

Metropolitan Houston Chapter Chevron Retirees Association

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 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

Jay Strickland

"Laughter Is Better Than Roloids"

\$20.00 per person

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

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

President's Message

I'm really excited as we move into the third quarter. Good things are happening. MHC is continuing to add new members to our chapter; the call committee volunteers, under Don Edmonston, are doing a fantastic job; the luncheon/meeting attendance is up from last year; and we are in the process of organizing a few new committees.

As for the Scholarship Committee, Bill Dodge and his committee did an outstanding job in selecting Heidi Webking for the 2011 recipient. Heidi was faced with stiff competition but her statistics were simply outstanding. She was an excellent student in the preparatory schools and we know she will do well in her college years.

Gene Wilson-Watz has agreed to be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. If you have a desire to be a Board Member in 2012 or subsequent year, please get in touch with Gene.

Also, on the same note, we spoke to several members at the last June 7th luncheon who have expressed real interest in becoming involved in our chapter functions. If you would like to volunteer to help on the various committees and/or subcommittees that we are forming, please let us know. If you have never been involved and really don't know what to do, we can help you with any questions to get started. Just give me a call or an email and I'll be happy to get back to you with more details.

Thanks to those of you who attended the last luncheon and I hope to see you at the September 13th meeting... along with (hopefully) a number of you who used to come but who have not attended for some time. We have a good time – every time – and plan to continue to provide interesting speakers or entertainers while performing MHC's ongoing commitments to our membership.

Be sure to check out our Website at www.cra-metrohouston.org for information about what MHC is doing and planning and enjoy the industry-related stories from our own 'Historian', Bob Scott, and the entertainment from the last luncheon presented by "Grandmas' Boyfriends".

George Treibel

****LUNCHEON PRICE INCREASE****

As we are all aware, during the past three years the prices of most things have increased while we have held the luncheon price steady. To cover associated increases in our expenses at our quarterly luncheon meetings, beginning with the September luncheon meeting, the luncheon price will be increased an additional \$2.00/person (i.e. from \$18.00 to \$20.00/person). While we regret having to make this price increase, we understand that our Chapter's luncheon price continues to be competitive with luncheon prices currently observed by other area retiree organizations.

September's Program

Jay Strickland

"Laughter Is Better Than Roloids"



Jay Strickland
Tall Tales Contest Winner
Division L Area 44
Area Champion

Our speaker is a graduate of the University of Houston. He was with the parts division of General Motors as a Senior District Sales Manager for 15 years and won several National Sales awards.

He was a Marketing and Sales Manager and later Regional Sales Manager for a National Auto Parts Chain.

He was an Area Governor for Toastmasters International and has won several speech contests including the 2006 District finals Humorous Speech Contest.

He has been a Key Note Speaker for 20 years and addressed such organizations as, South Montgomery Woodlands Volunteers Annual Luncheon, American Women's Business Association, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Rotary Clubs, Non Profit groups and private dinners.

He is a former Consultant and Trainer for Dale Carnegie and has worked with such companies as David Weekley Homes and ExxonMobil.

He is now an Independent Associate with Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.

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 June luncheon by logging on to our website

www.cra-metrohouston.org and clicking on meetings.



We were entertained by the Barbershop Quartet harmonies of Grandmas' Boyfriends. The group has sung all around the Houston area including performances at the

Rosenberg Opry, Alvin Opry, and Columbus Opry before it closed. They performed a set of twelve favorites, from "Lida Rose" to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The group graciously allowed us to video record their performance.

See and hear video clips of Bob and Grandmas' Boyfriends at our website (www.cra-metrohouston.org). Look under the "Meetings" tab.

Luncheon Schedule:

Tuesday December 6, 2011

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Tuesday, June 12, 2012



The Chevron Houston Marathon will be celebrating its 40th 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. If you're interested in volunteering email: volunteers@houstonmarathon.com. For further information about this event or participating go to: <http://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>

2011 Scholarship Winner

The 2011 MHC Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded at our June 7th luncheon to Heidi Webking, an outstanding young woman and academic scholar. Heidi graduated from Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas and will be attending the University of Notre Dame this coming fall. Heidi has a keen interest in the teaching field and plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in psychology then obtain her teaching certificate and initially teach elementary school. She plans eventually to earn her master's degree in some field of education.

Shown in the award presentation photo below (from left to right) are Heidi's grandmother and sponsoring MHC member, Jan Allison, Heidi Webking, her sister, Hilary Webking, and her parents, Priscilla and Bill Webking. Presenting the award were George Treibel, Chapter President and Bill Dodge, Scholarship Program Chairman.

Congratulations, Heidi, and we wish you all the best in the years ahead.



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. 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

2011 CRA Annual Meeting

The 2011 CRA Annual Meeting, held in Houston May 14-16, was a big success. Roughly 120 delegates, spouses, and guests from chapters throughout the US and Canada were shown some classic Texas hospitality.



The Host Committee, shown above, consisted of representatives from all Houston-area chapters. From left to right, the members were Virginia Benfield, Frank Coe, George Treibel, Glenn Ewan, Tom Brunet, and Evelyn Kassey.



While the delegates were involved in a day-and-a-half of meetings, their spouses and guests had an opportunity to visit the Galleria and the George Ranch Historical Park.



A special treat on Sunday night was a dinner at the Steamboat House Restaurant. Besides having a great meal of Texas steak and seafood, our guests were treated to owner Charlie Fogarty channeling Sam Houston! In his half-hour, one-man show, he presented Old Sam's life history from Tennessee to Texas in the first person.

We were again fortunate to have John Watson, Chevron CEO, as the keynote speaker at the closing banquet. He presented an informative update on what is going on at Chevron.

Seen at the Last Luncheon

We thought you might be interested in who is attending our luncheons. An informal list of attendees at the June 7th luncheon is below. If you haven't seen some of these folks in a long time, come to the September 13th luncheon. You'll likely see them there!.

Jan Allison	Charlie Hancock
Bill Alvarez	Shirald Hendrix
Harold Ayers	Lorie Houglan
Doris Baker	Mark Indihar
Margaret Badeaux	Mildred Lynn
Sam Bounds	Mary Ann Jones
Athalee Caldwell	Randy Martin
Ramon Cantu	Rudy McClellan
Gordon Campbell	Danny McClure
Tony Cernosek	Ricky Mercado
Frank Coe	Pansy Meyer
Dorothy Curby	Joachim Modlich
Dick Czarnik	Sita & Rao Mutyala
Barry Davies	Betty Nowlin
Bill Dodge	Mary Belle Patterson
J D Douglas	John Prestwood
Don & Gail Edmonston	Charles Rhoads
Richard Engelhart	Bob Rieansnider
Glenn & Lorraine Ewan	James Robertson
Ron Ermel	Pete Rowland
Betty Ezell	Wayland Savre
Francis Ford	Bob Scott
Buford Foster	Sharon Sibert
Jim Gerhardt	Betty Spooner
Dorothy Greenwood	Jim Stokes
Preston & Rosalind Haith	Billy Winkler
Ron Hall	Gene Wilson

IN MEMORIAM



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

Helen Constance Axelson	04/14/2011	Texaco
Judith Elizabeth Crutcher	07/03/2011	Gulf
Beatrice Kay McGinnis Cryar-Williams	06/25/2011	Chevron
Janice Christine Hegarty	07/02/2011	Cheveon
Arthur Malicoat	06/04/2011	Gulf
Laurence Walsh McDonough	06/26/2011	Texaco
Francis E. Mitchell	05/07/2011	Gulf
Earl Nelson	05/27/2011	Texaco
Maxine Ogden	04/21/2011	Gulf
Mary Reynolds		
Spouse of B.G. Reynolds	04/09/2011	Gulf
Max Valley	06/05/2011	Gulf
Shirley Valley		
Spouse of Max Valley	04/26/2011	Gulf
James Richard Wallace	05/21/2011	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.

West Houston Assistance Ministries "A Door of Hope"

10501 Meadowglen Lane, Houston, TX 77042-4001

Office: (713) 977-7803

Website: www.whamministries.org

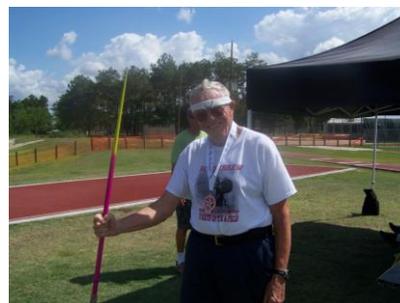
Food Needs for the Summer

Children are home from school-the demand is greater now

Macroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Shelf Milk
Cans of Vegetables
Spaghetti & Sauce
Potatoes (Packages & Boxes)
Soup

Other Items Needed:
Toilet Paper
Pop-top cans of:
Vienna Sausage, Tuna,
Ravoli, etc.
Marchan Cup of Soup

The National Senior Games



Jim Gerhardt, our resident athlete par excellence, competed in the National Senior Games held in June here in the Houston area. He competed in four field events: the Hammer Throw, the Discus, the Javelin,

and the Shot Put. He began the meet with a finish of 7th in

Hammer Throw, and 7th in the Shot Put. Then he finished his competition with a flourish by earning a Silver Medal in the Discus and a Bronze Medal in the Javelin.



Door Prize Winners



Jim Stokes



Don Edmonston



Heidi Webking



Pete Rowland



Gayle Edmonston



Ricky Mercado



Bill Alvarez



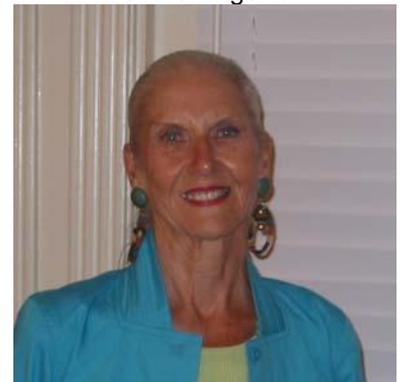
Richard Engelhart



Hillary Webking



Jim Robertson



Dorothy Greenwood