



MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS

January 2007 Newsletter

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MIT Club of South Texas 80th Anniversary

Thursday March 8, 2007

6:30pm Reception

7:15pm Dinner

Cocktail Attire

River Oaks Country Club

1600 River Oaks Blvd

Houston, Texas 77019

MIT 2007 Dues-Paid Members and guests: \$75 per person

Non Members and guests: \$100 per person

Valet parking included

RSVP by March 1, 2007 via [SmarTrans™](#) or via coupon on page 5.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Susan Hockfield

President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Come join fellow alumni/ae, students, and friends as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the MIT Club of South Texas. We are pleased to have MIT President Susan Hockfield as our guest speaker. If you recall we had our [75th anniversary](#) at the Houston Museum of Natural Science Cullen Hall of Gems and Minerals and for our 80th we have arranged for another exceptional venue, the River Oaks Country Club! Come and visit with old friends, meet new ones, relive fond memories, and learn about the future of MIT!

Marilyn Cisar

South Texas MIT10 Event:

4th Annual Toast to IAP

Because No One Does January Like MIT!

Tuesday Jan 16, 2007

6pm – 9pm

Yatra Bar and Lounge

902 Capitol St

Houston, TX 77002

(713) 224-6700

Check the website for a [Map](#)

NOTE: Yatra also has an entrance on 706 Main St. – both entrances connect to the same interior restaurant/bar

Cash Bar, Free Appetizers

Although there is no event fee, please RSVP via [SmarTrans™](#) to help us plan for this event (registration opens December 29, 2006)

It's that time of year again, IAP, which also means that MIT Clubs around the world will be hosting annual "Toast to IAP" events. We are extending a special invitation to our MIT10 alumni to participate in the Houston Toast to IAP. This year we are trying out a new venue, the Yatra Bar and Lounge, in downtown Houston. For those of you who are not familiar with "MIT10", it's the demographic segment of our alumni community that graduated within the past 10 years (undergraduate or graduate degrees). As usual, there will be IAP games provided by the Alumni Association and each MIT Club around the world will be vying to earn points – the Club with the most points will receive a prize! We had approximately 20 alumni participate last year, and we look forward to seeing at least double that number this year!

Anthony Thomas

Houston Rockets - Presentation and Game Portland Trailblazers vs Houston Rockets

Friday, Jan 26, 2007

6:00pm Presentation

7:30pm Game

Toyota Center

Downtown Houston

Tickets \$23.00 per person - Presentation and Game.

A la carte tickets for the presentation are not available

Registration is through the Rockets website: please go to our website for special instructions: www.mithouston.org

Presentation by Rockets Assistant General Manager, [Daryl Morey, Sloan '00](#)

This is a wonderful opportunity to cheer for the Houston Rockets, as well as to hear about Sports statistics from the team's assistant general manager and MIT alum, Daryl Morey. To read more about Daryl please go to our website www.mithouston.org

Please note that registration is currently open to the MIT Club exclusively, but it will open up to Houston area Ivy League alumni clubs starting January 5th, so RSVP today!

Maya Malevich

Haven't Yet Memorized <http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas> ?

Neither have we, so we created this easy to remember web address: www.mithouston.org

Which automatically forwards you to the "long" address

MIT Enterprise Forum Flagship Event: MIT Energy Initiative to meet the Global Energy Challenge

MIT Professor Robert C. Armstrong

Thursday Jan 11, 2007

11:30am Luncheon

The Petroleum Club
800 Bell Street Suite 4300
Houston, TX

\$30 for Forum Members & MIT Alumni registered by January 8th

Late Registrations & Walk-ins \$5 Extra

No-shows will be billed

MIT Alumni Registration: For Alumni Rate contact Dale Wilkins via email or at 713-839-1757

Professor Robert C. Armstrong will describe the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Initiative. MIT President Susan Hockfield, in her inaugural address in 2005, identified energy as a top priority for her administration. An Energy Research Council (ERC) was established to formulate recommendations that will allow MIT, with its unique talents and capabilities, address what she called "one of the most urgent challenges of our time." Check our website www.mithouston.org for more information.

Anwer Hussain

2007 Club Membership Drive

It's time once again, time for the annual MIT Club of South Texas membership drive. The MIT Club of South Texas invites you to join or renew your membership for 2007. Membership in the club runs coincident with the calendar year. Membership is open to all MIT alumni and alumnae, as well as current undergraduate and graduate students and their parents. Your dues in the local club are used to pay for printing and mailing this newsletter, sponsor events for local high school students accepted at the Institute, award prizes at local science fairs, and improve local science and math education through our Leadership in Education Program (LEAP). Although we do benefit from some administrative assistance from the Institute, the MIT Club of South Texas does not receive funding from MIT or from the Alumni/ae Association. Last year was a record year for South Texas alumni and parent participation and we look forward to your continued support in 2007. Join today to get the maximum benefit from your membership! Visit our website to sign up: www.mithouston.org

Ramón San Pedro

2007 Leadership in Education (LEAP) Competition for Teachers

The MIT Club of South Texas through its Leadership in Education Program (LEAP) has an ongoing interest in encouraging students interested in science and mathematics and in helping to elevate the level of technical literacy in our community. We would like to recognize key science and math teachers who are making a difference and to support their ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

We invite science and math teachers from the Greater Houston/South Texas Area to apply for the 2007 MIT Leadership in Education Award (LEAP).

The winner of this award will attend the 2007 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers, June 24-30, **at our expense.**

This program brings educators to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. This program is described more fully in the brochure. We will select a winner based on enthusiasm as an educator, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. This is the fourteenth year we have supported teachers from South Texas to attend this unique program.

Applicants must be teaching full-time, generally middle school or higher, and must speak and read English. Progress toward an advanced degree is an advantage. Science-department heads and district coordinators are also welcome to apply. Each application should be accompanied by

- (1) a completed application form for the MIT summer program (available in the brochure) and
- (2) a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to the selection criteria noted above.

In order to be considered for a scholarship and travel expenses for the MIT summer program, applications should be sent to Ed Rinehart.

The 2007 LEAP application can be found on our website at: <http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/LEAP2007Application.pdf>

Here are the LEAP winners from the past eight years:

2006 - D. Howard, Stratford HS, Spring Branch ISD
2005 - A. Smith, James E. Bay Elementary School, Clear Creek ISD
2004 - T. Hughes, Northbrook Senior HS, Spring Branch ISD
2004 - N. Wilson, Taylor HS, Alief ISD
2003 - A. Zoller, James F. Bay Elementary School, Clear Creek ISD
2002 - P. Nesrsta, Clear Brook HS, Clear Creek ISD
2002 - C. Warden, Cinco Ranch HS, Katy ISD
2001 - P. Thomason, Langham Creek HS, Fort Bend ISD
2000 - J. Elston, Taylor HS Katy ISD
1999 - J. Boyd, First Colony Middle School, Fort Bend ISD

Ed Rinehart

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 MIT10 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, Sundy 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

Pictures From The 2006 South Texas Holiday Party !!!



Dues Paid Members for 2006 (as of December 26, 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
 Homsey, 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
 Lin, 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
 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
 Triebes, 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

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 - Regular

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

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 Chu, Ping S.
 Hussain, S. Anwer

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Dai, Cheng-Ti J.

Patron

Filak, George
 Garza, Jaime
 Marple, Stanley
 Nakamura, Stacey
 Tang, Sunny

Regular

Bonnell, Leo
 Borbe, Dexter

Boynnton, John
 Brooks, James
 Clark, Virginia
 DiLorenzo, Daniel
 Ferea, James
 Glombicki, Alan
 Heger, Wendy
 Hixson, George
 Jarchow, Craig
 Linder, Peter
 Maldonado-Aguirre, Georgina
 Quintana, Mauricio
 Rodenbusch, George
 Stautner, John
 Stover, Roger
 Szara, Mark
 Vargas, Herman

Weiner, Ron
 Williams, Harrison

Recent Graduates

Bhatt, Ronak
 Canovas, Peter
 Guarda, Daniel
 Johannes, Lucie
 Mabonga, Edward
 Zhang, Jinsong

Parents - Patron

Herder, Charlie and Carol

Parents - Regular

Durand, Larry and Angelina
 Mo, Yi-Lung
 Sim, Linda and Kwok

MIT Club of South Texas 80th Anniversary Celebration – RSVP Coupon
Thursday, March 8, 2007

RSVP via [SmarTrans™](#) before 11 pm CST, March 1, 2007 or by US Mail via this coupon by March 1, 2007

	Quantity	Totals
MIT Club of South Texas 2007 Dues-Paid Members and guests	_____ @ \$75 per person	
Non Member Rate	_____ @ \$100 per person	
Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education (LEAP)		
	Total Enclosed	

Name _____

Name(s) of Guest(s) (for name badges) _____

Address: _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email: _____

Please check here if this is a new address/phone/email information

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

Mr. Stephen Murdoch
MIT Club of South Texas
13190 Trail Hollow
Houston, TX 77079

Savings example for 2 persons: \$25 membership + \$75x2 member rate ticket = \$175, which is \$25 less than the non member ticket rate of \$100x2 = \$200

Sign Up Now for 2007 Membership !

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

2007-01

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
 Parents (per household), \$25

Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education (LEAP): \$ _____

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

Ramón San Pedro
8503 Stone Village Lane
Houston, TX 77040

Sign up for 2007 Membership and RSVP for the March 1, 2007 Event: Mail both coupons to S. Murdoch

**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

Upcoming Events:

Jan 11 – MIT Enterprise Forum – (RSVP Jan 6)

Jan 16 – 4th Annual Toast to IAP – Yatra Bar and Lounge

Jan 26 - Houston Rockets Presentation and Game

Mar 8 – MIT South Texas 80th Anniversary (RSVP Mar 1)

Dining Clubs – Starting in February 2007

Happy Hours – Monthly, beginning in February 2007

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Thanks to the MIT Clubs of Austin and DFW for this idea (www.mitaustin.org and www.mitdfw.org)