

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

There will not be any luncheons again this quarter!

President's Podium

With this being an election year, maybe the more appropriate title for this section of the *Messenger* might be the *President's Stump!* I don't think we have seen many politicians touring the country and addressing people while standing on a stump lately, so I will leave it the Podium.

Now on to the real business at hand. Every December we elect the Board of Directors for the upcoming year and even with the pandemic, this year is no different. Our nominating committee has brow beat all of your current officers and most of the Directors at Large and secured a commitment from each of them to serve another year. These people are:

				
Glenn Ewan President	George Treibel Vice President	Judith Spencer Secretary	Howard O'Donnell Treasurer	Bill Alvarez Director at Large Membership
				
John Montgomery Director at Large Scholarship	Evelyn Kassey Director at Large Neighborhood Pgm.	Jean Silarski Director at Large Newsletter Editor	Bill Dodge Ex Officio Member Immed. Past Pres.	Charlie Rhoads Ex Officio Member CRA Past Pres.

We are planning to have a Zoom meeting in December at which time we will vote on the regular members. The Ex Officio members are on the board by virtue of their previous position; therefore, they are not voted upon each year. The date/time of this meeting will be announced soon. Please attend and vote. If you have a candidate for any of these offices, please obtain their concurrence to serve if elected, and send their name to George Treibel (gmr@att.net). If you would serve on the BOD or any of our committees, please let any one of the board members know. We would love to have you involved in the operation of your chapter.

Your Board of Directors were discussing how we could grow our chapter membership. Several suggestions came up, but the common thread in our discussions was retention of current members. We soon realized that we can continue to recruit new members until the hot spot freezes, but if we don't retain our current members, we are just spinning our wheels. So, we decided to recognize those people who are the backbone of the chapter, those members who continue their membership year after year. As most of our companies did, we decided to recognize in December you on your fifth-year anniversary. This year's list of recognized members is on the following page. When you see one of them, give them a warm greeting and let them know that we appreciate their continuing membership. We only wish we had the budget of Chevron and could award you with something greater than a mention in the newsletter. Our recording of you joining the chapter begins with 2010, so for those members who retired before then, we assumed your membership began with your Chevron separation date. We hope this is close to accurate.

We anticipate the resumption of our luncheon programs as soon as it is prudent for a group of us to gather around a table and enjoy the fellowship of 'old' friends. Stay tuned, but above all stay healthy. We will all get through this long period of isolation and emerge stronger and eager for a little fellowship.

Glenn Ewan



FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

5 Year

Michael J. Beard
Jim Blackwell
Bailey J. Blakemore
Roy Capetillo
Christopher L. Chambers
Kathleen Court
John Craven
Charles Crawley
Scott A. Darnell
John Dickinson
Paul Eastaway
Dan Gamel
Wayne Gildea
Marti Hewell
Douglas W. Hicks
Robert Leeper
Ronald Leschak
David Little
John Montgomery
Karen J. Pena
Patricia Richards
James "Jim" Sterle
David Stevenson
Kay Town
Gwendolyn "Gwen" Wilkinson

10 Year

William F. "Bill" Alvarez
Harold Ayers
Margaret B. Badeaux
Allen Baker
William J. Bednar
William H. Butcher III
Delores T. "Ann" Davis
Bill Dodge
Ron Ermel
James R. Godfrey
Shannon C. Hodge
Mary L. Kole
James Martin
Joachim Modlich

10 Year (Continued)

Frank W. Morgan
Huy-Van Nguyen
Laurie O. Pollicoff
Diane K. Pray
Ok-Cha Seo

15 Year

John J. Featherer
Tom Piper
Jack F. Redding

20 Year

Virginia Berreth
Max L. Bruce
Ramon Cantu III
Sandra M. Chastain
Tom Coneybeer
Barrett L. "Barry" Cupples
James R. Emanuel
Arthur G. Fowler Jr.
Dale A. Gibson
Johnny L. Green
Joseph Hansford
Raymond Hildebrand
Thomas L. Hill
George T. Jones
John G. Kanouff
Bob Kasuba
B. R. Koehler
Ann D. Korenek
Steven R. Krauszer
Linda A. Lawless
Roderick Loper
Ronald G. Mathews
C. Harold McCormick
Howard L. McKinzie
Jim Medlin
Chuck Michlik
Edward Miller
Gerald W. Mitchell
Caroline Mocek
Vera A. Osborne

20 Year (Continued)

Constance Pleasant
John I. Prestwood
Espy P. Price
Paul Reilley
William C. Richardson
Sophie Salassi
Willy F. Schmidt
Yick Mow Shum
Sheri Sim-Connell
Terrell Street
Sherron Thaysen
Sharon Tortorich
George M. Treibel
W. Pat Tucker
Nikolas F. White
Jagjit Yadav
Betty Zimmerman
Charles Zimmerman

25 Year

Betty J. Ballard
Guy A. Birmingham
Esther Brautigam
Tom Bumpass
Evelyn T. Kassey
Burnal R. "BR" Kunze
Paul Larson
Janice G. Laurie
Jimmie McCartney
Dominic A. Psencik
John C. Strickland
Jeanette Whitfield

30 Years

Shirald D. Hendrix

35 Years

Janette Carter
John Miller
Charles A. Rhoads Jr.
Richard E. Wainerdi

Scholarship Committee

First a bit of history - your Metropolitan Houston Chapter has awarded a total of \$31,500 in scholarships in the 19 years since its inception in 2001. Each year one student nominated by an MHC member is selected as the recipient and the award ceremony is normally held at the June Quarterly Luncheon.

But this year has proven to be *anything but normal*. Because of the pandemic-caused school closures, the deadline date for nominees to submit all required documents was extended from May 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. Eight students were nominated by your fellow members this year, and six successfully completed all required submissions and were thus eligible to compete for the \$2,000 scholarship award.

After the August 1st deadline passed, your Scholarship Committee reviewed their essays, and the final evaluation was based on all their required submissions. William Judson Kennemer was chosen as the recipient of the 2020 MHC Scholarship. William was graduated from Montgomery High School and is currently attending Texas A&M University. William was notified that he was chosen via a telephone call and a subsequent letter to his A&M address. The other eligible candidates, who were all very well-qualified, also received a letter thanking them for submitting all required documents and wishing them well in their college pursuits of a degree.

The \$2,000 check, a framed Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement, and a custom nameplate (which was created and donated by MHC member Ricky Mercado) were recently presented to William's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie DiStefano in a mask-wearing socially-distanced outdoor ceremony (see photo).

If you have a child, grandchild, or great grandchild who will graduate from high school in 2021, now is the time to nominate them for the 2021 MHC Scholarship! Two of your fellow members have already nominated their 2021 graduating senior high school candidates.

Last but not least, it is worth noting that your scholarship is funded solely from your voluntary donations and not from your annual dues. Please consider donating to the MHC Scholarship Fund.

Doug Beatty, 2020 Scholarship Committee Chairperson

John Montgomery, 2021 Scholarship Committee Chairperson



Charlie & Peggy DiStefano, Grandparents of William Kennemer, MHC Scholarship Awardee

METRO HOUSTON BENEFITS CONNECTION



As a reminder, Bill Dodge is the CRA Benefits Committee Chair. If you have any questions about Chevron supported health insurance, 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

3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report

2020 Budget 2020 Actual		
REVENUE	\$	\$
Income (dues)	\$6,000	\$6,140
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,800	\$1,809
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$1150	\$362
Web Site	\$400	\$384
Misc. Expenses	\$600	\$163
PayPal Fees	\$200	\$66
Mail Box	\$540	\$540
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$205
Luncheon Entertainment	\$400	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$400
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,090	\$3,929
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$90)	\$2,211
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$	\$
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$151
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$2,800
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$800

NOTES:

- Membership renewals are on target.
- \$2,800 received in donations to 2020 Scholarship; \$800 will be carried over for 2021 award.
- Web costs and PayPal expected to be on target in 4th Qtr
- Expect under-budget of approx. \$1,500 due to lunch cancellations.
- 2019 had over budget amount of \$1,100.
- Both years combined (2019 and 2020) will put us closer to normal surplus amounts.

Membership

It's that time of the year, for paying your 2021 MHC dues!
MHC's total membership is now just over 900. Your MHC annual dues are still only \$10, which includes your \$3 annual dues for CRA that we pay for you. What a deal! What can you find for less than \$1 a month? A number of our members are taking advantage paying \$20, \$30, and even more for their dues. This gets them out of the annual dues hassle. You might want to consider this for yourself.

Speaking of paying your MHC bill, you can continue to use USPS to mail in a check to us. But, for those of you that are interested in paying with your credit card we have developed a special function "web site" which facilitates your payment of dues, reserving luncheon entrees (not during COVID-19), or making donations to the Scholarship Fund. You can access this payment site through this link <http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php>

This link can be found on our MHC website under the Meetings menu tab. There was an article in a previous quarter's Newsletter about this new credit card payment capability. **Remember you do not need to have a PayPal account to use this credit card paying option.**

For those of you that manage your finances using invoices MHC has just started sending you an invoice for your annual dues. We hope that this helps you in paying your MHC dues in a timely fashion.

We have 92 members that have not yet paid their 2020 dues. I guess they can save the price of a stamp by paying for their 2020, and 2021 dues with a single check. They can consider that a personal discount. Please do that at your earliest convenience. For the rest of us, take a moment and send in your 2021 dues after you read this newsletter. If you are like me, I tend to stack up things to do if I don't do them the first time I think about them. Don't forget that we also have a credit card payment option.

Glenn's invitation letters to recent (within the last 5 years) Chevron retired employees has been very successful. His invitation letters to recent terminated employees has been very successful also. This year we had 219 new members join MHC.

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 who haven't yet joined MHC. Just give them the link to our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org to show them the benefits of our chapter.

Speaking about our website, 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 ideas or suggestions that you may have to make our chapter more to your liking. Please email membership@cra-metrohouston.org with your ideas or suggestions.

Last reminder – **renew your MHC membership NOW.**

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez
MHC Membership Committee Chair



IN MEMORIAM



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

RODNEY J ABSHIRE	CHEVRON	R	CARMIN R HRABAL	TEXACO	R
MARTHA L BIRDWELL	UNOCAL	S	MAURICE K ISAAC	CHEVRON	R
VIRGINIA R BOX	CHEVRON	S	JAMES D JACKSON	TEXACO	R
CHUNG-DER CHIN	TEXACO	R	REGINALD B JOHNSON	GETTY	R
GERALD D CHRISENBERRY	TEXACO	R	BETTY M KINNEY	GULF	R
DOROTHY F COLLINS	GULF	S	BARBARA A LEE	UNOCAL	R
G B DALLEN	CHEVRON	R	VICTOR V LEMELLE	CHEVRON	R
EMILIA M DEBRITTO	CHEVRON	R	RUTH J MCKENZIE	CHEVRON	S
JOHN R DEMING	CHEVRON	R	JANE A. MORRIS	GULF	R
THEODORE L DORENKAMP	GULF	R	ARTHUR L OLSON	GULF	R
BEVERLY L DUGAT	UNOCAL	R	ROBERT F ONEIL	GULF	R
RAYMOND A FLEMING	CHEVRON	R	HELEN N OVERTON	CHEVRON	S
JAMES C FOREMAN	GULF	R	GUY W PURNELL	CHEVRON	R
WILLIAM C FOX	UNOCAL	R	MARY R RICHARDSON	CHEVRON	S
S I FREEMAN	TEXACO	R	GERALD W RUSH	GULF	R
ALBERT FRUGE	CHEVRON	R	A SILVA	CHEVRON	R
ARCHIE D GRANDA	GULF	R	NORMAN J SPURGEON	TEXACO	R
R L GRAY	CHEVRON	R	MARY M WAGNER	CHEVRON	S
GEORGE M GULKO	TEXACO	R	JAMES E WATTELL	CHEVRON	R
WILLIAM HAMILTON	GULF	R	CHARLES H WRIGHT	GULF	R
JUDITH S HIPPI	TEXACO	R	ROY B YEAGER	GULF	R
MARGUERITE R HIRSCH	GETTY	R			

The Scholarship program is supported by your voluntary donations. Without luncheon reservations to remind us to give, the program is running behind previous years.

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

Of course, we will be happy to receive your check, please make sure you indicate it is for Scholarship.

Age Old Wisdom for this political season. Please don't be offended.

1 In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

-- John Adams

2 If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

-- Mark Twain

3 Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

-- Mark Twain

4 I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill

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

-- George Bernard Shaw

6 A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

-- G. Gordon Liddy

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was 'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered with a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a Puzzled look on his face...

'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been to bat yet!'