

# MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



March 2006

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas>



## 2006 Tech Golf Survey

The club is considering holding a golf outing in the fall of 2006. The principal purpose is for alums who golf to have fun together; however, any profits would be devoted to one of the MIT Club's local initiatives in support of science education. In order to gauge possible interest in such an event, it will be appreciated if you would take a couple of minutes and answer the following questions.

Please print out the survey and fax to Greg Turner

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/doc/A/TechGolf2006Survey.pdf>

To take the online survey, please email the [webmaster](#) with your name and graduation year. Please put "TechGolf" in the subject line.

Survey ends April 24, 2006.

- Greg Turner

## MIT @ Home - 4: Networking & Fuel Cells

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

RSVP before April 20

Cocktails-Social Hour 5:30pm

Presentations 6:30pm

Dinner after Presentations

University of Houston-Hilton

4800 Calhoun Street

(713) 741-2500

Check the website for a map

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/doc/A/UHHiltonMap.htm>

In our fourth seminar presentation we will explore two diverse topics with presentations from local MIT alumni speakers.

**Sundaram "Sundy" Srinivasan (Sloan 2001)** will discuss the who, what, when, where, why and how of networking? (and no!, this is NOT about computers!) Networking is oft discussed in business schools and even advertised with aplomb in many business meetings. This talk is an attempt to present a totally different perspective on this activity. Networking, when done right, can not only be extremely positive but also very fulfilling and rewarding to the individual.

**Alan Cisar (Course V 1973)** will tell us about fuel cells. Fuel cells have been around for 160 years. They've been used in vehicles for 50 years and in space for over 40 years. Soon fuel

cells will be coming to everyday devices. After a brief description of how fuel cells work a number of promising applications in aircraft and portable power will be described. The range of applications is wide, but fuel cell powered cars are not part of it. (Although they have gotten a lot of publicity, they are not the closest applications to market!)

Join us for this exciting program on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at the University of Houston Hilton. The program starts with a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 (cash bar). The presentations will start at 6:30, with dinner and discussions to follow.

Please RSVP via [SmartTrans™](#)  
<https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=5362&groupID=151>  
before 11 pm CT, April 19<sup>th</sup>

or via US mail coupon on page 3 before April 20

- Alan Cisar

## April Dining Club – LemonGrass Café

Saturday, April 29, 2006

6:30pm

LemonGrass Café

5109 Bellaire Blvd

(at Bellaire & S. Rice Ave)

Bellaire, TX

713-664 6698

[www.lemongrass-cafe.com](http://www.lemongrass-cafe.com)

[Click here for a map](#)

**\$37.00 per person, payable in advance via**

[SmarTrans™](#)

**Price includes 4 course dinner, tax and tip.**

**RSVP deadline is 11pm CT, April 26, via**

[SmarTrans™](#)

<https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/Register.dyn?eventID=5363&groupID=151>

Our next International Dining Club event will be held Saturday evening on April 29, at the LemonGrass Café. Yes!, this is the place where we had the 2005 MIT Holiday Party and those of you who were able to attend will recall that the food was wonderful. And for those people who missed the Holiday Party, this is another chance to experience this widely-praised new Asian restaurant in Houston! For this dining event, we will have a 4-course dinner menu: Clam Chowder Soup, Spicy Caesar Salad, Braised Korean Style Short Ribs, and their famous White Chocolate-Green Tea-Cheese Cake for dessert. The price will be \$37.00 per person,

which includes tax and gratuity, payable on [SmarTrans™](#). Water and iced tea will be complimentary, other drinks will be extra.

Arrive at 6pm and join us for a pre-dinner happy hour.

The event is limited to 20 people, so please RSVP via [SmarTrans™](#) by 11pm CT, April 26, 2006.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Contact Yong Chen

- *Yong Chen*

## Annual Board Elections

2006 MIT Club of South Texas Board Elections will take place at the May 2, 2006 monthly meeting: 7pm. Alumni interested in volunteering in Club activities should contact David Johnston [stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu](mailto:stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu)

## 2005-2006 Board of Directors

The MIT Club of South Texas is proud to announce the 2005-2006 Board of Directors:

**President** - Dave Johnston

**President-Elect** – Eric Chan

**Past-President** - Anwer Hussain

**VP-Communications/Webmaster** - Stacey Nakamura

**VP-Membership** - Ramón San Pedro

**VP-Programs** – Tarik Ward

**VP Young Alumni Relations** – Anthony Thomas

**VP Community Service** - Raul Valdez

**Secretary/Historian** - Arno Bommer

**Treasurer** - Steve Murdoch

**Enterprise Forum Liaison** - Kathie Nordt

**Education Council Chair** - Ed Rinehart

**Directors** - Alex Cheng, Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Al Cisar, Ben Fang, Sharon Israel

**MIT Parents Association Liaison** - Solie Balogh, Dawne Meijer

Anyone interested is welcome at the monthly board meetings, generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dave Johnston

## Dues Paid Members for 2006 (as of March 26, 2006)

The MIT Club of South Texas expresses its thanks for your continued support of the Club !

### Benefactor

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Johnston, David  
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Valdez, Raul  
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### Regular

Adewuya, Adenike  
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Corwin, John  
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Farah, Ali M  
Goepfert, George

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Goodwill, David  
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Heger, Wendy  
Hsu, Jean  
Idleburg, Carol  
Jarchow, Craig  
Jester III, Lewis  
Kowalishin, Roberta  
Koch, Stephen  
Lantner, Gary  
Lantner, Janet  
Little, Willard  
Liu, Roy  
Liu, Yvonne  
Medina, Chris  
Melroy, Pam  
Merz, Shane  
Meyers, M. Douglas  
Mkandawire, Suzie  
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Norvik, Johan  
Patten, Richard  
Peaceman, Donald  
Policastro, Peter  
Price, Cordelia  
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Stover, Roger  
Sullivan, John  
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Tesciuba, Michele  
Tomlinson, Peter

Torres-MacDonald,  
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Truong, Trang  
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Vargas, Herman  
Victorio, Tom  
Vrolijk, Peter  
Wagner, Jeanette  
Wang, Dean  
White, R. Winslow  
Wolpert, Michelle  
Zarcaro, John

### Recent Graduates

Fantozzi, Esme  
Fox, Matthew  
Hiers, Todd  
Jackson, Benjamin  
Jorgensen, James  
Kane, Jonathan  
Laguna-Aponte, David  
Liu, Song  
Maguire, Karla  
Metzger, Brianne  
Riddick, Dwan  
Thomas, Anthony  
Ward, Tarik

### Parents - Sustaining

### Parents - Patron

### Parents - Regular

Browne, Hamilton & Bobbie  
Herder, Charlie  
Ray, Doug and Jana  
Dang, Truong and Loann

	Dinner and Presentation	Presentation Only
2006 Dues-Paid Members & Guests	_____ @ \$30.00 / person	_____ @ \$8.00 / person
Non-Member	_____ @ \$38.00 / person	_____ @ \$13.00 / person

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas**, and return to:

**Alan Cisar**  
**15603 Juniper Hollow Way**  
**Cypress, Texas 77433**

**Sign up now for 2006 Membership !**

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2006**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class & Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Announcement Service** – In addition to our regular monthly **Newsletter**, Please specify your preferred contact method for **special members-only events** and **event reminders**. (Your use of Email helps the Club control operating costs – Your Email address will be held confidential):

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_  US Postal Service  
 FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle preferred fax receive times: Day Evening Overnight No Preference

Benefactor, \$200+  Sustaining, \$100+  Patron, \$50+  Regular, \$25  Recent Grad ('01-'06), \$5  
 Parent (per household), \$25  
 Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas** and return to:  
**Ramón San Pedro**  
**8503 Stone Village Lane**  
**Houston, TX 77040**

**Paying for BOTH your 2006 Dues AND MIT@Home Tickets? Please send both coupons to Alan Cisar**

**Questionnaire – Please Complete And Return With Any Coupon**

	March 2 Happy Hour At The Ginger Man	March 5 Brunch at Mi Luna	March 7 Prof. Gates @ UHCLC	April 1 Houston Aeros Hockey
<b>I Attended</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you attended, rate event from 5 (very satisfied) to 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
<b>I Did Not Attend</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you did not attend, please indicate reason:	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Event did not interest me	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Interested but had previous commitment	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Did not know about event	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Did not find out about event in time	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Other (please state below)				

I prefer to receive Club information (circle all that apply): Email Newsletter Postcard Website

Other comments (also please include any ideas for future Club events and/or if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and manage events):

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 25 – MIT@Home 4**

**April 29 – Dining Club – LemonGrass Café**

**May 10 – Save The Date: MIT Prof. Klopfer**

**"Simulations, Games and  
Learning in the Next Generation"**

Save The Date: May 10, 2006

The presentation will be by MIT Prof. Eric Klopfer, Urban Studies and Planning. More importantly, Prof. Klopfer is Director of the Teacher Education Program at MIT and co-founder of MIT's K-12 outreach program. Prof. Klopfer will be visiting the Spring Branch School District in Houston to discuss the use of computer simulation in science education and has graciously agreed to speak to our club.

The use of computer simulations is changing the very nature of scientific investigation and providing unique insights into the way the world works. We can now experiment in a virtual world of complex, dynamic systems in a way that was impossible just years ago. While contact with such simulations is typically limited to the scientific community, their "edutainment" counterparts, found in the form of computer games/simulations, have become integral parts to the lives of millions of people. The MIT Teacher Education Program's research agenda has sought to design, create and study new tools that help educators harness the power of computer simulations and games. This talk will explore several new projects exploring the use of computer simulations and games on desktop computers and mobile devices, including tools for helping students and teachers create their own games/simulations and new technologies that turn the real world into pervasive "augmented reality" learning games.

- *Dave Johnston*