

Chevron Retirees Association

March Luncheon

Tuesday March 13, 2018

**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 March 8, 2018 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

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) *BBQ Brisket and Smoked Sausage*
- 2) *Almond Crusted Tilapia with Sundried Tomatoes, Basil Lemon Butter Sauce*
- 3) *Grilled Vegetable Medley served with Pasta Al Pesto*

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

2018 Dues Are Due - NOW

Final opportunity to be listed in the 2018 MHC Directory. If you have already paid your 2018 dues, THANK YOU! We greatly appreciate your loyalty and support of our chapter.

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.

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!**

WITHOUT ADEQUATE DUES, SOME MHC SERVICES WOULD BE ELIMINATED.

AT THE START OF 2018 WE ARE SOME \$2000 SHORT OF RENEWALS.

TO THOSE WHO RENEWED – THANK YOU! TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT – PLEASE RENEW!

THE RETIREE ASSOC. IS THE ONLY SOURCE YOU HAVE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHEVRON BENEFITS AND FOR HELP WITH ANY PROBLEMS.

HELP WANTED

Newsletter - 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 glenn@gewan.us if interested.

Membership - For all those who like to talk with people, MHC has an opportunity for you to talk with other MHC members. Think of how much a 10 or 15 minute (or longer) chat would do for a MHC member who is house bound. So we need a bunch of talkers, and one of you talkers who can also be their leader (just a little organizing/coordinating). So, email us at membership@cra-metrohouston.org.

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 nominate them and have them get going on their 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.
3. Submit a completed Scholarship Application form that will be sent to them based on your nomination information.
4. Achieve an SAT score of 1150 or higher (based on Critical Reading and Mathematics sections) or an ACT score of 25 or higher.
5. Provide three completed confidential references using the forms provided.
6. Submit an essay up to 500 words about themselves and their career goals.
7. Provide their High School Transcript documenting their GPA, Rank in Class, and Size of Class, plus provide their SAT/ACT Score separately if it is not in their transcript.

It's not too late to nominate!



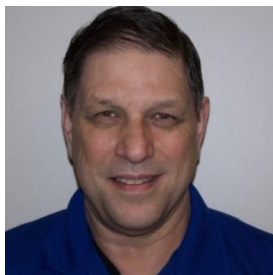




Student Nomination and Sponsor Validation form and additional information is available online at www.cra-metrohouston.org . Send your completed form to:

Doug Beatty, MHC Scholarship Chairperson, email - Doug_the_Elder1@hotmail.com

or

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

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March Program

Wiley Pat Gavin & Songs of the Cowboy



Come join "Wiley" Pat Gavin and ride down the trails of the past as we explore the Western life through stories and songs. We will begin our trip with the old Texas traditional songs of the past; some were brought over from Ireland and transformed into classic cowboy verse. We will take a look at a few of the first great cowboy singers such as Carl T. Sprague, Carson Robinson and Vern Dalhart. As the cowboy moved from the cattle drive to the Silver Screen, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers not only became our heroes, but put Western music at the top of everyone's charts. Pat enjoys sharing the "Songs of the Cowboy" and singing what he refers to as true Texas folk music.

Get on your western wear, tune up your yodeler and enjoy the music.

Last Luncheon Highlights

Bill Parish



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.

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. Many of his numbers from our Christmas luncheon are posted on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org in the "Meeting" tab.

METRO HOUSTON BENEFITS CONNECTION



As a reminder, Bill Dodge is available to assist Chapter members on Chevron /CRA benefits questions. As you may know, Bill 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 or issues on other various Chevron/CRA benefits, Bill is the person in MHC to contact. He will either answer your question or find the person who will. His contact information is:

Phone - 832-934-0680

Email - wndodge@sbcglobal.net

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.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2017 Final Financial Statement

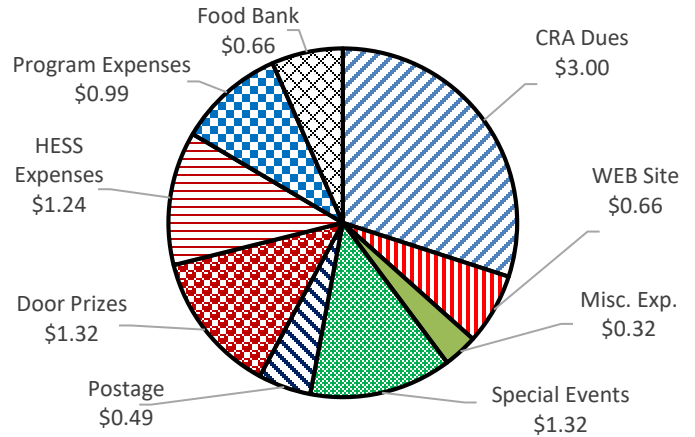
<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$5,780	\$6,508
TOTAL REVENUE		
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,734	\$1,875
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$813
Web Site	\$400	\$692
Misc. Expenses	\$400	\$416
Special Events	\$150	\$0
Mail Box	\$543	\$540
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$800	\$677
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$400
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$460
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5,777	\$5,571
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$635
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2000	\$3,620
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2000	\$2000
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$1620

2018

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Budget\$</u>	<u>Actual\$</u>
Income (dues)	\$6,000	\$4,067
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,800	\$0
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$0
Web Site	\$400	\$0
Misc. Expenses	\$500	\$0
Special Events	\$800	\$0
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$800	\$0
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$0
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,050	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(50)	\$
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$1,620
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$(380)

2018 Budget

(Where does my \$10 go?)



TREASURER'S COMMENTS

1. **2017** had a net "surplus" of \$635; this was mainly due to an **INCREASED** number of renewals!!
2. Scholarship was fully funded by your generous donations! If this continues (and we believe it will) then the possibility of awarding multiple scholarships is becoming a real possibility!
3. **2018** has received \$4,067 in dues; some \$2000 short of our goal; **IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID, PLEASE DO SO!**

2018 Scholarship is still some \$380 short of our goal; Please consider donating to keep the scholarship program alive and growing!



Membership

For any member who wants to end the yearly hassle of paying their \$10 dues, we accept early dues payments. So a check for \$20, \$30, or more will get you ahead of this dues payment problem. Try it, you might like it.

We have 103 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.

Just a reminder to the 305 members who have not paid their 2018 dues: membership renewal is from October 1st of the prior year through March 31st of the dues year (e.g. October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 for dues year 2018). You will be reminded that your 2018 dues are due on the form at the end of this newsletter. Timely payment of your dues helps your chapter operate smoothly. Please help us out and pay your dues when they are due.

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 idea or suggestion that you may have to make our chapter more to your liking. Please email membership@cra-metrohouston.org with your idea or suggestion.

Renew today. Don’t put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez, MHC Membership Committee Chair

Online Directory

Did you know about the powerful tool that you can use 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 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 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.

Second Annual Metro Houston Chapter **“Silent Auction” Planned**

Due to the huge success of the Chapter’s first “Silent Auction” held at our June luncheon last year, your Board has agreed to hold this activity as an annual event. Please mark on your 2018 calendar that the Chapter will hold its second annual “Silent Auction” at our **June 12th luncheon**. Members will be encouraged to bring to this luncheon one item of personal company memorabilia they would like to donate to the Chapter. Members will set a starting bid price on a sheet of paper next to their donated item that will be displayed during the luncheon. Members bidding the highest price will win and purchase the donated item. Proceeds will be applied to the **Houston Food Bank**. So, begin thinking about what personal company memorabilia you would like to include in this Silent Auction. Look for more information about this event to be published in the next Chapter newsletter to be distributed prior to the June 12th luncheon.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Bill Vermilyea



Charlie Hancock



Craig Brooks



David Gardner



Dele Adeniji



Delores Brooks



Donald Fought

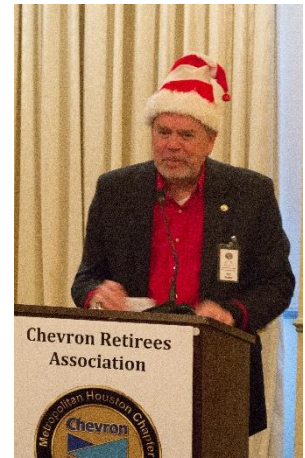


Harold Kaufman

GRAND PRIZE WINNER



Milton Elliott



Jim Gerhardt



Jim Ryan



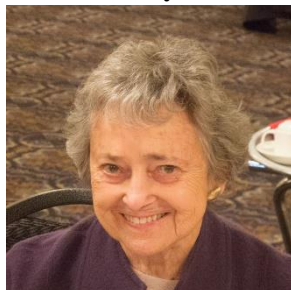
John Moncrief



John Strickland



Linda Backens



Linnie Edwards



Thomas White



Truman Childress



IN MEMORIAM



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

Norman D Adams	Gulf	12/09/17	S	Mary L Legrand	Texaco	12/05/17	S
Glenn D Alford	Gulf	10/13/17	R	Pauline R Leonhart	Gulf	10/26/17	S
Paul F Ames	Texaco	11/21/17	R	Lawrence D Lueke	Texaco	10/09/17	R
Lowell L Andrews	Getty	11/23/17	R	Donald W Maas	Gulf	10/11/17	R
W Jay Barth	Gulf	12/10/17	R	Frances M Mace	Gulf	10/23/17	S
Richard M Bartley	Gulf	10/30/17	R	Joyce D Mace	Gulf	10/29/17	S
Richard O Beltz	Gulf	10/22/17	R	Jewell D Martin	Texaco	10/23/17	R
Meredith V Bryant	Gulf	10/12/17	R	Charles T Matthews	Texaco	08/17/17	R
Leoncio L Caballero	Texaco	10/11/17	R	Robert R McCall	Texaco	10/19/17	R
Reid F Carter	Chevron	12/05/17	R	C E McCreight	Gulf	07/07/17	R
Harry E Chance	Texaco	05/29/17	R	Betty S McKinzie	Getty	10/26/17	R
Jack G Coats	Gulf	12/23/17	R	Robert J Menzie	Getty	09/18/17	R
Betty F Craig	Gulf	10/07/17	R	Clarence H. Messer	Gulf	12/15/17	R
Orga V Craig	Gulf	12/24/17	R	James K Morrison	Getty	10/31/17	R
Thomas D Elam	Texaco	10/21/17	R	Herbert G Muhlbauer	Texaco	10/09/17	R
Ian C Forbes	Unocal	09/30/17	R	Joe S Parker	Unocal	10/29/17	R
Barbara Gilcrease	Gulf	10/19/17	S	Calvin B Powell	Texaco	09/29/17	R
Raymond J Glass	Texaco	12/08/17	R	Waymond T Sanders	Texaco	12/02/17	R
Jean D Golden	Gulf	11/16/17	R	Rickki Shannon	Texaco	11/11/17	S
Gary C Graham	Texaco	11/11/17	R	Robert E Slagle	Gulf	11/05/17	R
Lee A Haley	Texaco	10/17/17	R	Douglas Smith	Gulf	11/28/17	R
George L Hawkins	Texaco	10/15/17	R	Joseph B Stevens	Gulf	11/06/17	R
Trisha M Haydon	Gulf	11/03/17	R	John R Strausser	Gulf	12/26/17	R
Kathleen Herold	Gulf	11/27/16	S	Floy M Vieweg	Gulf	09/21/17	S
Gary E Houston	Texaco	11/07/17	R	Ruby Wagner	Texaco	05/08/17	S
Olvene Johnstone	Texaco	11/03/17	S	Gene D Watkins	Chevron	12/15/17	R
Christine S Knighten	Gulf	10/15/17	S	Ronald C Wintle	Texaco	10/05/17	R
Lillian M Layden	Gulf	12/01/17	S	Duane W Zeilstra	Gulf	12/01/17	R
Cora B Lee	Gulf	12/06/17	S				

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.

***** *President's Podium* *****

Hi Metro Members,

As you saw on page 3, while cleaning up the swamp, Pogo and Porky encountered a problem. In editing this little newsletter, I sometimes feel like Pogo. I have met the space thief and he is me! I has done squoze myself into a small space at the end of our little publication. For those of you not familiar with the word squoze, it is my understanding that it is the colloquial past tense of squeeze and is usually preceded by "has done" for clarity.

I do have a couple of serious things to mention. We elected officers at the December meeting, all current members of the Board of Directors were re-elected except one. Dennis Huddleston moved to Tulsa. Evelyn Kassey was elected to replace him. Please join me in welcoming her to the Board. Photos of the new Board are on page 2.

The second thing I must mention is that it is DUES TIME again. If you have not paid your 2017 and 2018 dues, you are rapidly approaching the April 1 cutoff date. All PAST DUE members will be dropped from the Directory on that date and no longer considered a member of our Chapter. Of course, we would welcome you to reinstate by paying your 2017 and 2018 dues, but you will still be missing from the 2018 Directory. The solution – pay your \$20 before April 1!

I wish each of you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Glenn