

# METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

## Chevron Retirees Association

### June Luncheon

**Tuesday June 7, 2016**

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

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

**11:30 a.m. Greetings and lunch**

**12:00 noon Program**

**\$23.00 per person**

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday

June 2, 2016 send them to:

MHC Luncheon Coordinator

11152 Westheimer #729

Houston, TX 77042

**Luncheon Schedule:**

September 13 (Tentative), December 13 (Tentative)

### Entrée Choice

We offer you a choice of entrée for our luncheons. Please indicate yours on page seven when you send in your reservation.

This quarter's luncheon offerings are:

- 1) *Top Sirloin Steak w/ Wild Mushroom Sauce*
- 2) *Baked Tilapia w/ Garlic Butter and Grape Tomatoes*
- 3) *Vegetarian Lasagna*

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

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### The President's Podium

I hope this note finds you all well. At the March luncheon the attendees voted to proceed with the merger of the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston and your Metropolitan Houston Chapter. We are making really good progress on the behind the scenes work on that little job. Bill Alvarez and Fred Levert have worked together to create a single master file of members while Howard O'Donnell and Dennis Huddleston are working on the financial parts. One bit of good news on the financial front is that your dues for 2017 will be reduced to \$10/year. You might ask how we can do that after we just needed to raise them to \$12? Do we know what we are doing? The simple answer is that with the merger of the two chapters, we now have a larger base of members to cover the fixed costs of the chapter. Things like the website, speaker podium

and sound system at the luncheons, and the list goes on. Check the Treasurer's report if you want to get a better idea of where your dues go.

We also voted at the March Luncheon to delay the publication of the MHC Directory until July 1 and to then publish a directory of all members of the newly merged chapter. Look for yours to arrive in mid-July. The updates to the directory are listed at the end of this newsletter.

This next luncheon we will be awarding our annual MHC College Scholarship to a fine young person who is a direct descendent of one of our members. With that in mind, now would be a good time to make a donation to that very worthy part of our chapter and if you have a grandchild or great grandchild who is graduating from high school in

the next few years check out the qualifications for applying by clicking on Scholarship/Qualifications on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) .

I have been reminded that we frequently say “Just tell one of our board members” but we don’t list their contact information in the Newsletter. We now have a table of that information on the first page.

By now you should have received your letter officially announcing the merge of the Texaco Retirees Club of Houston and our Metro Houston Chapter. On the reverse of that letter is a form showing the data we have in our master file for you. Please review that form and return it to us if there are any missing data.

If you have an email address you can create a logon to the online version of the MHC directory. It is updated frequently and will always be your best source of information about members of our chapter. If you need assistance with creating your logon, give me a call and I will talk you through the process.

I hope you have enjoyed Spring, Summer will be upon us momentarily.

*Glenn*

## *Last Meeting Highlights*

### **Robert Frost**

Robert Frost grew up in Houston and graduated from St. John's School. He received his degree from Southern Methodist University. He was a working actor for many years, beginning at the Alley Theatre and later joining The Dallas Theatre Center.

After ranching for seven years, he began a career in commercial and ranch real estate that lasted forty years. Robert has five children, and he and his wife Synda live on their ranch near Simonton. He is a Tejas Vaquero and is actively involved with River Oaks Country Club and the Fort Bend County Museum. He is a proud member of the Speakers Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He gave a very entertaining rendition of the fight for Texas independence from Mexico.

You may view his program on our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) by clicking on the Meeting tab.

## *June Program*

### **Leah Oberlin Director, Environmental Affairs Port of Houston Authority**



Leah Oberlin is the Environmental Affairs Director for the Port of Houston Authority. The Port of Houston Authority (Port Authority) owns, operates and leases the public facilities at the Port of Houston including the general cargo terminals at the Turning Basin, the

Barbours Cut and Bayport container terminals. Ms. Oberlin is responsible for the management of the Port Authority's Water Programs, which include projects associated with storm water, wastewater, potable water, spill prevention control and countermeasures, dredging return water, vessel discharge, petroleum storage tanks, wetlands, NEPA, and soil / ground water remediation requirements, regulations, and permits at Federal, State, and Local levels.

Ms. Oberlin has over 15 years of experience in the environmental field, most recently with HNTB Corporation where she served as the Environmental Planning Department Manager. While at HNTB, she specialized in federal permitting and National Environmental Policy Act projects including the Grand Parkway Segments H&I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the South Padre Island 2<sup>nd</sup> Causeway EIS. Her experience also includes ten years with the Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Section Chief of the Palm Beach Gardens Regulatory office and Supervisory Environmental Engineer, where she supervised and/or prepared multiple large scale NEPA/federal permits associated with mining, dredging, coastal development, beach nourishment, water quality improvement, and other projects.

Ms. Oberlin earned a B.S. in Marine Science from Texas A&M University at Galveston, and has a M.S. in Environmental Engineering and Geological Sciences from the University of Notre Dame.

## Treasurer's Corner

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### 2016 First Qtr. Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$4,500	\$3,982
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$3,982</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$930
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$280
Web Site	\$300	\$102
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$162
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$150
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$500	\$445
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$4,125</b>	<b>\$2,069</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$1,913</b>

<u>SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Beginning Balance	7/1/2015	\$131
Scholarship Donations	4/1/2016	\$1424
General Fund Transfers	4/14/2016	\$445
Scholarship Award	6/7/2016	(\$2000)
Net Balance - Predicted	7/1/2016	<b>\$0</b>

The MHC Scholarship winner for this year has been selected and will be presented at the June luncheon. If you have a grandchild, or great grandchild who you believe may qualify please check out the eligibility requirements at our website [www.cra-metrohouston.org](http://www.cra-metrohouston.org) in the *Scholarship/Qualifications* tab. Since our MHC Scholarship is limited to those applicants that are sponsored by a current dues paying member of the MHC, we must validate the student sponsor before sending a packet. If you are a qualified sponsor, please submit the *Student Nomination and Sponsor Validation Form*, also found on the *Scholarship/Qualifications* tab, to our Scholarship Chairman by either e-mail or postal mail at:

[tgchildress@sbcgobl.net](mailto:tgchildress@sbcgobl.net)

OR

MHC Scholarship Program Coordinator  
7502 Renmark Lane  
Houston, TX 77070

### Items of note:

Each year at the April Board of Directors meeting, the current balance in the Scholarship Fund is presented and, if needed, a motion is made to transfer funds from the General Operating Fund to the Scholarship Fund to ensure a full \$2000 in the Scholarship Fund for the upcoming June award. This year the transfer amount was \$445.

### Newsletter Delivery

If you received your newsletter but not in the manner you wanted to receive it, **MAYBE** it is because you didn't tell us how you wanted to receive it. We are delivering the newsletter using the method you have indicated you want to receive it. To conserve the financial resources of your chapter, newsletter delivery will **default to e-Mail**. Let us know if you want to receive it by postal mail. Just call Glenn Ewan at 281-693-5461 or email us at [Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:Newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org)



Beginning the first of July, MHC will begin supporting the Houston Food Bank with our donations of non-perishable food and paper goods. Because the Food Bank purchases in very large quantities and with significant discounts, we are advised that your \$1 contribution to them purchases \$20 worth of food, therefore, if you are going to purchase items for this purpose consider donating the cash, it purchases a lot more if HFB spends it for you and it will be used to purchase items HFB needs most. To facilitate cash donations we will place a donation jar for the HFB on the registration table. TRCH has made a chapter cash donation each year in December to HFB, this is a practice MHC will adopt with the merger. In addition to donating money, this association will also provide us an opportunity to volunteer at their site and contribute in that manner.

# DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



THOMAS WHITE



PANSY MEYER



WANDA REVES



DONNA FOSTER



FRANK CONNOR



CHARLIE SPECHT



STEVE OHNIMUS

## **\*\*Note\*\***

**We are now collecting birthday and wedding anniversary dates on the Membership Renewal and Luncheon Reservation form, page 7 of this newsletter. Please give us your data when you renew your membership. We will not share it, apart from this newsletter. We will only use it to recognize you in this newsletter when your special days roll around.**

## IN MEMORIAM



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

Frederick J "Fritz" Attermeier	1/26/16	Texaco
John Martin Billings	3/6/16	Gulf
Dorothy Jean Buerger	2/15/16	Texaco
Richard Byrd	4/3/16	Texaco
Michael D. Cochran	3/19/16	Chevron
Eleanor Rice Diaz	1/8/16	
Spouse of Norman A. Diaz		Gulf
Rejane Dufour	4/20/16	
Spouse of Raymond Dufour		Gulf
Thomas Morgan Ellis, Jr	4/10/16	Chevron
Harvey Fitzpatrick	4/12/16	Chevron
Roma Mae Gary	3/4/16	Texaco
Herbert Stanley Groot, Jr	2/10/16	Gulf
Joseph K. Haegelin	2/8/16	Texaco
James L. "Jack" Jones, Jr	3/14/16	Texaco
Charles Londa, Sr	2/17/16	Gulf
Ray G. Martin	3/19/16	Gulf
David Mason	2/18/16	Chevron
Betty Lott Monaghan	2/22/16	Texaco
Gary Lee Petering	3/5/16	Chevron
Victor Ewing Pursch	2/16/16	Gulf
Ray Snokhaus	2/26/16	Gulf
Dan Wallace Spears	4/29/16	Gulf
A. D. White, JR	2/9/16	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 Judy Spencer or email

[newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:newsletter@cra-metrohouston.org) .

## Membership

As Glenn told you in his "The President's Podium" TRCH is merging with MHC and our total membership will grow by about 300 members. Our regular luncheons after the July 1<sup>st</sup> date will now be as large as our December holiday luncheon so come meet some new friends.

Glenn's invitation letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. So far this year we have had 69 new members join MHC. A table showing contact information for these people is at the end of this newsletter. Please welcome them to our chapter.

Please take a moment to let us know what type of events or activities will make your chapter more to your liking. Just email all your ideas to [membership@cra-metrohouston.org](mailto:membership@cra-metrohouston.org) . Thank you.

If you haven't renewed your 2016 membership, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Bill Alvarez,  
MHC Membership Committee Chair

## *Seen at the Last Luncheon*

We thought you might be interested in who attended our March 15th luncheon. An informal list of attendees is below. If you haven't seen some of your MHC friends in a long time, come to the June 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon. You'll likely see them there!

Bill Alvarez	Patsy Liao
Esther Bender	Mildred Lynn
Charles Chambers	Beth McCracken
Truman Childress	Ricky Mercado
Frank Coe	Pansy Meyer
Frank Conner	John Montgomery
Linda Denny	Daisy Ohnimus
Bill Dodge	Steve Ohnimus
Don Edmonston	Wanda Reves
Gail Edmonston	Charlie Rhoads
Glenn Ewan	Jim Ryan
Lorraine Ewan	Nancy Ryan
Buford Foster	David Silarski
Donna Foster	Jean Silarski
Donald Fought	Charlie Specht
Dorothy Greenwood	Judith Spencer
Charlie Hancock	Betty Spooner
Shirald Hendrix	James Stokes
Marti Hewell	George Treibel
Dennis Huddleston	Bill Wally
Larry Huebel	John Weiss
Paul Larson	Thomas White
Fred Levert	
Robert Frost	Entertainment

*Happy*



*Anniversary*

J. B. "John" and LaNette Boyd	04-1947	Alton E. and Hilda Demel	04-1950
Ken and Mary Steinkirchner	04-1952	Milton and Terri Swift	04-1966
Thomas W. and Monica White	04-1967	Jefferson L. and Jane Creek	04-1968
Richard and Patricia Bosley	04-1972	William "Bill" and Christine Clarke	04-1976
James "David" and Debbie Crawford	04-1979	James "Jim" and Patti Sterle	04-1987
Ron and Debbie Perkins	04-1990	John D. and Phyllis Douglas	05-1959
John and Margaret Prindle	05-1959	Larry D and Isabel Littlefield	05-1969
Stephen and Esther Robinson	05-1978	Daniel and Donde Batten	05-1979
Margaret M. and Jorge Santamaria	05-1981	Keith W. and Lee Coleman	05-1982
Kay and Jeff Town	05-1982	Gregory and Karla Vesey	05-1982
Jean and David Silarski	05-1990	Dr. Donald and Gail Edmonston	05-1991
Chuck and Marilyn McCreight	06-1954	John L. and Yvette Quirk	06-1954
James H. and Betty Stokes	06-1955	John A. and Beverly Stueber	06-1957
Tommy and Dana Watkins	06-1957	Mike and Betty Griffin	06-1958
Pat and Ron Woolcock	06-1958	B. B. and Caroline Bryant	06-1962
Truman G. and Linda Childress	06-1963	Edward J. and Linda C. Schneider	06-1963
Glenn and Lorraine Ewan	06-1964	Rudolph M. and Helga McClellan	06-1964
William "Bill" and Terry Rau III	06-1977	Valerie and Richard Allen	06-1979
Marti and Chuck Hewell	06-1984	Ila and Susheem Mehta	06-1984
Jeffrey and Mandy Sunderland	06-1992	Danny W. and Susan Wright	06-1998

**HAPPY**



**BIRTHDAY**

Richard Garcia	04/02	Betty Sydora	04/04	Christine Clarke	04/05
Paul Eymard	04/05	Eva Morgan	04/07	Richard Bosley	04/08
Charles C. "Chuck" Rubins	04/10	Gerard Bertolino Grice	04/11	JoAnn Hatten	04/11
Judy L. Odle	04/14	Gloria Cameron	04/14	James "Jim" Sterle	04/15
Harry Forst	04/16	Judith B. Spencer	04/16	Margaret B. Badeaux	04/19
Judy Conner	04/20	Edward J. Schneider	04/23	Mike Griffin	04/24
Deborah Herod	04/25	Beverly Stueber	04/25	Lee Coleman	04/29
Patricia Bosley	05/05	Jane Tamburro	05/06	Lisa Modlich	05/07
Dawn Alvarez	05/08	Clarice Snokhous	05/08	Robert L. "Ricky" Mercado	05/10
Ruth Forst	05/10	Rose Didier	05/11	Debbie Perkins	05/11
Dolores Yochim	05/11	Cindy Dittrich	05/14	Pat Woolcock	05/16
Carol Cupples	05/17	Susan Wright	05/19	Marcus Pritchard	05/20
Karla Vesey	05/22	Helga McClellan	05/24	Christopher L. Chambers	05/26
Edward Schott	05/26	Gregory Vesey	05/27	Lila Garlin	05/27
B. B. Bryant	05/28	Daniel J. Trosclair	06/01	Dixie Lee Ambrose	06/01
Ken Steinkirchner	06/02	Sandy Hamilton	06/02	James W. "Jim" Braden	06/03
Marti Hewell	06/03	Betty Griffin	06/03	Beth McCracken	06/06
Robert "Skip" Stremmel	06/06	Sue Fitzgerald	06/06	William P. Cameron	06/07
Wanda Reves	06/09	Sandra S. Weber	06/10	Sandra Weber	06/10
James W. Sharpley	06/12	George T. Scott	06/13	Lawanna J. Wells	06/15
Michael W. Campbell	06/16	Larry Sydora	06/16	Rhonda Jay	06/20
Pearl D. Greene	06/22	Harry Opliger	06/22	Joseph Shen	06/23
Truman G. Childress	06/24	Kamal Osman	06/24	Caroline Bryant	06/24
Chuck Michlik	06/25	Karen M. Krauszer	06/26	Joan David	06/27
Roger Cutler	06/28	Maurly Knape	06/29		