

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

September Luncheon

Tuesday September 13, 2016

HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society)

5430 Westheimer

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

11:00 a.m. Greetings and lunch

12:00 noon Program

\$25.00 per person, includes gratuity

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday

September 8, 2016 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

December 13, March 14, 2017, June 13, 2017

Entrée Choice

We offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on page nine when you send in your reservation.

This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

- 1) *Grilled Chicken Fettuccini with Rich and Creamy Alfredo Sauce*
- 2) *Beef Lasagna with Mozzarella Cheese*
- 3) *Vegetarian Fettuccini*

Each Entrée served with fresh vegetables, Chef's choice starch, salad, dessert, and iced tea and/or coffee.

September Program

Chevron Announces: New Claims Administrators for Medical and Dental Plans

Bohdan Rohbock – Project Lead
U.S. Health and Welfare Benefits Design



Bohdan joined Chevron in 2012 as an intern after having served in various HR positions at various companies. As a certified Senior Human Resources Professional, Bohdan has worked in positions in

Upstream, Downstream, Corporate HR, and Corporate Strategic Planning. He provides project management to the Total Remuneration benefits team and has worked on the U.S. Health and Welfare Benefits Design Project from its early stages.

Bill Wei - Manager
WillisTowersWatson OneExchange



Bill joined WillisTowersWatson OneExchange in 2012 as head of our training and development at the Dallas Service Center. As a certified John Maxwell Team speaker, Bill is responsible for providing training and

mentoring to all other OneExchange Ambassadors. Prior to coming to OneExchange, Bill has served in various corporate management positions. Bill provides first in class service as he speaks to retirees all over the United States about retiree healthcare benefits and the individual marketplace.

MHC Primary Contacts

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The President's Podium

We had a good last luncheon of the current Metro Houston Chapter. The next luncheon will be in September and will be the first of the new Metro Houston Chapter. If each one of us does our part and comes to the luncheon, we can top the 100 mark in attendance! We have been assured from HESS that we will be meeting in the big room, and the best way for us to ensure that is to have large crowds at each luncheon. Invite your close friends and stake out your own table!

Your Board of Directors voted to reinstate the practice of giving each new member a membership pin when they join the Chapter. This practice was in place in the late 90's, but was dropped sometime later. I can't determine just when that happened, so we don't know who does or who does not have a pin. With the new Chevron Hallmark, the design has changed slightly. Therefore, we purchased a supply, and each member of the Chapter will receive a new pin. By now, you should have received yours in the mail. I hope you are proud of it and wear it in good health!

As part of Chevron's normal benefits review process, Chevron has selected new claims administrators for the medical and dental plans beginning January 1, 2017. Bohdan Rohbock, Lead Analyst on Chevron's US Health and Welfare Benefits Project, and Bill Wei, Manager WillisTowersWatson OneExchange, will be presenting a program about the new claims administrators and other benefit changes for 2017. **This should be a very timely and interesting program. Be sure to attend!**

Each year the HESS contract is renewed the first of July, and each year they argue to raise prices; and we argue to hold them steady or reduce them. This year we were able to *semi-win* the argument. The cost of the meal was raised, but not as much as HESS wanted; but the net result is that the cost of the meal to our Chapter will be \$25.62. In keeping with the policy of our Chapter (which states that "each luncheon attendee will pay the lower whole dollar cost that the venue charges for the meal and the Chapter will absorb any remaining amount that is less than a dollar"), effective with this September luncheon, our attendee cost for the meal will increase to \$25. Just in case you are wondering if that is the best we can do, before signing the HESS contract we surveyed the local hotels and restaurants that could accommodate our group and found that their cost would be in excess of \$30.

Please take note of the Houston Food Bank article later in this newsletter. We will begin our support of them at the September luncheon.

Glenn

SCHOLARSHIP



Each year our organization awards a \$2,000 college scholarship because of our members' generous support. We award this scholarship to the best student who has applied for the scholarship. The scholarship is based upon merit and not financial need. Each student is required to submit their application, which includes their transcript, standardized testing scores, three references, a 500 word essay, and a letter of acceptance into college. The scholarship committee then evaluates the applicants for the scholarship based upon this information. We would like to thank our scholarship committee members, Bill Dodge, Doug Beatty & Lorie Hougland for their assistance and volunteering their time for this process.

It was with great pleasure to announce that this year's scholarship was awarded to Aidan Cupples who graduated with outstanding credentials from Clear Brook High School in Clear Lake. Aidan earned excellent grades while maintaining a full and challenging schedule of academic classes, including many honors/advanced placement classes. Aidan was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Peer Assisted Learning and Service student (PALS) which involved volunteering for many school and community based projects. He was a varsity letterman in football, soccer and track. As a member of the football team, Aidan played tight end, placekicker and punter and received honorable mention accolades on the academic all-state team. He also excelled at soccer, earning first team all-region and academic first team all-district honors as a goalkeeper for the Clear Brook team. He was voted Goalkeeper of the Year in Texas High School District 24-6A. As a Boy Scout, Aidan enjoyed many camping trips around Texas and summer camps in Colorado, Georgia and a trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. He earned his Eagle Rank this spring. He also plays bass in the worship team at his church and is active in the youth group there. Aidan will be attending Texas A & M University this coming fall and plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering.

Congratulations to Aidan and his family, including his grandfather, Dr. Barrett Cupples who is the Metropolitan Houston Chapter sponsoring member for his grandson!

If you have a grandchild, or great grandchild who you believe may qualify, please check out the eligibility requirements at our website www.cra-metrohouston.org in the *Scholarship/Qualifications* tab. Since our MHC Scholarship is limited to those applicants who are sponsored by a current dues paying member of the MHC, we must validate the student sponsor before sending a packet. If you are a qualified sponsor, please submit the *Student Nomination and Sponsor Validation Form* (also found on the Scholarship/Qualifications tab) to our Scholarship Chairman by either e-mail, tqchildress@sbcglobl.net, or postal mail at:

MHC Scholarship Program Coordinator
7502 Renmark Lane
Houston, TX 77070



MHC is now supporting the Houston Food Bank with our donations of non-perishable food and paper goods and cash. Because the Food Bank purchases in very large quantities and with significant discounts, we are advised that your \$1 contribution to them provides a full day of meals to a needy neighbor. Therefore, if you are going to purchase items for this purpose, **consider donating the cash, it purchases a lot more when HFB spends it for you and it will be used to purchase items HFB needs most. To facilitate cash donations we will place a donation jar for the HFB on the registration table. Don't forget Chevron Humankind matching if you donate with your check made out to Houston Food Bank in any amount of \$20 or greater.** TRCH made a chapter cash donation each year in December to HFB; this is a practice MHC will adopt with the merger. In addition to donating money, this association will also provide us an opportunity to volunteer at their site and contribute in that manner.

Treasurer's Corner

2016 Second Qtr. Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$4,500	\$4,926
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,500	\$4,926
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$1,059
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$650
Web Site	\$300	\$112
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$4,179
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$300
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$500	\$455
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,125	\$6,755
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$375	(\$1,829)
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
DATE		
Beginning Balance	4/1//2016	0
Scholarship Donations	8/1//2016	\$294.00
General Fund Transfers	4/13/2017	0.00
Scholarship Award	6/7/2017	(\$2000.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)	8/1/2016	(\$1706.00)

Items of note:

Merger of Texaco and MHC resulted in higher merger related one-time expenses, and is not expected in future years.

Scholarship contributions received after April 1 are devoted to a subsequent award.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our June 7th 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 13th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Robert Leeper
Esther Bender	Mildred Lynn
Truman Childress	Ricky Mercado
Aiden Cupples	Pansy Meyer
Barry Cupples	John Montgomery
Carol Cupples	Howard O'Donnell
Scott Cupples	Brenda Opliger
Susan Cupples	Harry Opliger
Scott Darnell	Kamal Osman
Bill Dodge	Jim Robertson
Glenn Ewan	Charlie Specht
Lorraine Ewan	Judy Spencer
Buford Foster	Elizabeth Spooner
Don Fought	Betty Stokes
Jim Gerhardt	Jim Stokes
Dorothy Greenwood	George Treibel
Charlie Hancock	Clint Weber
Shirald Hendrix	Sandra Weber
John Jackson	Thomas White
Paul Larson	
Leah Oberlin	Entertainment
Hannah Taylor	Guest - Port of Houston

Membership

TRCH has merged with MHC and our total membership is now 770 members. Our regular luncheons will now be as large as our last two December holiday luncheons so come meet some new friends.

Glenn's invitation letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. So far this year we have had 92 new members join MHC. These new members bring our current total of "First Year Free" members to 130.

Please take a moment to let us know what type of events or activities will make your chapter more to your liking. Just email all your ideas to membership@cra-metrohouston.org. Thank you.

If you haven't renewed your 2016 membership, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Bill Alvarez, MHC Membership Committee Chair

Online Directory

Did you know about the powerful tool that you have access to find fellow retirees within MHC? Just browse on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to MHC's website: www.cra-metrohouston.org. Now find the Directory menu tab and if you point to it you'll see a drop down menu item How To Create Your Logon. Click on it and you'll have all the instructions to get you started. After you register you'll receive an email confirming your registration. If you do not receive this message within an hour, please send us a note to membership@cra-metrohouston.org so we can approve your logon manually.

After the logon information there are instructions on how to use the directory search. This online directory search contains the most current information from our database. It is updated at least quarterly but often sooner. Let's say you meet someone at a luncheon and you remember his name is Bob or Bill or at least something that starts with "B". You can search the first name with the first character, or the last name with the first character. Of course, the name field searches can be narrowed down by searching by more than one character, "Bo" for example will find Bob but not Bill. What if you think you would like to go to a luncheon but you aren't sure you can drive that day? You can search the directory by your 5 digit zip code and find all the MHC members who live in your area. Be sure to leave the name fields blank for this to work.

Community Service Project

Glenn sent us an email asking our thoughts about getting involved in community service projects with some examples. We had a dozen or so respond with their interests and also some gave examples of community service projects that they have been involved with themselves. It would be great to hear from more of you about your interests and possibly for someone to step forward to act as the point person for a service project. Please let us know your desires at membership@cra-metrohouston.org. Thank you.

Newsletter Delivery

If you received your newsletter but not in the manner you wanted to receive it, MAYBE it is because you didn't tell us how you wanted to receive it. We are delivering the newsletter using the method you have indicated you want to receive it. **Effective January 1, 2017**, to conserve the financial resources of your chapter, newsletter delivery will **default to e-Mail**. Let us know if you want to receive it by postal mail. Just call Glenn Ewan at 281-693-5461 or email us at Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org.

Membership Directory

The membership directory of the new chapter has been printed and mailed to all members listed in the master file on July 1. Please review your information and, if you find any errors, notify us by either sending a note to membership@cra-metrohouston.org or by mailing a corrected membership form to:

MHC Membership Data Coordinator
11152 Westheimer #729
Houston, TX 77042

Your personalized form is the email message accompanying this newsletter if you receive it by email, or page 9 of this newsletter if you receive it by postal mail.

We have been notified that we incorrectly indicated that our member Jack Jolley was deceased by showing his spouse Betty as a survivor. I deeply regret this error and apologize to Mr. Jolley for any pain or discomfort this caused. We also discovered that the production run of the Directory generated entries for those members not wishing to be listed in the directory. I apologize for this error in the generation program. It has been corrected.



IN MEMORIAM



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals.

Donald Ray Arnett	6/3/2016	Gulf
Bobby Neil Barnes	5/21/2016	Gulf
James Oscar Brooks	6/18/2016	Gulf
Louis A Corte	6/22/2016	Gulf
Jeffry Arian Crisp	7/18/2016	Texaco
David M Deimer	4/6/2016	Chevron
Robert "Bob" Lewis Emery	6/17/2016	Gulf
Ramsey W Farley	5/30/2016	Texaco
Lloyd Fields	7/4/2016	Gulf
Larry D Fruge	7/38/2016	Chevron
John Hooks	6/23/2016	Texaco
Thomas Henry Hymer	6/20/2016	Texaco
Leonard A Mahaffey	3/30/2016	Gulf

Robert F. Mansfield	5/15/2016	Gulf
Troy Mason	7/19/2016	Chevron
Earl Anthony Norra	7/6/2016	Gulf
Gary E Petering	3/5/2016	Chevron
Coy Salser	6/23/2016	Chevron
Eddy Joe Scott	5/3/2016	Texaco
Sheldon K Spidell	3/20/2016	Chevron
Jack Edward Tatum	7/31/2016	Texaco
Frank Joseph Trimborn	6/7/2016	Gulf
Raymond F. Vogel	4/20/2016	Chevron
Jack D Whitley	5/21/2016	Chevron
David H Wood, Jr.	6/8/2016	Chevron
Orville Wornat	2/25/2016	Chevron

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 Judy Spencer or email newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Did you celebrate your birthday this quarter? We know that more than 200 of your fellow MHC members did. Find out who by checking the birthday list shown under *Membership* at the website, www.cra-metrohouston.org.

How about your wedding anniversary? Was it this quarter? If it was, find out who shares your anniversary month by checking the website, www.cra-metrohouston.org, for anniversaries under *Membership*.

If your data hasn't been submitted, please send it in with your luncheon reservation.

We are making this change in the Birthday and Anniversary publishing because of the volume of celebrations to be published each quarter. With nearly 800 members, the number of pages devoted to this activity would be about 6 pages each quarter. We are sorry those without internet service will not be able to check on their friends; maybe a neighbor or relative will assist them in this.