

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

September Luncheon

Tuesday September 10, 2019

**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 September 5, 2019. Send them to:
MHC Luncheon Coordinator
11152 Westheimer #729
Houston, TX 77042

Luncheon Schedule:

September 10, 2019
December 10, 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 Piccata Topped with Capers and Lemon Butter*
- 2) *Blackened Red Fish Filet with Citrus Butter Sauce*
- 3) *Grilled Vegetable Medley with Tofu*

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

Membership

A big **THANK YOU** to the 549 members who have paid their 2019 dues on time or ahead of time.

Just a reminder to the 160 members who have not paid their 2019 dues: membership renewal is from October 1st of the prior year through March 31st of the dues year (e.g. October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 for dues year 2019). You will be reminded that your 2019 dues are due on the form at the end of this newsletter. **Timely payment of your dues helps your chapter operate smoothly.** Please help us out and pay your dues when they are due.

For any member who wants to end the yearly hassle of paying their \$10 dues, we accept early dues payments. So a check or credit card payment for \$20, \$30, or more will get you ahead of this dues payment problem. Try it, you might like it.

And for all those members who have asked to pay by credit card, please go to our MHC website/Membership/Pay Dues by Credit Card <http://directory.cra-metrohouston.org/Luncheon/Luncheon0.php>

You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this service and there are no fees to you either.

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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

The Silent Auction



2019 MHC Silent Auction Results

For the third year in a row the MHC Silent Auction was held. However, unlike previous years, this year's auction did not prove to be as successful. The number of donated items was much lower, monies received from purchases of donated items were significantly less and member participation was lower. This year there were 12 auction items up for bid compared to 31 last year and 15 the year before. Of these auction items, 6 received bids compared to 20 in 2018 and 4 in 2017. Monies received from winning bidders and other cash donations were donated to the MHC Scholarship Program.

Given the above results, we need feedback from members regarding the Silent Auction. Please respond to the following questions at contact@cra-metrohouston.org

1. **Do you have items to donate at the Silent Auction ? (Yes or No)**
2. Would you be interested in bidding on donated items (Yes or No)
3. Are you interested in having future Silent Auctions ? (Yes or No)
4. If yes to question #3, so, how often would you like the Chapter to conduct a Silent Auction (yearly or every other year)

A special thanks to item donors and congratulations to winning bidders of this year's MHC Silent Auction as shown below: Below are the items, donors, winning bidders, and amounts received from this year's auction.

No.	Item Description	Donor	Winning Bidder	Amount
#1	Gold-Plated Cross Pen & Pencil Set	Shirald Hendrix	Shirald Hendrix	\$20.00
#4	Gulf & Texaco Golf Balls	Bill Dodge	Gary Forstoff	\$5.00
#5	Gulf Gas Station Print	Bill Dodge	Shirald Hendrix	\$10.00
#6	Gulf Oil Coaster	Bill Dodge	Jim Wadowsky	\$10.00
#7	Gulf Oil Annual Report & History	Bill Dodge	Jim Wadowsky	\$10.00
#9	Texaco Pump Phone	Bill Dodge	Centha Davis	\$5.00

Donated items not receiving winning bids will be held for a future auction or donated to the door prize pool. **Bill Dodge, Past President, MHC**



PAY BY CREDIT CARD



The Metro Houston Chapter developed a special function "web site" which facilitates your payment of dues, reserving luncheon entrees, or making donations to the Scholarship Fund. 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 email address with us in order to use this site. You will enter your email 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. Call me (Glenn Ewan) at 281-693-5461.

MHC Member Volunteer Needed to Coordinate with Chevron Houston Boomers Network

An **immediate vacancy** on the MHC Membership Committee is open to a member volunteer to serve as the Chapter Coordinator with the leadership of the Chevron Houston Boomers Network. The main role will be to coordinate with the leadership of the Chevron Houston Boomers Network in the planning and organizing of annual panel discussion events. The next event is planned for **Wednesday, August 21, 2019** and will be held at the Chevron downtown office building. This is an excellent opportunity to *learn this role by assisting the current Chapter Coordinator* in this upcoming event. Interested Chapter members are encouraged to contact Bill Dodge at **832-934-0680** or via email at wndodge@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Treasurer's Corner

2019 Budget 2019 Actual		
REVENUE		
Income (dues)	\$6,500	\$5634
TOTAL REVENUE		
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,950	\$1,611
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$750	\$630
Web Site	\$500	\$135
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PAYPAL Fees	\$200	\$105
Misc. Expenses	\$600	\$225
Special Events	\$0	\$0
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$1600	\$700
Luncheon Entertainment	\$600	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$400
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,600	\$3,806
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(100)	\$1,828
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
YEAR 2019	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Donations	\$,2000	\$2,658
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$658

NOTES:

- Slightly over budget due to larger than expected non-renewals from 2018
- \$2,658 received in donations to Scholarship; \$658 will be carried over for 2020 award.
- PayPal Fees are increasing due to more use of PayPal as was expected and budgeted.

Membership

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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 idea or suggestion that you may have to make our chapter more to your liking. Please email membership@cra-metrohouston.org with your idea or suggestion.

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

Thank you,
Bill Alvarez, MHC Membership Committee Chair



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

September Chapter Meeting Program



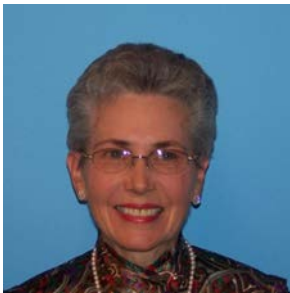
Elizabeth Strauss is Co-owner and founding member of *All Organized*, a company that specializes in helping people bring order to their homes. In many cases this is in preparation for down-sizing. She began her quest to help people “tidy up” when she was in the third grade and that passion for being organized has never faded.

Elizabeth graduated in 2009 with a Bachelors of Science from Sam Houston State University, and is constantly learning and growing in the business/entrepreneur fields of study. She is President of a local BNI (Business Networking International) Chapter that has been very impactful on her business.

When not helping someone get organized, Elizabeth, a National Park enthusiast, enjoys hiking and exploring the different parks with her husband Troy. She also loves every dog.

The life of every party, she truly shines at wedding receptions on the dance floor. Please plan to come and enjoy a program of learning how we might more easily let go of the unneeded items that crept into all of our lives.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Pansy Meyer



Phillip Smith



Hugh Thompson



James LeJeune

GRAND PRIZE



Robert Visser



Scholarship

Your chapter has awarded scholarships to deserving students for 19 years. Nearly \$30,000 has been awarded to the winning candidates during that time period. This scholarship is based upon merit and not financial need. We award this scholarship to the best student who has met all the requirements for the 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.

This year there were three qualified candidates who completed all the requirements. An objective comparison was made of each applicant's GPA, SAT/ACT test scores, and three confidential references. Then the Scholarship Committee reviewed each entrant's essay and rank ordered them to get a final composite analysis and determine the candidate who has been selected to receive our scholarship.

This year's recipient, Maggie Elizabeth Hendrix, has excellent grades and test scores, has played softball for 15 years, started a Club Impact at her school to "make kindness normal", and worked on several projects for underprivileged and special needs kids. She intends to pursue a degree in High School Education with a double minor in Ministry and Coaching at Hardin-Simmons University while playing softball there. Congratulations Maggie!

Doug Beatty
MHC Scholarship Chairperson



The Presidents Podium

We regret that we missed seeing you at the June luncheon, but Lorraine and I were enjoying the wonderful scenery of the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, so our pain of regret was quite short lived! Upon returning, we continued our Neighborhood Luncheon program. We are encouraged by the attendance at these events since we have primarily focused our initial efforts on existing MHC members through email announcements of the next luncheon. Our initial intent has been to enrich the membership of our current members by moving the MHC luncheon to a location much closer to their home. While we average 50 members attending at the traditional HESS luncheons each quarter, we average a total of 80 attending the Neighborhood luncheons during that same quarter. We are accomplishing our initial goal, and will expand our efforts into recruiting by inviting non-MHC Chevron retirees next year. These luncheons are a good opportunity to see old friends; come join us at the location nearest your home! Currently the schedule for the 4th quarter luncheons is:

Luncheon	Luncheon Date	Place	Attendance	
Shenandoah	Tuesday October 1, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 19099 IH-45 North - Shenandoah, TX 77385	60	Total for 3 dates this year
College Station	Tuesday October 8, 2019	Fuddruckers 1704 George Bush Dr. E - College Station, TX 77840	31	
Katy	Tuesday October 15, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 2000 Katy Freeway - Katy, TX 77449	36	
Missouri City	Tuesday October 22, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 4895 State Highway 6 - Missouri City, TX 77459	27	
Webster	Tuesday October 29, 2019	Rudy's Country Store & BBQ 21364 Gulf Freeway - Webster, TX 77601	20	
Humble	Tuesday November 5, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 5613 East FM 1960 - Humble, TX 77346	22	Total for 2 dates this year
Cinco Ranch	Tuesday November 12, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 26802 FM 1093 - Katy, TX 77494	17	
Cypress	Tuesday November 19, 2019	Spring Creek Barbeque 25831 Northwest Freeway - Cypress, TX 77429	15	

The directors who are dedicated to making this initiative work are: George Treibel, Evelyn Kassey and her husband Mike, and my wife Lorraine and me. Those directors who have attended as available are Bill Dodge and Howard O'Donnell, and committee members Charlie Rhoads and Charlie Hancock.

If you have not paid your 2019 dues, as shown by '**YOUR DUES ARE DUE**' on your newsletter email or print last page, please do so as soon as possible. If it is more convenient, you can pay by credit card by using the link on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org under the *Meeting* tab.

We will have MHC officer elections during the fourth quarter. If you are willing to serve the chapter on the Board of Directors, please tell George Treibel; also, please submit any candidate for the Board of Directors to him. Since we have more members attending the Neighborhood luncheons, we will create a paper ballot and begin voting at the October 1 luncheon and finish with the HESS luncheon on December 10.

School is starting...WATCH FOR SCHOOL ZONES!! They contain little children, speed zones, and 'no cell phone' zones!

Glenn Ewan,
President MHC



IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



Inez Campbell	TEXACO	06/24/19	R	Irene Mazurkiewicz	GULF	02/11/19	S
Joyce P Carson	TEXACO	04/20/19	S	Naomi Meador	TEXACO	04/11/19	S
Walter Doelling	GULF	04/26/19	R	Tich Pham	TEXACO	03/26/19	R
Carolyn Edwards	TEXACO	11/20/18	S	Lillie Polansky	TEXACO	02/18/19	R
William Fiffick	GULF	02/25/19	R	James Richardson	TEXACO	08/24/18	S
Martha Fluker	GULF	05/23/19	S	Wayland Savre	GULF	04/09/19	R
Bobby Hickman	TEXACO	03/09/19	R	Linda Seiling	GULF	09/08/18	S
Marlene Hubbard	GULF	05/18/19	S	Bobby Seltz	GULF	06/01/19	R
Louise Hudson	GETTY	04/16/19	R	James Shy	TEXACO	01/25/19	R
Margueritte Hunt	GETTY	01/03/19	R	Lyle Simpton	TEXACO	03/28/19	R
Robert Jack	TEXACO	06/28/19	R	Delma Thomas	TEXACO	04/19/19	R
Bobbie Knight	TEXACO	02/28/19	S	George Turner	TEXACO	05/14/19	R
William Laub	TEXACO	03/16/19	R	Rudolf Wendt	GULF	12/11/11	S

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.

I received a report of a member not receiving their replacement Chevron credit card and their old card had expired. Check yours, if it is about to expire and you did not receive a replacement, call Chevron and report it. They will send you a new one.

CHEVRON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

2019

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2019 Membership Directory was mailed the 11th of April. If you did not receive your copy, please let us know and we will get you a copy.



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June 17, 2019

Mr. Howard O'Donnell
CRA Metro Houston Chapter
11152 Westheimer Rd, Ste 729
Houston, TX 77042

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

First, let me just say, thank you! CRA Metro Houston Chapter's recent donation of \$456.00 in support of the Houston Food Bank means that you understand just how important it is for everyone to have reliable access to healthy food.

Right now, your generous donation is helping children like Julian, a fourth grader who relies on Houston Food Bank's summer feeding program for regular meals. Summer is his favorite time of year, but he is anxious about having enough food over the next few months. He is thankful for the nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks he receives from Houston Food Bank at the apartment complex where he lives. "At school, I'm able to eat every day, but during summer there is less food. Now I have meals when I'm hungry."

Donors like you help ensure that your neighbors in need can receive the food they need throughout the summer. On behalf of the staff of Houston Food Bank, our Board of Directors, and hundreds of children like Julian, thank you for your willingness to share your resources with those in need.

With gratitude,

Brian Greene
President & CEO

The Houston Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) organization, eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation. Please keep this letter as your receipt.

*Howard,
Thank you so much for
your ongoing support!
- Lorena*

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

To protect the privacy of our members, we do not publish updates in the website version of the Messenger. If you are a member and have created a login, the online directory is up to date with all changes.