

# METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER

## Chevron Retirees Association

### September Luncheon

**Tuesday September 1, 2015**

**HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society)**

**5430 Westheimer**

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

**11:30 a.m. Greetings and lunch**

**12:00 noon Program**

**\$23.00 per person**

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday

August 27, 2015 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

### **Luncheon Schedule:**

December 1, 2015 (Tentative)

March 15, 2016 (Tentative)

### Entrée Choice

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

This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

- 1) *Pecan Crusted Chicken with Tomatoes, Scallions, and a Creole Mustard Cream Sauce*
- 2) *Almond Crusted Salmon with Sundried Tomatoes, Basil, and Citrus Sauce*
- 3) *Eggplant Parmesan with Mediterranean Vegetable Medley*

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

### President's Message

Fellow retirees,

I trust you are staying cool during Houston's hot and humid summer of 2015. As you know our area has received significant amounts of rain so far this year which has helped those of us with gardens and yards to care for and for area recreation parks. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we get some more rain to keep our area's vegetation green.

Our June 2<sup>nd</sup> luncheon featured Al Horan, CRA Benefits Committee Chair, who delivered a very informative presentation about Chevron's retiree benefits and fielded many questions from attendees. Hopefully you were able to attend our luncheon; if not, I would strongly encourage those who were unable to attend our luncheon meeting to take advantage of viewing Al's slide presentation along with actual audio/video clips of his presentation which are posted on our Chapter's website at [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org).

Also, at our June 2<sup>nd</sup> luncheon, the 2015 MHC Scholarship Program award was presented to Klara Baker, granddaughter of Doris Baker. Klara graduated with outstanding credentials from James Bowie High School in Austin, Texas and plans to attend the University of Texas this fall. Also, your Board has reaffirmed its commitment to continue the MHC Scholarship Program award in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2016 program year. Further, effective with 2016 program year, the program's contribution guidelines have been broadened to receive memorial contributions from members who desire to make contributions on behalf of the memory of an individual in that person's name. Further information about both Klara's academic achievements and career goals and information about the scholarship program's enhancement are included in this newsletter.

Enhancements are also being planned for your Chapter's newsletter. Samples of quarterly newsletters received from two other CRA chapters show upcoming member and spouse

birthdays (i.e., month and day only) and wedding anniversary dates with total full years. Members of these chapters have enjoyed seeing such information about their fellow retirees in their newsletters. Since such information is not currently included in our Chapter's membership database, this information will first need to be obtained from members. Therefore, we plan to ask for it in various ways such as on luncheon attendance sheets, the annual dues renewal form, etc.

Also featured in this newsletter issue is a biography of our distinguished speaker for our upcoming September 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon meeting. His name, Skip Rhodes, Chairman of the CRA Public Affairs Committee. Skip will enlighten us about the plans and processes his Committee develops to encourage retired members to support the Company in its relations with communities and government and regulatory agencies in an effort to improve the public image of Chevron. His Committee assists retired members with Chevron HumanKind and Global Card (gasoline credit card) issues, concerns and problems, and acts as the CRA contact with Chevron's Policy, Government and Public Affairs and Global Marketing groups. You don't want to miss this special opportunity to see and hear Skip speak so be sure to reserve your seat at our September 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon meeting by completing and returning your enclosed reservation form before the deadline of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, we have been in touch with the leadership of the local Pioneer Oil Producers Society (P.O.P.S.) and have invited them and their members to join us at our September 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon at the H.E.S.S. Club. If you know any members of this organization, please encourage them to attend and to contact me for pre-registration information. We look forward to seeing you at our September 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon.

Hope to see you there!!

**Bill Dodge**

## Last Meeting Highlights

Alan W. Horan

CRA Benefits Committee Chair



Al was the Manager, Benefits & Special Services for Caltex Corporation for most of his 27 years of service. As the Manager, Benefits & Special Services he was responsible for benefit programs worldwide, deferred compensation, financial

planning, medical offices in Dallas and London, expatriate tax programs, and security. He worked in New

York, Bahrain and Dallas and traveled extensively for Caltex in Africa, Asia, Australia/New Zealand and the UK. Before joining Caltex he was an insurance underwriter and an adviser for corporate insurance/benefit plans. In total he has more than 50 years of experience in the benefits/insurance area. He holds a BBA from Pace University, New York and an MBA from Adelphi University, New York.

We want to thank Al for his interesting and helpful presentation of Chevron and CRA benefits

## 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. Beginning this edition we are delivering the newsletter using the method you have indicated you want to receive it. To conserve the financial resources of your chapter, if you don't tell us you 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](mailto:Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org) .

## Directory Data

We have received some complaints that the data in the current directory is not correct. PLEASE check the data we show for you on the luncheon reservation form and let us know if there are any changes needed. If you received this newsletter by email, that form is the main email message, if you received this newsletter by Postal mail, that form is page 7. Thank You.

## September Program

**Skip Rhodes, President**

**Skip Rhodes & Associates, LLC**



Skip is President of Skip Rhodes & Associates, a consulting firm in strategic corporate and non-profit philanthropic organizational and community activities.

He was with the Chevron Corporation for 46 years, where from 1986 - 2005 he was Manager, Corporate Community Involvement, responsible for managing and directing all consolidated charitable and business expense contributions and community engagement programs for the corporation and participating Chevron companies worldwide.

His group carried out the annual budget that ranged from \$65 to \$84 million, and provided programs and contributions guidance and direction to field public affairs managers and Chevron operating companies in over 120 countries.

During his time with Chevron, he held various positions in the field of transportation, logistics and supply, marketing, antitrust litigation, business planning, government affairs and public affairs.

A San Francisco native, Rhodes was raised in Berkeley, CA and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. Following graduation, he served as an infantry officer with the U.S. Army. From 1986-1994, Rhodes was a Council Member of the Piedmont, Calif., City Council and was Mayor from 1990-1992. He served with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) from 1978-1994 and was Director, Joint Operations Staff (NATO) from 1984-1994. He was the founding president - Board of Directors of a San Francisco Bay Area private school for five years. He is a Past President and current member of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth Club of California, a Trustee of the Board of The Yosemite Conservancy, President and Board member of The Oakland Zoo Foundation, member of the Council Of The Friends of the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C., from 1993-1999, Board Chair from 1996-1998 and is currently a Senior Advisor to the Council.

## Membership

I hope all of you are doing and feeling good this year. So far for the 2015 MHC registration year we have 32 new members and that is good, but we also had 44 members that didn't renew. Your board has created a Membership Committee that will be looking into increasing new membership while holding on to our current membership. Any ideas that you have to make our Chapter more to your liking should be emailed to: [membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org).

Please let us know your thoughts.

To our 32 new members we would like to see all of you at our September luncheon. And, to all of our current members come meet your new retiree friends.

Don't forget, MHC has a "try it for free" program for first time members. Any retiree of Chevron or one of its merged companies that has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree Association 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 that haven't yet joined MHC. Just give them the link to our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) to show them the benefits of our chapter. See all of you at the September luncheon,

Bill Alvarez  
MHC Membership Committee Chair

### An Opportunity for You:

We have a position open on your Board of Directors. We would love to fill that with an enthusiastic person that wants to positively influence the direction of MHC. Please consider joining the BOD. Just let any of the current BOD members know of your interest or email

[contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:contact@cra-metrohouston.org)

## Treasurer's Corner

### Year to Date Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$4,500	\$4,478.00
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$2,131.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$6,609.00</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$1,095.00
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$150	\$440.72
Scholarship	\$2000	\$2000.00
Web Site	\$300	\$10.61
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$51.20
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$300
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$5,025</b>	<b>\$3,897.53</b>

#### Items of note:

- Within budget parameters at present.
- Several costs in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of year may rise; Board closely monitoring costs.
- **Scholarship amount was fully funded by donations for first time in MHC history!**

**\$2,131 Thanks to YOU!!! \$2,131**

Through June, your generous contributions to our Scholarship Fund totaled \$2,131.00 therefore the 2015 award was totally funded by contributions and a start of \$131 is credited toward the 2016 award.. Thank You! We are gratified to see that our members share our commitment:

**“These Students Are Our Future”.**

Please consider supporting the continuation of this annual scholarship by making a financial contribution. Rest assured your contributions are being accounted for separately and will be used for no other purpose.

# 2015 Scholarship



**Klara Baker**, granddaughter of Doris Baker, was presented the 2015 MHC Scholarship Award at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> luncheon. Here we see MHC Scholarship Committee Chairman Truman Childress presenting her with a desk plaque of her name. The plaque was created by Ricky Mercado.

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 & Lorie Houglund 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 Klara Baker who graduated with outstanding credentials from James Bowie High School in Austin and will be attending the University of Texas at Austin this coming fall. Klara plans to pursue an undergraduate degree with a double major in Languages and Business Administration with an emphasis on International Business. Learning languages has been one of Klara's passions. She hopes to develop her skills and prepare for a career where she can travel the world and apply her language skills in a successful career.

Klara earned excellent grades and high test scores while maintaining a full and challenging schedule of academic classes, including many honors/advanced placement classes. Klara's leadership is an outgrowth of years of scouting, soccer and volunteering. She earned a National Merit Commended Scholar status, was a Gold Award recipient, placed first in a statewide art contest and her science project earned recognition from Exxon-Mobil and the Austin Energy Regional Science Fair. She was active in National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society, the Book Club, and the French Club. Meanwhile she was third in her class of over 600.

Congratulations to Klara and her family, including her grandmother, Doris Baker who is the Metropolitan Houston Chapter sponsoring member for her granddaughter.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



**DAMIAN SCHUMACHER**



**PAUL EASTAWAY**



**KLARA BAKER**



**DON EDMONSTON**



**RICKY MERCADO**



**LINDA SCHNEIDER**

## IN MEMORIAM



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

Marcine Foster Attaway Spouse of Guy G Attaway	Texaco	04/24/15
Thomas Sanford Blackwell	Gulf	07/03/15
Bates Boles	Gulf	05/14/15
Jack Frank Burns	Texaco	07/10/15
Oswald R. Cericola	Chevron	03/06/15
Joe Paul Copeland	Chevron	06/29/15
Emlyn Barrasford (Barry) Davies	Chevron	07/20/15
William "Bill" Douglas Edman	Chevron	07/13/15
Edgar Forrest Gossett	Texaco	05/24/15
Russell C. Griffith	Texaco	
Cleveland T. Guidry	Gulf	05/09/15
Victoria Kanakis Harrison Spouse of Nicholas Harry Harrison	Gulf	07/27/15
Charles Kenneth Hooper	Texaco	07/21/15
Ann F. Hudson	Gulf	05/08/15
Robert Neal Kaemmerling	Texaco	07/21/15
David F. Lock Father of David L. Lock	Gulf	06/15/15
James Joseph "JJ" McGraw	Texaco	06/07/15
James Melton	Chevron	03/12/15
Frank W. Miller	Texaco	05/16/15
Philip Richard Monaghan	Texaco	07/14/15
Julian Joseph Nunnally	Texaco	06/10/15
Wilbur Gross "Will" Ostrum	Texaco	04/07/15
John William "Jack" Platts	Gulf	05/09/15
Bobby Gene Reynolds	Gulf	06/03/15
Doris Zajicek Ricotta	Gulf	05/17/15
Cecil E. Rotto	Gulf	05/21/15
James Morgan Scott	Texaco	05/31/15
Vincent Albert Toepp	Chevron	
Henry Lee Vornkahl	Gulf	06/19/15
Paul Cranston Wood	Texaco	04/24/15

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 or email

[membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org) .

## Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Lorie Houglund
Doris Baker	Clo Ladner
George Baker	Paul Larson
Klara Baker	Mildred Lynn
Noreen Baker	Jim Medlin
Esther Bender	Ricky Mercado
Sam Bounds	Pansy Meyer
Truman Childress	Howard O'Donnell
Frank Coe	Jim Robertson
Bill Dodge	Edward Schneider
Paul Eastaway	Linda Schneider
Don Edmonston	Ben Schrader
Gail Edmonston	Damian Schumacher
Glenn Ewan	Charles Specht
Lorraine Ewan	Judy Spencer
Buford Foster	Elizabeth Spooner
Jim Gerhardt	J.C. Suman
Santana Gonzalez	George Treibel
Dorothy Greenwood	Clint Weber
Charlie Hancock	Sandra Weber
Shirald Hendrix	Al Horan, Speaker



**Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service. Please support those less fortunate in making ends meet.**