

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association


There will not be any luncheons again this quarter!

Postal Recipients of this Newsletter

If you have received this Newsletter via USPS that may be because that is what you have told us and that is fine. If you have given us your email address you can help us to reduce expenses by choosing EMAIL instead of POSTAL. If you haven't given us your email address, please do. MHC sends numerous communications throughout the year to our membership email list, especially invitations to CRA and MHC Zoom meetings. It's easy to make changes to your member information just fill out the "New Member Form" (it's used for changes in information also). You can find it on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org in the dropdown menu for Membership – click on Join or click this link [MHC Member Form](#). Help us help you by being part of EMAIL communications community. Do it today.

President's Podium

Last December we elected the Board of Directors for 2021. The people elected to serve are:

				
Glenn Ewan President	George Treibel Vice President	Judith Spencer Secretary	Howard O'Donnell Treasurer	Bill Alvarez Director at Large Membership
				
John Montgomery Director at Large Scholarship	Evelyn Kasey Director at Large Neighborhood Pgm.	Jean Silarski Director at Large Newsletter Editor	Bill Dodge Ex Officio Member Immed. Past Pres.	Charlie Rhoads Ex Officio Member CRA Past Pres.

We are planning to have a Zoom meeting on March 9 at 11:00. Our own Bill Dodge who is also the CRA Benefits Committee Chair will present the program. Details of his program are shown later in this edition. Please attend.

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. If you have not yet renewed your membership, PLEASE DO SO, WE NEED YOU.

We anticipate the resumption of our luncheon programs as soon as it is prudent for a group of us to gather around a table and enjoy the fellowship of 'old' friends. Stay tuned, but above all stay healthy. We will all get through this long period of isolation and emerge stronger and eager for a little fellowship. We were hoping for the 2nd quarter but the outlook for that is looking dim. If most of the people can be vaccinated by the end of June, maybe we can get back on track in July. Say a prayer with us that all remain healthy and that we can resume fellowship soon.

Glenn Ewan

Join Us for the March 9th Zoom Meeting!



Bill Dodge

Program topic is **Your CRA Benefits Committee at Work for You** presented by Bill Dodge, who will provide information about the CRA Benefits Committee - its membership, goals and objectives and accomplishments. Additionally, he will be touching on specific CRA benefit programs offered exclusively to CRA members. Finally, he will provide highlights of trends observed during recent Open Enrollment periods. As time permits, there will be a Q&A session following the presentation.

Bill retired from Chevron after 24 years of service in Human Resources with both Gulf Oil and Chevron. Following retirement from Chevron in June 2000, Bill continued to work in Human Resources within various organizations including the Farm Credit Bank in Austin, the University of Texas at Austin and Scientific Drilling International in Houston. Bill officially retired in 2015 to improve his golf game and currently resides in Magnolia, Texas.

Throughout his career in HR, Bill has had a keen interest in the Benefits area. He is certified as a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) and maintains membership in the International Society of Certified Employee Benefits Specialists (ISCEBS). His CRA background includes serving as a former President of both the Metropolitan Houston and Hill County Chapters of the South Texas Area as well as serving as a member of the CRA Benefits Committee for several years. Effective January 1, 2019, Bill was appointed Chair, CRA Benefits Committee. Bill's contact information is provided on the CRA website under the Benefits menu in the Benefits Guide.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Since this was a ZOOM meeting, we do not have photographs of the Door Prize winners. The following members were winners:

Gautam Adhia
Robert Skaggs
Jim Robertson
R Scott McCay
Farrukh Ahmad

Each winner received a \$25 Chevron Gift Card.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

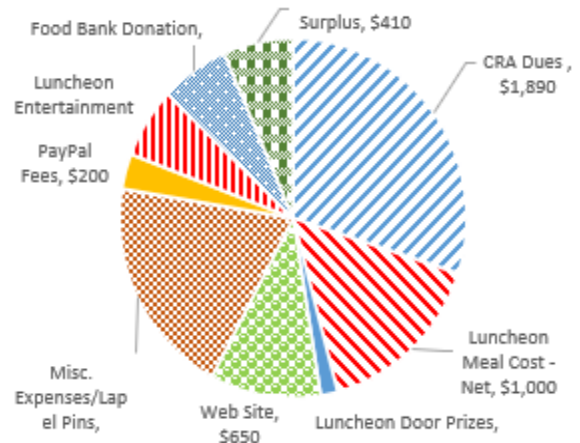
2020 Final Financial Statement

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$6,000	\$6,590
TOTAL REVENUE		
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,800	\$1,842
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$1,150	\$362
Web Site	\$400	\$1,906
Misc. Expenses	\$600	\$535
PayPal Fees	\$200	\$146
Mail Box	\$540	\$540
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$600	\$205
Luncheon Entertainment	\$400	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$430
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$6,090	\$5,966
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$624
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$150.50
Scholarship Donations	\$2000	\$1,955
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2000	\$2000
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$105.50

2021 Budget 2021 Actual

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>
Income (dues)	\$6,300	\$
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	\$
EXPENSES		
CRA Dues	\$1,890	\$0
Luncheon Meal Cost - Net	\$1000	\$0
Web Site	\$650	\$0
Misc. Expenses/Lapel Pins	\$1250	\$0
PayPal Fees	\$200	\$0
Mail Box	\$0	\$0
Luncheon Door Prizes	\$100	\$0
Luncheon Entertainment	\$400	\$0
Food Bank Donation	\$400	\$0
Scholarship Fund Transfer	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$5890	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$410	\$
SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
Beginning Balance	\$	\$105.50
Scholarship Donations	\$2,000	\$1,972.50
General Fund Transfers	\$0	\$0
Scholarship Award	\$2,000	\$2,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$(28)

2021 Budget (Where does my \$10 go)



TREASURER'S COMMENTS

1. **2020** was under budget by \$624; this was due to cancelling 3 lunches and a larger than expected number of renewals.
2. Scholarship was fully funded by your generous donations! If this continues (and we believe it will) then the possibility of awarding multiple scholarships is becoming a real possibility!
3. **2021** has received over 50% renewals, well short of our 2021 goal. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED, PLEASE DO SO!**
4. **2020** Scholarship is on track to meet our \$2000 donation goal. Please consider donating to keep the scholarship program alive and growing!

WITHOUT ADEQUATE DUES, SOME MHC SERVICES WOULD BE ELIMINATED.

**TO THOSE THAT RENEWED – THANK YOU!
TO THOSE THAT HAVE NOT – PLEASE RENEW!**

THE RETIREE ASSOC. IS THE ONLY SOURCE YOU HAVE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CHEVRON BENEFITS AND FOR HELP WITH ANY PROBLEMS.

The Scholarship program is supported by your voluntary donations. Without luncheon reservations to remind us to give, the program is running behind previous years.

Please consider sending in a donation today.

You may do so online by credit card. Just look in the drop-down menu for Scholarship on our website www.cra-metrohouston.org

Of course, we will be happy to receive your check, please make sure you indicate it is for Scholarship.

Scholarship Committee

To date for 2021 the MHC Scholarship Committee has received a total of three (3) nominations for our \$2,000 scholarship.

Additionally, the Scholarship Committee has finalized several changes to the existing Qualifications for the MHC Scholarship. The changes are being made to address issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some colleges and universities have reacted to the COVID-19 pandemic by making ACT and/or SAT scores optional for their 2021 admission process. Additionally, students who plan to take the ACT and/or SAT will find reduced testing facility capacities and testing locations which may impact their ability to schedule a test. The Scholarship Committee has agreed to include the optional use of a student's PSAT (Practice SAT) test scores since all students are required to take the PSAT in 11th grade at their respective schools; i.e., the PSAT scores can be utilized even if the student is unable to take the ACT and/or SAT test due to COVID-19 constraints.

Since the PSAT is a practice test where students may not have performed at their highest level the Scholarship Committee has also agreed to slightly reduce the acceptable PSAT scoring threshold as compared to the SAT test. A PSAT score of 1110 or higher will now be acceptable as a Qualification.

In order to keep the ACT and SAT scoring thresholds current with Princeton Review published standards the Scholarship Committee has also agreed to reduce the existing Qualification for an ACT score of 25 or higher to a new score of 23 or higher.

The last change approved by the Scholarship Committee is to provide some additional time for students to submit their completed Scholarship Application Package. The old documentation submittal deadline of May 1 has been changed to June 1.

John Montgomery
Scholarship Committee Chair

Membership

It seems that the word is out. A number of you are now making your MHC payments with credits cards using our website, www.cra-metrohouston.org

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

Just a reminder to the 402 members that have paid 2020 dues but not yet paid your 2021 dues: membership renewal is from October 1st of the prior year through March 31st of the dues year (e.g. October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 for dues year 2021). You will see your 2021 dues status either on the email note that came with this newsletter or, if you receive your newsletter by postal mail, 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.

MHC has a “current year free” for first time members. Any retiree of Chevron or one of its merged companies that has not been a member of any other Chevron Retiree Chapter will receive their current year’s MHC membership for free. You may want to use this first time offer to entice one or more of your retiree friends that 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.

If you haven’t tried one of the CRA or MHC invitations to join in on a Zoom meeting you might want to check it out. You might see a familiar face of a long time Chevron retiree friend. Plus the presentations are informative. Check your email for the next Zoom invitation.

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



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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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

We have several pages of updates since the last newsletter, but we will be printing and distributing the new directory very soon. To conserve space and the cost of producing the newsletter, we ask you to be patient. The new directory will contain all of our members effective April 1.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals



ROSALVA A AULENBACHER	CHEVRON	S	CHARLES T MORGAN	CHEVRON	R
OWEN L AYRES	TEXACO	R	G D MURPHY	CHEVRON	R
JOHN W BALZER	GULF	R	JAMES A NEWITT	CHEVRON	S
EDWIN ROSCO BEEKER	TEXACO	R	MONROE NICHOLS	CHEVRON	R
DENZEL R BRANSTETTER	TEXACO	R	JOHN E PINEGAR	TEXACO	R
JAMES O BYRD	TEXACO	R	DOMINIC A PSENCIK	TEXACO	R
SALVATORE P CARBONARO	CHEVRON	R	ANDREW M QUINN	CHEVRON	R
CRAIG L COPELAND	CHEVRON	R	WAYNE A RICHMOND	TEXACO	R
EARL L DOWTY	CHEVRON	R	EARL L ROWLAND	CHEVRON	R
DENIS R DSOUZA	CHEVRON	R	JACK A SANDEL	TEXACO	R
ELSIE L DUSEK	TEXACO	R	MYRTLE L SCHRAEDER	CHEVRON	R
ZEPHA J FERGUSON	CHEVRON	R	KENT A SHORES	TEXACO	R
JOSEPH A FINK	CHEVRON	R	MERLE H SORRELL	GULF	R
JOHN F FOSTER	TEXACO	R	MARY J STOCKTON	TEXACO	R
DON V HESTER	TEXACO	R	BARBARA L THOMAS	GULF	R
THOMAS L HILL	TEXACO	R	NORMAN F TVRDY	TEXACO	R
DOROTHY HOLLAND	CHEVRON	S	WALTER M VILLARS	TEXACO	R
J R LIGON	GULF	R	BETTY WESTBROOK	TEXACO	S
ECTOR D LIVELY	TEXACO	R	WALTER W WHITAKER	GULF	R
JO M LOVE	TEXACO	R	HERMINIA M WILLIAMS	CHEVRON	R
KATHLEEN N MOQUIN	TEXACO	R	ANITA E WINGER	TEXACO	S