

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

Tuesday December 3, 2013

**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

\$20.00 per person

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, prepaid reservations need to be received by **Tuesday November 26**, send them to:

MHC Assistant Treasurer
11152 Westheimer #729
Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 4, 2014,
June 3, 2014

President's Message

As we look toward the end of 2013 and on behalf of the Metropolitan Houston Chapter's (MHC) Board of Directors, I would thank everyone for your support and loyalty this past year. A special thanks goes to all of you who have attended our quarterly luncheons. Your Chapter's 2013 Board members also deserve special recognition for volunteering their time and skills this past year in furthering the financial integrity of the chapter through closer budget and expense monitoring while continuing to promote the primary purposes of our Chapter. Among these purposes include furthering fellowship among our membership through hosting of quarterly luncheons, providing scholarship awards for deserving students related to our members, recognizing members who participate in civic projects and utilizing technology to better communicate with and educate our members on important topics impacting both our Chapter and their lives as Chevron and Gulf retirees.

As previously announced, with a commitment to remain fiscally responsible along with a desire to continue offering a robust level of services to all its members, your Board has approved a **\$2.00 increase in the annual dues** (i.e., from **\$10.00 to \$12.00/member**) for the **2014 Dues Year effective October 1, 2013**. While it regrets having to increase annual dues, your Board feels that at \$12.00/yr., members will continue to receive significant value for their dollar.

In regards to preparations for the MHC/Texaco Retirees Club of Houston (TRCH) joint luncheon, a special joint committee of selected MHC Board members and their

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****December Program****



Combining a love for music and entertaining, Texan Louise Trotter is a versatile performer. Her programs contain a mix of classical, Broadway, swing, rag, Latin and country western. She will add some Christmas favorites along with jazz and

pop standards. Having studied music since the age of 6, she gave a piano and harp concert at seventeen, later played with Beaumont and Baytown symphonies and choral groups in addition to solo concerts. She was awarded the 2003 ISFHC Lifetime Achievement Award for promotion of the lever harp. She has been a featured harpist at Edinburgh Harp Festival, Lyon & Healy Pop and Jazz Festival, and Somerset and Big Sky Folk Harp Festivals. She has recorded many CD's.

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TRCH Board counterparts have met to finalize plans to coordinate roles in preparation for the special joint holiday luncheon scheduled for December 3rd at the H.E.S.S. Club. Look for further details about this special joint holiday luncheon in this issue of the MHC newsletter and further updates to be posted on the MHC website at www.cra-metrohouston.org

Looking ahead to next year, I am pleased to report that three members have stepped forward to volunteer their time and skills on the 2014 Board of Directors. Five members have volunteered to return to serve again on your 2014 Board of Directors. All eight members are on the slate of candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors and will be up for nomination at the December luncheon. Candidates who are volunteering to continue to serve are shown below in normal type; Candidates who are volunteering as new members of your Chapter's Board for 2014 are highlighted below in bold print:

Candidates for Officers of the Board

President: Bill Dodge
Vice President Don Edmonston
Treasurer : Howard O'Donnell
Secretary: **Dorothy Greenwood**

Candidates for Directors at Large:

Truman Childress **Bill Alvarez**
Pete Rowland Glenn Ewan

On behalf of your 2013 Board of Directors, for you and your families, we wish a joyful holiday season, good health, and happiness throughout the New Year.

Bill Dodge
MHC President

NEW – Select your Entrée – NEW

Entrée selections for this quarter's luncheon are:

- Pecan Crusted Chicken w/Dijon Sauce, served with Asparagus & Baby Carrots & Buttered Potatoes w/Skins
- Red Snapper w/White Wine Sauce, served with Wild Rice & Fried Green Beans

Mark your selection on your luncheon reservation form, page 7. To give our board members who set up the luncheon the opportunity to travel and enjoy a family Thanksgiving, please return your reservation so we receive it before **Tuesday November 26.**

2014 Scholarship Program

Lorie Houglund

Your MHC Scholarship Program is once again offering a **\$2,000** college scholarship for a 2014 graduating high school senior, who has applied and been accepted by an accredited four-year university or two-year community college or junior college. As in the past, it will be a **one-time award** recognizing academic excellence and personal development.

The 2014 eligibility requirements include any graduating high school senior who is related to a **dues paying member** of our MHC chapter by blood or by marriage including stepchildren, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, etc., who meet the scholarship requirements as outlined in the scholarship application package.

Please note: Each student's application, including all required documentation as specified in the application package, must be **received** by the scholarship committee chairperson, Truman Childress, by **May 1, 2014**. It is recommended that the students interested in applying should request a package no later than early 2014 to allow sufficient time to complete the application. Students will need to obtain three recommendations from high school staff or perhaps from an organization where they performed volunteer work. The applicants will be submitting a 500 word essay, test scores and a transcript, all of which may take time to accomplish.

To request a scholarship application package, a sponsoring MHC chapter member should provide the following information:

Student information: name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number (home or cell), and email address

AND

Sponsoring MHC member's information: name, relationship to applicant, telephone number (home or cell), and email address

This information should be sent **either** by email or U.S. postal service mail to the attention of the scholarship committee chairperson:

scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org.

OR

Metropolitan Houston Chapter
Scholarship Committee
11152 Westheimer Road, #729
Houston, TX 77042

The scholarship application package is normally provided electronically, but could be provided by U.S. mail upon request. If you have any questions, please contact Truman Childress at tgchildress@sbcglobal.net or 281-469-4745.

Last Meeting Highlights

Josh Cools

Josh Cools is a paramedic with over 10 years of experience, having worked for both Clear Lake EMS and City of La Porte EMS. He is currently a flight paramedic with the prestigious Memorial Hermann Life Flight service. Josh gave us an insightful talk about a day in the life of a flight paramedic. We captured his talk, including the Q&A session. To hear his entertaining program, logon to our website www.cra-metrohouston.org and select the



Meetings page.

Treasurer's Corner

Howard O'Donnell

MHC is currently on pace to be slightly under our approved budget due in part to the following:

- Obtaining better discounts than expected on several expense items (Web costs, etc.)
- An increase in membership for 2013
- Better than expected donations to the Scholarship Fund

We received \$1,156 in donations towards our 2013 Scholarship of \$2000!

Your generous donations not only helped a deserving young person achieve their educational goals, but also helped us to meet our financial obligations.

We have one Quarter left in our fiscal year, and we are continuing to monitor all expenditures in accordance with our financial plans.

Your continued support of MHC through your dues and donations is greatly appreciated and valued.

Chevron Humankind Changes

Frank Coe

Effective January 1, 2014, Chevron will be changing the payment processing vendor for its Humankind gift matching program. Because of this transition, all requests related to 2013 must be filed with the current provider (www.easymatch.com/chevron?login=regular) by December 31, 2013. In recent years, one had until January 31 of the following year to make such requests. Failure to meet this one-time, changed filing deadline will result in loss of matching funds. Expect further communications from Chevron in November about this important change.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Chevron Humankind program, it is an excellent way to leverage your charitable contributions and volunteer work. Chevron offers one-to-one matching for your financial contributions to eligible non-profits – up to \$3,000 per retiree annually. Additionally, Chevron is committed to volunteerism as a way for retirees to provide hands-on support for their communities. Retirees can request a \$500 grant after one volunteers 20 hours with a single non-profit of your choice and another \$500 after 40 hours of time, for a total of \$1000 per year (applied against the \$3,000 cap).

Join your fellow retirees in taking advantage of these matching funds. Through September of this year, 2,887 retirees had requested matching funds of \$3.3 million on their contributions of almost \$5 million. Over 500 non-profits got over \$500,000 as a result of the volunteer efforts of 560 retirees.

Don't leave Chevron money on the table! Make those charitable contributions now. Get a 2013 tax deduction and up to one-to-one matching from Chevron. Just make sure you file before December 31.

IN MEMORIAM

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



Archie Bridge Ammons	7/26/2013	Texaco
Mary Ann Belinoski	10/10/2013	Gulf
Rodney G. Bullinger	8/16/2013	Gulf
Arnold James Cahill	8/2/2013	Gulf
Doris B. Carothers	9/17/2013	Gulf
Dorothy Jean "Dotty" Curby	9/2/2013	Gulf
Dorothy Louise Conley	10/13/13	Texaco
Robert D "Bob" Evans	7/28/2013	Gulf
Horace J. Freeman	7/2013	Gulf
Teresa Carol Linville Gerlich	8/21/2013	Chevron
Billie Joyce Glasscock	8/23/2013	Gulf
Ellis Warren Gunnels	8/20/2013	Texaco
George W Holyfield	9/11/2013	Gulf
Robert L. Horan	8/25/2013	Chevron
Joel W. Jackson		Gulf
Ben Kapp	9/19/2013	Gulf
Karl Forsythe Kennedy, Jr	8/28/2013	Gulf
Dennis Kinsey	8/22/2013	Gulf
Debra F. Leary	8/26/2013	Chevron
Wilford R. Lee	6/24/2013	Chevron
Thomas James Macredie	8/31/2013	Texaco
Joseph Mallett		Gulf
Samuel Williams Marshall	8/3/2013	Texaco
Thomas Keller Matthews		Gulf
Dewey L. McCoy, Jr.	8/29/2013	Chevron
Olen C Medford		Chevron
James Mitchell	8/30/2013	Gulf
Denny D. Moller	9/21/2013	Gulf
William Morris	7/29/2013	Texaco
Robert Ochs	5/28/2013	Gulf
Matthew Joseph Riley, Jr	8/2/2013	Texaco
Camille Nora Darby Sheets	10/12/2013	Texaco
Tatum Michael Sheffield	8/2/2013	Texaco
Erwin L Thomann Jr	5/2013	Gulf
Spencer Donald Turrentine	9/9/2013	Texaco
Ruth W. Whileyman	8/13/2013	Texaco
Wilbur F Wood	8/2013	Gulf

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 Dorothy Greenwood.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the September 10th luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the December 3rd luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Charlie Hancock
Doris Baker	Mildred Lynn
Jay Barth	Richard McLeod
Esther Bender	Ricky Mercado
Don Berleth	Patsy Meyer
Sam Bounds	Joachim Modlich
Ramon Cantu	Howard O'Donnell
Truman Childress	Charles Rhoads
Frank Coe	Diane Rhoads
John Cools	Jim Robertson
Roger Cutler	Pete Rowland
Bill Dodge	Chuck Rubins
John Douglas	Edward Schneider
Don Edmonston	Linda Schneider
Gail Edmonston	Charles Specht
Glenn Ewan	George Treibel
Lorraine Ewan	Louise Trotter
Jim Gerhardt	Pat Whitnel
Dorothy Greenwood	

2014 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$225 Thanks to YOU!!! \$225

Thanks to your generous contributions, from June through September we have received \$225.00 toward our 2014 Scholarship of \$2,000 which will be presented at the June 2014 luncheon. We are gratified to see that our members share our commitment:

"These Students Are Our Future".

Rest assured your contributions are being accounted for separately and will be used for no other purpose. We hope you will continue contributing to MHC's funding this very worthwhile program.

Door Prize Winners



Dorothy Greenwood



Pete Rowland



Diane Rhoads



Frank Coe



Mildred Lynn



Sam Bounds

These members won because they attended the luncheon. You could be a winner, too! Try for the MHC Quarterly trifecta --

Attend a Luncheon! See some friends!! Win a Door Prize!!!

Houston Food Bank

There will be a representative from the Houston Food Bank to receive our donations of food or money. Every \$1 donated to the Houston Food Bank provides a full day of meals to our neighbors in need. Donation checks should be made out to the Houston Food Bank for your donation to be tax deductible.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is online at our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org. You will need to follow a one-time process to establish a userID and password to access this members-only content. Visit the website and click on the "Directory" tab to start the process. You can search by Zip Code to help find members that live in your neighborhood.

Directory Updates

In keeping with the private nature of the data, updates to the directory are not published in this version of the Newsletter.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!! IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY RETURNING PAGE 7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOUR CHECK.

WE NEED YOU!!

Oil Patch Trivia Contest

During the 1906 earthquake, both the Richmond Refinery and Chevron's San Francisco offices showed scars of the trembler and fire. The company looked after its own people following the disaster, providing:

- a. Sympathy
- b. Unlimited free gasoline
- c. Meal tickets

The answer will be announced at the luncheon, so mark your answer, write your name on the line above and cut out this little item. Bring it with you to the luncheon and submit your answer there. A winner will be drawn from all the correct answers and awarded a free lunch.