



MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS

February 2007 Newsletter

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MIT Club of South Texas 80th Anniversary

Thursday March 8, 2007

6:30pm Reception

7:15pm Dinner

Business Attire

(Country Club Requires Jackets for Gentlemen)

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 Taggi Cisar

MIT Judges Needed for Science Engineering Fair

Friday

March 23, 2007

6:30pm - 9:00pm

The MIT Club needs judges for the 2007 Science Engineering Fair of Houston. The judging will be from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on Friday, March 23 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We need volunteers to look at the exhibits, talk to the students, and select three prizewinners. This is a chance for you to meet and encourage 7th through 12th grade students who are interested in science and engineering.

If you are interested in being a judge, please email Arno Bommer

Arno S. Bommer

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 to be received by **March 3, 2007.**

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

Ed Rinehart

Save The Date – April 23, 2007 Visit by Martin Tang GM '72 Alumni Association President

Martin Tang will be in Houston to meet with South Texas alumni, especially MIT10 and MIT Enterprise Forum members. He will discuss his objectives as Alumni Association President as well as recent events at the Institute. Details will be announced in the March newsletter. For more information, please contact Eric Chan.

Our Club Now Has 10 Alumni/ae Mentors! Many thanks to the following Alumni/ae for volunteering their time, enthusiasm, and leadership!

Maria Anderson '87
Troy Bailey '94
Esme Fantozzi '03
Alejandro Fernandez '89
Jean Hsu '98
Emily Le Saab '91
Doug Norton '86
Chris Papouras '91
Robert Tren '52
Raul Valdez '94

The next opportunity to sign up will be in August 2007 for the Fall 2007 semester. Please contact me if you are interested.

Anthony Thomas

Save The Date - April Happy Hour April 6, 2007

Another "Pub Night on the Sixes" event hosted by the Class of 2006 - Details to be announced in the March Newsletter.

*Jim Culver'06
Shambhavi Kadam '06*

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, 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.

Dues Paid Members for 2007 (as of February 6, 2007) The MIT Club of South Texas expresses its thanks for your continued support of the Club !

Benefactor

Brazzatti, Joe
Cheung, Jarvis
Chu, Ping S.
Dorflinger, Glen
Hussain, S. Anwer
Israel, Sharon
Moore, Joe
Tervalon, Albert
Westby, Tim

Sustaining

Baker, Lawrence
Costello, David
Costello, Lisa
Dai, Cheng-Ti J.
Flowers, Daniel
Flowers, D. Fort
Grossweiler, Phillip
Kashiwagi, Brian
Turner, R. Gregory
Williams, Curtis
Zarcaro, John

Patron

Anding, Robert

Baker, Kate Hadley
Chan, Eric
Cisar, Alan
Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
Cutler, Scott
Denard, Sam
Filak, George
Garza, Jaime
Goepfert, George
Hawsey, Jerry
Johnston, David
Lait, Robert
Marple, Stanley
Mutchler, M. Lynne
Nakamura, Stacey
Rinehart, C. Ed
San Pedro, Ramon
Standley, Pamela
Tang, Sunny
Zarin, Marni

Regular

Aron, Jeffrey
Bae, Jung
Belt, Barbara
Bonnell, Leo
Borbe, Dexter

Boynton, John
Brooks, James
Burson, John
Chilton, Robert
Chrzanowski, Michael
Clark, Virginia
D'Angelo, John
Dawson, Stephen
DiLorenzo, Daniel
Domercq, Richard
Falker, John
Fantozzi, Esme
Ferea, James
Godbold, Gilbert S.
Goldsmith, Andrew
Glombicki, Alan
Heger, Wendy
Hiers, Todd
Hirsch, John M.
Hixson, George
Idleburg, Carol
Jarchow, Craig
Kellett, John
Knudsen, Chris
Kowalishin, Roberta
Lantner, Gary
Lantner, Janet

Linder, Peter
Little, Willard
Maldonado-Aguirre,
Georgina
Marshall, Peter
Medina, Chris
Melroy, Pam
Mistry, J. B.
Moore, Samuel
Norvik, Johan K.
Olgaard, David
Payne, Houston
Peaceman, Donald
Powell, Robert
Price, Cordelia
Quintana, Mauricio
Rodenbusch, George
Starkschall, George
Stautner, John
Stover, Roger
Szara, Mark
Tomlinson, Peter
Triebes, Carl
Vargas, Herman
Vallejo, Ramon
Weiner, Ron
Williams, Harrison

Wilner, Wayne
Wolpert, Michelle

Recent Graduates

Bhatt, Ronak
Canovas, Peter
Guarda, Daniel
Johannes, Lucie
Mabonga, Edward
Maital, Dar
Huang, Xiaojun
Zhang, Jinsong

Parents - Patron
Herder, Charlie and
Carol

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

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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:**

2007-02

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

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

Are You Interested In Volunteering Or Learning About Volunteering ?

We have a variety of opportunities involving an equally varied range of time commitments:

- Learn how to plan and conduct Club events
- We'll assign a seasoned Board member to work with you as you learn!

Please contact Eric Chan

Upcoming Events:

Feb 22 – Ivy Plus Happy Hour / U. Chicago
(check www.mithouston.org website for details)

Mar 3 – Deadline for LEAP applications

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

Mar 23 – Science Fair Judging

Apr 6 – Happy Hour – Details TBA

Apr 23 – Visit by Martin Tang, Alumni Association President