# METROPOLITAIN HOUSTON MESSENGER

## **Chevron Retirees Association**

### **December Luncheon**

Tuesday December 12, 2017 HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society) 5430 Westheimer

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

11:00 a.m. - Lunch

#### 12:00 noon - Program

### \$25.00 per person, includes gratuity

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday December 7, 2017 send them to: MHC Luncheon Coordinator 11152 Westheimer #729 Houston, TX 77042

#### **Luncheon Schedule:**

March 13, 2018, June 12, 2018, September 11, 2018 (Tentative), December 11, 2018 (Tentative)

## **Entrée Choice**

We offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on your luncheon reservation form when you send in your reservation. This quarter's luncheon entrée choices are:

1) Chipotle Grilled Chicken with Chipotle Pineapple Sauce



2) Parmesan Crusted Tilapia

3) Vegetarian - Eggplant Parmesan Each Entrée served with fresh vegetables, Chef's choice starch, salad, dessert, and iced tea and/or coffee.

# December Program



**Bill Parish** 'One Man Band'



Bill began playing the guitar in 1966 at the age of 15. He played lead guitar in a rock band during his High School years and in 1970 he formed his own Country Rock band. In 1971, he recorded a song called "A Woman" that reached number 16 on the charts that year. In 1972 he began touring with his own band, working the night club

and Hotel circuits in such places as Las Vegas, New York, Nashville and Alberta Canada. From 1975 through 1986 Bill performed with many notable musicians, among whom are Claude King "Wolverton Mountain", David Houston "Almost Persuaded". He also attended LSU Shreveport completing his BA Degree in 1983. He formed his own band, The Crawdads, which performed as the opening act for Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr., headlined the Louisiana State Fair and Billy Bob's Nightclub in Ft. Worth. In 1986 he played Lead Guitar for Randy Travis and opened for Ray Price. In 1990 he was one of the featured acts on "The Pride of Galveston" which was a Cruise ship that sailed out of Galveston.

During the last 20 years, Bill has performed mainly at night clubs, restaurants, retirement centers and at private functions. Bill plays the electric and acoustic guitar, bass, harmonica, and keyboards. Bill and his wife, Judy, were married in 1983 and now live in Dickinson, Texas.

# **Dues Time Again**

We have three categories of membership dues status. Each member's status is shown on the email message accompanying this newsletter and on page 9 of the printed version. The status indicators are:

- **PAID** Your dues are paid for 2018 or beyond.
- DUE Your dues are paid for 2017 but not yet for 2018
- **PAST DUE** Your last dues payment was for the 2016 year. You have not yet paid your 2017 dues.

When we post your dues payment, your status is updated. After posting all dues received before April 1, we clean the membership master files, print and distribute the membership directory.

If your dues are in the **PAID** or **DUE** status, you will be listed in the directory.

If your dues are in the **PAST DUE** status, you will be removed from the membership roll and you will not be listed in the directory.

Please ensure your dues are up to date NOW!



## Scholarship

Do you have a child, grandchild, or great grandchild who might qualify for the \$2000 MHC scholarship. If you do, NOW is the time to get going on your application. To be eligible for the MHC Scholarship, the applicant must:

- 1. Be sponsored by a current dues paying member of the MHC.
- 2. Be the natural born, adopted or step child, grandchild or great grandchild of a dues-paying member of the MHC.
- Achieve an SAT score of 1150 or higher (based on Critical Reading and Mathematics sections) OR an ACT score of 25 or higher.
- 4. Provide three completed confidential references.
- 5. Submit an essay up to 500 words about themselves and their career goals.
- 6. Provide their high school Transcript documenting SAT/ACT Score, GPA, Rank in class, Size of class.

Student Nomination and Sponsor Validation form and additional information is available online at <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u>. Send your completed form to: Doug Beatty, MHC Scholarship Chairperson

#### Doug the Elder1@hotmail.com or

MHC Scholarship Chairperson 5220 Braeburn Drive Bellaire, TX 77401-4815

# **Treasurer's Corner**

### 2017 4TH Quarter Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	Annual Budget	YTD Actual
Income (dues)	\$5,780	\$6,508
TOTAL REVENUE	1	
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,734	\$1,875
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$600	\$782
Web Site	\$400	\$420
Misc. Expenses	\$550	\$186
Special Events	\$10	\$0
Mail Box	\$543	\$540
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$800	\$511
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$310
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,637	\$4,624
Surplus/(Deficit)		
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$2,768
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$768

Items of note: 2017 Scholarship fully funded by donations! \$768 collected for 2018 award! Increase in dues renewals of \$700 over projected amount. Expenses expected to be on target for end of year.

MHC Primary Contacts						
President , Communications Committee Chair & CRA Demographics Committee Chair, CRA CMAC Committee Co-Chair	Glenn Ewan	281-693-5461 glenn@gewan.us		Past President & CRA Benefits Committee Member	Bill Dodge	832-934-0680 wndodge@sbcglobal.net
Vice President & Luncheon Coordinator	George Treibel	281-485-3538 gmtr@att.net		Scholarship Committee Chair	Doug Beatty	713-665-6652 doug_the_elder1@hotmail.com
Secretary	Judy Spencer	713-213-4581 j.b.spencer@att.net		Scholarship Committee	Truman Childress	281-469-4745 tgchildress@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer & Luncheon Site Coordinator	Howard O'Donnell	832-409-9908 hjod@att.net		CRA Past President	Charlie Rhoads	713-569-6931 <u>charlie_rhoads42@yahoo.com</u>
Membership Committee Chair	Bill Alvarez	281-497-6365 wfal@comcast.net		Director at Large	Vacant	



## **METRO HOUSTON BENEFITS CONNECTION**





It is the time of year when we all must think about our medical benefits. Bill Dodge is our Chapter's immediate Past President and a current Metro Houston Board Member. Bill is also a CRA Benefits Committee Member. If you have any problems with your transition from Chevron supported health insurance to OneExchange, Bill is the person in MHC to contact. Bill is also available to assist Chapter members on other Chevron/CRA benefits questions. He will either answer your question or find the person who will. His contact information is: Phone - 832-934-0680

Email – <u>wndodge@sbcglobal.net</u>

## <u> Last LuncheonHighlights</u>



Toni King, Medicare Expert, Author, Columnist, Speaker

Toni presented an excellent program on Medicare and Open

enrollment. If you were unable to attend the luncheon, you may view her program at the *Meetings* tab on our website <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u> or by clicking on the following link - <u>Toni King MHC Program</u>.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Did you celebrate your birthday this quarter? We know many of your fellow MHC members did. Find out who by checking the birthday list shown under *Membership* at the website, <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u>.

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

If you haven't submitted your data, please send it in with your luncheon reservation.

### HELP WANTED

Person with good skills in Microsoft WORD and EXCEL to join the Board of Directors and train to be Communications Committee Chair. Duties will eventually involve editing the MHC Messenger and sending messages to members by email as the need arises. Contact Glenn at <u>glenn@gewan.us</u> if interested.

#### 2018 Health Reimbursement Arrangement

An official within Chevron's Human Resources Department has confirmed that the specific funding amount offered to each eligible individual [retiree, dependent, survivor] in 2017 under the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) through OneExchange will remain the same for 2018.

Lezley Barth, CRA Benefits 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: <u>www.cra-</u> <u>metrohouston.org</u>. 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 a note to <u>membership@cra-metrohouston.org</u> 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 entering more than one character to search for, "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.

## Membership

MHC's total membership in now in the 820's. Your MHC annual dues are \$10, which includes your \$3 annual dues for CRA that we pay for you. What a deal! What can you find for less than \$1 a month?

We have 116 members who have not yet paid their 2017 dues. I guess they can save the price of a stamp by paying for their 2017 and 2018 dues with a single check. They can consider that a personal discount. Please do that at your earliest convenience. For the rest of us, take a moment and send in your 2018 dues after you read this newsletter. If you are like me, I tend to stack up things to do; if I don't do them the first time, I think about them.

Glenn's invitation letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. This year we had 95 new members join MHC.

MHC has a "try it for free" for first time members. Any retiree of Chevron or one of its merged companies who has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree Chapter will receive their first year's MHC membership for free. You may want to use this first time offer to entice one or more of your retiree friends who haven't yet joined MHC. Just give them the link to our website www.cra-metrohouston.org to show them the benefits of our chapter.

Speaking about our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org you may just want to check it out yourself to see all the good information that is out there for you.

We are interested in any ideas or suggestions that you may have to make our chapter more to your liking. Please email membership@cra-metrohouston.org with your idea or suggestion.

Last reminder – renew your MHC membership **NOW**.

Thank you, Bill Alvarez MHC Membership Committee Chair 



### SEPTEMBER 12 LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

#### The following table contains the names of those members who made reservations for the luncheon. We do not have an actual attendance list.

(Spouses and Guests are listed after their Member Host, therefore, are not shown in alphabetical order) (If you had guests who are not listed, we apologize but we failed to capture their names)

Bill Alvarez	Glenn Ewan	Robert Leeper	Wanda Reves	Mandy Sunderland
Harold Ayers	Lorraine Ewan	James LeJune	Thomas Rodriguez	Jim Taylor
Jeb Blackwell	Charlie Hancock	Jackie LeJune	Monte Rogers	Tony Teutsch
Cynthia Blackwell	Shirald Hendrix	Fred Levert	Rae Royle	George Treibel
Ester Brautigam	Dennis Huddleston	Sandra Littlefield	James Ryan	Bill VerMilyea
Jeanne Brennan	Charlene Huddleston	Tommy Martin	Nancy Ryan	Robert Visser
Truman Childress	Larry Huebel	Ann Mathis	Sophie Salassi	Bill Wally
Frank Coe	Bruce Johnson	Ricky Mercado	Edward Schneider	Clint Weber
Carter Conlin	Michael Kassey	Pansy Meyer	Jean Silarski	Sandra Weber
David Crawford	Evelyn Kassey	Barbara Miller	Robert Skaggs	Brad Williams
Roger Cutler	Harold Kaufman	John Montgomery	Phil Smith	Toni King
Debby Cutler	Nancy Kaufman	Keith Morton	Charlie Specht	Jim King
Centha Davis	Nanette Kettler	Howard O'Donnell	Judy Spencer	Michael King
Eric Brown	Paul Kettler	Daisy Ohnimus	Elizabeth Spooner	
Bill Dodge	Buford Koehler	Steve Ohnimus	James Stokes	
Linnie Edwards	Paul Larson	David Pollock	John Strickland	

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# DOOR PRIZE WINNERS





Brad Williams



Eric Brown

Grand Prize



\$50 VISA Card





Jim Ryan



Michael Kassey



Rae Royle



Jean Silarski



Larry Huebel



Pansy Meyer

Roger Cutler



Paul Larson

## IN MEMORIAM



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



Darvin A Bordelon	Gulf	8/25/2017	R
Marjorie B Bristley	Gulf	9/21/2017	S
Mozelle Britton	Gulf	9/17/2017	R
Joseph D Chachere	Gulf	8/7/2017	R
Maurice Udell Chilton	Gulf	3/28/16	R
Betty Fore Craig	Gulf	10/7/2017	R
Lorraine S Dailey	Gulf	7/20/2017	R
June M Dickson	Gulf	8/1/2017	S
Marvin E Fesler	Техасо	6/23/2017	R
Raymond E Galvin	Gulf	1/20/2017	R
Lucille Gates	Gulf	5/19/2017	S
Nancy E Goodman	Техасо	11/13/2016	S
Terry E Hartman	Техасо	6/16/2017	R
Gerald J Hickman	Gulf	8/30/2017	R
James W Hickman	Gulf	9/12/2017	R
Alice C Hoskins	Gulf	9/9/2017	S
John W James	Gulf	6/25/2017	R
John W Keegan	Gulf	9/7/2017	R
Rajindar K Kochhar	Gulf	6/22/2017	R
Thomas N Kornett	Техасо	8/8/2017	R
Dorothy J Lloyd	Gulf	7/5/2017	R
Harold Long	Техасо	6/28/2017	R

Madeline B Long	Gulf	8/18/2017	R
Sandra Y Longoria	Gulf	7/4/2017	S
George S Lundy	Техасо	7/1/2017	R
Francis J Lyons	Gulf	9/12/2017	R
Patricia R Mc carty	Gulf	6/12/2017	S
Bernice McCauley	Техасо	3/28/2017	S
Carl J Mileski	Caltex	7/26/2017	R
Gordon H Neville	Техасо	8/13/2017	R
Howard B Newfield	Техасо	9/26/2017	R
Harold H Northcutt	Техасо	8/5/2017	R
Norene B Nunez	Техасо	7/25/2017	S
Robert C Pickett	Gulf	7/14/2017	R
Vera A Price	Gulf	8/2/2017	S
Robert J Quintana	Gulf	7/30/2017	R
Adele Read	Gulf	6/15/2017	S
Carolyn W Russel	Техасо	7/12/2017	S
Dolores R Shaw	Техасо	7/1/2017	S
Mary B Shutt	Gulf	9/2/2017	R
Gladys Stulken	Техасо	6/16/2017	S
Dominick A Valle	Gulf	9/17/2017	R
Willis Lee Williams	Техасо	8/28/2017	R

Note - We are showing the recently deceased as reported quarterly by Chevron to CRA Demographics. The new R/S column indicates that the person was listed as a Retiree or a Survivor in the Chevron records.

Hello MHC Members,

We have a lot about dues in this edition. Well here is my pitch, while you are writing a check for your dues, and hopefully your luncheon, how about adding a little for the MHC Scholarship Fund? With our 800 members, if each of us gives only \$2.50 each year, we would guarantee the continuation of the \$2,000 scholarship. Remember, the recipient of this award is not some stranger; it is one of our own grandchildren or great grandchildren. You may not know the child, but you likely know the sponsoring member.

It is also time to elect your officers for next year. I have enjoyed serving this year, and I thank you for the opportunity to do so. Following is the slate of people who have agreed to run for a position on your Board next year. If you would like to nominate anyone for a Board or MHC Officer position, please ensure that they are willing to serve before submitting their name. As past President, Bill Dodge is automatically a member of the Board. The following positions must be elected each year. These candidates have agreed to serve.

Officers of the Board			
President Glenn Ewan			
Vice President	Vice President George Treibel		
Secretary Judith Spencer			
Treasurer Howard O'Donnell			
Directors at Large			
Charlie Rhoads			
Bill Alvarez			
Truman Childress			
Doug Beatty			
We have one vacant Director at Large position.			

My Best Wishes for a great Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends, and a Prosperous 2018

Glenn Ewan

## DIRECTORY UPDATES August 1 through October 31

# The online directory of members is frequently updated. Please consult it for the current data on our members.



MHC supports 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 money; it purchases a lot more when HFB spends it for you, and it will be used to purchase items HFB needs most. To facilitate monetary donations, we will place a donation jar for the HFB on the registration table.

When you donate \$20 or more at one time, you can double your impact by filing with Chevron HumanKind for matching funds. Their rules require you to validate your donation with either a cancelled check or a receipt. Since our MHC Chapter does not provide receipts (since we are not the Food Bank), we recommend you donate with your check made payable to Houston Food Bank. To learn how to submit your cancelled check and more, go to

www.chevronretirees.org/ResourcesGroup/ChevronHumankind.

# CECOH

Chevron Employees Club of Houston



#### The Chevron Employees Club of Houston

(CECOH) is a resource available to Chevron and Chevron Phillips employees, retirees, and contractors to promote and sponsor social functions, sports and recreational activities for the benefit of the members; and to encourage and foster interest and involvement in civic functions (through participation with PGPA) for the benefit of

#### the community.

CECOH offers a wide variety of items including discount tickets to shows and attractions, specialized travel packages, access to other corporate perks, programs and convenient shopping at two Club store locations. CECOH also periodically sponsors athletic, civic, social and youth events. The current newsletter is available at this link <a href="http://cecoh.chevron.com/newsletter/default.html">http://cecoh.chevron.com/newsletter/default.html</a>.