



MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS

April 2007 Newsletter

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(MIT10)⁵: The Power of Participation Visit by Martin Tang GM '72 Alumni Association President Monday, April 23, 2007

6:00pm – Volunteer Fair Reception (cash bar)
7:15pm - Dinner
7:45pm – Presentation

2007 Dues Paid Members & Guests: \$35
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Join us on Monday, April 23, to meet [Martin Tang GM '72](#), President of the Alumni Association. As the Alumni Association's first president living abroad, he is encouraging alumni/ae worldwide to participate in MIT events and give back to the Institute. He is currently chairman of Spencer Stuart in Asia, a global executive-search firm. Martin has issued a challenge to attract new donors to MIT and encourage recent graduates to join in the tradition of alumni giving: the "Power of Participation" student philanthropy campaign. Martin will contribute \$100,000 to MIT's student life and learning programs if undergraduate MIT10 alumni, those who graduated in the past decade, increase their collective participation by 50 percent before June 30.

We look forward to hearing Martin talk about the "Power of Participation" program as well as other initiatives to increase the effectiveness and growth of our alumni association.

Glen V. Dorflinger '46 Award

Our Club President, Eric Chan, announced the establishment of the Glen V. Dorflinger '46 award at the Club's 80th Anniversary Celebration held on March 8, 2007. The award will recognize South Texas MIT alumni/ae for their exemplary service to the Club. The first award recipient will be announced at the Martin Tang event.

Volunteer Fair

To complement Martin Tang's 'power of participation' theme, our Club will be hosting a "Volunteer Fair" during the cocktail reception. The details of the fair follow in the next article.

For more information, please contact Eric Chan

- Eric Chan

South Texas Volunteer Fair Monday, April 23, 2007 Held during Martin Tang cocktail reception (see previous article)

Are You Interested in Volunteering or Suggesting a New Volunteer Activity? We have a variety of opportunities involving an equally varied range of time commitments!

We have received numerous inquiries from you over the years regarding education and community outreach events, but we've never seemed to get the "critical mass" to make them materialize until now. Given the strong response to our Spring Branch ISD mentoring initiative as well as the significant involvement of Houston area alumni in the creation of the Stratford Academy of Science and Engineering, we have decided that the time is right to host a volunteer fair.

We will be covering the following four areas:

- Mentoring
- Alumni/ae Lectures / Subject Specific Tutorial Sessions: Stratford Academy
- Habitat for Humanity, Houston Food Bank, etc
- Club of South Texas, Alumni Affinity Groups

Current alumni/ae volunteers will be available to chat about these areas in an informal setting during the Martin Tang cocktail reception. We will be looking for new ideas from you as well as discussing how we facilitate and train new volunteers.

- Stacey Nakamura and Ramón San Pedro

April, May and June Happy Hours

We are in the planning stages for the next series of happy hours: check our website mithouston.org for details and look for our emails. We've had great success with joint happy hour events with the Houston *InterClub and plan to continue this trend.

**The Houston InterClub is an informal "nexus" of Houston Ivy+ Alumni groups: Columbia, Cornell, U of Chicago, Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Wellesley, and Yale.*

- Jim Culver and Shambhavi Kadam

LAMIT Webminar: Save The Date! "Communicating Across Cultures" Wednesday May 2, 2007

The LAMIT (Latino/a Alumni/ae) affinity group is hosting a "webminar" on "Communicating Across Cultures" on May 2. Details to be announced.....

- Ramón San Pedro

<p><i>"Classy, but not stuffy, and just the right amount of nerdy"</i> - <i>Alumnus Feedback</i></p> <p><i>"Susan Hockfield is the first since Ernest Fox Nichols, the Institute's 7th president, to hold office when Pluto is not a planet."</i></p> <p>- <i>R. Greg Turner '74</i></p>	<p>MIT Club of South Texas 80th Anniversary Celebration 1926 - 2006 March 8, 2007 River Oaks Country Club</p> <p>A dinner gala with special guest speaker Dr. Susan Hockfield, President of MIT</p> <p>Check Out The Full Event Summary On Our Website</p>	<p>Organizing Committee: Chair: Marilyn Taggi Cisar '76 Eric Chan '02 Alan Cisar '73 Anwer Hussain '76 Stephen Murdoch '62 Stacey Nakamura '80 Ramón San Pedro '86</p>
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The MIT Club of South Texas gratefully acknowledges the following for making the 80th Anniversary Celebration possible:

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We had a spectacular event with over 190 members of the South Texas MIT community and their guests! MIT Alumni/ae from 7 decades were in attendance, reflecting the strength and depth of our Club's roots. Customized cardinal and grey M&M's, Club of South Texas Coffee Travel Mugs, and CD-ROM's of the Club's Oral History were provided as party favors. To add a bit of "nerdy flair", the floral centerpieces were constructed out of glass test tubes and test tube stands. Our guests reminisced over fond memories during a wonderful cocktail reception and dinner. Reception music was provided by flautists Alyssa San Pedro & Charliann Vavricka (Alyssa is the daughter of Ramón San Pedro '86) and they added a special "nerdy" touch with their rendition of music from the Star Wars movies.

Marliyn Taggi Cisar '76 welcomed us with opening remarks and **Dr. Alan Cisar '73** provided highlights from the Club's oral history. Dr. Cisar recognized the 12 South Texas alumni/ae who have received Bronze Beaver, Henry B. Kane '24, Harold E. Lobdell '17 Distinguished Service, or George B. Morgan '20 Awards as well as alumni/ae who have served as Club President.

Glen V. Dorflinger '46, longtime supporter of our Club, spoke about how pleased he is with the Club's current status, how the Club has evolved over the years, and the Club's future prospects for increasing education outreach. He fondly recalled his first job in Houston and how powerful the MIT reputation was back then. He continued on with how MIT faculty and students continue to "be" the cutting edge and that is why he provides support to MIT: because MIT will provide the most impact from what he gives.

Dr. Eric Chan '02, current President of the Club of South Texas, recognized our sponsors for their generous support that made this celebration possible. Dr. Chan announced the establishment of the Glen V. Dorflinger '46 award, which will recognize South Texas MIT alumni/ae for their exemplary service to the Club. The first award recipient will be announced at the South Texas April 23, 2007, event featuring Martin Tang GM '72, MIT Alumni Association President.

Houston Councilman M. J. Khan presented a City of Houston proclamation designating March 8, 2007 as "MIT Club of South Texas Day" in Houston, Texas.

R. Greg Turner '74, longtime leadership supporter of our Club, introduced Dr. Susan Hockfield with a rather amusing data point: "Susan Hockfield is the first since Ernest Fox Nichols, the Institute's 7th president, to hold office when Pluto is not a planet."

Dr. Hockfield gave an inspiring talk touching on the Institute's current and future research in science and engineering as well as the vibrancy and potential of the undergraduate classes. The MIT Energy Initiative is addressing the global energy challenge and Dr. Hockfield stated that it is having the wonderful unifying effect of engaging all of the MIT disciplines. Biology, biotechnology, and bio-engineering now represent a significant percentage of the Institute's research activity and it is common to see engineering disciplines co-located with bio-science research projects. Dr. Hockfield mentioned that she has been joining undergraduate living groups for dinner and that she is very impressed with their maturity, enthusiasm, and sense of purpose: we will see these classes "change the world." Dr. Hockfield also touched on the Institute's facility infrastructure: Sloan School of Management has a new facility under construction and buildings 4, 6, and 8 will be undergoing renovation in the near future. Dr. Hockfield concluded with a question and answer session.

Marliyn Taggi Cisar '76 presented Dr. Hockfield with a "Texas warm weather" gift: a canvas beach bag and beach towels embroidered with the Club of South Texas logo.

Beth Garvin HM, EVP and CEO of the Alumni Association, discussed current Association initiatives as well as concluding remarks.

All in all, it was quite an evening and the Club expresses its sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with the event planning, and a bigger thanks to all who came to enjoy the evening itself!

Sign Up Now for 2007 Membership !

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

2007-04

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

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Brooks, James
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de Groot, Eleanor
D'Angelo, John
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DiLorenzo, Daniel
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Fantozzi, Esme
Ferea, James
Ferguson, Jerome
Godbold, Gilbert S.
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Harrison, Brian
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Heger, Wendy
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Idleburg, Carol
Jamroz, Przemek
Jarchow, Craig
Kane, Jonathan
Kapadia, Asha
Kellelt, John
Kezirian, Michael
Knudsen, Chris
Kowalishin, Roberta
Kronenberger, Edward
Laguna-Aponte, David
Lantner, Gary
Lantner, Janet

Leverette, Steven
Lin, Susan
Linder, Peter
Little, Willard
Luther, Martiel
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Powell, Robert
Price, Cordelia
Quintana, Mauricio
Ricards, Harold
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Rodenbusch, George
Ruddick, Kathleen
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Singer, Arnold
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Szara, Mark
Thaller, David

Tomlinson, Peter
Triebs, Carl
Tschupp, Ed
Udden, Mark
Vargas, Herman
Vallejo, Ramon
Wang, Dean
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Williams, Harrison
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Wolford, Andrew
Wolpert, Michelle

Recent Graduates

Bhatt, Ronak
Canovas, Peter
Culver, Jim
Guarda, Daniel
Jeong, Joanna
Johannes, Lucie
Kadam, Shambhavi
Mabonga, Edward
Maital, Dar
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Huang, Xiaojun
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Parents - Patron

Herder, Charlie and Carol

Parents - Regular

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

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)

Call for Annual South Texas Board Elections:

Our annual elections will be held at the May monthly Board meeting. Interested alumni/ae should contact Ramón San Pedro

Upcoming Events:

Apr 23 – Visit by Martin Tang, Alumni Association President
May 2 – LAMIT Webinar “Communicating Across Cultures”

Apr, May and June Happy Hours: TBA
Apr, May Dining Clubs: TBA
Check our website and look for emails!



Dr. Susan Hockfield



Custom MIT M&M's



Marilyn Taggi Cisar '76 Presenting Dr. Hockfield with Gift: Beach Bag and Beach Towels Embroidered with Club Logo