

HILL COUNTRY NEWS

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CHEVRON RETIREES ASSOCIATION HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER

Your Board met November 2, 2010 to plan our Chapter activities for 2011 and to discuss important issues facing our club.

Central to our discussion was the selection of Board members for the 2-year term beginning January 1, 2011. This past fall, we made an important plea to members requesting volunteers for our Board which met with very little success. One member, Ed Bane, volunteered his service, and the existing Board members agreed to continue on for one more term. This slate of nominations was presented at the December 8th Christmas luncheon and was unanimously elected. In October, we prepared and sent out a solicitation package to 129 area retirees with the result of adding nine new members.

Luncheon locations, speakers and costs were discussed and selected. We decided to return to three restaurants where we previously experienced excellent service and good attendance. Board member John Tyler has already lined up two outstanding speakers for our first two luncheons.

SPRING 2011 MEETING: We are going to return to the Rails restaurant in Kerrville where, last June, we had a great buffet and fine turnout of members from our western coverage area. The date for this meeting is March 16th, and we have arranged for an outstanding speaker, U.S. Navy Commander David Bailey. While a faculty member at the Naval Academy, Bailey developed the Greystone Preparatory School program located at Schreiner University, which prepares students to attend one of our Military Academies. Since many of our western area members were unable to make our Christmas function in Austin, we plan to have a good number of door prizes for those attending the spring function.

SUMMER 2011 MEETING: We are in the process of firming up a date in early June at the Gruene River Grill in the New Braunfels area right off interstate 35. This restaurant is located on the Guadalupe River in the historic town of Gruene, with many interesting shops and historical places. For this luncheon, Colonel Pat Hamilton will speak to us sharing many photos from his fifteen month tour of duty in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This presentation is not to be missed.

FALL 2011 MEETING: We are again looking at Mandolas restaurant and winery outside of Austin near Driftwood. We had an outstanding family style luncheon there on September 17, 2009, with most everyone saying, "Lets go back to Mandolas." We are hoping to obtain a special Chevron executive speaker for this luncheon. Our projected timing is the second week in September.

CHRISTMAS 2011 LUNCHEON: We plan to return to the Austin area Onion Creek Club for our Christmas luncheon in early December. As always, this venue provides us a beautifully decorated room and delicious entrees for a great Christmas event.

THANK YOU: Thank you for sending in your dues for 2011. It is our goal to provide you with all the information we receive from Chevron and great venues for our lunches with exciting speakers.

REMINDER: Just a reminder that 2011 dues are due by January 31. Your membership is the life blood of our CRA organization and keeps Chevron Corporation supporting our retirees. If dues are not received by January 31 , we will unfortunately have to remove your name from the chapter's roster and cease sending email communications concerning club events and Chevron information. If you have any questions about your membership, you can email us at hcretirees@gmail.com.

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