

Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

Tuesday December 2, 2014

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

November 27, 2014 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 10, 2015

June 2, 2015

Entrée Choice

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

This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

- 1) *Almond Crusted Chicken with Olives, Capers and Basil Cream*
- 2) *Seared Fresh Tilapia topped with Shrimp & Cajun Citrus Sauce*

All luncheons are served with salad, dessert, iced tea and/or coffee.

President's Message

Based upon the feedback I have received from those in attendance, our chapter's joint luncheon held on September 17th with the Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club at the Riverbend Country Club located in Sugar Land TX. was a **Big Success!** A total of 61 members from both chapters attended. The speaker, Robert (Bob) Harvey, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership was excellent and very well received. Read more about Bob in this newsletter issue. Also, be sure to look over the names and pictures of door prizes winners from both retiree chapters on page five in this newsletter.

It's hard to believe but the end of YR2014 is already in sight - my how time does fly! Guess we're all just having a good time **busy** at being full-time retirees. Your Metropolitan Houston Chapter's (MHC) Board of Directors certainly hopes that you are enjoying retirement and are planning yet another special event for you before this year's end. I am referring to plans for a second joint holiday luncheon with the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston on December 2nd, 2014 to be held at the H.E.S.S. Club. A special joint committee of selected MHC Board members and their TRCH Board counterparts are finalizing plans to coordinate roles in preparation for this special joint holiday luncheon. You don't want to miss Rodney Rasberry, a professional entertainer, musician and singer, who is sure to keep everyone in the holiday spirit. Look for further details about this entertainer 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 with the exception of one Board member, all current Officers and Directors on the 2014 Board of Directors are returning to volunteer their time and skills to serve on your chapter's 2015 Board of Directors. Regretfully, Dorothy Greenwood,

who has graciously served as Secretary this past year and as host at our luncheons, will be retiring from the Board and will be missed. Therefore, the role of Secretary as well as other roles on the Board remain open at this time and any member seeking to volunteer on the Board is encouraged to contact any of the Chapter's Board members for further information.

Before closing I would like to **recognize and to thank** the members of the **Call Out Committee** who, under the direction and guidance of **Don Edmonston**, Membership Contact Chair, have volunteered at various times during the past 2 years, to call members who have not attended chapter lunches to encourage them to attend and those members who have not renewed their dues to encourage them to do so. These volunteers include **Howard O'Donnell, Francis Ford, Lorie Houglund, Mildred Lynn, Betty Spooner, Doris Baker and Pansy Meyer**. Their efforts have been most successful in encouraging members to attend our lunches and to renew their memberships. If you are interested in helping out on the Call Out Committee, please contact Don Edmonston for further information.

I would also like to thank each of you as a member of our chapter for your support and loyalty throughout this past year. A special thanks goes to all of you who have attended our quarterly luncheons. On behalf of your Board of Directors, for both you and your families, we wish a joyful holiday season, good health, and happiness throughout the New Year.

Bill Dodge

December Program

Rodney Rasberry



A Professional entertainer for over 40 years, Rodney has performed in Las Vegas, Nashville, and throughout the United States and Canada. His appearances in hotels, restaurants, supper clubs and country clubs in and around the Houston area have always

been highly enjoyed by his audiences. Currently he is performing every Saturday night at River Oaks Country Club, one of Houston's most prestigious venues. Rodney is also one of the most popular musician, singer and entertainers in the senior living industry in Texas. You can see and hear him every Tuesday night at El Matador Grill on Westheimer.

Rodney was born in Marshall, TX and grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana where he attended Woodlawn High School and Louisiana State University. After many years on the road traveling with bands and show groups he is now a single performer and lives in Houston, TX with his beautiful bride of 20 years, Joycelyn. He also has a son and daughter, two stepsons, one stepdaughter and eight grandchildren.

Last Meeting Highlights

Robert (Bob) Harvey

President & CEO at Greater Houston Partnership



I serve as President & CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership (GHP). GHP is the voice of the business community in the 10-county greater Houston area. In addition to serving its members through a variety of programs and events, GHP promotes economic development and trade

in greater Houston and policies that enhance regional economic growth and prosperity.

Bob presented a very interesting program highlighting the mission and accomplishments of the GHP. You may view his presentation on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org on the meetings page.

Membership

It is that time of the year – membership renewal. From October 1st through March 31st you can pay your \$12.00 fee for your 2015 membership. Renewal is so easy; just use the form at the end of this newsletter. For those procrastinators just remember that if you miss the March 31st date you will not be included in the 2015 Directory.

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 to show them the benefits of our chapter.

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

Treasurer’s Corner

Year to Date Financial Summary

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$4500.00	4940.00
Scholarship Donations	\$1000.00	1402.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
CRA Dues	\$1125.00	\$1212.00
HESS Club Charges	\$650.00	(\$104.59)
Scholarship	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
Web Site	\$200.00	\$283.70
Misc. Expenses	\$250.00	\$184.86
Mail Box	\$468.00	\$468.00
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600.00	\$425.00
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600.00	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5893.00	\$4968.97

2015 Scholarship Program

Your MHC Scholarship program for the year 2015 will again be in the amount of **\$2000**. This one-time award is for recognizing academic excellence and personal development of graduating high school seniors who have applied to and been accepted by an accredited four year university/college or two-year community/ junior college.

The 2015 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 grandchildren step children, nieces and nephews, etc., who otherwise meet the scholarship requirements enumerated in the Scholarship Application Packages.

Please Note: Application, including all required documentation as specified in the Scholarship Application Package, must be **received** by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by **May 1, 2015**. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for the completion, requests for Scholarship Application Packages should be made by the end of 2014 or as early in 2015 as possible.

Request for Scholarship Application Packages should be made either by e-mail or postal mail at:

tgchildress@sbcglobl.net OR

Truman Childress

MHC Scholarship Committee Chairperson

7502 Renmark Lane

Houston, TX 77070

\$370 Thanks to YOU!!! \$370

Thanks to your generous contributions, through October we have received **\$370.00** toward our 2015 Scholarship of \$2,000 which will be presented at the June 2015 luncheon. 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. As each year passes, our scholarship funds are diminished. If all of us would consider giving even a small amount when we mail in our membership renewal form, together we can **Make a Difference**.

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

IN MEMORIAM



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

David E. Allen	Gulf	03/28/13
Salvatore James "Sam" Calderone	Texaco	09/13/14
Elladean Chambers Spouse of Charles Chambers		03/27/14
Edward Cowart	Texaco	10/09/14
Kathryn Dodgen	Chevron	10/20/14
Donald N. Graham	Texaco	09/23/14
John Steven Haile	Chevron	09/27/14
Minnie Lee Hodges	Texaco	10/23/14
Dr. J. L. "Jim" Huitt, PHD	Gulf	10/04/14
Leroy R. Johnston	Gulf	09/02/14
Robert E. Kennedy	Chevron	07/04/14
John Mallery	Texaco	10/09/14
Billy Boyd McNatt	Chevron	09/09/14
Edgar Meyers	Gulf	08/15/14
Thomas Henry Payne	Texaco	10/21/14
Albert Pearsall	Texaco	08/13/14
Robert T. Poore	Gulf	10/31/14
Reid H Rogers, Jr	Gulf	09/23/14
Turner A. Shell, Jr.	Texaco	10/18/14
John A Thelen	Texaco	09/10/14
Linda Watson, Spouse of David Watson	Chevron	10/19/14

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 or email membership@cra-metrohouston.org.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who attended our September 17 joint luncheon with the Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni. An informal list of attendees is below. If you haven't seen some of your MHC friends in a long time, come to the December 2 luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

MHC Attendees

Bill Alvarez	Sam Mattina
Harold Ayers	Don Mendel
Margaret Badeaux	Joachim Modlich
Sam Bounds	Howard O'Donnell
Ray Dittmar	Allan Quait
Bill Dodge	Charlie Rhoads
Linda Dodge	Diane Rhoads
Glenn Ewan	Chuck Rubins
Lorraine Ewan	Ed Schneider
Betty Ezell	Linda Schneider
Buford Foster	Ed Schott
Donna Foster	Charles Specht
Don Fought	Elizabeth Spooner
Jim Gerhardt	Jim Stokes
Dorothy Greenwood	George Treibel
Charlie Hancock	Chuck VanEman
S. D. Hendrix	Billy Wally
Larry Hesketh	John Weiss
Clo Ladner	Pat Whitnel
Mildred Lynn	

Unocal Attendees

Jerry Lyddon	Henry Lieberman
Ernie Moore	Francine Putnam
Justin Devery	Dale Putnam
Dave Kinzelman	Thomas Brunet
Dan Bonnet	Wylie Barrow
Veronica Stevenson	Bill Stone
Jerry Lohr	Connie Stone
Gary Najdowski	Don Hecker
Frank Corbin	Steve Ohnimus
Randal Cooper	Daisy Ohnimus
Marilyn Lieberman	Ann Mathis

Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service. Please help give those less fortunate a good meal for Christmas.



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



CHUCK VAN EMAN



CHARLIE RHODES



DIANE RHODES



RAY DITTMAR



JIM GERHARDT



ANN MATHIS



DAISY OHNIMUS



HENRY LIEBERMAN



JUSTIN DEVERY



JERRY LOHR

WE NEED YOUR INPUT.

PLEASE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND LET US KNOW YOUR ANSWERS.

THE ABSOLUTE BEST WAY TO GIVE US YOUR ANSWERS IS TO BRING THIS PAGE TO THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON!!

Newsletter Delivery Question

We have been working on developing a technique for sending the newsletter as an attachment to email. We have finally found a good way to do just that. The benefits of email delivery are lower cost, you receive it sooner, and you see it in color; however, if you want it on paper you must print it yourself. The benefit of postal mail delivery is you don't have to print it yourself, but you don't see it in color and at higher costs. Now the question is:

“How do you want to receive your newsletter?”

We offer these options:

- 1. Email.
- 2. Postal Mail.

You can change your mind at any time.

Please let us know your preference and we will deliver the next one that way. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to send your newsletter by print and standard mail.

Name _____

Thank you for your attention to this question.

Glenn Swan.

Communications Committee Chair

THIS QUESTION WAS PROPOSED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER BUT THE RESPONSE WAS SO LIGHT WE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO GIVE YOUR INPUT.

Something other than Lunch



Would you be interested in playing in an MHC Golf Tournament when the weather is cooler?

Golf Tournament Yes No

AND/OR



Would you like to meet and greet in an evening social time with a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres?

Social Time Yes No

Please enter your ZIP code to help us locate any future event. _____

Name (Optional) _____

Please complete and return this page to us at:

MHC Newsletter
11152 Westheimer #729
Houston, TX 77042

Or Email your answers to us at: newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org

IN ADDITION TO LUNCHEONS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR CHAPTER ENGAGE IN:
