

HP Retiree Club of Houston

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Welcome

The HP Retiree Club of Houston provides opportunities to gather with the friends and coworkers you knew during your working career. We rely on our membership to guide our selection of activities, so let the Planning Committee know what activities interest you.

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Upcoming Activities 2024

18 January, Thursday

Income Tax Seminar, Spring Creek BBQ

29 January, Monday

Travel Zoom

February 20, Tuesday

HPE & HP, Inc tours

Dear Houston HP Retiree Club members,

As another year has gone, it is time to recap our accomplishments as a club and look forward to the following year.

We want to give thanks to the many that are keeping our club active with their participation, feedback, and planning so that all of us can enjoy and stay in touch with other retirees.

One key highlight of this past year was the influx of newly minted retirees. We were invited to take part in the HPI Retiree Celebration held in April where we were able to set up a table and sign up over seventy new retirees. We have already seen many new faces at our events since then. We are grateful that HPI has included our club in these events - our first one was in February 2020 just before the pandemic where we signed up over one hundred.

To all new retirees: if you have not attended one of the many activities scheduled throughout the year, just check our [calendar](#) for next year. I am sure you can find something you would like.

This year we organized thirteen events throughout the year, a typical number in recent years.

Here is a quick summary of our accomplishments. This year we experimented with new venues. For example, our last two socials were held at Mo's Irish Pub and El Palenque to allow us to have a larger space; both had advantages and disadvantages. We will continue to choose the perfect spot for our group.

We tried our first pop-up event at The Empty Glass, a last-minute gathering to make up for a trip cancellation. This turned out to be well received; participation was pleasantly significant.

For the first time we visited the 1940 Air Terminal and the American GI Museums, the former adjacent to Hobby Airport, the latter one in College Station.

We repeated activities that have been received well in recent years. We traveled to Brenham to Unity Theatre, our second year in a row with excellent participation. We are doing it again next year.

We returned to Kids' Meals for our volunteer activity - where the satisfaction of preparing in-need kids' lunches in a smaller setting allowing for more attendee interaction compared to the larger Food Bank.

We returned to an Astros game, the George Bush Library in College Station, and held an assortment of seminars and webinars on subjects that are relevant to our retirees.

As we look forward to next year you will see some familiar events, some that occur almost every year and others we have not visited in a while like NASA. Some of these surfaced in the annual survey that we conducted over the summer. Finally, in February, a visit to the HPI and HPE campuses.

We will have a presentation on an investment club for those interested; we will travel to Round Top to the annual Spring antiques fair; and we will make it to Washington on the Brazos to their

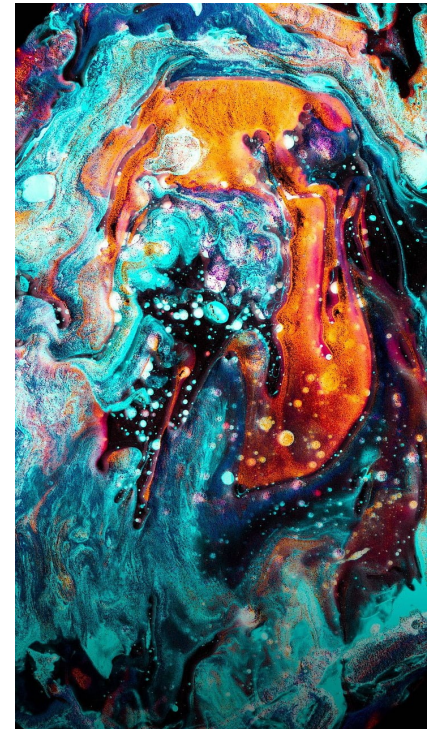
renovated museum.

Now I would like to give thanks to those of you that:

- ♦ Consistently participate and provide feedback on our events each year.
- ♦ Respond to our annual survey to help structure and guide our planning.

But more importantly, as always, I want to extend my appreciation to the coordinating committee members for their contributions to the club with their talent, their time, and their passion to serve.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season with family and friends. Be safe, and I hope to see you many times next year. One last ask: to all of you reading this newsletter, please pass it forward to other retirees.



2024 Event Calendar *(subject to change)*

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Activity</i> |
|----------------------|--|
| 18 January, Thursday | Income Tax Seminar, Spring Creek BBQ |
| 20 February, Tuesday | HPE & HP, Inc tours |
| 29 January, Monday | Zoom Travel Seminar: European River cruises with Paris to Normandy used as an example. |
| February TBD | Investment Club Zoom |
| 27 March, Wednesday | <u>Roundtop Antiques Fair</u> |
| April TBD | Social, TBD |
| 23 May, Thursday | Wine Tasting, TBD |
| 14 June, Friday | <u>Unity Theater: The Star Spangled Girl</u> |
| July TBD | NASA/Kemah |
| August TBD | Astros Game |
| August TBD | Cyber Security Seminar |
| September TBD | Washington on the Brazos |
| October TBD | Social |
| October TBD | Medicare Zoom |
| November TBD | Volunteer— <u>Kids' Meals</u> |
| December TBD | Dickens on the Strand or Botanical Gardens Lights or Zoo Lights |



Meet Your Steering Committee

Our Fearless Leader— Carlos Fernandez

Treasurer/Venue Reservations - Jan Frazier

Meeting Notes/Activity Tracker - Vicki Gore

Precinct 3 Bus Coordinators

Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop

Trip Planning & Research

Peter Martin, Mike Maglothin, Committee

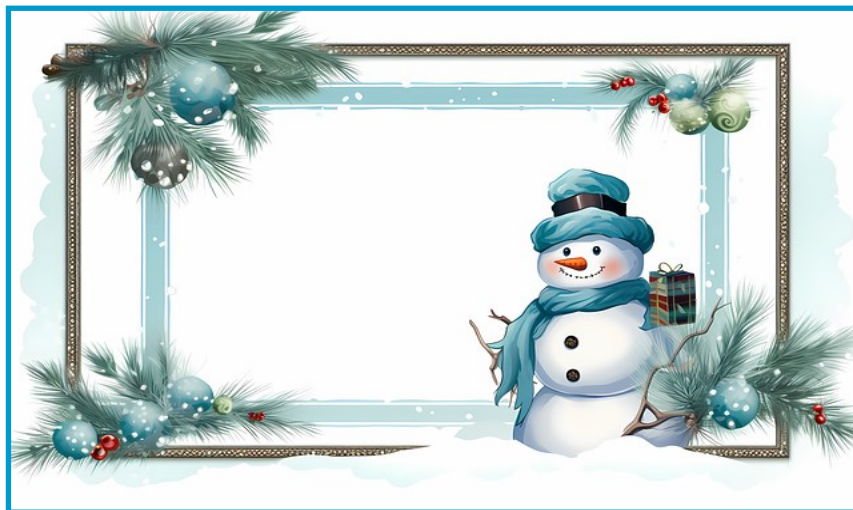
Socials/Seminar Coordinators

Jan Frazier, Mike Maglothin

Club Website—Carlos Fernandez, Peter Martin

Newsletter/Editor— Karen Brown, Michael Duhs

Communications—Herman de Hoop & Carlos Fernandez



Travel Guy—Mike Maglothin In Normandy



Don't miss the Travel Talk on January 29th at 3pm on Zoom. The focus will be on European River cruises with Paris to Normandy used as an example.

Also, time to get excited about the first ever HP retiree cruise which we'll talk about at the Zoom.

These pictures are just a few of the memories of our Paris to Normandy river cruise in Europe.

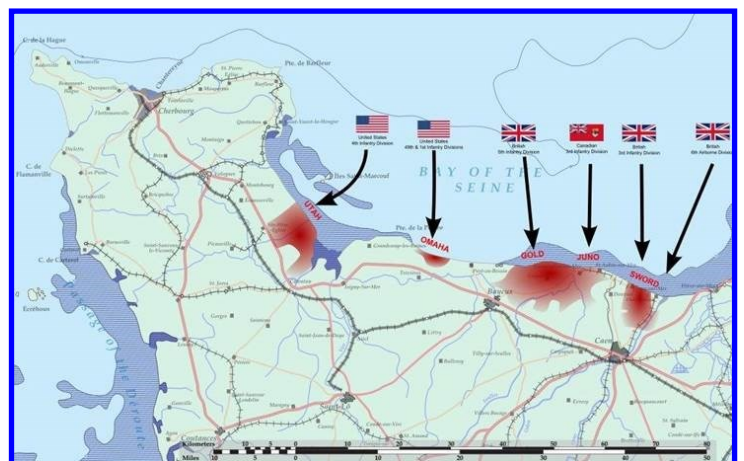
Our tour guide always talked to people, but there was one man she couldn't get to engage. She found him later on the beach... crying and smiling. Normandy is such an incredibly emotional experience, especially for first time visitors so she asked him if it was his first time. He answered; "No, it is my second, my first time was June 6, 1944."

This man had seen the blood red water, saw his buddies die, had to do all those things you have to do in war. Standing on that (now resort) beach and seeing kids playing in the sand he said; "For the first time in my life, it was all worth it". He got closure that day.

2024 will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day.



Memorial statue of a young soldier rising out of the waves on his way to heaven



The progress made on each beach during that first day (Note that very little progress was made on Omaha beach, but that's another story).

Spotlight Rocky Femia

Just like Peter Martin, I made my way to Texas from upstate New York (via Connecticut where Compaq relocated me from in August 1988. Next time I see Peter, we will have to compare notes about upstate New York.

Compaq hired me in August of '88 after I had been testing their computers for MultiMate (word-processing) / Ashton-Tate for compatibility with our apps before they were released to the market. I accepted an offer from Compaq to be a tester in the network compatibility testing group. I became all-to-aware of the concept of a reorganization day 1. After my orientation, I was picked up by the leader of the OS compatibility group and informed that I was switched (re-org) before I even started. Welcome to corporate America and the first of many re-organizations that I would live through over the next 14 years (until the buyout by HP).

In 2002, I decided to take a nice package and try other things away from corporate America. I picked up golfing and then took a job at Golf Galaxy at Willowbrook (2004) as a part-time employee. Soon the managers asked me to take over as the full-time Sales and Club Fitter, which then led to me getting pushed into management when I took over as the General Store Manager of the Galleria store.

In 2007, I longed for my old way of life with Compaq/HP and came back to HP as a contractor for several "special" projects that came and went until I landed a contract position in the Laptop Security Team as a Project Manager in January 2012. By December of 2012, I was hired back as a regular employee back in with the old group I was hired into back in 1988 (many of the people I worked with were still there).

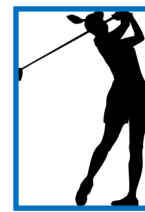
I spent the next 7+ years working as a Project Manager for a testing group for all the server and storage platforms (we split from HPI to become HPE). In 2019 they moved all our servers and storage to the Taiwan office; and in January of 2020 I was retired.

But always being a glutton for punishment, I have found my way back to HPI as a contractor again (May, 2021 – now) and searching for another "regular" employee position to complete the final lap of working for all of Compaq and HP (HPI & HPE).

Will I ever retire from working and concentrate on my golf game???



Jan Frazier and Rocky Femia used to work together



Upcoming Activities

***Income Tax Seminar
January 18, Tuesday
Spring Creek Barbecue***



Core Integrated Wealth presented our recent seminar on End of Life Planning. The seminar was very helpful. The attorney presenting the topic was very knowledgeable and answered lots of questions to our satisfaction.

CORE Integrated Wealth embodies our vision to empower others to take ownership of their financial future. It is our mission to serve each client with compassion and understanding while helping them to be good stewards of their resources.

Whether you are just starting to save or are a seasoned investor, your worth here at CORE is not measured by your wealth. Our vision of success is building lasting relationships with the people we serve. We want you to feel like you are a part of our family when you walk through our door.

***Zoom Travel Seminar
29 January, Monday***
Riverboat cruise from Paris to Normandy

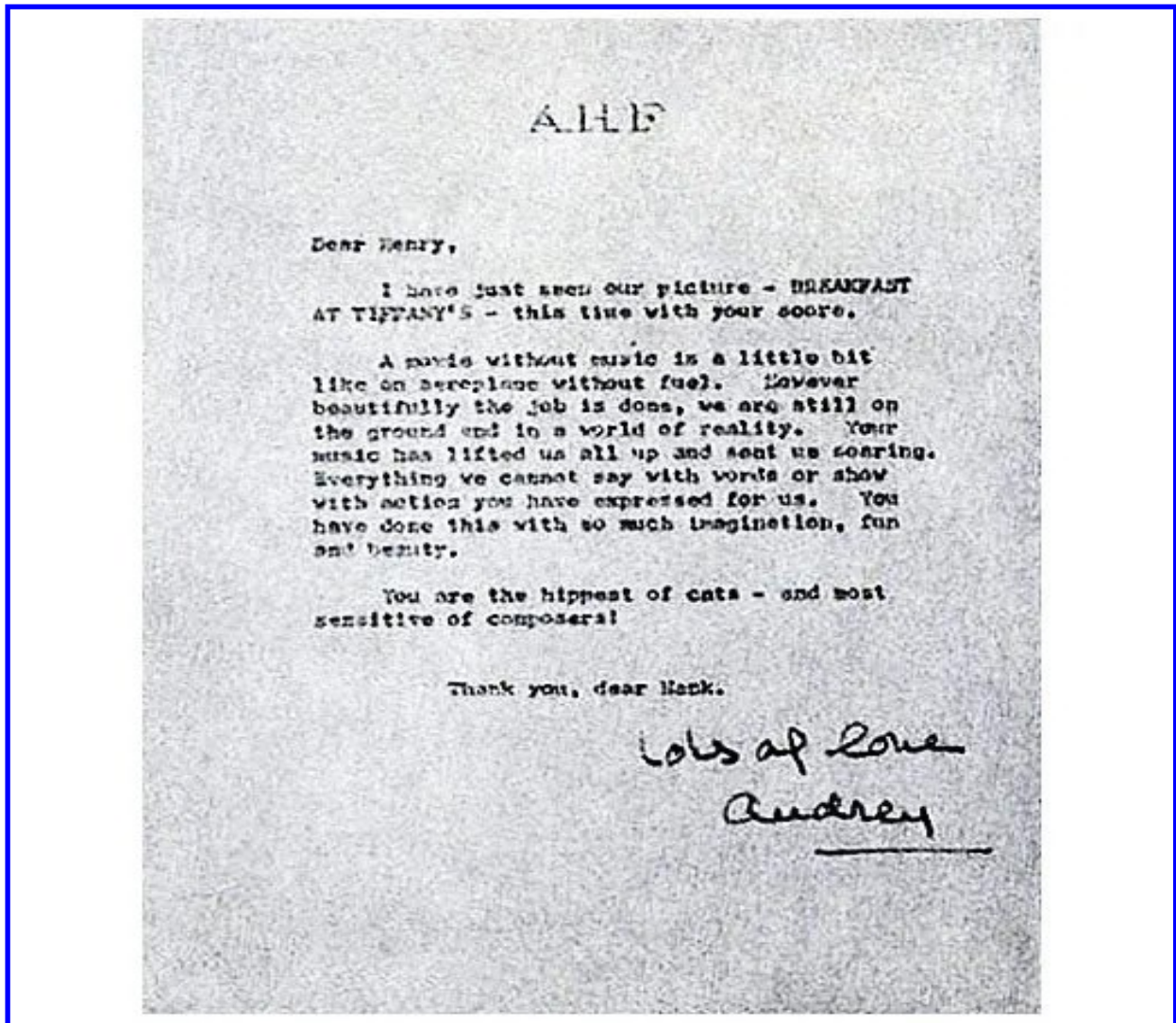


Upcoming Activities

*HPI & HPE campus tours
20 February, Tuesday*



Upon hearing the musical score for her latest film, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, Hepburn immediately penned the following letter to composer Henry Mancini who would go on to win an Academy Award for the film



Dear Henry,

I have just seen our picture – BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S – this time with your score.

A movie without music is a little bit like an aeroplane without fuel. However beautifully the job is done, we are still on the ground and in a world of reality. Your music has lifted us all up and sent us soaring. Everything we cannot say with words or show with action you have expressed for us. You have done this with so much imagination, fun and beauty.

You are the hippest of cats – and the most sensitive of composers!

Thank you, dear Hank.

Lots of love
Audrey

Past Activities

Fall Social—El Palenque



We had a big turnout for a walk down memory lane at our old stomping ground

Past Activities

End of Life Seminar



Past Activities

Volunteer event Kids' Meals



Thanks to all those that turned out to help Kids' Meals. Between our group and other volunteers, 6,500 meals were made to distribute to kids that don't participate in school lunch programs. This work doubles during the holiday vacations.

Resources

For more retiree information from HPE/HPI, please access these websites:

www.hp.com/retiree - (Maintained by HP Inc (HPI) for retirees)

This website retains some information that is available to any of the legacy companies' retirees and does not require a password. The other information (Benefits, Discounts, Open Enrollment - *specific to HP Inc*) has been moved to HP Continuum and DOES require you to create your own user name and password.

Are you an HP retiree with a Payroll issue? HP has cancelled its 1-800 number for employees and retirees to reach Payroll. The only way to contact HP Payroll is through this email address: payroll.us.i@hpe.com. (Note: type carefully ... the letter "i" in the email address identifies you as an HP Inc. designated retiree.) Include your full name and employee number in the message.

www.hpcontinuum.com - HP news, retiree stories, videos, and member spotlights for HPI employees
HP Continuum is open to all U.S. retirees of HP Inc. If you retired after November 1, 2015, from Hewlett Packard Enterprise, you are not eligible to join HP Continuum.

Check out this [Medicare Toolkit](#) on [HP Continuum](#) for answers to your questions about Medicare and HP retiree medical coverage.

www.hpalumni.org - **HP Alumni Association** (Maintained by volunteer HP retirees/former employees)

Join HPAA at no charge; use the online Benefits forum to compare notes on US retiree health plans – year-round and during Annual Enrollment. Check out their website for a wealth of information and selected forums to join.

Know someone leaving HP? Send them this link to our "ASAP Checklist" -- advice from members of the independent HP Alumni Association on [urgent things to do before losing HP access](#) and in the following weeks. (Membership not required.)

| Program | URL |
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| HP Retiree Club of Houston | www.hprchou.com |
| HPI (Discounts area, choose Retiree Discounts link) * | www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/ |
| HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Contacts) | www.hpcontinuum.com |
| Employee Programs (Discounts) | www.houston.hpway.org |
| HP Branded Merchandise | www.hpstore.com <i>click on Partners</i> |
| HP Alumni Social Clubs | https://www.hpalumni.org/social |
| HP Alumni Club Facebook sites | https://www.hpalumni.org/facebook |

"There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age."

~ Sophia Loren