

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter

## Chevron Retirees Association

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### June Meeting

**Tuesday, June 1, 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 May 23)

Well, with my customary humility, I think I can state that your Metropolitan Houston Chapter has started the new year of 2010 the right way:

First: We have adjusted the assignments among the Board members to facilitate the better administration of the duties required on a day-to-day basis.

Second: We have identified the responsibility of obtaining speakers and/or entertainment for each of the coming luncheons. We have a good start of candidates in place.

Third: We continue to work positively on our association with the Hess Club with an eye to continuing to have our luncheons there. I think we can agree that they have done an admirable job with our menus and other meeting needs.

Accordingly, I am pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the costs for the quarterly luncheons for the fiscal year beginning in July of this year and running through June, 2011.

We are constantly looking for ways to better serve our MHC membership, e.g., with our community outreach pledge; and our commitment to the scholarship which we provide to a deserving high school graduating senior each year. The scholarship program has been going on for a number of years, now, and we believe our membership takes pride in supporting our youth in this manner.

Your Board members pledge to commit ourselves to continue as good stewards of the monies you pay into our organization in the form of your annual dues. We commit to work long and hard to make our luncheons something you enjoy and in which you will be proud to invite other, non-active members to renew their participation.

I look forward to seeing you all at the June 1 luncheon.



### Program

Bob Scott – Former Gulf employee, Retired Industry Executive, Industry Historian, Story Teller



Robert W. (Bob) Scott, P.E., is the former Chairman, President and CEO of Gulf Publishing Co. In Houston, began his oilfield career in 1947, as a roustabout for Magnolia Petroleum Co.

After earning his Petroleum Engineering Degree from UT-Austin and military service, he joined Gulf Oil Corp. working on the Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast.

In 1958, he joined Gulf Publishing's World Oil Magazine as Engineering Editor. His work over the subsequent 40 years has taken him to many of the major oil and gas producing areas of the world. He has authored innumerable articles on drilling, production and general industry subject matter and has made uncounted numbers of presentations to industry organizations around the world.

Along the way: He also served as:

- A Director of H. O. Mohr Engineering Co. and Gaither Petroleum Co.
- Was a Registered Professional Engineer in Texas and Louisiana
- Held memberships in:
  - The National Society of Professional Engineers
  - The Houston Engineering and Scientific Society
  - The Houston Club and
  - The Society of Petroleum Engineers, where he is a 52-year member.
- He also served terms as a Director and Officer of the National Ocean Industries Association and
- As President of the Pioneer Oil Producers Society (POPS) and Nomads.

Presently: He serves as:

- Historian of POPS
- On two Industry Pioneer Selection Committees of the Offshore Energy Center and
- As Emcee of that Center's annual Pioneer Hall of Fame presentations.

On June 1: He'll tell us some stories-mostly true-about his favorite subjects, Gulf Oil people and retirees.

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## **Will We Merge???**

We have begun looking into possibly merging our MHC with the Texaco Retirees Association. This merger is inevitable as our respective organizations age, our numbers shrink, and newer retirees become fewer and fewer in number.

We are going to set up a “get-together” with representatives of the Texaco chapter on a date OUTSIDE of our normal quarterly luncheons to examine mutual preferences, likes, dislikes, etc. We will be contacting you via email later this month with details and dates and hope you will try to attend to make your wishes known.

### **Chevron and Texaco Brands Exit Some Areas of the Eastern United States**

- 1. Why are the Chevron and Texaco Brands Exiting Some Areas of the Eastern United States?**
  - A. We recently conducted a comprehensive review of our business and determined the need to make changes.
- 2. Which states are affected?**
  - a. North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, New Jersey, Indiana, Washington, D.C., and part of Tennessee.
- 3. Will I still be able to use my Chevron or Texaco credit card?**
  - a. Over the next six months, we expect the stations involved will be converted to other brands. As a result, Chevron or Texaco credit cards will no longer be accepted at the affected sites.
- 4. I am really upset. How could you do this to your loyal customers?**
  - a. This decision was a difficult one for us as we have been present in many of these markets for a long time. We take a lot of pride in our association with these communities. We thank our loyal Chevron and Texaco customers for supporting our fuels business over the years.
- 5. Where in the Eastern United States will Chevron and Texaco still operate?**
  - a. Chevron continues to supply more than 5,000 Chevron and Texaco branded stations in the Eastern U.S. We will continue to have marketing operations in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Texas and Louisiana.

## **Membership dues for 2010 are due**

*With your receipt of the November, 2009 newsletter, your Membership Dues for 2010 became due. Please check your custom final page of this newsletter for your dues status. If it shows that your dues are due and 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).*

**See your customized renewal form**

## **March 2<sup>nd</sup> Program**

Steve Toomey, 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, entertained and enlightened us about many little known activities of the rodeo. If you have lived in Houston for more than a year, you are probably aware that the rodeo does a lot of good for young people who are interested in live stock. What many of us learned from Steve is that the rodeo does a lot of good for young people who are interested in other things. For example, this year the grand champion art winner was sold at auction for more than the grand champion steer. At the close of his very entertaining talk, he was presented with our traditional desk name plate by Ricky Mercado and a very fine painting by George Treibel of him in his clown attire.



## IN MEMORIAM

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

<b>CHARLES BOGGESS</b>	03/12/2010	CHEVRON
<b>JOHN LOYD BRYAN</b>	01/14/2010	TEXACO
<b>WILLIAM (BILL) CALDWELL, JR.</b>	03/05/2010	GULF
<b>LEONA PICKETT COERS</b>	02/24/2010	TEXACO
<b>FRED DEERING</b>	04/01/2010	GULF
<b>LLOYD E. ELLIOTT, JR.</b>	02/27/2010	TEXACO
<b>GERALDINE FELCHAK MOTHER OF BUDDY FELCHAK</b>	03/31/2010	GULF
<b>WILLIAM FOERSTER</b>	06/27/2009	GULF
<b>CAROL A. FORSCHNER SPOUSE OF BILL FORSCHNER</b>	02/15/2010	TEXACO
<b>OTHO HAROLD ISHEE</b>	03/05/2010	TEXACO
<b>WILLIAM GEORGE JOLLY, JR.</b>	01/11/2010	GULF
<b>RICHARD DORNEY LEE</b>	09/12/2009	GULF
<b>HAROLD M MCBEE</b>	03/23/2010	TEXACO
<b>DALE RANSOM MORGAN</b>	03/28/2010	TEXACO
<b>ANN SHIDELL MUELLER SPOUSE OF LEE MUELLER</b>	01/15/2010	TEXACO
<b>SHIREY ANN KRAUSE NORRA SPOUSE OF EARL A NORRA</b>	04/04/2010	GULF
<b>LYNDSAY (LYNN) GRAVES PHILLIPS, SR</b>	02/05/2010	GULF
<b>VIRGINIA KATHLEEN (HOWELL) PHILLIPS</b>	03/03/2010	GULF
<b>JESSE MARION PIERCE</b>	01/22/2010	GULF
<b>WANDA RAY POCHE SPOUSE OF CLYDE POCHE</b>	4/14/2010	GULF
<b>JOHN C SMITH</b>	12/27/2009	CHEVRON
<b>ROBERT A. SWADLEY</b>	03/15/2010	CHEVRON
<b>JOHN WILLIAM (BILL) TURNER</b>	03/03/2010	TEXACO
<b>WILLIAM "BILL" VOLKMER</b>	02/23/2010	CHEVRON
<b>KATHRYN POE "KITTY" WEEKS</b>	03/20/2010	GULF

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 Glenn Ewan know.

## Recognizing Ricky Mercado



In recognition of all the work that Ricky Mercado has given to the Metropolitan Houston Chapter of the Chevron Retirees Association, George Treibel presented Ricky with a painting of the B-26 bomber that Ricky served on during World War II. The presentation was at the last Board of Directors Meeting.

## Membership Status

We still have over 80 non-renewing members for the year 2010. The annual printing of the Membership Directory has been postponed until after the June 1<sup>st</sup> Luncheon. I have sent out over 70 emails to non-renewal members. If you are not sure that you have paid your dues, please call George Treibel.

In an effort to get new members, I have reviewed our retirees database from 1999 to 2007. There are a number of retirees that have not received letters from the association that our Retiree Association exist. As of today, I have sent out 182 letters to those retirees.

## 2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are always pleased to receive applications from our graduating seniors who exhibit some outstanding qualities --academically and personally. Our Scholarship Committee met on May 3 and selected a likely winner. Upon receipt of all of the remaining required documentation, he will be invited to our June 1 luncheon and introduced to the membership along with his parents and grandparents.

# March Door Prize Winners



Esther Bender



Glenda Smith



Peggy Dew



Wayland Savre



Gene Wilson-Watz



Shirald Hendrix



Espy Price

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. --  
Mark Twain (1866)



# *Seen at the Last Luncheon*

Are your friends are at one of these tables! There is an empty chair for you at each table. Why not come join them and enjoy their company.



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

Harold Ayers	Victor Lucas
Doris Baker	Mildred Lynn
Sam Bounds	Leonard Mahaffey
Dot Breland	Troy Mason
Gordon Campbell	Ricky Mercado
Ramon Cantu	Pansy Meyer
Frank Coe	John Prestwood
Dorothy Curby	Espy & Ann Price
Barry & Lee Davies	Bob Rieansnider
Peggy Dew	Pete Rowland
Gene Doremus	Waylon Savre
John Douglas	Bill Schaub
Glenn Ewan	Bob Scott
Buford Foster	Sharon Sibert
Donald Fought	Glenda Smith
Jim Gerhardt	Charles Specht
Herbert & Marilyn Groot	Jim Stokes
Charles Hancock	George Treibel
Shirald Hendrix	Clint & Sandra Weber
Karl Kennedy	Betty Westmoreland
Mary Kole	Gene Wilson-Watz

**CALL YOUR FRIENDS WHO  
HAVE BEEN MEMBERS IN THE  
PAST AND INVITE THEM TO  
RETURN "TO THE FOLD." YOU  
TOO CAN HAVE A TABLE OF  
FRIENDS.**

## **FOOD DRIVE**

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

