

# 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.

## Upcoming Activities—2023

                      	     
<b>October 26, Thursday</b>	<b>Fall Social, El Palenque</b>
<b>November 2, Thursday</b>	<b>End of Life Planning Seminar, Spring Creek</b>
<b>November 7, Tuesday</b>	<b>Kids Meals</b>
                      	

### **Dear Houston HP Retiree Club members,**

Another summer is behind us and another set of record hot temperatures was set. I am looking forward to cooler weather soon. I am sure you are too.

The record temperatures and heat did not slow the club's ability to organize events and adjust our calendar. In June we went back to the Haak Winery, their renovated tasting area and format was greatly enjoyed. In July at the 1940 Air Terminal, adjacent to the Hobby Airport, we learned about the early days of commercial aviation in Houston.

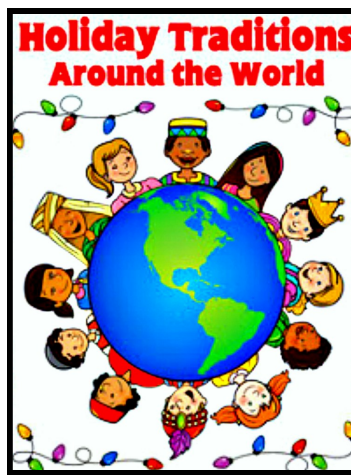
In August at our first pop-up social at The Empty Glass in Tomball, we were pleased by the presence of new retiree and other first time participants. And earlier in September, we finally scheduled an Astros game - a popular suggestion in prior member surveys. It was a great night with the Astros winning vs the Athletics. All these events were well attended.

The rest of the year looks equally busy with a social event in October at El Palenque for the first time, a fondly-remembered stomping ground for many of us. We will continue to experiment with new venues; this locale was suggested in this year's and prior year's surveys).

We have booked a good speaker (including a lawyer) for a seminar in early November to discuss end-of-life planning such as wills, powers of attorney, directives, long term care, etc. Also, in November for our volunteer day, we are going

back to Kids' Meals since we had a wonderful experience last year. We liked the small and intimate operation compared to the Food Bank.

Finally, we are going back to Galveston for Dickens on the Strand in December; we are adjusting the format with more time and lunch on our own to allow participants to have a deeper experience at the event.



Our annual member survey was sent out in July. We had good participation, with a 12.6% response rate from the membership. We felt we had a good sample of what our active members want (a good survey response rate range is between 5% and 30% per MailChimp). As in prior years we will use the feedback to plan our program for the following year which we will post as a draft on our website in a month or two, and we will publish it in our next newsletter. We want to thank those of you that responded to the survey and provided additional written comments.

Next year's calendar will include new and different day-trip experiences, seminars, and events resulting from your feedback. Stay

tuned.

Over the years we have wondered where our membership resides in the Houston area. Having this information could help us select venues close to most of our members: places for socials, in-person seminars, bus pick up locations, etc. Although we had a suspicion most would be located around the old HP/Compaq campus, we were not certain. Using data from MailChimp, our email service provider, on 250 active members (defined as those that open e-mails frequently) out of six hundred in our distribution list, we were able to confirm our suspicion: 51% of our members live in northwest Houston, 67% north of I-10, and 70% outside Loop 8. What this tells us is we are selecting venues in geographical areas that will reach most of our membership.

We have finally discovered the right folks at HPE and HP, Inc. to arrange a tour of the campuses in the first or second quarter of 2024. We will adjust our calendar as necessary to accommodate these dates.

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to wish you and your family and friends a great upcoming holiday season and I hope to see you at any of our upcoming events. Please share this newsletter with other retirees, new and old.

Finally, 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.

# 2023 Event Calendar

Date	Activity
10 January, Tuesday	Zoom Travel Seminar
19 January, Thursday	Income Tax Seminar, Spring Creek BBQ
17 February, Friday	The Mousetrap— <a href="#">Unity Theater</a> , Brenham
March	No event scheduled
20 April, Thursday	Social, <a href="#">Mo's Irish Pub</a> , Vintage
18 May, Thursday	Museum of the American GI & George Bush Library
21 June, Wednesday	Haak Winery & Gilhooley's Seafood
July 13, Thursday	1940 Air Terminal Museum, Hobby Airport
August 17, Thursday	Pop-Up Social—Empty Glass, Tomball
September 13, Wednesday	Astros Game
October 26, Thursday	Social, El Palenque
November 2, Thursday	End of Life Planning Seminar, Spring Creek BBQ
November 7, Tuesday	Volunteer— <a href="#">Kids Meals</a>
December 2, Saturday	Dickens on the Strand, Galveston





# ***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 Norway



Ever been on a trip where you are constantly turning your head and saying ...wow... ? How about a sunset at midnight as you cross into the Arctic Circle? How about a rainbow, glacier, and a waterfall in the same frame? There are deep fjords cut out of mountains by glaciers 2 miles thick and millions of pounds slowly pushing to the sea during the last ice age. You can still see the scars where it looks like a giant cleaver took a vertical slice out of the mountain. The fjords are deep enough to support a 16 story cruise ship, but in some areas not wide enough for it to turn around. The US Navy used to “hide” a carrier group in one of the fjords.

A Norwegian Fjords cruise has something for everyone. If you are adventurous, there are day hikes of every difficulty with beautiful vistas at every turn. If you are not very active, you can take a smaller ship deeper into the fjords to see waterfalls the height of 6 football fields, go see a Viking Museum, or visit some old churches Europe is known for. Even if you stayed on the cruise ship, the views are still hauntingly beautiful.





# Upcoming Activities

**Fall Social**  
**El Palenque**  
**October 26th, Thursday**



**Create New "Good Old Days"**



**Bring your favorite memorabilia (i.e., mug, t-shirt, jacket, knickknack, etc.) from your time with HP, Compaq, Tandem, Digital, EDS, Agilent, and related/legacy companies.**

# Upcoming Activities

## ***End of Life Planning Seminar November 2, Thursday Spring Creek Barbecue***

**One of the most important things you can do for the people who mean the most to you is prepare for when you are gone. Having your financial affairs, materials and end-of-life instructions in order will give you all peace of mind.**

**Learn some of the best practices from expert planners and lawyers**

### Examples:

#### **Documents for End of Life Planning**

- Durable Power of Attorney for Finances
- Domestic Partnership Agreement
- Living Trust
- Last Will and Testament
- Health Care Power of Attorney/Health Care Proxy
- Durable Medical Power of Attorney
- Living Will

#### **List of Your Assets and Liabilities**

- Real Estate/Mortgages
- Savings Accounts/Plans
- Checking/Bank Accounts
- Investment Accounts
- Life Insurance/Insurance Policies
- Online Accounts
- Pension/Retirement Benefits
- Outstanding Loans
- Credit Cards

#### **List of People to Contact and Where They Can Be Reached:**

- Anyone named in your will
- Close Friends
- Business Associates
- Religious & Social Organizations
- Beneficiaries of your:
  - IRA
  - Annuity
  - Life Insurance
  - Other
- Your Attorney
- Your Executor/Trustee

#### **Make Funeral Arrangements or specify what funeral arrangements you want:**

- Preferred Funeral Home
- Funeral Home Director Information
- Viewing
- Buried or Cremated
- Funeral or Memorial Service
- Private Service – Religious
- Military Service
- Eulogy, Music and/or Readings
- Pall Bearers
- Headstone or Marker
- Where to place remains
- Obituary



# Upcoming Activities



## Annual Community Service November 7th, Tuesday

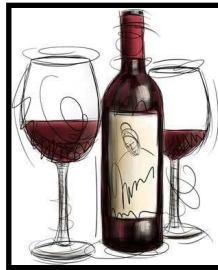
Please preregister at :

<http://hpretireeclub.kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/>



# Past Activities

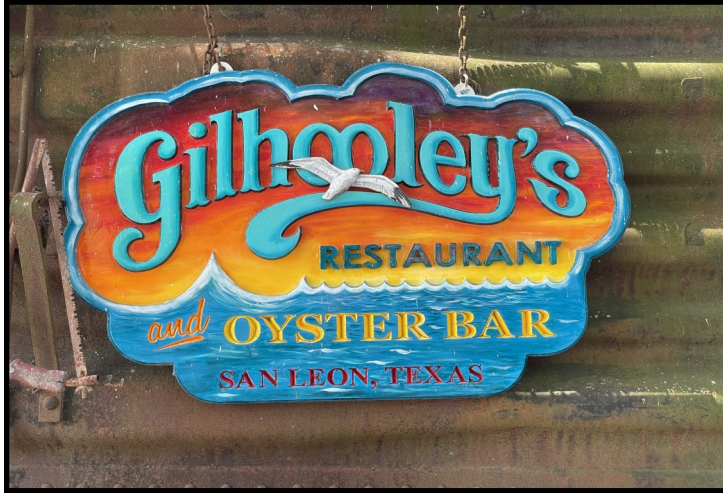
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# Past Activities

## Gilhooley's Seafood





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## 1940 Air Terminal Hobby Airport Karch Bach Brewery—lunch





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## Empty Glass—Tomball Pop-Up Social



# Academy for Life Long Learning



The [Academy for Lifelong Learning](#) is a membership community that offers free and low-cost classes, events and activities for adults age 50 and older. There are no educational prerequisites required to attend classes.

Check out the [Step-by-Step Registration Guide](#) for assistance.

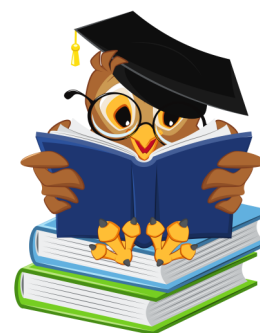


## Program Listing

Arts & Crafts | Computer & Technology | Culinary Arts, Food & Cooking | Financial & Legal | Fun, Hobbies & Recreation | Gardening | Genealogy | Health, Fitness & Nutrition | History | Home & Auto | Languages | Movies, Music & Theater | Philosophy | Photography | Political & Community Affairs | Documentaries | Reading & Writing | Safety | Science & Nature | Senior Issues | Travel & Culture | World Religion & Spirituality

**ALL classes are held at the below campus locations:**

LSC-CyFair  
LSC-Houston North  
LSC-Kingwood  
LSC-Montgomery  
LSC-North Harris  
LSC-Tomball  
LSC-University Park



**Annual memberships is \$25 (includes all Lone Star College campuses). Membership fees are non-refundable.**

Most sessions are an hour long, some two hours, some in person, some online, some one day, some two-day, some weekly.



## *If I had the power...*

If I had the power to turn back the clock,  
and go back to that house at the end of the block.  
The house that was home when I was a kid,  
I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,  
and hear once again, the things she told me.  
I'd listen now as I never listened before,  
for she knew so well what life had in store.

And all the advice my dad used to give...  
his voice I'll remember as long as I live.  
But it didn't seem really important then,  
what I'd give to live it all over again.

What I'd give for the chance I once had,  
to do so much more for my mom and dad.  
To give them more joy and little less pain,  
a little more sunshine-a lot less rain.

But years roll on and I cannot go back,  
whether I was born in a mansion or a shack.  
I can start right now in the hour that's here,  
to do something more for the ones I hold dear.

And since time in its flight is traveling so fast,  
I can't spend it regretting that which is past.  
But I'll try to make tomorrow a happier day,  
By doing my Good unto Others...Today.

Becky Sellers---1982

# Resources

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

[www.hp.com/retiree](http://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](http://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](http://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
HP Retiree Club of Houston	<a href="http://www.hprchou.com">www.hprchou.com</a>
HPI (Discounts area, choose Retiree Discounts link) *	<a href="http://www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/">www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/</a>
HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Contacts)	<a href="http://www.hpcontinuum.com">www.hpcontinuum.com</a>
Employee Programs (Discounts)	<a href="http://www.houston.hpway.org">www.houston.hpway.org</a>
HP Branded Merchandise	<a href="http://www.hpstore.com">www.hpstore.com</a> <a href="#">click on Partners</a>
HP Alumni Social Clubs	<a href="https://www.hpalumni.org/social">https://www.hpalumni.org/social</a>
HP Alumni Club Facebook sites	<a href="https://www.hpalumni.org/facebook">https://www.hpalumni.org/facebook</a>

*“Now is the only time there is. Make your now wow, your minutes miracles, and your days pay. Your life will have been magnificently lived and invested, and when you die you will have made a difference.”*

— Mark Victor Hansen