

Metropolitan Houston Chapter

Chevron Retirees Association

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

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

\$18.00 per person (Prepaid reservations should be sent to: George Treibel by Saturday August 28)

GREETINGS, ALL!!

I submit: We had a really, really good (not GREAT) but really good luncheon on June 1. We'll keep working on it!

I think we all enjoyed the ceremony of presenting Ricky Causey his \$2,000 check for the 2010 MHC Scholarship Program. (See article, inside.)

From talking with several attendees, I'm happy to report that, apparently, our speaker, Bob Scott, was an unqualified HIT!! He told several very amusing stories of pranks and foibles featuring some Gulf Oil folks – recognized by a number of you – occurring from the 1940s to the 1970s that elicited satisfying belly laughs from the audience. Rest assured, Bob shall return ... perhaps giving short oil company-related observations and/or comments at each future luncheon.

Also during that luncheon, we had three gentlemen attending who were celebrating birthdays of 91, 92 and 96!!! (See special feature, inside.)

After her excellent handling of the 2010 Scholarship Program, Ms. Betty Westmoreland asked to be excused from our Board. Needless to say, she will be sorely missed; but I hope we'll all see her at future luncheons.

To fill Betty's vacancy, Mr. Bill Dodge has been appointed to the Board as a Director at Large. He comes to us from the Hill Country Chapter of CRA where he served on their Board in various capacities ... including President of that Chapter.

Our 2010 Membership Directory was received by all of us in early July. I HOPE that you won't simply open it to look at your name and then file it in your desk or bookcase. At our September 7th luncheon, I'll tell you what I'd like you to do with it.

Just like in grade school, this may take for form of a "homework assignment" (GASP!!).



Program

'How to Eat a Cupcake'

Wes Avants



Wes worked for an oil field services company while in college, then began a career of helping people realize their full potential through his work as a minister, a college teacher, a sales trainer and an executive coach. His areas of expertise include individual growth and development, organizational

transformation, servant leadership, and conflict resolution skills training. In 2005 he founded a non-profit organization designed to address the psycho/social and spiritual needs of individuals recovering from addictions and has also worked closely with chaplains in the Texas Medical Center. He is currently a partner with Corpus Optima, a Houston-based consulting firm specializing in corporate cultural transformation and Servant Leadership in the workplace.

Wes says the best way to describe his life is "trying to do my part to make the world a better place." This pursuit has taken him from coast to coast and overseas delivering practical and engaging presentations. His insights into human relationships, happiness and healthy spirituality have been presented to businesses, government, schools, non-profits and churches. His presentations are engaging and packed with helpful information that reflects his expertise in the areas of psychology, organizational behavior, sales, education, theology and leadership.

Wes and his wife Cindy have known each other since childhood and married in 1973. They have two adult children, Rachel and Ben, who are both currently pursuing higher education. Cindy is employed by Lone Star Montgomery College, coordinating fitness classes for students and community members. Her educational background includes nursing and social work with an emphasis in addiction counseling. She is also an experienced yoga instructor.

Wes and Cindy are residents of The Woodlands, Texas. Together they encourage each other to live with a spirit of adventure, authenticity, beauty, compassion, mystery, and rest.

Will We Merge???

While it is true that an eventual merger of our chapter with the local Texaco chapter is inevitable, after meeting with our Texaco counterparts, we feel it is premature to try to do anything meaningful at this time. However, the 2011 Chevron Retirees Association annual meeting in May 2011 will give us an excellent opportunity to work together and know each other better.

More on this to come

2010 Scholarship Winner



Richard T. "Ricky" Causey was the 2010 Scholarship Program awardee. He graduated from Woodlands High School and has been accepted by Univ. of Texas in their Liberal Arts program. He is interested in studying Communications.

His mother, "Bitsy" Causey, and his grandparents, Charles and Nancy Mace attended the June 1 luncheon and championed Richard's MHC Award of \$2,000 toward his Tuition and Books.

BEST OF LUCK, Ricky, from your friends at CRA - Metropolitan Houston Chapter!

Membership Directory for 2010

All dues paying members as of June 5 were included in and have been mailed a copy of the 2010 Directory. If you did not receive your copy check the last page of this newsletter for your dues status. If you haven't paid up, please consider sitting down and writing a check so you will be included in next year's edition. If you did not receive your copy and should have or if you received your copy and you have any changes or corrections, please contact either

Glenn Ewan

or

George Treibel

See your customized renewal form

June 1 Program



Robert W. (Bob) Scott, P.E., is the former Chairman, President and CEO of Gulf Publishing Co. In 1947, he began his oilfield career in

Houston as a roustabout for Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Bob is a story teller 'par excel lance'. He entertained us with humorous stories about happenings during his days with Gulf. Some of our group could readily identify with the stories and truly enjoyed his program. The rest of us, even thought we hadn't lived the events, enjoyed the humor in the stories. Expect Bob to return and plan to attend when he does.

**A government which robs Peter to pay Paul
can always depend on the support of Paul.**

-- George Bernard Shaw

Seen at the Last Luncheon

Are your friends sitting at one of these tables? There is an empty chair for you at each table. Why not come join them and enjoy their company.



We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the June 1st luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the September 7th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Maurice & Janice Allyn
Harold Ayers
Esther Bender
Sam Bounds
Dot Breland
Ramon Cantu
Dorothy Curby
Peggy Dew
Bill Dodge
Dr. Donald & Gail Edmonston
Richard Engelhart
Glenn Ewan
Donald Fought
Jim Gerhardt
Herb & Marilyn Groot
Charlie Hancock
Shirald Hendrix
Lorie Hougland
Mark Indihar

Karl Kennedy
Leonard Mahaffey
Mitch & Sharron Martin
Ricky Mercado
Pansy Meyer
Chester Nowak
Charlie & Diane Rhoads
Bob Rieansnider
Pete Rowland

Glenda Smith
Charles Specht
Betty Spooner
James Stokes
Duane & Carol Stueven
George Treibel
Betty Westmoreland
Carlton Whitaker
Gene Wilson
Pat Woolcock

CALL YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS IN THE PAST AND INVITE THEM TO RETURN "TO THE FOLD." YOU TOO CAN HAVE A TABLE OF FRIENDS.

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end, and no responsibility at the other.

-- Ronald Reagan

FOOD DRIVE

Please bring **nonperishable food** and/or **paper products** to go to the food bank at West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)



March Door Prize Winners



Charles Specht



Marilyn Groot



Herb Groot



Jim Stokes



Mark Indihar



Leonard Mahaffey

CRA Annual Meeting is coming to Houston!

Next Spring, CRA chapter presidents and national officers will converge on Houston for the 2011 CRA Annual Meeting. The annual May meeting rotates around the CRA's eleven areas and 2011 will be South Texas' turn. With 96 chapters in the US and Canada, the CRA Annual Meeting regularly draws over 150 delegates and spouses. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel, near Bush Intercontinental Airport, from May 14-16.

A Host Committee has been formed from representatives from the four Houston-area chapters. As Area Vice President, Frank Coe has overall responsibility for general arrangements. Virginia Benfield, a past president of both of Houston's Texaco-legacy chapters, is the Host Committee Chairperson. Key committee roles include Hotel Liaison, Entertainment, Registration, Greeting and Finance. Working on the committee will afford the participants with an excellent opportunity to learn about the other area chapters.

During the day, the delegates and spouses will have different agendas. The delegates will have a day-and-a-half of business sessions affording them an opportunity to share best practices and hear from Chevron representatives. Tours will be available the spouses. Sunday they will go to the Mercer Arboretum in Spring and shopping in either Old Town Spring or The Woodlands. On Monday, a tour of the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Museum of Natural Science is planned. A Sunday off-site dinner at The Steamboat House restaurant is planned. The meeting will close Monday evening with a banquet featuring a senior Chevron speaker, quite possibly the CEO!

Expect to hear more from us as plans evolve. We will need volunteers to help us with our Hospitality Room!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GENTLEMEN!!!

During our June 1 luncheon, we recognized these three distinguished **Nonagenarians** who attended the luncheon and are celebrating birthdays during the third quarter of this year.

Like many of us retirees, these gentlemen spent the majority of their careers under the Gulf Disc ... to the point where – as the old saying goes – “There is Gulftane running through their veins”.



Carlton Whitaker, worked and slaved for Mother Gulf for 42 years – beginning as an Office Boy in the early 40's ...working his way through a series of jobs until, in the mid 1950's, he was functioning as the Supervisor of the Electronic Accounting Machines section of the E&P Company. In 1956, when Gulf acquired its first computer, the IBM 650, Carlton was selected to write the programs that processed oil production/pipeline run tickets and he was the senior member of a small group of programmers. He continued his career as a senior programmer/analyst through the next several subsequent generations of IBM computers.

When the Gulf Science & Technology Company was formed Carlton was located at Westbelt in the Technical Programming group of Applications Development. During the 70's Carlton was an important contributor to several E&P projects. Manager Dick McLeod said that “*Carlton was one of the best technical programmers in the entire company*”

Added to these accomplishments was his willingness and skills in teaching younger employees how to write computer programs. All agreed that when it came to computers, he was one of our best, ever!



Karl Kennedy is pictured here resting on his GM Saturn Sky Redline sports car which he says, “*represents my defiance against the ‘Grim Red Reaper’ that must be contended with as one becomes older*”. Karl retired from Gulf Oil in 1981 ... about the time when Gulf was becoming Chevron. He retired as a Geologist-Technical Associate. Following retirement, he was a volunteer at SW Memorial Hospital and Security Director for the Sharpstown Civic Assn. Last Christmas he received a computer program, Microsoft Flight Simulator for Pilots. After three simulated wipeouts in a Piper J-3 Cub, he currently takes off and lands successfully, at least three times a day. Why? He says, “*I can get closer to heaven, although the ceiling on the Cub is about 10,000 feet*”.

In the real world, he acknowledged that he is probably too old to get a pilot's license and says, “*For that matter, next year my driver's license expires and I may not renew*”.

(“*Oh well, maybe I'll buy a bicycle*”).



M. D. (Maurice) Allyn worked in Methods and Procedures under Fred Willman. Jim Gerhardt, and Bob Barnes and was the “*go-to guy*” with any problem you might have in matters of accounting or to develop a new procedure application for your department. He was a knowledgeable “Master” of the Uniform System of Accounting and could practically quote the applicable passages from that manual applicable your problem or question. His work was centered for years around Marketing Accounting but was expanded to cover global applications when Gulf upgraded from Second Generation accounting to Third Generation accounting in the 1970's when his department was reassigned as part of Marketing Accounting USA. M.D. is very proud of his long career and seriously enjoys attending the quarterly luncheons and visiting and reminiscing with his many long-time Gulf Oil friends and his newly-acquainted Chevron friends.