

# METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

## Chevron Retirees Association

### *President's Podium*

I hope you each had a very good Holiday Season and have remained healthy throughout this current Omicron surge. I guess we will remain the mask society for the duration. Sure changes the evaluation of a pretty face!

I must plead with you to check your dues status and catch up if you are Due or Past-Due. It is shown on the email note which accompanied this newsletter or if you received your newsletter by postal mail, it is shown on the last page.

Those who are in the Past-Due category have last paid dues for the 2020 year. Those members still in this category on April 1 will be dropped from the membership roll on April 1 and not listed in the new directory. Be sure your payment is submitted so that we receive it in time to post it before the deadline.

Those who are in the Due category have last paid dues for the 2021 year, these members still in this category on April 1 will enter a final *grace* year. You will not be dropped from the membership role until April 1, 2023, but your dues are critical to the successful function of your Chapter. Please do catch up.

Our Neighborhood Luncheon program is back. The attendance for the first quarter so far is encouraging in most locations. After next quarter, those locations that show very low attendance will be evaluated for continuing to meet at their site. Please take a look at the location table and come on out and make some new friends or renew some old friendships. Our Schedule for the next quarter is:












Shenandoah	Wed. April 6	Atascocita	Tue. May 24
College Station	Tue. April 19	Katy 1093	Wed. June 1
Katy IH-10 West	Tue. April 26	Tomball	Wed. June 15
Missouri City	Wed. May 4	Houston	Tue. June 21
Webster	Wed. May 18	Buffalo Speedway	

At each luncheon, we award one door prize. This past year Chevron Corporate Relations has provided us with a supply of \$25 Chevron Gift cards for this purpose. We are grateful for their support.

We are considering a city-wide event for all members. I have received suggestions ranging from a Christmas luncheon (traditional annual event) to an outdoor picnic (COVID avoidance). The Christmas luncheon would occur sometime in December, probably early in the month, while the picnic would likely occur during the milder temperatures of the fall. To gather your input on this suggestion, we will be sending a short survey in the next few weeks. PLEASE fill it out and send it back. If the response is negative (no response to the survey will be considered a negative response) we will not move forward with this event.

I wish each of you a very happy and especially a HEALTHY Spring. See you at your chosen Neighborhood Luncheon. *Glenn*

During our ZOOM meeting Last December, we elected the Board of Directors for 2022. The following people have agreed to serve.

<b>MHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>			
<b>2022</b>			
			
Glenn Ewan President	George Treibel Vice-President	Judy Spencer Secretary	Frank Coe Treasurer
			
Dele Adeniji Director at Large Asst. Treasurer	Brian Batiste Director at Large Membership	Evelyn Kassey Director at Large Neighborhood Luncheon Hostess	Maya Pendleton Director at Large Scholarship
			
Jean Silarski Director at Large Newsletter	(vacant) Director at Large Communications	Bill Dodge Ex Officio Member Immed. Past Pres.	Charlie Rhoads Ex Officio Member CRA Past Pres.

As you may have noticed we have a vacancy. We would love to fill that position and the job is not very difficult. The duties are that when a BOD member wants to communicate with the membership, they formulate their note in Microsoft Word and forward it to the Communications Chair who then sends it to the 1500+ members we have on the roll. It only takes some light experience with Word and the willingness to learn the technique we use for group communications. Please let one of the current BOD members know if you are willing to give us a try.

# Treasurer's Report - 12/31/21

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
<b>Revenue</b>		
Current year dues	\$6,300	\$4,440
Interest	\$15	\$10
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,315</b>	<b>\$4,450</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
CRA Payments	\$1,890	\$1,863
Website / Email Box	\$500	\$522
Miscellaneous (Postage, Bulk Email, Supplies)	\$600	\$2,103
Meeting (Restaurant, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Zoom)	\$1,500	\$320
Lapel Pins	\$650	\$650
PayPal Fees	\$200	\$250
Community Support	\$400	\$425
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,740</b>	<b>\$6,133</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$575</b>	<b>(\$1,683)</b>
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>		
Beginning balance 12/20		\$2,208
Donations		\$3,006
Interest		\$5
Awards		(\$2,000)
<b>Ending balance 12/21</b>		<b>\$3,219</b>

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

With the continuing COVID-19 pandemic limiting us to in-person neighborhood luncheons to gather and meet, we really need to keep in touch with one another in as many ways as possible. Depending upon member responses, your chapter would like to test an email blast of submitted member mail-in activities. Submissions should be sent to: [mynews@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:mynews@cra-metrohouston.org)

Submissions should include a personal activity of interest to members such as travel and/or vacations, home improvement projects, maintaining physical fitness, shopping (i.e. grocery, retailing, etc.), dining, hobbies, etc. Please keep the length of your mail-in activity to under 200 words and remember to include your name.

Activities should be submitted by March 15, 2022 and limited to one submission per member.

## Scholarship Committee Report

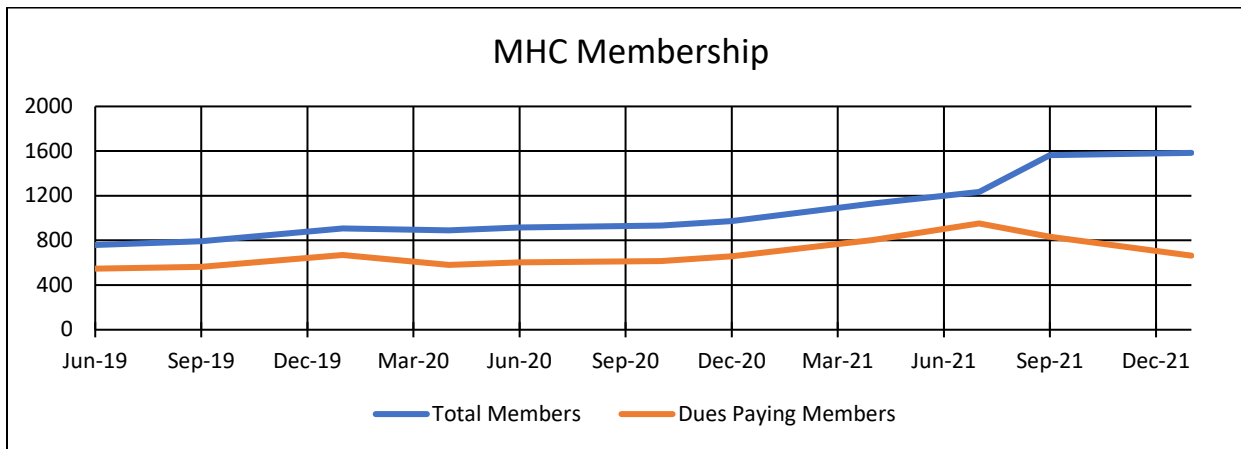
The Board approved the 2022 MHC scholarship program which awards a high school senior with a \$2,000 scholarship payable to the accredited four-year university/college or two-year community/junior college they will attend. The student must be nominated by an MHC dues paying member and be a direct descendant of that member. The sponsorship form can be found on our MHC website under the Scholarship tab. The deadline for submitting all required application, referrals, essay and supporting documents is June 15, 2022. The winner will be announced in July and the award is typically presented at a neighborhood lunch. Questions regarding this program should be directed via email to Maya Pendleton, Scholarship Committee Chairperson at: [scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:scholarship@cra-metrohouston.org).

The Scholarship Committee is seeking an additional member. The responsibilities include reviewing and voting on scholarship applications and providing input on program requirements. Please contact Maya Pendleton if you wish to be considered.

# Membership

I know I have some big shoes to fill following Bill Alvarez's passing. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Many thanks to Glenn Ewan and Charlie Hancock for their assistance in helping me get up to speed regarding the Membership Chair roles and responsibilities.

From the chart below, you will see that our chapter has experienced significant growth (~63%) in membership over the past year, increasing from 973 to 1584. These new members were eligible for our "First Year Free" program, so no annual dues were required. As a result, the gap between the number of Total Members and Dues Paying Members has widened. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, our Local Neighborhood Luncheon program was on hiatus for most of 2020 – 2021. So, many of our new and existing retirees haven't had the opportunity to participate in our meetings and this may have resulted in a drop-off in dues payments. Fortunately, most of the Covid restrictions have been lifted and we have recently restarted our Local Neighborhood Luncheon programs.



We are now into our annual membership renewal season, and you should have received an e-mail or letter from Glenn regarding your current dues status. Many of you have already responded positively to Glenn's recent e-mail dues solicitations and those numbers will be reflected in next quarter's report. THANK YOU! We really appreciate your support of the chapter!

Many of you are now making your MHC payments with a check or credit card using our website, [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org). For any member that wants to end the yearly hassle of paying their \$10 dues, we accept early dues payments. Sending a check or using your credit card for \$20, \$30, or more will get you ahead of this dues payment problem. Timely payment of your dues helps your chapter operate smoothly. Please help us out and pay your dues when they are due.

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 ideas or suggestions.

Thank you,  
Brian Batiste  
MHC Membership Committee Chair



# IN MEMORIAM



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

Name	Legacy Company	R / S	Name	Legacy Company	R / S
SYED A ALI	CHEVRON	R	THOMAS W LAUMAN	CHEVRON	R
WILLIAM F ALVAREZ	CHEVRON	R	WILLIAM R LIGHT	CHEVRON	R
ROSE MARY BEGNAUD	CHEVRON	S	JOSEPHINE G MCFALL	CHEVRON	S
ALFRED BROWN	TEXACO	R	CONSTANCE Y MCWILLIAMS	TEXACO	R
CHARLES C BROWN	TEXACO	R	LINDA E MEDRANO	TEXACO	R
SALLY A BURGESS	CHEVRON	R	BRENDA S MIEARS	CHEVRON	R
FERNANDO CARDENOSA	GULF	R	DANIEL L ROMANO	CHEVRON	R
CATHERINE M COOPER	CHEVRON	S	BEVERLY J SHARP	CHEVRON	S
Shirley J Damon	CHEVRON	R	VIVIEN C SHIPLEY	GULF	R
JILL DANZER	CHEVRON	S	ANITA SILER	CHEVRON	S
LYLE J DARR	TEXACO	R	ROBERT D SIVIA	CHEVRON	R
IRENE E DENNING	CHEVRON	R	MARK P STELLA	CHEVRON	R
RODNEY A DYSON	CHEVRON	R	MARIE S STEPHENSON	CHEVRON	S
THEODORE A ETCHISON	CHEVRON	R	LYNN C TAGGART	TEXACO	R
JAMES E GERHARDT	GULF	R	OTIS B TAMPLIN	GULF	R
GUS F GODHELP	CHEVRON	R	DONALD W TAYLOR	UNOCAL	R
HERBERT I GOODMAN	GULF	R	ROBERT L WALSH	CHEVRON	R
RAYMOND C HEDGES	TEXACO	R	WILLIAM H WIETSTRUCK	TEXACO	R
TOMMIE L HERRICK	TEXACO	R	NEWBURN A WOMACK	TEXACO	R
R BRIAN HOBBS	TEXACO	R	PATSY A WOODROOF	CHEVRON	S
LOWELL FRANKLIN KING	CALTEX	R	ROBERT C WYCHE	CHEVRON	R
TERRY R LATOUR	TEXACO	R			

## Metro Houston Communications Committee Chair

Your chapter needs your service. If you are moderately familiar with Microsoft Word and are willing to learn a little more, come join your Board of Directors as the Communications Committee Chair. The duties are mostly monitoring an email box for a message that is to be forwarded to the membership. By using Word and our bulk mail technique, the Communications Committee Chair forwards the previously formatted message to the membership. The other BOD member that wants their message to get to the membership has already forwarded the message but we minimize our costs by having a single source of forwarding that message to the full membership.

If you are willing to serve your chapter, let me know.

Glenn Ewan

Email [glenn@gewan.us](mailto:glenn@gewan.us)

Phone 281-693-5461

**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.**

## **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.

## **METRO HOUSTON BENEFITS CONNECTION**



As a reminder, Bill Dodge is available to assist Chapter members on Chevron /CRA benefits questions. As you may know, Bill is our Chapter's immediate Past President and a current Metro Houston Board member. Bill is also a CRA Benefits Committee Member. If you have any problems with your transition from Chevron supported health insurance to VIA/Benefits (OneExchange) or issues on other various Chevron/CRA benefits, Bill is the person in MHC to contact. He will either answer your question or find the person who will. His contact information is:

Phone - 832-934-0680

Email - [wndodge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wndodge@sbcglobal.net)

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