METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

December Luncheon

<u>Tuesday December 13, 2016</u> HESS (Houston Engineering & Scientific Society) 5430 Westheimer 10:00 a.m. Social – cash bar available **11:00 a.m. Greetings and lunch**

12:00 noon Program

\$25.00 per person, includes gratuity

Prepaid reservations need to be received by Thursday December 8, 2016, send them to: MHC Luncheon Coordinator 11152 Westheimer #729 Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

March 14, 2017, June 13, 2017

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 offerings are:

- 1) Grilled Flank Steak Topped with Grilled Onions & Peppers
- 2) Seared Fresh Tilapia topped with Shrimp and Cajun Citrus Sauce
- 3) Ricotta Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce

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

December Drogram Scott Graham,

Scott Graham, Houston's Own Piano Man



Scott Graham is a local Houstonian, with over 20 years' experience in the music industry. He is classically trained with a Bachelor of Arts in the Theory of Music Composition and a minor in Piano and French Horn.

Scott has mastered a variety of musical styles including standards, top 40, jazz, new age, classical, world music and piano arrangements of some of the best classics and cover tunes of all time. His repertoire embraces the sounds of yesterday and today, and his infinite, sheetmusic library includes pieces from the 1920s through some of the most popular hit songs available today, everything from Cole Porter to Cold Play.

Dues Time Again

We have three categories of membership dues status. Each member's status is shown on the email message accompanying this newsletter and on page 9 of the printed version. The status indicators are:

- **PAID** Your dues are paid for 2017 or beyond.
- **DUE** Your dues are paid for 2016 but not yet for 2017
- **PAST DUE** Your last dues payment was for the 2015 year. You have not yet paid your 2016 dues.

When we post your dues payment, your status is updated. After posting all dues received before April 1, we clean the membership master files, print and distribute the membership directory.

If your dues are in the **PAID** or **DUE** status you will be listed in the directory.

If your dues are in the **PAST DUE** status you will be removed from the membership roll and you will not be listed in the directory.

Please ensure your dues are up to date NOW!

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The President's Podium

What a great attendance at the September luncheon; we had over 200 smiling faces there! If only we could have that kind of attendance without the threat of changing your Health Insurance! If there is a specific type of program that you would like for your chapter luncheons, please let us know. Our next program is the traditional December music program; bring your spouse and come enjoy good music, good food, and especially good company! With the large crowd, we did not attempt to have a sign-in, so we have published a list of those with luncheon reservations later in this edition. Peruse the list, and you may find a friend you could have seen. In addition to the MHC members and guests shown, we had 12 Unocal friends join us also.

MHC attempted our first shot at Community Service on Saturday, October 8, at the Houston Food Bank. Check out the article in the Membership section of this newsletter.

While you are writing a check for your dues, and hopefully your luncheon, how about adding a little for the MHC Scholarship Fund? With our 800 members, if each of us gives only \$2.50 each year, we would guarantee the continuation of the \$2,000 scholarship. Remember, the recipient of this award is not some stranger; it is one of our own grandchildren or great grandchildren. You may not know the child, but you likely know the sponsoring member. If you are interested, check out the Scholarship article later in this edition for information on who qualifies.

It is also time to elect your officers for next year. I have enjoyed serving this year, and I thank you for the opportunity to do so. On page 3 of this edition, you will see the slate of people who have agreed to run for a position on your board next year. If you would like to nominate anyone for a board or MHC Officer position, please ensure that they are willing to serve before submitting their name.

My Best Wishes for a great Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends, and a Prosperous 2017.

Glenn Ewan

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Did you celebrate your birthday this quarter? We know many of your fellow MHC members did. Find out who by checking the birthday list shown under *Membership* at the website, <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u>.

How about your wedding anniversary? Was it this quarter? If it was, find out who shares your anniversary month by checking the website, <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u>, for anniversaries under *Membership*.

If you haven't submitted your data, please send it in with your luncheon reservation.

<u>Last Luncheon Highlights</u> Chevron Announced: New Claims Administrators for Medical and Dental Plans Bohdan Rohbock – Project Lead U.S. Health and Welfare Benefits Design



Bohdan joined Chevron in 2012 as an intern after having served in various HR positions at various companies. As a certified Senior Human Resources Professional, Bohdan has worked in positions in Upstream, Downstream, Corporate HR, and Corporate Strategic Planning. He provides project

management to the Total Remuneration benefits team and has worked on the U.S. Health and Welfare Benefits Design Project from its early stages.

Bill Wei - Manager WillisTowersWatson OneExchange



Bill joined WillisTowersWatson OneExchange in 2012 as head of our training and development at the Dallas Service Center. As a certified John Maxwell Team speaker, Bill is responsible for providing training and mentoring to all other OneExchange Ambassadors. Prior to coming to

OneExchange, Bill has served in various corporate management positions. Bill provides first in class service as he speaks to retirees all over the United States about retiree healthcare benefits and the individual marketplace

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2017 CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers of the Board				
President	Glenn Ewan			
Vice President	George Treibel			
Secretary	Judith Spencer			
Treasurer	Howard O'Donnell			
Directors at Large				
Charlie Rhoads				
Bill Alvarez				
Truman Childress				
Doug Beatty				
Dennis Huddleston				

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MHC is now supporting 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 cash; it purchases a lot more when 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. Don't forget Chevron Humankind matching if you donate with your check made out to Houston Food Bank in any amount of \$20 or greater. TRCH made a chapter cash donation each year in December to HFB; this is a practice MHC has adopted since 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



VIRGINIA BENFIELD



CENTHA DAVIS



SUSIE PEARSON



SANDRA LITTLEFIELD



BEVERLY BRANCH



LINDA SCHNEIDER

<u> Online Directory</u>

Did you know about the powerful tool that you have access to find fellow retirees within MHC? Just browse on your computer, tablet, or smartphone to MHC's website: <u>www.cra-metrohouston.org</u>. Now find the Directory menu tab and if you point to it you'll see a drop down menu item How To Create Your Logon. Click on it and you'll have all the instructions to get you started. After you register you'll receive an email confirming your registration. If you do not receive this message within an hour, please send us a note to membership@cra-metrohouston.org so we can approve your logon manually.

After the logon information, there are instructions on how to use the directory search. This online directory search contains the most current information from our database. It is updated at least quarterly but often sooner. Let's say you meet someone at a luncheon and you remember his name is Bob or Bill or at least something that starts with "B". You can search the first name with the first character, or the last name with the first character. Of course, the name field searches can be narrowed down by searching by more than one character, "Bo" for example will find Bob but not Bill. What if you think you would like to go to a luncheon but you aren't sure you can drive that day? You can search the directory by your 5 digit zip code and find all the MHC members who live in your area. Be sure to leave the name fields blank for this to work.

MEMBERSHIP

MHC's total membership has just passed the 800 mark. Your MHC annual dues are \$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?

We have 95 members who have not yet paid their 2016 dues. I guess they can save the price of a stamp by paying for their 2016 and 2017 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 2017 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.

Glenn's invitation letter to recent Chevron terminated employees has been very successful. This year we had 139 new members join MHC.

Don't forget to check out the article about MHC's community service project at the Houston Food Bank. 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 .

Last reminder - renew your MHC membership.

Thank you, Bill Alvarez MHC Membership Committee Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

If you have a grandchild, or great grandchild who you believe may qualify, please check out the eligibility requirements at our website <u>www.cra-</u><u>metrohouston.org</u> in the

Scholarship/Qualifications tab. Since our MHC Scholarship is limited to those applicants who 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,

doug_the_elder1@hotmail.com or postal mail at:

MHC Scholarship Program Coordinator 7502 Renmark Lane Houston, TX 77070

Treasurer's Corner

2016 Third Qtr. Financial Statement

<u>2016 I nird Qtr. Financial Statement</u>				
<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>		
Income (dues)	\$4,500	\$5,066		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,500	\$5,066		
EXPENSES				
CRA Dues	\$1,125	\$1,059		
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$857		
Web Site	\$300	\$112		
Misc. Expenses	\$250	\$1,423		
Lapel Pins	\$2,197	\$3,587		
Mail Box	\$0	\$0		
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$450		
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0		
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$500	\$455		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,322	\$7,943		
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,822)	(\$2,877)		
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	DATE			
Beginning Balance	4/1//2016	0		
Scholarship Donations	10/1//2016	\$648		
General Fund Transfers	4/13/2017	0.00		
Scholarship Award	6/7/2017	(\$2000.00)		
Surplus/(Deficit)	10/1/2016	(\$1,352)		

Items of note:

- Merger related expenses were higher than expected
- Purchase of projector was added due to higher rental costs for projector
- Above items are onetime costs and not expected in future years
- Scholarship donations are on-going and expected to increase

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. **Effective January 1**, **2017**, to conserve the financial resources of your chapter, newsletter delivery will <u>default</u> 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 <u>Newsletter@crametrohouston.org</u>.

Community Service Project



We tried our first shot at a community service project at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, October 8. Two of our chapter members, Charlie Hancock and Glenn Ewan, attended and helped pack 6000 Buddy Back Packs. These are bags of food that are given to needy children on Friday so they have solid meals over the weekend. Since each back pack contains 6 meals, we packed 36,000 meals in just over 3 ½ hours. It was very rewarding work. Please give strong consideration to joining us next time if you are physically able to stand continuously for a couple of hours. All you have to do is slide a can of food into a bag and slide that bag to the next person on the line. Hardy souls like Charlie and Glenn will bring the cans to you at your work station.



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



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12/26/12	Unocal
07/06/16	Amoseas
07/08/16	Gulf
08/05/16	Техасо
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06/26/16	Chevron
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September 13 Luncheon Reservations

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

Bill Alvarez Harold Ayers Gary Backens **Doug Beatty** Iris Beatty Virginia Benfield Julie Bonner Sam Bounds **Beverly Branch** John Branch Esther Brautigam Tom Bumpass Ann Butchello Ramon Cantu Ray Casserly **Charles Chambers Christopher Chambers Truman Childress** Rae Chou Jack Christiansen Darlene Christiansen William Clarke **Christine Clarke** Frank Coe Nancy Comardo **Tom Coneybeer** Renee VanBramer Laura Crabtree **Roger Cutler Debbie Cutler** Michael Dach Scott Darnell Centha Davis Eric Brown Tom DeBoise Surinder Dhamija Dale Dickey Martha Dickey Ray Dittmar Bill Dodge Paul Eastaway Don Edmundston Gail Edmundston Dora Elliott Milton Elliott Wilma Elliott

Martii Schrader Pam Hubbard William Erwin Glenn Ewan Lorraine Ewan Barbara Eymard **Buford Foster** Donna Foster Jim Morris Barbara Franklin Dan Gamel David Gardner Simos Georgandis Jim Gerhardt Dale Gibson **Dorothy Greenwood** Charlie Hancock Shirald Hendrix Leona Herron Marti Hewell Shannon Hodge Steppie Holsclaw **Dennis Huddleston** Charlene Huddleston Larry Huebel Jim Hughes John Jackson Bruce Johnson David Kalinowski Evelyn Kassey Michael Kassey Bob Kasuba Harold Kaufman Nancy Kaufman Kristi Keller Howard Kessel Dennis Kuhfal Paul Larson Steve Lastrapes Sandy Lastrapes **Bill Laub** Janice Laurie Linda Lawless Will Lawless Robert Leeper James LeJeune

Jackie LeJeune Sandra Littlefield Carol Litzman Rod Loper Suzanne Loper Brad Mickey Rita Mickey Mildred Lynn Joann McCann Jimmie McCartney Harold McCormick Lance McKenzie lla Mehta Susheem Mehta Dave Melville Lorraine Melville **Ricky Mercado** Gary Meyer Pansy Meyer **Esther Bender** John Montgomery Jean Moritz Lee Noack Karin Noack Judy Odle Howard O'Donnell Gail O'Hare John O'Hare Vera Osborne Laurie Policoff Jeffrey Policoff Francine Putnam Allan Quiat Jean Quiat Jack Redding Pat Redding Sarah Reinemeyer Wanda Reves Charlie Rhoads Diane Rhoads **Tomas Rodriguez** Sid Roe Janice Rogers **Monte Rogers** Mark Rose Rae Rovle

Gregory Rozenfeld Dina Rozenfeld Willy Schmidt Edward Schneider Linda Schneider Phil Schultz Alan Scott Yick Mow Shum Wanda Shum **Robert Skaggs Gregory Slutz** Glenda Smith Harold Smith Joe Smith Jane Smith Phil Smith **Bob Solberg** Sam Snyder Joe Hardwick Charlie Specht Judy Spencer V.W. "Skeet" Sponseller **Betty Spooner** Chuck Edwards Linnie Edwards David Stern **MJ** Stone JC Suman Jeff Sunderland Gary Taylor Jim Taylor George Treibel **Daniel Trosclair** Robin Trosclair **Bill Vermilyea** Walter Viali James Voldan Bill Wally Thomas White Pat Whitnel Ken Williams Theresa Williams Chap Wong Jim Yochim