

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

Tuesday December 10, 2019

**HES (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society)
5430 Westheimer**

10:00 a.m. - Social – cash bar available

11:00 a.m. - Lunch

12:00 noon - Program

\$25.00 per person, includes gratuity

Prepaid reservations need to be received by
Thursday December 5, 2019. Send them to:
MHC Luncheon Coordinator
11152 Westheimer #729
Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

December 10, 2019
March 10, 2020

Entrée Choice

We offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on your luncheon reservation form when you send in your reservation. This quarter's luncheon entrée choices are:



- 1) *Homemade Beef Lasagna*
- 2) *Grilled Red Fish Filet and Crab Meat with Citrus Butter Sauce*
- 3) *Eggplant Parmesan Topped with Marinara and Mozzarella*



Each Entrée served with fresh vegetables, Chef's choice starch, salad, dessert, and iced tea and/or coffee.

Membership

MHC's total membership is now just under 800. 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? Several of our members are taking advantage and 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 who 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, 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.**

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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 the CRA Benefits Committee Chair. 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

Happy Holidays!

President's Podium



We started the Neighborhood Luncheon program in October 2018 at FM 2920 with 18 MHC members and spouses. In November 2018 we were at Bryan with 13 attendees, and the following week at Katy I-10 with 21 attendees.

We decided to have the Neighborhood Luncheons on the same quarterly basis as our Chapter Meetings at the HESS Club, and expanded the program to include Shenandoah, Bryan, Katy I-10, Missouri City, Pearland, Humble, Katy FM 1093 and Cypress. At Mid-Year, we evaluated our experience at each location and moved from Bryan to College Station and from Pearland to Webster.

The Neighborhood Luncheons have been successful in attracting new members and membership renewals. In August, from letters to new retirees and from the Neighborhood Luncheons, we had thirty-five new members and two returning members.

The numbers from the HESS Club and Neighborhood Luncheons for first 3 quarters follow:

HESS Club Total	161
HESS Club Quarterly Average	54
HESS Max Attendance	59
HESS Min Attendance	48
Neighborhood Total	258
Neighborhood Quarterly Avg.	86
Neighborhood Max Attendance	30
Neighborhood Min Attendance	4
Neighborhood Luncheon Avg.	11

Neighborhood Total Attendance

1. Shenandoah	60
2. Humble	38
3. Katy I-10	36
4. Bryan/College Station	31
5. Missouri City	27
6. Katy FM 1093	27
7. Cypress	20
8. Pearland/Webster	19

From these numbers, I believe we have achieved our goal of enhancing the membership of a significant number of our members. Our plan for

2020 is to expand the program by recruiting former Chevron employees who may not have joined our chapter because they do not want to face the commute into the Galleria traffic or pay the fixed rate for our luncheon at the HESS Club. We will begin recruiting in November by mailing 2800 letters to those leaving Chevron between 1996 and 2018. The MHC members supporting me in this program each week are George Treibel and Evelyn and Mike Kassey with logistical support by Charlie Rhoads. Please consider joining us at one...I believe you will enjoy it.

On another front, 2020 dues are now payable, so your Board of Directors voted to send all members who have not paid their dues for 2020 an invoice. So, like dealing with any other business, our members now have a paper reminder to put in the "bills" stack for payment. Please let us know if this is a good move.

Your current Board of Directors have all agreed to serve another year. We have taken a written ballot vote at our fourth quarter Neighborhood Luncheons, and you will have the opportunity to vote for the board at the December Luncheon.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Glenn Ewan

Treasurer's Corner

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 Budget 2019 Actual		
REVENUE		
Income (dues)	\$6,500	\$5,911
TOTAL REVENUE		
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,950	\$1,611
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$1031
Web Site	\$500	\$715
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PAYPAL Fees	\$200	\$128
Misc. Expenses	\$600	\$610
Special Events	\$0	\$0
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$1600	\$1215
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$400
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$400
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,600	\$6110
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(100)	(\$199)
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
YEAR 2019	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$2,918
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$918

NOTES:

- Over budget due to larger than expected non-renewals from 2018.
- \$2,918 received in donations to Scholarship; \$918 will be carried over for 2020 award.
- PayPal Fees are increasing (but on budget) due to more use of PayPal as was expected.

Membership

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For those of you who 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 138 members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues. I guess they can save the price of a stamp by paying for their 2019 and 2020 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 2020 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 letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. This year we had 89 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 who has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree Chapter will receive their first 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.

Renew today. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez, MHC Membership Committee Chair

December Chapter Meeting Program

Bill Parish 'One Man Band'



Bill began playing the guitar in 1966 at the age of 15. He played lead guitar in a rock band during his High School years and in 1970 he formed his own Country Rock band. In 1971, he recorded a song called "A Woman" that reached number 16 on the charts that year. In 1972 he began touring with his own band, working the night club and Hotel circuits in such places as Las Vegas, New York, Nashville and Alberta Canada. From 1975 through 1986 Bill performed with many notable musicians, among whom are Claude King "Wolverton Mountain", David Houston "Almost Persuaded". He also attended LSU Shreveport completing his BA Degree in 1983. He formed his own band, The Crowdads, which performed as the opening act for Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr., headlined the Louisiana State Fair and Billy Bob's Nightclub in Ft. Worth. In 1986 he played Lead Guitar for Randy Travis and opened for Ray Price. In 1990 he was one of the featured acts on "The Pride of Galveston" which was a Cruise ship that sailed out of Galveston.



During the last 20 years, Bill has performed mainly at night clubs, restaurants, retirement centers and at private functions. Bill plays the electric and acoustic guitar, bass, harmonica, and keyboards. Bill and his wife, Judy, were married in 1983 and now live in Dickinson, Texas.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Joann McCann



Deloris Levert



Charlie Rhoades



John Munday

GRAND PRIZE



Bill Vermilyea





FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

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 celebrate a member's anniversary each December in year five after joining and every five years thereafter. This year's list of recognized members follows. 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.

FIVE YEAR

J. B. "John" Boyd
Lorie Coffelt
Santana Gonzalez, Jr.
John R. Jackson
Mark Koelmel
Steve Lastrapes
Dwayne McClelland
Doug Mohn
Thomas J. Moran, Jr.
Sandra J. Owens
Allan Quiat
Richard D. Roquemore
Stephen P. Seiler
Brian Taylor

TEN YEAR

Harold Ayers
Shannon C. Hodge
Mary L. Kole
John Weiss

FIFTEEN YEAR

John J. Featherer
Tom Piper
Jack F. Redding
Ok-Cha Seo

TWENTY YEAR

William J. Bednar
Virginia Berreth
Max L. Bruce
Ramon Cantu, III
Sandra M. Chastain
Tom Coneybeer
Barrett L. "Barry" Cupples
James R. Emanuel
Arthur G. Fowler, Jr.

TWENTY YEAR (CONT)

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
Carlton Wayne Pachall
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
Walter Viali

TWENTY YEAR (CONT)

Nikolas F. White
Jagjit Yadav
Betty Zimmerman
Charles Zimmerman

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR

Betty J. Bellard
Guy A. Birmingham
Esther Brautigam
Tom Bumpass
Harlin R. Gruetzmacher
Evelyn T. Kasey
Harold C. Kaufman
Burnal R. Kunze
Paul Larson
Janice G. Laurie
Jordan Loftus
Jimmie McCartney
Jerry N. McEachern, Sr.
Thomas J. "Tom" Patterson
Dominic A. Psencik
Rae A. Royle
John C. Strickland
Pat B. Sullivan
Jeanette Whitfield

THIRTY YEAR

Shirald D. Hendrix

THIRTY-FIVE YEAR

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

Scholarship

The Metropolitan Houston Chapter has been recognized by the Chevron Retirees Association for giving out a scholarship. Next year will be the twentieth year that your chapter has given such a college scholarship. The scholarship is completely funded by your voluntary donations and does not come from the dues you pay to be a member. Please consider donating to the scholarship fund with your reservation for our luncheon.

In order to nominate someone for scholarship consideration, you must be a current dues-paying member. Your nominee can be a child, grandchild, or great grandchild who is either natural born, adopted, or a stepchild. Your nominee must be a high school senior graduating in 2020 who has been accepted to an accredited four-year college/university or a two-year community/junior college. Once nominated, a Scholarship Application Package is sent to your nominee with specific instructions and a mandatory deadline of May 1st to complete the submission of all required documents. There have been four nominations received already, so don't wait to submit your eligible nominee. We look forward to getting your nominations for the 2020 Metropolitan Houston Chapter college scholarship.

Check out your Metro Houston Chapter website at <https://cra-metrohouston.org> and select the Scholarship tab to find out more information about our annual scholarship program.

Doug Beatty, Chairperson
MHC Scholarship Committee



Bill Dodge and Charlie Rhoads selling participation in the Chevron Retirees Association to active employees at the annual Chevron Health Fair held on October 9, 2019 at Chevron's downtown Houston office building.



MHC supports the Houston Food Bank with our donations of non-perishable food and paper goods and cash. Because the Food Bank purchases in very large quantities and with significant discounts, we are advised that your \$1 contribution to them provides a full day of meals to a needy neighbor. Therefore, if you are going to purchase items for this purpose, consider donating the money; it purchases a lot more when HFB spends it for you, and it will be used to purchase items HFB needs most. To facilitate monetary donations, we will place a donation jar for the HFB on the registration table.

When you donate \$20 or more at one time, you can double your impact by filing with Chevron HumanKind for matching funds. Their rules require you to validate your donation with either a cancelled check or a receipt. To learn how to submit your cancelled check and more, go to www.chevronretirees.org/ResourcesGroup/ChevronHumankind



IN MEMORIAM



We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals

NORMAN ALLEN	GULF	07/26/18	R	CHARLES JARRELL	TEXACO	09/26/19	R
AARON ALLEN	GULF	09/11/19	R	CHING-NAN KAO	CHEVRON	08/02/19	R
RAYMOND ANDERSON	TEXACO	08/01/19	R	NORMAN KITTRELL	TEXACO	07/31/19	R
DORIS BAKER	GULF	08/02/19	R	PATRICIA KUNTSCHIK	TEXACO	12/16/18	S
YEMIN BAWA	TEXACO	08/30/19	R	PHIL LESTER	GETTY	08/30/19	R
BILLY BEEMAN	TEXACO	07/22/19	R	BRUCE LITHERLAND	TEXACO	07/09/19	R
JACK BENBOW	TEXACO	05/25/19	R	YVONNE MAIDA	GULF	08/05/19	R
GERALDINE BISHOP	TEXACO	09/14/19	S	SAM MATTINA	GULF	07/31/19	R
CELESTE CERNIK	UNOCAL	08/07/19	S	KATHERINE MC LAURIN	TEXACO	07/30/19	S
JO LYNN COATS	GULF	04/14/19	S	LAVERNE MEYER	TEXACO	02/26/06	R
BEVELYN COLLINS	CHEVRON	05/29/19	R	DOROTHY MIRES	CHEVRON	06/12/19	S
BETTIE COPELAND	CHEVRON	07/28/10	S	MARION NEWITT	TEXACO	07/21/19	R
FRANCIS COQUYT	GULF	07/08/19	R	CONNIE OFFUTT	GETTY	08/08/19	S
VIVIAN CREDEUR	CHEVRON	09/09/19	R	GRETA OSTERBACK	TEXACO	07/15/19	S
WINFRED CROMEANS	GULF	08/03/19	R	MICHAEL POWER	GULF	07/13/19	R
KATTY CVITANOVICH	GULF	06/05/19	S	MARY ALICE ROOME	UNOCAL	06/06/17	S
RICHARD CZARNIK	GULF	07/03/19	R	CHARMAINE SCHEETZ	UNOCAL	08/05/19	R
CATHY DEVINE	CHEVRON	07/08/19	R	CHARLES SCHLICHER	TEXACO	08/29/19	R
LONNIE DICKEY	GULF	08/23/19	R	MAX SEARS	TEXACO	06/07/19	R
GERALD EDWARDS	TEXACO	07/02/11	R	JAMES SHARPLEY	GULF	08/01/19	R
MARILYN ELLIS	UNOCAL	07/13/19	S	LESTLE SHOCKLEY	CHEVRON	07/15/19	R
JIMMY EMERSON	GULF	06/24/19	R	RALPH SPLAWSKI	TEXACO	08/18/19	R
EUGENE ERMIS	TEXACO	04/02/19	R	DANA STANDARD	GULF	08/19/19	S
NANCY EVANS	TEXACO	06/22/19	S	DONALD TAYLOR	UNOCAL	05/22/12	R
RONNIE FENLEY	GETTY	06/29/19	R	ARNOLD TEALE	GULF	06/14/19	R
RITA FITCH	TEXACO	08/26/19	R	GEORGE TROSCLAIR	TEXACO	08/29/19	R
WILLIAM FORSCHNER	TEXACO	08/15/19	R	LAWRENCE TURNER	GULF	09/05/19	R
VERNA FOWLER	GULF	07/20/19	R	DEAN WAGNER	TEXACO	09/01/19	R
ROXIE GILMAN	TEXACO	09/14/18	S	MICHAEL WALCAVICH	TEXACO	08/02/19	R
DELORES GORSKI	TEXACO	07/20/19	R	PAULETTE WALLIS	TEXACO	12/01/18	S
HARVEY HARGRAVES	TEXACO	07/30/19	R	MYRTLE WILLIAMS	TEXACO	08/09/19	R
MARGARET HARRIS	CHEVRON	08/03/19	S	JOHN WISNOSKI	TEXACO	08/31/15	R
ELLEN HUNTER	TEXACO	08/10/19	R	JOE WITCHER	TEXACO	03/25/19	R

Note - We are showing the recently deceased as reported quarterly by Chevron to CRA Demographics. The new R/S column indicates that the person was listed as a Retiree or a Survivor in the Chevron records.