



# MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS

## October 2007 Newsletter

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### MIT Admissions Officer Visits Houston

Sunday, October 7, 2007

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

[Renaissance Houston Hotel, Century Ballroom](#)

6 Greenway Plaza East  
Houston, TX 77046

High school students, parents, and Educational Councilors are invited to a meeting with Marisa Zepeda, Assistant Director of Admissions at MIT. Marisa will give an overview of the MIT experience and answer questions about MIT and the admissions process. The event will last approximately 90 minutes, including both the official presentation and the question/answer session that follows.

-Ed Rinehart

### October \*InterClub Happy Hour

Thursday, Oct 11, 2007

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Cash Bar

[Sherlock's Baker St. Pub](#)

(not Baker St. Pub & Grille)

1952 West Gray St.  
Houston, TX 77019  
713-521-1881

[Click for a map](#)

The next happy hour will be hosted by Babson College on Thursday, October 11th from 6:30-8:30pm at Sherlock's Baker St. Pub in the River Oaks area on West Grey. They moved locations on West Grey and are now located where the old Laff Stop was. It has been completely remodeled and has a nice outside patio area. They also have a food menu. On Thursday's, Sherlock's has a live band around 9pm. The manager is going to reserve a section of the bar and some tables for our group. We've had great turnouts at InterClub events this year - stop by and have a great time socializing and networking! Hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your business cards!

You probably have noticed that several new schools have joined the Interclub: Babson College, Cal Berkeley, Richmond University, Smith and Vassar !

*\*The Houston InterClub is an informal "nexus" of Houston Ivy+ Alumni groups: Babson College, Cal Berkeley, Columbia, Cornell, U of Chicago, Harvard, MIT, Northwestern, Princeton, Richmond University, Smith, Stanford, Vassar, Wellesley, and Yale.*

- Jim Culver

- Dan DiLorenzo

-Shambhavi Kadam

### October Dining Club: Yatra – Indian Cuisine

Saturday, October 13, 2007

7:00 PM

\$36 per person (covers food, coffee, tax, and tip - alcohol is extra)  
RSVP-Payment via SmarTrans™ by 11pm CDT Wed, Oct 11  
(go to our website to access SmarTrans™)

Seating limited to 26, Dues Paid Members have priority

Yatra

706 Main Street

Houston, Texas 77002

713.224.6700

[Map](#) (Cross Street Capitol – across from Flying Saucer Pub)

Our next International Dinner will be at "Yatra", a downtown Indian restaurant. We have not done Indian cuisine in many years, we decided that it is time that we sampled it once more. As Houston Chronicle's food critic Alison Cook put it quite appropriately "at long last, Indian food has come to downtown Houston". Yatra, meaning "sacred journey" in Sanskrit, comes to Houston direct from London, where it opened in the posh Mayfair district in 2000. And has acquired a reputation as a trendy spot that serves quality Indian food. Owners Micki Hidayatallah and Sonu Lalvani, both Londoners, bypassed Los Angeles and New York in favor of Texas' largest city to open their first American outpost. The result is a jewel box of a restaurant in the heart of downtown Houston dishing up delectable Indian cuisine with mouthwatering effect. Sonu, who manages Yatra has promised us a sumptuous feast consisting of a variety of dishes from his menu which can be viewed at <http://www.yatrausa.com>. We are planning a menu that will include the famous samosa chaat, spicy calamari, irresistible Goan-style crab cakes, Rogan Josh, a classic Kashmir lamb curry and crowd favorite chicken tikka masala (national dish of the UK) amongst many others.

While you are browsing Yatra's website, do not forget to peruse the rave reviews that Yatra has garnered from the Houston Chronicle's and Houston Press' food critics. And if you want to read customer reviews, please go to: <http://www.b4-u-eat.com/houston/restaurants/reviews/rsv4520.asp> After dinner we can retire to the adjacent lounge, "Butterfly High" to enjoy liqueurs or pomegranate inspired Butterfly High Martini or the Sweet Lychee Martini and have a hookah at the Casablanca lounge. For those who still have the energy, they can then complete the night by dancing to a decidedly eclectic mix of Arabic, Western and Indian music at the underground "Bar Bollywood".

Also, at some dinners in the past, we were charged for no-shows, so if you can't make it, PLEASE CALL ME! I hope to see you there! Questions? Call me or via e-mail.

- Anwer Hussain

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## MIT Webcast 2007-1: NanoTech - It's a Small World ! Save The Date !

Thursday Nov 15, 2007

5:30pm Cocktails / Networking

6:30 – 8:30pm NanoTech Webcast

Details TBA (we will have either heavy appetizers or dinner)

On November 15, the MIT Alumni Association, in conjunction with regional Clubs, is planning a webcast and reception for alumni in Cambridge and around the world. The broadcast, tentatively entitled "It's a Small World", will include a panel of three MIT faculty members, from a variety of disciplines and research areas, discussing the various aspects of nanotechnology and the ways in which MIT is paving the way in the field of nano. The panel presentation will be webcast from Cambridge to cities around the world.

The MIT Club of South Texas is proud to announce that we will participate in this webcast – details will be announced in late October / early November.

**Also, we are interested in having local alumni/ae involved with nanotechnology participate in a local Q&A Panel in conjunction with the webcast. Interested alumni/ae should contact Maya Malevich or Stacey Nakamura.**

- Maya Malevich

- Stacey Nakamura

## MIT Alums Flying on Space Shuttle STS-120 Mission

**Tentative launch date is Oct 23, 2007**

**Check [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) for latest launch schedule status**

[STS-120](#) is the 23rd shuttle mission to the International Space Station, and will launch an Italian-built U.S. multi-port module for the station. [Retired Air Force Col. Pamela A. Melroy](#) (SM Course 12, '84) will command the [STS-120](#) mission to take the Node 2 connecting module to the station. Pam, a veteran shuttle pilot, is the second woman and the fifth MIT alum to command a shuttle mission. [STS-120](#) will be Pam's third shuttle flight. The native of Palo Alto, Calif., served as pilot of missions [STS-92 in 2000](#) and [STS-112 in 2002](#), both flights to the space station.

Flight Engineer [Daniel M. Tani](#) (SB Course 2, '84, SM Course 2, '88) will fly to the station aboard space shuttle Discovery on [STS-120](#) and join International Space Station Expedition 16 as a flight engineer. He will return home aboard space shuttle Atlantis on mission [STS-122](#). He was selected as an astronaut in 1996. Dan's first spaceflight was aboard Endeavour in December 2001 on the STS-108 mission. During that flight, he performed a four-hour spacewalk.

Learn more about MIT Astronauts on our website:

<http://mithouston.org/doc/Astro/AstroHome.htm>

Read the MIT Alumni Association Article...

<http://alum.mit.edu/ne/noteworthy/news-features/astronauts.html>

- Stacey Nakamura

## 2007 Leadership in Education Program (LEAP) Winners Local Teachers Receive MIT Leadership in Education Award

The MIT Club of South Texas has selected three teachers in the Greater Houston area to receive the 2007 MIT Leadership in Education Award. The Leadership in Education program reflects MIT's continuing desire to encourage students interested in science and mathematics and to help in elevating the level of technical literacy in our community. Awards are made to recognize key science and math teachers in the Greater Houston area who are making a difference and to support these teachers' ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

The teachers selected this year are

- Anthony Langley from Arnold Middle School in Cy-Fair ISD
- Serena Magrogan from Hightower High School in Ft. Bend ISD
- Mary Patterson from Hamilton Middle School in Cy-Fair ISD

Mr. Langley, Ms. Magrogan, and Ms. Patterson had their expenses paid to attend the 2007 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers. This program brings educators from around the country to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research.

The Club selects teachers based upon their enthusiasm as educators, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. This is the 14th year these awards have been given. If you would like more information about the MIT Leadership in Education Award, contact Ed Rinehart at 281-679-7608. It costs the Club approximately \$1000 to send each teacher to LEAP. Alumni interested in making donations can do so along with their annual membership dues.

- Ed Rinehart

## MIT South Texas Golf - Join The Mailing List !

A small group of MIT alums is meeting periodically to enjoy a round of golf together. Our last outing was held on August 5 at Pine Forest Country Club in west Houston. Steve Koch was the winner, scorching the course with a 77, and Leo Bonnell was runner-up. If you are interested in being included on our mailing list for future get-togethers, please contact Greg Turner.

## 2007-2008 Board Meetings

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 Ramon San Pedro, [stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu](mailto:stexasclubpres@alum.mit.edu) W: (281) 897-1013

## Sign Up Now and get credit for 2008 Membership !

Use [SmarTrans™](#) and save time and postage!

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for **Calendar Year 2008**:

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Name:	Class & Course:
Home Address:	Work Address:
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 :

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Please circle preferred fax receive times:    Day    Evening    Overnight    No Preference

- Benefactor, \$200+**
- Sustaining, \$100+**
- Patron, \$50+**
- Regular, \$25**
- MIT5 Recent Grad ('03-'08), \$5**
- Parents (per household per year), \$25**
- Parents MultiYear (per household for 4 years), \$40 one time payment**

Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education (LEAP): \_\_\_\_\_

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**

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

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### Recent Graduates

Bhatt, Ronak  
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 Guarda, Daniel  
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 Kadam, Shambhavi  
 Kusuma, Julius  
 Mabonga, Edward  
 McKenna, Nicholas  
 Huang, Xiaojun

Thomas, Anthony  
 Thomas, Dwan  
 Vasovski, Steven  
 Wilson, Cynthia  
 Xie, Yue  
 Zhang, Jinsong  
 Zhang, Lizhao

**Parents - Patron**  
 Herder, Charlie and Carol

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

### Upcoming Events:

**Oct 7** – MIT Admissions Office Visit  
**Oct 11** – Houston InterClub Happy Hour  
**Oct 13** – Oct Dining Club at Yatras  
**Oct TBD** – All MIT Happy Hour (tentative)

**Nov 8** – Houston InterClub Happy Hour  
hosted by MIT (tentative date)  
**Nov 15** – MIT Nanotech Webcast  
**Nov TBD** – Nov Dining Club  
**Nov TBD** – All MIT Happy Hour (tentative)

**Dec TBD** – Annual Club Holiday Party

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[Pamela Ann Melroy](#)  
(Col, USAF, Retired)  
SM Course 12, '84



[Daniel Tani](#)  
SB Course 2, '84  
SM Course 2, '88

**MIT Alums Pam Melroy and  
Dan Tani Will Fly on Shuttle  
Mission [STS-120](#)**

**Oct 23, 2007**

**Check the NASA Website for  
the latest launch information:  
[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)**

Photos courtesy of NASA