

# METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

## Chevron Retirees Association

**Luncheons will begin in July!! Watch your email.**

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### 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 EMAIL communications community. Do it today.

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### *President's Podium*

I noticed a significant increase in the number of our members who have not renewed their membership for 2021. In fact about 1 in 4 have not. If your newsletter cover note or last page indicates your dues are PAST DUE, please consider bringing 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.

Now that I have the subject of dues addressed, let's talk about face-to-face events. We are currently planning to restart our Neighborhood Luncheons in July. Almost all will be on Tuesday and most locations will be at Spring Creek BBQ restaurants again. A brief schedule follows:

Shenandoah	Tuesday Jul. 06	College Station	Tuesday Jul. 13
Katy, IH 10	Tuesday Jul. 20	Missouri City	Tuesday Jul. 27
Webster	Wednesday Aug. 04	Humble	Tuesday Aug. 10
Katy FM 1093	Tuesday Aug. 17	Cypress	Tuesday Aug. 24
Spring FM 2920	Tuesday Aug. 31	Houston US 59 SW	Tuesday Sep. 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. Of course, we would like to see you at any of these luncheons. Remember they are Dutch Lunch so you set your cost. 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. You can also find the third quarter schedule near the front of your recently delivered MHC Directory.

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*

## *Online Directory*

Did you know about the powerful tool that you have access to find fellow retirees within MHC? Just browse on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to MHC's website: [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org). Now find the Directory menu tab, and if you point to it you'll see a drop down menu item How To Create Your Logon. Click on it and you'll have all the instructions to get you started. After you register, you'll receive an email confirming your registration. If you do not receive this message within an hour, please send a note to [membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org) so we can approve your logon manually.

After the logon information, there are instructions on how to use the directory search. This online directory search contains the most current information from our database. It is updated at least quarterly but often sooner. Let's say you meet someone at a luncheon, and you remember his name is Bob or Bill or at least something that starts with "B". You can search the first name with the first character, or the last name with the first character. Of course, the name field searches can be narrowed down by entering more than one character to search for, "Bo" for example will find Bob but not Bill. What if you think you would like to go to a luncheon but you aren't sure you can drive that day? You can search the directory by your 5-digit zip code and find all the MHC members who live in your area. Be sure to leave the name fields blank for this to work.

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### DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Since this was a ZOOM meeting, we do not have photographs of the Door Prize winners. The following members were winners:

Bill Haworth	Bush, LA
Lou Diamond	Houston, TX
Betty Finley	Lindale, TX
Brant Miller	Medford, OR
Adrian D'Souza	Walnut Creek, CA

Each winner received a \$25 Chevron Gift Card, Courtesy of Chevron Public Relations.

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**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**

Due to unforeseen health priorities, John Montgomery, former Scholarship Committee Chair was replaced by Maya Pendleton. The former and new chair met in April for turnover and to date in May 2021, the Committee has received a total of three (4) nominations for the \$2,000 scholarship.

Qualification criteria for the MHC Scholarship needed was updated earlier this year in response to some COVID-19 pandemic impacts on testing and timelines. These changes included:

- In addition to accepting SAT/ACT scores for those students who wish to submit their scores, the committee will also allow the use of a student's PSAT (Practice SAT) test scores. Many colleges and universities are "test optional" for SAT/ACT exams for the class of 2021, but the PSAT exam is mandatory for all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. A PSAT score of 1110 qualifies the applicant for consideration.
- The submittal deadline changed from May 1 to June 1.

A new MHC Scholarship email box was set up to facilitate receiving applications and support documentation. The former Chair is forwarding any documents he receives to the mailbox since the existing scholarship documentation had his contact information on it. A reminder was sent to the applicants to begin submitting documentation ASAP and we are receiving some transcripts and referrals. The committee will meet to finalize the selection in mid-June and work with the board and treasurer to announce and finalize the award in July.

We wish to thank John for his great leadership and communication with the committee and the smooth transition plan, and we wish him a complete recovery.

Maya Pendleton

Scholarship Committee Chair

# Membership

A big **THANK YOU** to the 580 members that have paid their 2021 dues on time or ahead of time. We know that COVID has turned everything upside down and some things just don't make it to the top of the list, like paying your MHC dues.

Just a reminder to the 303 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 MHC website/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.**

To all our members and families, please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you,  
Bill Alvarez



## Pay by Credit Card



The Metro Houston Chapter developed a special function "web site" which facilitates your payment of dues, reserving luncheon entrees, or making donations to the Scholarship Fund. Access this site through this link [MHC Pay by Credit Card \(http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php\)](http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php)

You need to be a member of MHC and have registered an email address with us in order to use this site. You will enter your email address to validate your membership before entering the site. The navigation is rather intuitive, but if you do encounter any problems, we are here to help. Call me (Glenn Ewan) at 281-693-5461.



# IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



PATRICIA P ANGEL	TEXACO	R	DWIGHT A LENO	CHEVRON	R
WILLIAM T ATKINS	TEXACO	R	WILLIAM R MARLER	CHEVRON	R
VINCENT D BECERRA	CHEVRON	R	PATRICIA MARQUIS GWANZELL	CHEVRON	S
EMMANUEL BELENA	GULF	R	MCLEMORE	CHEVRON	R
WILLIAM F BOLDING	UNOCAL	R	Robert A Mcmillin	CHEVRON	R
KEVIN M BRINKMAN	CHEVRON	R	Robert A Mcmillin	CHEVRON	R
FRED A BUCK	CHEVRON	R	VIRGINIA MOORE	CHEVRON	S
DWIGHT R CLEMENT	CHEVRON	R	BETTY A NOWLIN	GULF	R
DEANNA D CORRY	CHEVRON	R	OMID OUJANI	CHEVRON	R
ANN S CURRIE	CHEVRON	R	PATRICIA G PAINE	TEXACO	R
EARL G DERUTTE	TEXACO	R	WILLIAM E PEDEN	CHEVRON	R
FRANK A DEVEREUX	TEXACO	R	JAMES D PHILLIPS	TEXACO	R
GLEN A DOUGLAS	CHEVRON	R	GORDON J PIXLER	CHEVRON	R
C E EDWARDS	CHEVRON	R	JIMMY M REAGAN	TEXACO	R
BETTY L FERGUSON	GULF	R	MAURICE ROBBINS	CHEVRON	R
J G FITZGERALD	CHEVRON	R	VIRGINIA ROBERTSON	CHEVRON	S
MARTIN H FORMAN	CHEVRON	R	RICHARD C SAMAN	TEXACO	R
THOMAS L FOSTER	TEXACO	R	ETHEL M SAMUELS	CHEVRON	R
IRENE GANS	CHEVRON	S	BRENDA A SCOTT	CHEVRON	S
ADAM J GRADNEY	CHEVRON	R	SHELBY F SHARP	TEXACO	R
James E Green	CHEVRON	R	KENNETH D SHAUB	TEXACO	R
James E Green	CHEVRON	R	ROBERT J SHEARON	GULF	R
SHIRLEY A HARBOUR	CHEVRON	S	MARTIN J SONNIER	CHEVRON	R
THOMAS H HERRICK	TEXACO	R	LESTER M SPIVEY	CHEVRON	R
PATRICIA A HICKS	CHEVRON	S	WANDA L STIVERS	CHEVRON	S
THERON D HIGGINBOTHAM	GULF	R	PATRICIA R STONE	CHEVRON	S
PATRICIA A HILBURN	TEXACO	R	TOMMY N THOMPSON	CHEVRON	R
HAROLD L HUDNALL	CHEVRON	R	ELIZABETH A TRICE CHARLES H VAUGHN	CHEVRON TEXACO	S R
DALE E JONES	TEXACO	R	ROBERT G VICARS	UNOCAL	R
COY L KIMBRO	TEXACO	R	CHARLES T WILLIAMS	TEXACO	R
JOAN M KONTZ	CHEVRON	S	JESSE WILLIAMS	TEXACO	R
MARTHA B KOWALIK	CHEVRON	S	BILLIE WITCHER	CHEVRON	S
LEROY J KRUPPA	TEXACO	R	RONALD S WOOLCOCK	GULF	R
MILDRED I KUBE	CHEVRON	S	JAMES R WROTEN	TEXACO	R
DAVID R LAMBERTH	GULF	R			
DONALD G LASWELL	CHEVRON	R			