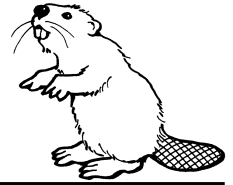


MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



December 2006

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



Save The Date ! Thursday, March 8, 2007 Club of South Texas 80th Anniversary Gala

An Evening with Susan Hockfield
President and Professor of Neuroscience
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2006 marks the 80th anniversary of the MIT alumni club in the Houston area and we're planning to celebrate! We are pleased to announce that MIT President Susan Hockfield will be our guest of honor. **Invitations will be mailed to you in mid January, 2007 – we have arranged for a very special venue, so stay tuned for details !**

- Marilyn Taggi Cisar

Club of South Texas Annual Holiday Party Sunday, December 10, 2006

4:00pm - 6:00pm

*Please RSVP by December 5, 11pm CST, via [SmarTrans™](http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas)
To access [SmarTrans™](http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas), see this event on our website
<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas>
Or by Dec 6 to Raul Valdez

We are pleased to announce the 2006 MIT Club of South Texas Holiday Party will be held at Lemongrass Café in Bellaire. Lemongrass offers a subtle Asian Fusion cuisine prepared by gourmet chef Srifah Vorarittinapa who has worked at the Four Seasons, Brennan's and studied at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Please join the MIT Club for a holiday celebration with delicious food and good company.

Lemongrass Café <http://www.lemongrass-cafe.com/>
5109 Bellaire Blvd.
Bellaire, TX 77401 713.664.6698
Check the website for a map
<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/events.htm>

In order to provide a high quality event, the following fees apply (Payable online via [SmarTrans™](http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas)) (Cash Bar)

MIT5 Recent Grads - Dues Paid = *Free*
MIT5 Recent Grads & Guests - Non-Dues Paid = *\$5/person*
Dues Paid Alumni & Guests = *\$10/person*
Non-Dues Paid Alumni & Guests = *\$20/person*

- Raul Valdez

Save The Date ! Tuesday Jan 16, 2007 4th Annual Toast to IAP – Houston



Because No One Does January Like MIT ! Details to be announced in late December...

- Anthony Thomas
- Maya Malevich

Save The Date ! Friday, Jan 26, 2007 Houston Rockets - Presentation and Game

Presentation by Rockets Assistant General Manager, Daryl Morey, Sloan '00 with Rockets game afterwards! **Registration details to be published in mid December...**

- Maya Malevich

MIT Alum [Nick Patrick](#) Flying on STS-116 Shuttle Mission!

[STS-116](#) Shuttle Mission
Launch Date: No Earlier Than Dec 7, 2006
[International Space Station Flight 12A.1](#)

[Check the Club's Website for the Latest Mission Status](#)

NASA astronaut Nick Patrick will operate the space shuttle's robotic arm during a mission targeted to launch in December. A citizen of both Britain and the United States, Patrick considers London and Rye, N.Y., his hometowns. He will be making his first spaceflight on Discovery during mission STS-116. The mission will deliver a small section of the station's girder-like truss and rewire the complex to bring electricity on line from solar arrays delivered in September. Patrick has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Cambridge, England, and a master's and doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Patrick was selected as an astronaut in 1998. Aboard Discovery, Patrick will use the shuttle's robotic arm to lift the new truss segment from the cargo bay for installation. Among other tasks, he will also use the arm to inspect the shuttle's heat shield.

- Stacey Nakamura

Local Alumnae Receives Kane Award

Congratulations to Sharon Israel '86 on receiving the Henry B. Kane Award at the September 2006 Alumni Leadership Conference ! Sharon was recognized for leading her 20th reunion class gift fundraising effort.

Tech Golf Outing - Results

Saturday, October 21, 2006
Cypress Lakes Golf Club

Our first (at least in recent memory) golf tournament! Although we had a small turnout on October 21 for the first MIT Club Golf Outing, all had a great time. The top golfer was Steve Koch, who shot an 81 at the watery Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Steve also won longest drive and closest to the pin, putting one 6 inches from the hole! Congratulations, Steve!

- Greg Turner

Did You Know...About the Texas License Plate Law?

A local alum writes: "I wanted to let you and other MIT alums know that the new law in Texas about license plate frames has hit home with me. Today I got a big fine for having an MIT alumni license plate frame (the white plastic one with red letters) from a Houston cop. He said it was in total violation of the new law and ticketed me, he said not any part of the word TEXAS (about 1/8 inch was covered on the top of each letter) or the bottom scene of the cowboy (about 1/4 inch was covered) can be obscured...."

Did You Know...Doonesbury's daughter is going to MIT?

(at least in the comic strip, she is). She's was giving a campus tour to a visiting friend during the week of October 5, 2006 and the Stata Center made it into the comic. Here's a link to the official Doonesbury website:

http://www.doonesbury.com/strip/dailydose/index.html?uc_full_date=20061005

Thanks to Tim Dean for alerting us to this !

Did You Know... www.sloangear.com just went online? SloanGear, a MIT Sloan student owned and operated business that sells Sloan-related apparel and accessories, just launched their website! Their mission is to bring you high quality clothing at affordable prices. It's a long running tradition at MIT Sloan and it gets bought out each year by a team of first years at the end of the academic year. From their website: "...*And before you accuse them being a bunch of evil capitalist MBAs, let me tell you this, the team has voluntarily committed to giving part of their profits to charity...*"

2006-2007 Board of Directors

The Club is pleased to announce the 2006-2007 Board of Directors:

President - Eric Chan

President-Elect - Ramón San Pedro

Past-President - Dave Johnston

VP-Communications/Webmaster - Stacey Nakamura

VP-Membership - Ramón San Pedro

VP-Programs - Anthony Thomas

VP Young Alumni Relations - Yong Chen

VP Community Service - Vacant

Secretary/Historian - Arno Bommer

Treasurer - Steve Murdoch

Enterprise Forum Liaison - Anwer Hussain

Education Council Chair - Ed Rinehart

Directors - Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Al Cisar, Alex Fernandez, Sharon Israel, Sundry Srinivasan, Greg Turner, Raul Valdez, Tarik Ward

MIT Parents Association Liaison - Solie Balogh

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 Eric Chan W: (713-231-6028)

Call For Club History ! Help Us Continue Our Story !

In support of our 80th Anniversary gala event, we are in the process of updating the Club's history, the current version is posted on our website:

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/Club%20History.htm>

If you know of Club historical information that should be added (or corrected), please contact Al Cisar:
MITCSTReplies@prodigy.net

Dues Paid Members for 2006 (as of November 14, 2006)
The MIT Club of South Texas expresses its thanks for your continued support of the Club !

Benefactor

Boylan, Mike
 Dorflinger, Glen
 Hussain, S. Anwer
 Israel, Sharon
 Walker III, Edward
 Westby, Tim
 Williams, Curtis

Sustaining

Ackerley, Robert
 Brazzatti, Joe
 Bruce, Robert
 Cisar, Alan
 Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
 Costello, David
 Costello, Lisa
 Dai, Cheng-Ti J.
 Flowers, Daniel
 Grossweiler, Phillip
 Kuhnen, Carl
 Murdoch, Stephen
 Tervalon, Albert
 Turner, R. Gregory

Patron

Bair, R. Stanley
 Baker, Kate Hadley
 Baker, Marvin
 Bohacs, Kevin
 Bommer, Arno
 Chan, Eric
 Closmann, Phil
 Demirdoven, Nurettin
 Eakin, Bert
 Filak, George
 Gabel, Morris
 Garza, Jaime (06+07)
 Goodwill, David
 Hawsey, Jerry
 Homsy, Charles

Homsy, Paul
 Johnston, David
 Karohl, David
 Kashiwagi, Brian
 Lait, Robert
 Marlow, William
 Marple, Stanley
 Mutchler, M. Lynne
 Nakamura, Stacey
 Nelson, David
 Plant, Tom
 Quintana, Mauricio
 San Pedro, Ramon
 Standley, Pamela
 Tang, Sunny
 Valdez, Raul
 Zuteck, Michael

Regular

Adewuya, Adenike
 Anding, Robert
 Altrichter, Diane
 Asch, Annette LeClair
 Athaide, Christopher
 Bae, JC
 Baker, Lawrence
 Belt, Barbara
 Blickwede, Don
 Bobbitt, John
 Borbe, Dexter (06+07)
 Brady, Tim
 Brito, Jamie
 Brooks, James (06+07)
 Burson, John
 Cambon, Mike
 Ceyhan, Ismail
 Chamitoff, Greg
 Chan, Jennifer
 Chilton, Robert
 Chrzanowski, Michael
 Clark, Virginia

Corwin, John
 Cutler, Scott
 D'Angelo, John
 Dawson, Stephen
 Denard, Sam
 DiLorenzo, Daniel
 (06+07)
 Farah, Ali M
 Fernandez, Alejandro
 Godbold, Gilbert S.
 Goepfert, George
 Goldsmith, Andrew
 Gorenstein, David
 Harnsberger, Don
 Heger, Wendy
 Hsu, Jean
 Idleburg, Carol
 Jain, Sameer
 Jarchow, Craig
 Jester III, Lewis
 Jurilla, M. Dee
 Knudsen, Chris
 Kowalishin, Roberta
 Koch, Stephen
 Lantner, Gary
 Lantner, Janet
 Little, Willard
 Liu, Roy
 Liu, Yvonne
 Major, Robert
 Marshall, Peter
 Medina, Chris
 Melroy, Pam
 Merz, Shane
 Meyers, M. Douglas
 Mkandawire, Suzie
 Moore, Samuel
 Myers, Jeff
 Nakata, Ryuichi
 Nelson, Jocelyn
 Norvik, Johan

Parrish, John
 Patten, Richard
 Payne, Houston
 Peaceman, Donald
 Policastro, Peter
 Powell, Robert
 Price, Cordelia
 Quintana, Mauricio (07)
 Ricards, Harold
 Schweizer, Richard
 Sena, Arcangelo
 Singer, Arnold
 Smith, Michael
 Srinivasan, Sundry
 Starkschall, George
 Stover, Roger
 Sullivan, John
 Szara, Mark
 Taylor, Aisha
 Thaller, David
 Tesciuba, Michele
 Tomlinson, Peter
 Torres-MacDonald,
 MaryAlice
 Tribes, Carl
 Truong, Trang
 Tschupp, Ed
 Tubman, Kenneth
 Valencia, Jaime
 Vallejo, Ramon
 Vargas, Herman
 Victorio, Tom
 Vrolijk, Peter
 Wagner, Jeanette
 Wang, Dean
 White, R. Winslow
 Williams, Harrison
 Wolpert, Michelle
 Zarcaro, John
 Zarin, Marni

MIT5 Recent Graduates

Baig, Irfan
 Canovas, Peter (06+07)
 Fantozzi, Esme
 Fireman, Heather
 Fox, Matthew
 Franco, Katherine
 Hiers, Todd
 Jackson, Benjamin
 Johannes, Lucie (06+07)
 Jorgensen, James
 Kane, Jonathan
 Laguna-Aponte, David
 Le, Emily
 Liu, Song
 Mabonga, Edward
 (06+07)
 Maguire, Karla
 Malevich, Maya
 Metzger, Brianne
 Riddick, Dwan
 Thomas, Anthony
 Ward, Tarik
 Zhang, Jinsong (06+07)

Parents - Patron

Herder, Charlie and Carol
 (07)

Parents - Regular

Balogh, Tom and Solie
 Browne, Hamilton &
 Bobbie
 Fisher, Charles
 Herder, Charlie and Carol
 (06)
 Ray, Doug and Jana
 Dang, Truong and Loann

Sign Up Now for 2007 Membership !

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2007**:

2006-11

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** **MIT5 Recent Grad ('02-'07), \$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

Club Website Has New Format !!!

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

New Left Side Navigation Bar !

New "[Past Events](#)" Sections

New "[Outreach](#)" Sections

[Educational Outreach](#)

[Community Outreach](#)

Reformatted [MIT Astronaut Webpages](#)

Upcoming Events:

Dec 10 – Annual Holiday Party (RSVP Dec 5)

Jan 16 – Toast To IAP

Jan 26 - Houston Rockets, Presentation and Game

Mar 8 – Club 80th Anniversary with Dr. Hockfield

Feb TBD - Networking Event

Jan or Feb – Dining Club

Happy Hours – Monthly beginning in Feb