

# Metropolitan Houston Chapter

## Chevron Retirees Association

**Membership dues for 2012 are now due. A customized renewal form will be found on page 7 of this newsletter.**

**Please renew your dues promptly.**

### **March Luncheon**

**Tuesday March 13, 2012**

**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**

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Friday March 9, send them to:

MHC Assistant Treasurer

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

### **Luncheon Schedule:**

June 12, 2012

September 11, 2012 (Tentative)

December 11, 2012 (Tentative)

### **March Program**

#### **“Wiley” Pat Gavin and Songs of the Cowboy**



Come join “Wiley” Pat Gavin and ride down the trails of the past as we explore the western life through stories and songs. We will begin our trip with the old Texas traditional songs of the past; some were brought over from Ireland and transformed into

classic cowboy verse. We will take a look at a few of the first great cowboy singers such as Carl T. Sprague, Carson Robinson and Vern Dalhart. As the cowboy moved from the cattle drive to the Silver Screen, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers not only became our hero's but put Western music at the top of everyone's charts. Get on your western wear, tune up your yodler and enjoy the music.

Pat enjoys sharing the “songs of the Cowboy” and singing what he refers to as true Texas folk music. Pat also has a Western band, “The Buckaroo Band” that play and harmonize the classic Western music of the past.

### **Presidents Message**

2011 was again a really good year for our Houston Chapter. Between reinstating a few members and the ongoing recruiting of new retirees, we brought in 36 new members last year.

Your Board of Directors', elected in December, remain unchanged from last year's officers. In addition, the Board has appointed two newly-appointed retirees added to the Leadership Team – Frank Coe and Ron Hall. Frank will be working with Glenn Ewan on the quarterly newsletters and on the Website while Ron Hall will assume the duties of the door prize coordinator.

The Board of Directors is also working on several new projects at this time and hope to get these projects going by the second quarter.

We again ask for your suggestions to help increase the chapter's growth, including, things that you have previously expressed, and would like for us to implement.

Please let your comments and any other suggestions be heard by emailing them directly to:

[Contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:Contact@cra-metrohouston.org) or write a brief description and sent it to: Metropolitan Houston Chapter, 11152 Westheimer Road #729, Houston, TX 77042.

## 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

## Last Meeting Highlights



Frank, you're no Bob Scott!

Bob Scott was unable to attend our December meeting so Frank Coe read a couple of Bob's stories. Well Bob - HURRY BACK. Frank is a great guy and a fine member but we have all heard Bob Scott and



**Bill Parish**  
'One Man Band'

*Our annual Christmas program was again highlighted by Bill Parish. He sang some old favorites for us and led us in some sing-a-long songs. Everyone had a*

*great time and totally enjoyed the program. If you missed the meeting please go to 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 "Meeting" button and scroll down to the Last Meeting Hi-Lights.*

## Membership Status Report

The Directory for 2012 was mailed in January. If you did not receive yours or if you see an error, you may contact us for a replacement directory or a correction to your entry in the directory either by emailing to [contact@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:contact@cra-metrohouston.org)

or by postal mail at:

**Metropolitan Houston Chapter**  
**Assistant Treasurer**  
**11152 Westheimer Road, #729**  
**Houston, TX 77042**

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have.

-- Thomas Jefferson

## **Proposed MHC Constitution Change**

### ***This proposal will be voted on during the March 13 luncheon***

Your Board of Directors has determined that our Constitution should be updated to better reflect how we currently function. The proposed change is printed in italics.

#### **ARTICLE IV – CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Section 1 – Officers. The officers of the Chapter shall consist of:

##### **Current Language**

<u>Elected</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
President	Assistant Treasurer
Vice President	Membership Coordinator
Secretary	Newsletter Coordinator
Treasurer	Luncheon Meeting Coordinator

Section 2 – Directors. The directors of the Chapter shall consist of:

Elected and Appointed Officers  
Immediate Past President  
Directors At-Large (4)

##### **Proposed Language**

<u>Elected</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
President	<i>Other directors necessary to complete the duties of the chapter as determined by the elected officers (e.g. Assistant Treasurer, Scholarship Coordinator et al.)</i>
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

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Section 3 – Duties. The paragraphs which describe the duties for the Appointed Directors will be deleted from the constitution. Since your board feels that the existing language does not accurately reflect the way we currently function. For example, we do not have a Luncheon Meeting Coordinator but we do have a Scholarship Coordinator and a Door Prize Coordinator. By changing to this language we would have the flexibility to appoint directors to fill the needs of the club as the needs of the club change.

## **Directors Duties for 2012**

(A) Appointed (E) Elected - Director at Large

#### **Scholarship Coordinator** **Lorie Hougland (E)**

The Scholarship Coordinator shall manage the process of distributing application packets, receiving completed applications back, and awarding the MHC Scholarship.

#### **Membership Coordinator** **Don Edmonston (E)**

The Membership Coordinator shall manage the process of contacting current members to encourage them to attend our quarterly luncheon meetings and contacting former members to encourage them to return to MHC.

#### **Assistant Treasurer** **Charlie Hancock (E)**

The Assistant Treasurer shall manage the process of collecting dues and maintaining the official directory of Chapter members.

#### **Door Prize Coordinator** **Ron Hall (A)**

The Door Prize Coordinator shall manage the process of securing door prizes for the MHC quarterly luncheon meetings.

#### **Newsletter and Website Co-Editors (2)**

##### **Frank Coe (A)** **Glenn Ewan (E)**

The Newsletter and Website Co-Editors shall manage the processes of publishing the quarterly newsletter, publishing the annual directory, and maintaining the MHC website with current and accurate information.

## **MET LIFE PROGRAM OFFERINGS**

### **Al Horan – From Encore**

I would like to inform everyone that CRA is making available through MetLife an attractive Auto and Home Insurance Program. There are substantial discounts available by merely being a dues paying member of CRA; and for your combined tenure with CRA and legacy retiree associations there are even further discounts. One member was able to reduce her auto insurance premium by 50%; another member was able to reduce his combined auto, homeowners and umbrella insurance premiums by 33%. So when you receive your package from MetLife be sure to look it over and consider asking them for a quote. A quote does not obligate you to switch insurers. Before switching, please be sure that the coverage under your current policy and the MetLife policy are alike. Also, I would suggest that you ask them about issues like guaranteed renewal of coverage, claims handling (e.g. can you use your collision repair shop for an auto claim), etc. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**Al Horan, Benefits Chair, Phone 972-964-1787**

**Email [awhoran@verizon.net](mailto:awhoran@verizon.net)**

## IN MEMORIAM

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



Arnold H. Bouma	12/16/2011	Gulf
Roy H. Edmundson	12/6/2011	Gulf
James C. "Jim" Fennel	1/1/2012	Gulf
Clyde "Gene" Fields	12/5/2011	Gulf
Dorothy Nell Love Goins Spouse of Dub Goins	12/22/2011	Gulf
Charles L Grubbs	9/3/2011	Gulf
John "Jay" Havlik	1/8/2012	Texaco
Robert ("Bob") Geers McKinney	12/27/2011	Gulf
James G. Morgan	1/6/2012	Texaco
James John "Jim" Mount	11/13/2011	Gulf
Rebecca Ann Nickols	11/2/2011	Chevron
Joline K. Stell	1/22/2012	Gulf
Scotty Sumney	1/15/2012	Gulf
Wanda Moser Williams	10/30/2011	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.

## 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

## West Houston Assistance Ministries

*"A Door of Hope"*

Please bring non perishable food and paper products to the meeting for this very worthy community service.



## Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the December 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the March 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Harold Ayers  
Doris Baker  
Katy Barth  
Roger Barth  
W. Jay Barth  
Esther Bender  
Ron Bernard  
Sam Bounds  
Judy Cantu  
Ramon Cantu  
Frank Coe  
Dorothy Curby  
John Dauglas  
Linda Day  
Bill Dodge  
Don Edmonston  
Gail Edmonston  
Richard Engelhart  
Glenn Ewan  
Lorraine Ewan  
Buford Foster  
Dorothy Greenwood  
Ron Hall  
Charlie Hancock  
Shirald Hendrix  
Larry Hesketh  
Lorie Hougland

Mark Indihar  
Mary Ann Jones  
Karl Kennedy  
B. R. Koehler  
Charlene Koehler  
Mildred Lynn  
Dick McEuen  
Phyllis McEuen  
Ricky Mercado  
Pansy Meyer  
Jean Moritz  
Betty Nowlin  
Tom Piper  
Charlie Rhoads  
Diane Rhoads  
Jim Robertson  
Jim Ryan  
Wayland Savre  
Sharon Sibert  
Charles Specht  
Elizabeth Spooner  
James Stokes  
George Triebel  
Clint Weber  
Sandra Weber  
Gene Wilson

## \*\*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 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.**

**\*\*New Feature\*\***

**You can now search by Zip Code to help find members that live in your neighborhood. How useful is that in establishing carpools to attend the luncheon!!**



## Door Prize Winners



Betty Nowlin



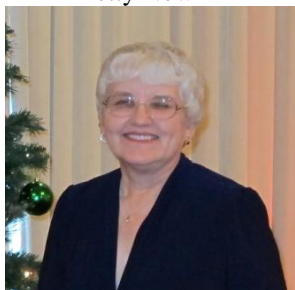
Frank Coe



Mark Indihar



Dorothy Curby



Pyllis McEuen



Sam Bounds



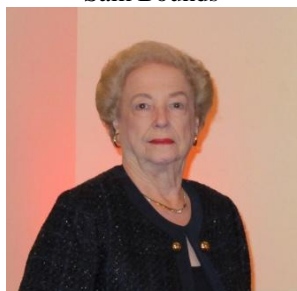
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Jim Ryan



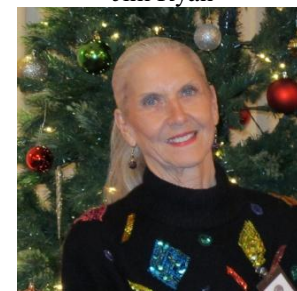
Wayland Savre



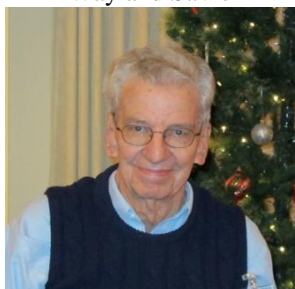
Mary Ann Jones



Lorraine Ewan



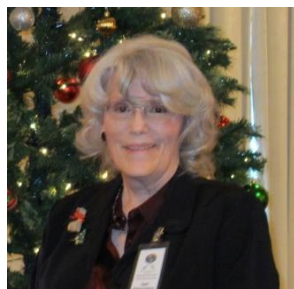
Dorothy Greenwood



Charles Specht



Glenn Ewan



Gail Edmonston



Larry Hesketh

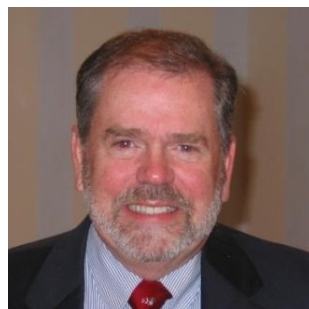


Mildred Lynn

# MHC Leadership Team



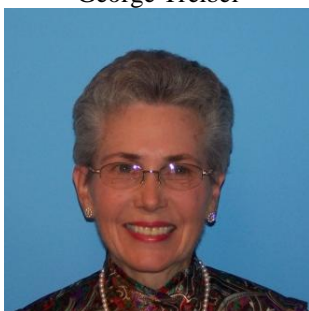
President  
George Treibel



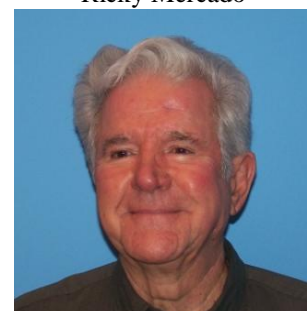
Vice President  
Bill Dodge



Treasurer  
Ricky Mercado



Secretary  
Pansy Meyer



Membership Coordinator  
Don Edmonston



Assistant Treasurer  
Charlie Hancock



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Co Editor  
Glenn Ewan



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Frank Coe



Past President  
Pete Rowland