

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

Tuesday December 11, 2018

HESS (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 6, 2018. Send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 12, 2019

June 11, 2019

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) *Chicken Roulade, Chicken Breast Stuffed with Feta Cheese and Sautéed Spinach*
- 2) *Blackened Red Fish Fillet with a Creamy Cajun Sauce*
- 3) *Pasta Primavera with Marinara and Basil*

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? A number of our members are taking advantage of prepaying \$20, \$30, and even more when sending 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. But, if you are interested in paying by 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 <http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php>. This link can also be found on our MHC website under the Meetings menu tab.

We have 94 members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. Save the price of a stamp by paying for 2018 and 2019 dues with a single check. Please do that at your earliest convenience. For the rest of us, take a moment and send in your 2019 dues now. Don't forget that we have a credit card payment option now!

Glenn's invitation letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. This year we had 50 new members join MHC. Don't forget to check out Glenn's President's Podium article about our new neighborhood luncheons.

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. Use this first time offer to encourage one or more of your retiree friends who haven't yet joined MHC. Give them the link to our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org to show them the benefits of our chapter. Everyone can find good information on the website.

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 idea or suggestion.

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

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez
MHC Membership Committee Chair



PAY BY CREDIT CARD



The Metro Houston Chapter developed a special function "web site" which facilitates your payment of dues, reserving H.E.S.S. Club luncheon entrees, or making donations to the Scholarship Fund. You access this site through this link [MHC Pay by Credit Card \(http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php\)](http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php)

You need to be a member of MHC and have registered an e-mail address with us in order to use this site. You will enter your e-mail address to validate your membership before entering the site. The navigation is rather intuitive, but if you do encounter any problems, we are here to help. Just call me (Glenn Ewan) at 281-693-5461.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Charlie Specht



John Jackson



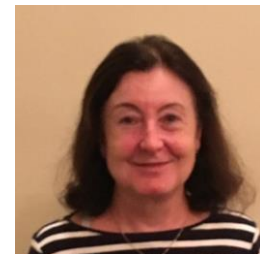
Monte Rogers



Pat Whitnel



Wanda Reves



Betty Zimmerman

GRAND PRIZE \$50



Tomas Rodriguez



THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

NEIGHBORHOOD LUNCHEONS BEGIN

The Neighborhood Luncheon program started with a successful event! We had an MHC luncheon for those living in the Northwest section of our Houston Metroplex at the Spring Creek BarBQue on 2920 near The Woodlands and Spring. It was attended by 11 current MHC members, one visitor who is planning to become a member, and six MHC board members. The total attending including spouses was 25. Those attending were:

Kathleen	Court
Surinder	Dhamija
Michael	Jones
Roderick & Suzanne	Loper
James & Carolyn	Medlin
Robert	Norwood
Edward	Schott
Stephen & Suzanne	Seiler
J.E. & Jean	Siegmund
Pat & Sylvia	Tucker
Brad	Williams
Tom & Kathleen	Gougenheim
BOD Members	
Howard	O'Donnell
Evelyn & Mike	Kassey
George	Treibel
Bill	Dodge
Shirald	Hendrix
Glenn	Ewan

The door prize, a \$25 gift card, was won by Rod Loper (picture will be provided next time!). All of the attendees were very pleased that we came to their neighborhood to have a luncheon and expressed their hopes that we would continue this practice. We plan not only to continue, but to expand our coverage of the Greater Houston Area by having Neighborhood Luncheons at Spring Creek BBQ restaurants as follows:

- IH-10 West (Katy) - November 13
- Hwy 59 South (Sugarland) not scheduled
- IH-45 South (Pearland) not scheduled
- Hwy 59 North (Humble) not scheduled
- Bryan, TX – November 15 C&J BBQ










Initial response to our invitation has been enthusiastic! If one of these locations looks inviting, please let us know which one by emailing activities@cra-metrohouston.org

The Neighborhood Luncheon program is not intended to dilute the attendance at our primary site, the H.E.S.S. Club. It is intended to enrich the membership experience of those who do not feel comfortable attending a function in the Houston Galleria area with all of the traffic there. If you are not comfortable driving to the Galleria, or if you just want an excuse to eat out, please keep watching this quarterly newsletter and your email for an announcement of an event closer to you. Of course, you are most welcome to attend multiple luncheons. We would love to see you more than once a quarter.

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING

It is time for annual election of Chapter Officers and members of the Board of Directors. George Treibel will be leading the effort to bring some new enthusiastic faces to the BOD. We have a full plate for next year and certainly can use some help. Specifically, in the new Neighborhood Luncheon Committee, we need a person in each of the neighborhoods to attend the luncheons, to represent the BOD, and to represent your neighborhood to the BOD. If you are willing to help your chapter meet the challenges of the next few years, please accept the invitation. It is rewarding work! The following have agreed to serve on the BOD for the 2019 term. (As Past-President Bill Dodge automatically continues on the board)

(President's Podium Continued on Page 4)

OFFICERS				
				
Glenn Ewan President	George Treibel Vice-President	Judy Spencer Secretary	Howard O'Donnell Treasurer	Bill Dodge Past-President
MEMBERS AT LARGE				
				
Bill Alvarez	Doug Beatty	Evelyn Kassey	Charlie Rhoads	Jean Silarski

We noticed that the definition of a quorum for Board of Directors meetings was not clearly defined. We propose a change to the constitution as follows:

Current:

Article V - CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 2 - Board of Directors Meetings

- General - The Board of Directors shall meet at dates, times, and places designated by the President.
- Absences - Two absences from Board of Directors meetings by a Director during a term of office without valid reason shall constitute a vacancy in office. Absences must be validated by telephone or written notice to the President, Vice President, or Secretary.
- Open Forum - All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Chapter members.
- Quorum - When ample notice has been given to Directors by the President as to the time and place of a Board of Directors meeting, Directors present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Rules of Order - On all matters not covered by the Chapter Constitution, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, latest revised edition.

Proposed:

Article V - CHAPTER MEETINGS

Section 2 - Board of Directors Meetings

- General - *When ample notice of seven (7) days or more has been given to Directors by the President*, the Board of Directors shall meet at dates, times, and places designated by the President.
- Absences - Two absences from Board of Directors meetings by a Director during a term of office without valid reason shall constitute a vacancy in office. Absences must be validated by telephone or written notice to the President, Vice President, or Secretary.
- Open Forum - All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all Chapter members.
- Quorum - *A quorum shall be calculated by taking sixty percent (60%) of the total number of Board Members and rounding the result to the next higher whole number. (Nine total board members would require six members in attendance to reach a quorum)*
- Rules of Order - On all matters not covered by the Chapter Constitution, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, latest revised edition.

We will vote on both the candidates for the Board of Directors and the Constitution change. If possible, please plan to attend our important December 11 luncheon so you can be a part of these decisions. The results will be reported in the next newsletter.

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

Glenn

Scholarship

In each of the past two years, there have been very competitive races for the Metropolitan Houston Chapter college scholarship. Our active members have nominated some outstanding candidates who in turn have fulfilled the requirements of the application process. Your Scholarship Committee has carefully reviewed all materials submitted and arrived at a decision and awarded the \$2,000 scholarship at our June luncheon meeting.

Next year will be the nineteenth year that your chapter has given 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 making a donation 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 2019 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. We look forward to getting your nominations for the 2019 Metropolitan Houston Chapter college scholarship.

Check out www.cra-metrohouston.org/Qualifications.html to find out more information and the complete requirements for the MHC Scholarship Program on your chapter website.

Doug Beatty, Chairperson
MHC Scholarship Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

2018 Budget 2018 Actual		
REVENUE	\$	\$
Income (dues)	\$6,000	\$6,554
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,800	\$1,983
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$936
Web Site	\$400	\$360
Misc. Expenses	\$500	\$507
Special Events	\$800	\$0
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$800	\$440
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$200
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$400
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,050	\$4,826
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(50)	\$1,728
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
YEAR 2019	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$642
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$(1,358)

NOTES:

- 3rd Qtr had increase in membership renewals
- On Budget; most expenses occur in 4th Qtr.
- **Slightly behind in Scholarship donations;** Note that the Scholarship fund runs from April to April.



December Program

Come and enjoy a relaxing luncheon in the ambiance of a fine supper club. Hayden Braun will entertain us with his rendition of a variety of musical selections while you dine and enjoy the company of your friends.

Hayden Braun



Hayden Braun was born in December of 1966...completely blind. At the age of 4 he heard his 6 year old brother playing "Silent Night" on a little keyboard. Having never been on a piano of any kind...when his brother got up Hayden went to the keyboard and played "Silent Night" as if he had been playing all along. The rest as they say is history! He has a natural God given talent that goes much further than having lost one of his senses. His keen ear affords him perfect pitch, he can play any style of music in any key after hearing the song just one time.

Hayden loves to play his favorites such as "chariots of Fire" and Neil Diamonds "Coming to America" and he loves to learn new instruments. He and his wife Pat picked up a used Accordion at a music store and before they got to the check out stand he was already playing music on it! He has played at several International Conventions and also was the pianist for a Ronald Reagan Prayer Breakfast. Hayden and Pat attend a church in Conroe, Tx. where he shares his musical gift as well with his church family. He has an amazing talent and anyone who is present at one of his "performances" will be amazed as well!

Last Luncheon Highlights

David W. Wade

Harris County Industrial Liaison, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

"Ready for Anything – Your Family, Your Plan, Your Safety"



David Wade is the Harris County, Texas, Industrial Liaison for the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. David retired from Du Pont in 2003 after 25 years in Production and Emergency Response.

David is a 38-year member of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department where he has served as Safety Officer since 1995. He is also active in the Harris County, Gulf Coast, and Tri-Rivers Fire Fighters' Associations. David is a Past President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas (2013), Past Chairman for the Channel Industry Mutual Aid organization (2015), considered the world's largest industrial emergency response mutual aid organization, and is on the Board of Directors for the State of Texas Fire Museum in Beaumont, Texas.

David's full biography and video of his presentation is available on our website.

SEPTEMBER 11 LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

The following table contains the names of those members who made reservations for the luncheon. We do not have an actual attendance list.

(Spouses and Guests are listed after their Member Host, therefore, are not shown in alphabetical order)

(If you had guests who are not listed, we apologize but we failed to capture their names)

Dele Adeniji	Donald Fought	Ginger McKnight	Jean Silarski
Bill Alvarez	Charlie Hancock	Ricky Mercado	Robert Skaggs
Karen Barnett	Shirald Hendrix	Pansy Meyer	Judy Spencer
Doug Beatty	John Jackson	Deborah Moncrief	Betty Spooner
Iris Beatty	Janeen Judah	John Moncrief	Jim Taylor
Esther Bender	Evelyn Kassey	Howard O'Donnell	George Treibel
Truman Childress	Michael Kassey	David Pollock	Bill Vermilyea
Frank Coe	John Kenna	Wanda Reves	Bill Wally
Sean Crowl	Paul Larson	Tomas Rodriguez	Tanya Webb
Scott Darnell	Benigna Leiss	Sid Roe	Thomas White
Bill Dodge	Dollie Levert	Monte Rogers	Pat Whitnel
Linnie Edwards	Fred Levert	Edward Schott	Brad Williams
Glenn Ewan	Sandra Littlefield	Phil Schultz	Betty Zimmerman
Lorraine Ewan	Craig McKnight	David Silarski	Charles Zimmerman
			David Wade



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



Harvey L Barg	Gulf	08/18/18	R	Marietta H Hansen	Gulf	08/25/18	S
Lloyd L Bonin	Texaco	07/06/18	R	Kathryn R Holmes	Gulf	09/15/18	R
R Paul Borchardt	Texaco	07/16/18	R	Thomas N Jones	Gulf	07/30/18	R
Doris L Borgan	Gulf	08/01/18	S	Thomas F Kasper	Texaco	07/11/18	R
Rosemary M Boyd	Texaco	08/22/18	R	E W McCants	Chevron	07/19/18	R
Vivian E Burney	Texaco	07/08/18	R	Ronald A Mikita	Texaco	05/30/18	R
Donald E Campbell	Gulf	07/03/18	R	Hans Juergen Paap	Texaco	07/16/18	R
Juanita Carter	Gulf	08/05/18	R	Neil J Parrott	Gulf	08/09/18	R
Beatrice S Chalupa	Texaco	02/23/18	S	Shirley A Payne	Gulf	08/18/18	S
Marguerite F Chandler	Gulf	04/10/18	R	Elton L Rodgers	Gulf	07/23/18	R
Betty S Cloninger	Texaco	05/28/18	S	Dolores G Terrell	Texaco	07/03/18	R
Susan C Darby	Chevron	07/24/18	S	Virginia H Upchurch	Gulf	05/28/18	S
Michael P Dean	Unocal	08/25/18	R	Jon P Valfre	Texaco	07/20/18	S
Theodore C Doerr	Getty	08/21/18	R	Johnny W Van Etta	Gulf	07/08/18	R
Carol Errington	Texaco	09/12/18	S	Barbara J Welsh	Gulf	07/01/18	R
Paul E Fowler	Getty	07/27/18	R	Billy D Witcher	Texaco	09/02/18	R
Peggy T Futrelle	Gulf	08/07/18	S	Kenneth W York	Gulf	07/17/18	R
Virgil W Gordon	Getty	07/26/18	R	Doris M Young	Unocal	05/27/18	R
Lee R Guillory	Gulf	08/31/18	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.

We owe a big vote of thanks to our 2018 MHC Board of Directors for their dedication and service to our chapter. Most have agreed to continue, some have elected to make significant contributions as committee members.

			
Glenn Ewan, President MHC Communications Chair CRA Demographics & CRA CMAC Chair	George Treibel, Vice President Luncheon Committee Chair	Judy Spencer Secretary	Howard O'Donnell Treasurer Luncheon Committee Site Coordinator
			
Jean Silarski Communications Committee	Shirald Hendrix IH45 North Satellite Luncheon Coordinator MHC Past President	Evelyn Kassey Luncheon Committee Invocation, Pledge, Benediction	Truman Childress Scholarship Committee
			
Bill Alvarez Membership Committee Chair	Doug Beatty Scholarship Committee Chair	Charlie Rhoads Past President, CRA Membership Committee Special Events	Bill Dodge Past President, MHC Door Prize Committee Chair