

# METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

## Chevron Retirees Association

**Luncheons will continue!! Watch your email.**

### *President's Podium*

We still have more than 250 of our members who have not renewed their membership for 2021. If we failed to meet your needs/expectations, please let one of your MHC Board members know. How do you know if your dues are in arrears? You look at your newsletter cover note or last page, if it indicates your dues are PAST DUE, please bring them up to date. We only cost \$10/year and you can pay them by check or credit card. Just access our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) and select the *Membership* tab in the Navigation near the top of the screen and hover your mouse over *Pay Dues*. You will see options of *Credit Card* or *Check*. Click on your choice and bring them up to date. We really need to know how many people to plan for when evaluating different options for the chapter. If you do not use a computer to pay bills, simply return the email cover note or the last page of your printed newsletter with your check.

Now that I have the subject of dues addressed, let's talk about face-to-face events. As some of you know, we considered having a *YEAR END BANQUET* but, after considering the significant reservation fees and the uncertainty of the COVID Delta environment, I decided to continue our Neighborhood Luncheons in the fourth quarter instead. They have no up-front cost and are much easier to cancel if necessary. Almost all will be on Tuesday and most locations will be at Spring Creek BBQ restaurants again. A brief schedule follows:

Shenandoah	Wednesday Oct. 06	College Station	Tuesday Oct 12
Katy, IH 10	Tuesday Oct 19	Missouri City	Tuesday Oct 26
Webster	Wednesday Nov 03	Humble	Wednesday Nov 10
Katy FM 1093	Tuesday Nov 16	Cypress	Tuesday Nov 23
Spring FM 2920	Tuesday Nov 30	Houston US 59 SW	Tuesday Dec 07

The complete description of time and place can be found on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) – in the meetings menu. We hope to see you at the event in your neighborhood. Remember they are Dutch Lunch so you set your cost with the exception of the Qin Dynasty on December 7, it is a fixed fee of \$21 which includes tax and gratuity. At all others, feel free to come join us for just a cup of coffee if you like. The restaurant does expect that most of us will purchase a meal since they do not charge us for the use of their meeting room or screen.

We are anticipating a ZOOM meeting during the fourth quarter with a Chevron speaker. Details of this event are sketchy at present but we will definitely have something then because we need to elect your chapter officers and directors for the following year.

If you have talents you would be willing to use to help improve your chapter, please let someone on the current board know or email [contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:contact@cra-metrohouston.org) We need people with computer skills, leadership skills, or just a good attitude to help with luncheons.

I wish each of you good health and a successful vaccination experience. I have had mine – please get yours, too.

*Glenn Ewan*

# Treasurer's Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Income (dues)	\$6,300	\$5,670
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,300</b>	<b>\$5,670</b>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
CRA Payments	\$1,890	\$1,863
Website / Email Box	\$500	\$0
Miscellaneous (Postage, Bulk Email, Supplies)	\$600	\$1,188
Meeting (Restaurant, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Zoom)	\$1,500	\$50
Lapel Pins	\$650	\$650
PayPal Fees	\$200	\$88
Community Support	\$400	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,740</b>	<b>\$3,839</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$560</b>	<b>\$1,831</b>
 <b>Scholarship Fund</b>		
Donations	\$2,000	\$3,165
Awards	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,165</b>

Notes:

- Membership renewals are behind schedule.
- COVID has caused a significant drop in luncheon expenses.
- Our previous bulk mail service was hacked and we are fighting A \$330 charge.
- Scholarship donations have already met our award amount.

# Postal Recipients of this Newsletter

If you have received this Newsletter via USPS that may be because that is what you have told us and that is fine. If you have given us your email address you can help us to reduce expenses by choosing EMAIL instead of POSTAL. If you haven't given us your email address, please do. MHC sends numerous communications throughout the year to our membership email list, especially invitations to CRA and MHC Zoom meetings. It's easy to make changes to your member information just fill out the "New Member Form" (it's used for changes in information also). You can find it on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) in the dropdown menu for Membership – click on Join or click this link [MHC Member Form](#).

Help us help you by being part of our EMAIL communications community. Do it today.

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## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes.' He addressed the man, 'Can you name your wife's favorite flower?' Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's Pillsbury, isn't it?'

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# *Neighborhood Luncheons*

We have seen a total of 130 members at our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter luncheons to date and we have 4 more to go. If you live near one of them, come join us. I believe you will enjoy the fellowship of former coworkers and neighbors.

**The Scholarship program is supported by your voluntary donations.  
Please consider sending in a donation today.**

**You may do so online by credit card. Just look in the drop-down menu for Scholarship on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org)  
Of course, we will be happy to receive your check, please make sure you indicate it is for Scholarship.**

## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee presented the MHC 2021 scholarship award to Ms. Stephanie L. Brown of Kingwood, Tx. The award was presented at the Atascocita neighborhood luncheon. Stephanie received a \$2,000 check payable to UT Austin where she will major in Nutrition and was accepted into the school's Honors program. She was nominated by her grandfather Mr. Mike Svoren. Congratulations to Stephanie on all her achievements and the very bright future ahead!



The committee will update forms and requirements on the website for the 2022 scholarship program. The updates will take into account pertinent scholastic changes in dates and requirements for submission of applications, letters of references, SAT/ACT scores and school transcripts. The updated requirements and forms will be posted on the website by Jan 10, 2022.

# Membership

So far for 2021 MHC has 354 new Current Year Free members. Chevron has been reducing its employee head count. Hopefully most of them will become paying members of MHC next year.

COVID continues to impact our lives. Open up your MHC Directory and scroll down the pages and find a longtime friend and make a call. Both of you will appreciate a little distraction.

A big **THANK YOU** to the 977 members that have paid their 2021 dues on time or ahead of time.

Just a reminder to the 256 members that have not paid their 2021 dues: membership renewal is from October 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year through March 31<sup>st</sup> of the dues year (e.g. October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 for dues year 2021). You will be reminded that your 2021 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.

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

And for all those members that have asked to pay by credit card, please go to our MHCwebsite/Membership/Pay Dues by Credit Card <http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php>

**You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this service and there are no fees to you either.**

MHC has a “try it for free” 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 Chapter will receive their current 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.

Speaking about our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://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](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org) with your idea or suggestion.

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

## Introductory - New Membership Status

MHC’s membership count has increased significantly this year. Chevron has been reducing staff and we had this opportunity to communicate with these recent retirees via email. You may remember when you retired that there was a single page telling you about CRA somewhere near the bottom of the stack. Now these recent retirees receive an email welcoming them as Current Year Free members of MHC with an Introductory status. Like all of our members that we communicate via email the Introductory members will receive all email communications including Zoom meeting announcements and quarterly Newsletters. The Introductory members will not be added to the Directory or receive a Directory (usually in the April timeframe). When an Introductory member communicates any change of information or just verifies information in the content of our application form they will then be removed from the Introductory status and be marked as a full time Current Year Free member and their information will be added to the next year’s Directory.

So if you are a recent retiree just communicate with us and we will upgrade your status so you can be included in our Directory.

Thank you,  
Bill Alvarez  
MHC Membership Committee Chair



## **Chevron and Noble Midstream Partners LP Complete Merger Transaction**

May 11, 2021 - Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) ("Chevron") and Noble Midstream Partners LP (NASDAQ: NBLX) ("Noble Midstream") announced today that the companies have completed the previously announced acquisition, which resulted in Noble Midstream becoming an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Chevron. Effective with the opening of markets today, Noble Midstream's common units will no longer be listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, and it will cease to be a publicly traded company.

"We are pleased to fully integrate Noble Midstream's people, operations, and unitholders into Chevron," said Colin Parfitt, Vice President of Chevron Midstream. "By combining our businesses, the acquisition streamlines governance and strengthens our leading positions in the DJ and Permian basins."

## **Chevron Brands its first CNG retail site**

June 10, 2021 - Chevron U.S.A. Inc. announced the Allied Clean Fuels Plaza retail station in Napa, California, has been rebranded as its first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) site. Chevron expects to rebrand or open more than 30 CNG sites by 2025. The announcement underscores Chevron's commitment to providing affordable, reliable and ever-cleaner energy by increasing renewables and offsets in support of our business. It also builds on Chevron's previously announced investments, such as ventures with California Bioenergy and Brightmark and our Adopt-a-Port

initiative with Clean Energy Fuels, to market renewable natural gas for use in vehicles operating on CNG.

"We are excited to announce our first Chevron-branded CNG station," said Mike Vomund, Chevron vice president of Fuels, Americas Fuel & Lubricants. "CNG is part of the portfolio of technologies and solutions Chevron is investing in to reduce the carbon intensity of our products and operations. And our move into the retail CNG space strengthens our commitment to leverage the entire value chain in producing renewable natural gas and offering it to California drivers."

## **CHEVRON RECREATION BENEFIT HUB**

The Chevron Recreation Benefit Hub is the go-to source for many corporate discounts available for employees, contractors and retirees. Information about T-Mobile's new unlimited 55+ senior phone discount plans can be found on the site. To enjoy the discounts available through BenefitHub ([chevrec.benefithub.com](http://chevrec.benefithub.com)), it is necessary to create an account (unless you already have one). To create an account, you will need a referral code. For instructions on obtaining the code, click [here](#). (or go to <http://chevronretirees.org/BenefitsGroup/CraBenefits/benefithub-referral-code.aspx>) . If you have questions, please contact Jim Bonwell, a member of the CRA Benefits Committee, who can assist you. His contact information is shown in the Benefits Guide, which can be found on the CRA Benefits page located on the CRA website ([www.chevronretirees.org](http://www.chevronretirees.org)).



# IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



NOEL T ADAMS	CHEVRON	R	E G JUDD	CHEVRON	R
DIXIE AMBROSE	CHEVRON	S	MARJORIE C KELLEY	CHEVRON	S
JOYCE C ANDREWS	TEXACO	R	JOYCE M KEMP	TEXACO	R
TED O BADGER	TEXACO	R	JOHN C KIERSTED	TEXACO	R
GUY A BIRMINGHAM	TEXACO	R	O D LANGSTON	GETTY	R
LAWRENCE D BRADY	TEXACO	R	WALLIS J LAROCQUE	CHEVRON	S
JOE S BUNTYN	TEXACO	R	IMOGENE E LAY	CHEVRON	S
GARFIELD E BUTTON	TEXACO	R	THOMAS N LEIKER	TEXACO	R
BARBARA M CATES	CHEVRON	R	JOHN F LEWIS	CHEVRON	R
			GREGORY T		
CLOY N CAUSEY	TEXACO	R	LEYENDECKER	CHEVRON	R
EMMA P COLEMAN	CHEVRON	S	FRANCINE LORENTZ	CHEVRON	R
ROBERT B COOPER	GULF	R	WILFRED M LOUVIERE	CHEVRON	R
MARIE S CRAMER	CHEVRON	R	FRANK MORALES	CHEVRON	R
ROGER W CRAVENS	GULF	R	JOAN R MOUNT	CHEVRON	S
LINA D DAVIES	CHEVRON	S	MINA M MURFIN	TEXACO	R
ANDREW G DEHOYOS	CHEVRON	R	BYRL E NICHOLS	GETTY	R
HOWARD W DENNIS	CHEVRON	R	HENRY G PIPTA	TEXACO	R
RAYMOND L DODSON	TEXACO	R	JEFFREY D PITMAN	CHEVRON	R
EUGENE H DOREMUS	GULF	R	BETTY J PLATOU	CHEVRON	S
JO B DREVES	TEXACO	S	MICHAEL S RAAB	CHEVRON	R
W KENNETH ELLIS	CHEVRON	R	GORDON R ROBINSON	GULF	R
GENE H FAWCETT	TEXACO	R	BILLIE J ROSE	TEXACO	R
THOMAS L FOSTER	TEXACO	R	JERRY M ROVNER	CHEVRON	R
BOBBY B FOX	TEXACO	R	JAMES R ROXBURGH	CHEVRON	R
JOY M GOLDEN	CHEVRON	R	JOHN B RUNYAN	TEXACO	R
BRADLEY G GRIGGS	TEXACO	R	STEPHEN SCHWEBACH	TEXACO	R
ALBERT HADAMEK	TEXACO	R	KENNETH R SKILLERN	TEXACO	R
LEE L HARVILL	CHEVRON	R	FANELLA K SMITH	CHEVRON	S
JACKIE G HICKEY	TEXACO	R	THOMAS J TOMSON	TEXACO	R
BOBBY R IRWIN	TEXACO	R	CHARLIE L TURNER	TEXACO	R
LORETTA R IVY	CHEVRON	R	JAMES K VARDAMAN	TEXACO	R
HARVEY W JACOBSON	GULF	R	RICHARD E WAINERDI	GULF	R
PAULINE P JOACHIM	UNOCAL	R	BARRY G WILSON	UNOCAL	R
FREDERICK W JOHNSON	TEXACO	R			