

Metropolitan Houston Chapter

Chevron Retirees Association

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 7, 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 Saturday November 27)

Hello Fellow MHC Members

As this year winds down, I have to reflect on some great luncheons we have had this year ... beginning with the presentation by the Rodeo Clown in the March luncheon; the very informational and amusing presentation in June by our own Bob Scott who regaled us with stories from the oil industry's past; and in the September luncheon the fine presentation by Wes Avants showing us "How to Eat a Cupcake". While each speaker was amusing in his own way, there were underlying messages about how to live our lives better and enjoying them more.

In September, I challenged each of you to get out your new copy of the MHC Membership Directory and identify YOUR friends whom you know who, for whatever reasons, have NOT been attending the luncheons and who, consequently, have not been able to enjoy the presentations I reminisced about above. This is their loss, and I hope you contacted them and told them this.

I also challenged you go not just invite them to attend the December luncheon, but to actually pick them up and BRING them ... even if a couple of carpools might have to be drafted into service. I hope you have done this and, if you have, I plan to recognize your efforts at the coming luncheon.

The "One-Man Band" we have booked should be really good. I hope he can lead our members in at least a couple of Christmas Carol sing-a-longs ... since we ARE entering that Holy Season. I have contingency plans in any event to try to make this happen. Sing with JOY. Sing with ABANDON. Sing from your Heart. Whether or not you can carry a tune in a bucket, you will leave the luncheon feeling much the better for it.

See you at the luncheon and, following that ...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

"Pete" Rowland

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. In 1975 he worked as front man and bassist for Claude King who recorded many hits including, in 1962, "Woverton Mountain. Bill also played lead guitar with David Houston who recorded "Almost Persuaded" in 1966. In the late 70's Bill attended LSU in Shreveport while working as a guitar instructor and a studio musician. He completed his B.A in 1983. In the early 80's he formed a Country-Rock band called the "Crawdads." which was very popular in North Louisiana and East Texas. They opened for many name acts including Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr, in addition to working many festivals, rodeos, night clubs and were a popular "private party" band performing at numerous corporate events. They headlined at The Louisiana State Fair and in Ft. Worth at Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honkytonk. In 1986 he played Lead Guitar for Randy Travis and opened for Ray Price. He moved to the Houston area (Clear Lake) in 1989 and began working as a single act. In 1990 he was one of the featured acts on "The Pride of Galveston" which was the first Cruise ship to sail out of Galveston. During the last 20 years, Bill has performed mainly at night clubs, restaurants, retirement centers and at private functions. Bill began teaching guitar in the late 1980's and has also worked as a studio musician. Bill plays the electric and acoustic guitar, bass, harmonica, and keyboards. In addition to his many music related accomplishments, Bill worked as a printer in 1970 and a DJ/Announcer at KJOE and KRMD in Shreveport, La. in 1971. Bill and his wife, Judy, were married in 1983 and now live in Dickinson, Texas.

September 7 Program Highlights



Bob Scott, a story teller 'par excellence', warmed up the group with a few humorous stories.

How to eat a cupcake

Wes Avant was our featured speaker. In addition to some great pearls of wisdom, he gave us lessons on how to eat a cupcake



Lesson one -

The icing is usually very good, and very thick. BUT - You don't want to lose out on eating it! Look out nose!!



Lesson Two -

First you need something to keep the icing out of your nose. The bottom looks like a good candidate! Give it a gentle twist!!



Turn that cupcake into an icing sandwich and

EAT THAT CUPCAKE – OH IT IS SOO GOOD!!

Services Offered by CTECU



Bianca Etter, CTECU Wilcrest Office Branch Manager, gave us a short talk on the services offered by her credit union.

Next Meeting - Election of Officers

Shirald Hendrix, Chairman, has advised that the 2011 Nominating Committee has presented a Slate of Candidates for the 2011 Board of Directors. Nominations will be solicited from the floor to fill the remaining vacancy and for any additional nominations.

The slate of nominees is as follows:

2011 President: **Mr. George Treibel**, currently Vice President of the 2010 Board, will step up to run for the position of President.

2011 Vice President: **Mr. Glenn Ewan**, currently the editor of the quarterly newsletters and the annual Membership Directory as well as serving as the Chapter's photographer, will step up to run for the position of Vice President.

Secretary: **Ms. Pansy Meyer**, who has served admirably for years in this position will run for reelection as Secretary.

Treasurer: **Mr. Ricky Mercado**, who has served admirably for years in this position will run for reelection as Treasurer.

Directors At Large:

Mr. Bill Dodge, who formerly served as President, Vice President, etc., in the Hill Country Chapter, has just joined our Chapter and has agreed to run for a Director position. He promises to bring the "Best of the Hill Country" ideas to the 2011 Board.

Ms. Lori Houglund, who just joined MHC in February of this year, is enthusiastic about running for a Director position. Being a new MHC member, she will bring new ideas to the 2011 Board and will compliment Ms. Pansy Meyer's efforts in lending the feminine perspective to questions/proposals brought before the Board.

Mr. Charles Hancock, also a new member of MHC, is likewise very willing and enthusiastic about being on the Slate for a Director's position. He is a very personable guy and we look forward to exploring his talents and capabilities..

Vacant

So, that's the Slate that we will nominate at the December luncheon:

Officers

George Treibel, President
Glenn Ewan, Vice President
Pansy Meyer, Secretary
Ricky Mercado, Treasurer

Directors

Bill Dodge
Lori Houglund
Charles Hancock
Vacant

Pete Rowland, Past President

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the June 1st luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the December 7th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Harold Ayers	Mark Indihar
Doris Baker	Mary Ann Jones
Esther Bender	Karl Kennedy
Sam Bounds	Mary Kole
Frank Coe	Mildred Lynn
Dorothy Curby	Leonard Mahaffey
Joseph Dailey	Troy Mason
Barry Davies	Ricky Mercado
Bill Dodge	Pansy Meyer
John Douglas	Joachim Modlich
Dr. Donald and Gail Edmonston	Betty Nowlin
Glenn Ewan	Debbie Plyer
Buford Foster	Pete Rowland
Jim Gerhardt	Jim Roxburgh
Buddy Gilmore	Waylon Savre
Dorothy Greenwood	Charles Specht
Herb & Marilyn Groot	Jim Stokes
Charlie Hancock	George Treibel
Shirald Hendrix	Sandra & Clint Weber
Lorie Hougland	Gene Wilson



Each of these tables has an empty chair, why not come fill it!
OR Come and bring your friends and you can have your own table.

IN MEMORIAM



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

Maurice Delmar "M.D." Allyn	8/10/2010	Gulf
Nancy Audine Bramlett Widow of A. W. Bramlett	9/16/2010	Gulf
Charlie Cadenhead	8/5/2010	Chevron
William M. Denton	8/25/2010	Gulf
Clara Marie Lambert Fornabi	8/24/2010	Texaco
Robert "Bob" Joseph Fos	9/20/2010	Texaco
Irvin Greenbaum	8/13/2010	Texaco
James "Jim" Thomas Hamifan	7/22/2010	Texaco
Sheron Ann Trahan Lamberth Wife of Dave Lamberth	9/27/2010	Gulf
William "Bill" Beryl Perry	7/30/2010	Gulf
Bill Robertson	9/30/2010	Gulf
James Edgar Stanley	7/27/2010	Texaco
John A. Strain	8/22/2010	Gulf
Charles Glenn Thompson	10/25/2010	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 Pansy Meyer.

ENCORE NEWSLETTER

Due to the cost of printing the Encore newsletter, we will no longer furnish the newsletter at our luncheons. However, if you have internet service, you can go the website: www.chevronretirees.org. The Encore newsletter is listed under Publication, which is broken down by quarters. You can also see the archived newsletters from the years 2005 to present.

If you do not have internet service and would like a copy, please fill out the Encore form on the desk by the name badges and we will print and send you the latest copy

FOOD DRIVE



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

Door Prize Winners



Mark Indihar



Mary Kole



Mildred Lynn



Joachim Modlich



Esther Bender



Don Edmonston



Harold Ayers



Lorie Houglund

CRA Annual Meeting Update

Preparations continue for the 2011 CRA Annual Meeting that will be held in Houston. Area Vice President Frank Coe and his Host Committee are working hard to pin down the details for the spouse tours. They were thrown a curve when Old Town Spring decided to move its annual Crawfish Festival to the day they were planning for a quiet afternoon of shopping. They have been advised by several local residents and merchants that senior spouses and the crowd the festival draws are not a good match. An alternate outing to the George Ranch in Richmond is being planned.

The culminating event of the annual meeting is always a closing banquet with a senior Chevron executive as keynote speaker. While it is too early to have commitments, traditionally either the Chairman or Vice Chairman has spoken at this event. Permission has been granted to invite any area chapter member to attend this banquet as a delegate-at-large. Expect to hear more specifics in the New Year, but mark your calendar right now for the evening of May 16, 2011. This should be an excellent opportunity to hear an update on Chevron and meet members from the other local chapters.

Membership Status Report

We are continuing to have an outstanding year in recruiting new retirees. As I announced at the September Luncheon, we had a total of 52 new members. Since that luncheon, we have added 15 new members into our chapter for a total of 67 new members since March of this year. We have total of 524 paid members as of this date.

As a reminder, we are at the close of 2010 and the start of 2011. This is the time that many of our members will need to renew your membership for the year 2011. When you receive your newsletter and on page 8 (Luncheon Reservation Only) you will see in bold letters stating either “**YOUR DUES ARE PAID FOR 2011**” or “**Renewal dues are now due**”. You are the key to this chapter and we hope you will continue to be a part of the MHC

Scholarship Program

Your MHC Scholarship Program for the year 2011 will again be in the amount of \$2,000.

2011 eligibility requirements now include any and all graduating high school seniors who are related to a dues paying member of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including step children, nieces and nephews, etc., who otherwise meet the scholarship requirements enumerated in the scholarship application packages.

Application packages will be available at the December 7 luncheon or by emailing the 2011 Scholarship Chairperson, Mr. Bill Dodge. All completed applications must be received by the Scholarship Chairperson no later than Monday, May 2, 2011.

We already have mailed Scholarship Application Packages to three graduating seniors who will be making application for MHC's generous, one-time scholarship. Don't miss out on this opportunity for that “special one” in your family.

Chevron Humankind

It is not too late to obtain 2010 gift matching from Chevron for your charitable giving. Checkout the Chevron Humankind program at www.chevronretirees.org/Tools-And-Resources/Humankind or call 1-877-202-2374. Retiree gifts up to \$2,000 per year will be matched, but the forms need to be filed by December 31. You can also obtain matching for your volunteer hours at most non-profits. Twenty hours of work will qualify for a \$500 grant.