

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter

## Chevron Retirees Association

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### December Meeting

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society) 5430 Westheimer**

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

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

**12 noon: Program**

**\$20.00 per person**

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Friday December 2, send them to:

**MHC Assistant Treasurer and Member Data Coordinator  
11152 Westheimer #729  
Houston, TX 77042**

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### **2012 Luncheon Schedule**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (Tentative)**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2012 (Tentative)**

### **From Your Board of Directors**

We extend a special thanks to everyone in the Metropolitan Houston Chapter for your support and loyalty.

For you and your families, we wish a joyful holiday season, good health, success and happiness throughout the New Year.

George Treibel, President  
Glenn Ewan, Vice-President  
Pansy Meyer, Secretary  
Ricky Mercado, Treasurer  
Pete Rowland, Past President

Directors at Large:

Charles Hancock	Bill Dodge
Lorie Hougland	Don Edmonston

### **December's Program**



**Bill Parish**  
'One Man Band'

Bill began playing the guitar in 1966 at the age of 15. He played lead guitar in a rock band during his High School years and in 1970 he formed his own Country Rock band. In 1971, he recorded a song called "A Woman" that reached

number 16 on the charts that year. In 1972 he began touring with his own band, working the night club and Hotel circuits in such places as Las Vegas, New York, Nashville and Alberta Canada. In 1975 he worked as front man and bassist for Claude King who recorded many hits including, in 1962, "Woverton Mountain. Bill also played lead guitar with David Houston who recorded "Almost Persuaded" in 1966. In the late 70's Bill attended LSU in Shreveport while working as a guitar instructor and a studio musician. He completed his B.A in 1983. In the early 80's he formed a Country-Rock band called the "Crawdads." which was very popular in North Louisiana and East Texas. They opened for many name acts including Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr, in addition to working many festivals, rodeos, night clubs and were a popular "private party" band performing at numerous corporate events. They headlined at The Louisiana State Fair and in Ft. Worth at Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honkytonk. In 1986 he played Lead Guitar for Randy Travis and opened for Ray Price. He moved to the Houston area (Clear Lake) in 1989 and began working as a single act. In 1990 he was one of the featured acts on "The Pride of Galveston" which was the first Cruise ship to sail out of Galveston. During the last 20 years, Bill has performed mainly at night clubs, restaurants, retirement centers and at private functions. Bill began teaching guitar in the late 1980's and has also worked as a studio musician. Bill plays the electric and acoustic guitar, bass, harmonica, and keyboards. In addition to his many music related accomplishments, Bill worked as a printer in 1970 and a DJ/Announcer at KJOE and KRMD in Shreveport, La. in 1971. Bill and his wife, Judy, were married in 1983 and now live in Dickinson, Texas.

## 2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Your MHC Scholarship Program for the year 2012 will again be in the amount of **\$2,000**. As in the past, it will be a **one-time award** recognizing academic excellence and personal development of graduating high school seniors who have applied to and been accepted by accredited four-year universities or two-year community or junior colleges.

The 2012 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 step children, nieces and nephews, etc., who otherwise meet the scholarship requirements enumerated in the Scholarship Application Packages.

**Please note:** Applications - including **all required documentation** as specified in the Scholarship Application Package - *must be* **received** by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by **May 1, 2012**. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for completion, requests for Scholarship Application Packages should be made by the end of 2011 or as early in 2012 as possible.

To request a Scholarship Application Package, sponsoring MHC members should **initially** 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), Email Address

This above information should be sent **either** by e-mail **or** by postal mail to the attention of the Scholarship Committee Chairperson at:

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

OR

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

## Vote for Next Year's Board Members

Our Nominating Committee is working to develop a slate of candidates for next year's MHC Board of Directors.

This slate will be presented to you at the December 6, luncheon so be sure to attend and register your vote.

## *Last Meeting Highlights*



Bob Scott again opened our program with a humorous story about Gulf Oil's business dealings in Mexico in the early 1900's. You can hear his story and other clips from the September luncheon by logging on to our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) and clicking on meetings.

## **Jay Strickland** ***"Laughter Is Better Than Roloids"***



Jay really got into character and gave a great program. If you missed it, and you have a computer, access our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) where you can listen to our clips from the program. Just click on the Meetings button and move down to the Last Meeting Hi-Lights.

## With our Members



The Chevron Houston Marathon will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, January 15, 2012. The 2012 event will mark the largest participant base in the event's history with a record 28,000 participants expected to hit the streets of Houston in the Chevron Houston Marathon, Aramco Houston Half Marathon and the El Paso Corporation 5K race. The economic impact of the 2011 race weekend for the city of Houston was \$51.1 million and \$2.1 million was raised for 52 of Houston's non-profits through the Run for a Reason charity program.

Lorie Hougland, one of the MHC's newer members, has been an age group winner in the 5K race at the Houston Marathon for several years. Lorie usually runs about four or five 5K races per year and has been an active runner for 43 years. "The Chevron Houston Marathon runs a first class operation and it's my favorite race of the year. I have to leave home at 5 a.m. to arrive in downtown in sufficient time for a 7:30 a.m. race. Usually, the biggest challenge for me is the cooler January temperatures, which is actually ideal for the marathon runners, who are going a much longer distance than me."

The Chevron Houston Marathon is recognized as the nation's premier volunteer supported marathon. Each year, 7,500 dedicated volunteers help staff Houston's largest single-day sporting event. Volunteers work hard to create the best race weekend experience and atmosphere for runners and fans.

If you're interested in volunteering, email: [volunteers@houstonmarathon.com](mailto:volunteers@houstonmarathon.com). For further information about this event or participating go to:

<http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>



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### ENCORE NEWSLETTER

Due to the cost of printing the Encore newsletter, we will no longer furnish the newsletter at our luncheons. However, if you have internet service, you can go the website:

[www.chevronretirees.org](http://www.chevronretirees.org). The Encore newsletter is listed under Publication, which is broken down by quarters. You can also see the archived newsletters from the years 2005 to present.

If you do not have internet service and would like a copy, please fill out the Encore form on the desk by the name badges and we will print and send you the latest copy

### Lowes Discount to Vets

Lowe's offers a 10% discount to vets on their purchases. Present a copy of your DD-214 along with an ID picture and the cashier will give you a 10% discount on your purchases. Word of caution - - - mark out your SSN as it appears on your DD-214. No need to take a chance.

### Lost and Found

A 30 Year Gulf Service Award Pin was found in the Hess parking lot shortly after our June 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon. If you lost that pin, please contact George Treibel.

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### *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 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the December 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Margaret Badeaux  
Doris Baker  
Esther Bender  
Ronald Bernard  
Sam Bounds  
Athalee Caldwell  
Ramon Cantu  
Frank Coe  
Tony Cernosek  
Dick Czarnik  
Dorothy Curby  
John D Douglas  
Don Edmonston  
Gail Edmonston  
Richard Engelhart  
Glenn Ewan  
Lorraine Ewan  
Bettu Ezell  
Buford Foster  
Jim Gerhardt  
Dorothy Greenwood  
Ronald Hall  
Charlie Hancock  
George Hatten  
Shirald Hendrix

Mildred Lynn  
Rudy McClellan  
Richard McLeod  
Pansy Meyer  
Ricky Mercado  
Charlie Rhoads  
Diane Rhoads  
Joe Modlich  
Bob Rieansnider  
Jim Robertson  
Pete Rowland  
Bill Schneider  
Jessie Schneider  
Bob Scott  
Sharon Sibert  
Charlie Specht  
Elizabeth Spooner  
James Stokes  
Luella Strong  
George Tribel  
Clint Weber  
Sandra Weber  
Jean Wilson  
Jerry Wilson

## IN MEMORIAM

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



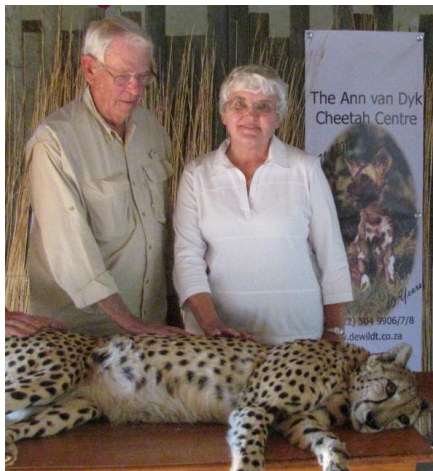
Gordon M. Campbell	9/14/2011	Gulf
Clint Teller Faulkner, Jr	9/23/2011	Gulf
James W. Grubb	9/27/2011	Gulf
Dorothy Anne Hamman	8/10/2011	Texaco
J. Frank Kinsel	10/19/2011	Texaco
William Chester Larrabee	10/18/2011	Gulf
William D. Martin	10/03/2011	Gulf
Arthur Lee McBryde	10/23/2011	Gulf
John Harlan McElroy	8/9/2011	Texaco
Vreeland Eugene McNeese	7/23/2011	Texaco
Fred "Nic" Nicolai	9/13/2011	Texaco
Martin E. Paxton	10/18/2011	Texaco
Clemente P. Silva	8/4/2011	Gulf
George Vernon Theall, Jr	7/30/2011	Texaco

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 at 713-729-1644.

### **Chevron Humankind**

Chevron Humankind provides matching for financial contributions and grants for volunteer time to nonprofit organizations supported by our U.S. retirees and employees.



While MHC members Dick and Phyllis McEuen were in South Africa recently, they visited the De Wildt Wildlife Reserve. It maintains several species of endangered African animals, but primarily houses Cheetahs. SASOL Chevron sponsors a Cheetah named

CETANE at this reserve. A gift by a retiree to a facility like this qualifies for Chevron Matching. The matching level has been raised to \$2,000 from \$1,000 per year for retirees. Forms are available through a Helpful Link on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) or by calling Chevron HR.

1-877-202-2374 (M-F) 8 am to 8 pm EST

## **Gordon McKinley Campbell**



Gordon McKinley Campbell went to his heavenly home on September 14, 2011 at 3:45 p.m. following unexpected complications from cancer.

He was born in Enid Oklahoma on August 28, 1931. Gordon graduated from Kimper Military School, received a BS degree in Business from Tulsa

University and became a CPA. He married his wife of 58 years, Betty, while in college and following college, was drafted and stationed in Germany for two years.

Gordon began his Career with Warren Petroleum, a subsidiary of Gulf Oil. After a promotion over to Gulf Oil, he held many positions including the position of Comptroller. He retired in 1985 after more than 25 years with the company but kept active in the Gulf Retirees Association. He joined the Chevron/Gulf retirement Houston chapter in the early 90s, and shortly thereafter became Treasurer in 1994, then moved on to Vice President in 1995-96 and finally to President in 1997-98. He served as Treasurer of the National Chevron Retirement Association from 1998 – 2002. He was a dedicated member and contributed lots of new ideas.

Gordon was active in Church, The March of Dimes, coaching T-ball and little league, and active in Indian Guides.

He was a consistent attendee of the MHC luncheons and his presence will be greatly missed. So, with great sadness, we will not say goodbye ... we will simply say "Until we meet again".

### **West Houston Assistance Ministries**

*"A Door of Hope"*

#### **Food Needs for the Christmas Season**

Children are home from school and the demand is greater now!

Macaroni & Cheese  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Shelf Milk  
Cans of Vegetables  
Spaghetti & Sauce

Potatoes (Package/Box)  
Soup  
Vienna Sausage  
Tuna  
Ravioli  
Marchan Soup  
Toilet Paper



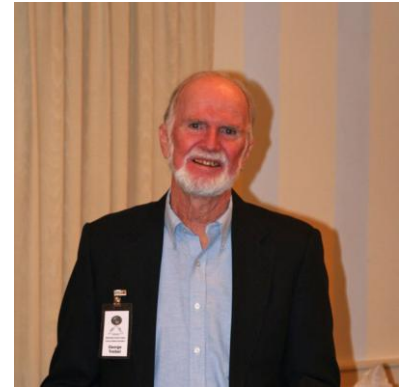
# Door Prize Winners



Dick Czarnik



Dick McLeod



George Treibel



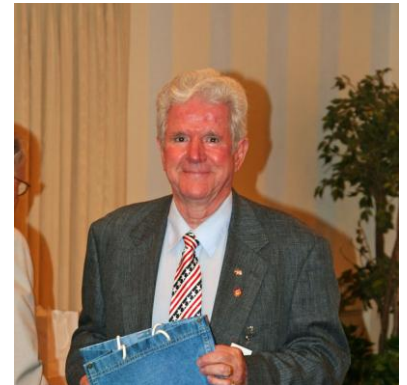
Jesse Sloan



Athalee Caldwell



Bill Schneider



Don Edmonston



Frank Coe



Glenn Ewan



Shirald Hendrix

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## Membership Status Report

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Our newest members and recent directory updates are in the online directory. You may contact us for a correction to your entry in the directory by emailing to

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

OR by US mail at

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**Membership dues for 2012 are now due. Please renew your dues promptly.**

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### **\*\*ONLINE DIRECTORY\*\***

Our membership directory, with all the latest changes, is now online at our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org). You will need 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.

### **Gulf Oil Returns To Its Roots**

July 19, 2011 - - Gulf Oil announced that it is proudly returning to its Texas roots. They have entered into a multi-year deal with the Texas Rangers to put the iconic blue and orange Gulf Oil disc in right field.

MTG Management of Central Texas (Austin, TX) is to be the first Gulf Oil distributor in Texas. The iconic brand will soon begin its "Sunrise" branding at five stations in and around Austin.

To learn more about the return of Gulf to Texas go to the following link:

[www.gulfoil.com/portals/0/content/pdf/Gulf\\_Oil\\_returns\\_to\\_Texas\\_7-19-11.pdf](http://www.gulfoil.com/portals/0/content/pdf/Gulf_Oil_returns_to_Texas_7-19-11.pdf)