.

Kirkwood will become Dulles Ave. when you cross 90A.

Continue South on Dulles Ave. to the Country Club on your Right.

### From the West or Southwest, Remain on Highway 59

past Hwy 6 to 90A.

Turn Right on 90A and follow it to Dulles Ave.

Turn Right onto Dulles Ave. continuing South.

The Country Club will be on your Right.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



MONA BLOOM



DOROTHY GREENWOOD



ROGER CUTLER



JIM GERHARDT



JIM STOKES



GLENN EWAN



KENNY BLOOM



BILL SCHAUB

We appreciate the generosity of Jo Baker, a former Gulf Advertising employee, who donated a Cross Gulf pen and pencil set for one of our June luncheon door prizes.

# Directory Updates

**Updates to the directory are not published in this newsletter when placed on the website.  
The online directory contains the latest data we have for our members.**

## **Words of Wisdom**

**"The budget should be balanced, the treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt.  
People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."**

**– Cicero, 55 BC**

**Evidently, we have learned absolutely nothing over the past 2,069 years...**