


# **HPI/HPE RETIREE CLUB OF HOUSTON**

**NEWSLETTER**

Holiday Edition 2025



The HPI/HPE Retiree Club of Houston provides opportunities to gather with the friends and coworkers you knew during your working career at Compaq, HP, HPI, HPE and any of the related acquired companies.

*Season's Greetings*



**Planning  
Committee**



**LEADER: CARLOS FERNANDEZ**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**KAREN BROWN  
HERMAN DE HOOP  
JACKIE DILLEMUTH  
MICHAEL DUHS**

**GREG FRANKE  
JAN FRAZIER  
MIKE MAGLOTHIN  
DEBBIE THOMPSON**

**How to stay connected and informed of group activities**

<i>Website</i>	<i>Facebook Group</i>	<i>Email/Evites Distribution</i>
<p><a href="http://www.hprchou.com/">http://www.hprchou.com/</a></p> 	<p><a href="#">HPI/HPE Houston Retiree Alumni Group</a></p> 	<p><a href="mailto:carlosfernandez@fernandez.net">mailto:carlosfernandez@fernandez.net</a></p> 

## Message from Carlos

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



Welcome to the last newsletter of the year, but the year is not over yet for the club activities, we hope to see you at our annual volunteer event at Kids' Meals and the Houston Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights visit later this month and next; find the details in this newsletter.

We are just completing another year full of events, by year end we would have completed fifteen of them: two socials, three seminars, nine trips/outings, and one volunteer activity. The first chart shows the number of participants at each event so far in 2025; like bookends, you can notice that the tax seminar and the end-of-life planning seminar, held just a few days ago, had the most participation.

The second chart shows what you told us in question four in our annual survey were your preferences. The outdoor/indoor day trips and in-person/Zoom seminars remain the favorite activities based on your responses, followed by social events and volunteering. This aligns very well with our thinking when we plan the mix of activities each year.

Speaking of our annual survey we had a 35% increase in number of members responding with a 13.4% response rate overall, a good survey response rate range is 5% and 30% per MailChimp, thus we had great participation from you; thank you very much! We will use the detailed feedback from the survey to develop 2026 calendar which we should publish sometime next month.

As I look back on the year we had a few firsts with the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, a Hindu temple, and Rothko Chapel tours, the KPRC Channel 2 tour, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts visit, and going to Stages for a night of food and theater; we also for the first time had our social at Los Cucos with great feedback from those attending.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and pass it on to other retirees interested in reading it; our best recruiting tool is word of mouth as newly retirees are more preoccupied transitioning from employment to a new lifestyle and one of the last things they may have in mind is joining a club like ours; at least that was my experience when I retired ... it took me about two years to join the club.

I want to extend my appreciation to the coordinating committee members for their contributions to the club with their talent, their time, creativity, and their passion to serve.

Please, as you read this information-rich newsletter, give us feedback on what you want to see in the future in terms of content and activities we should organize. Additionally, if you want to be part of the organizing committee, drop me a line and I will get back to you.

In the meantime, take care and we hope you and your family have a great holiday season and do not forget to mark your calendar for our upcoming events.



Chart 1

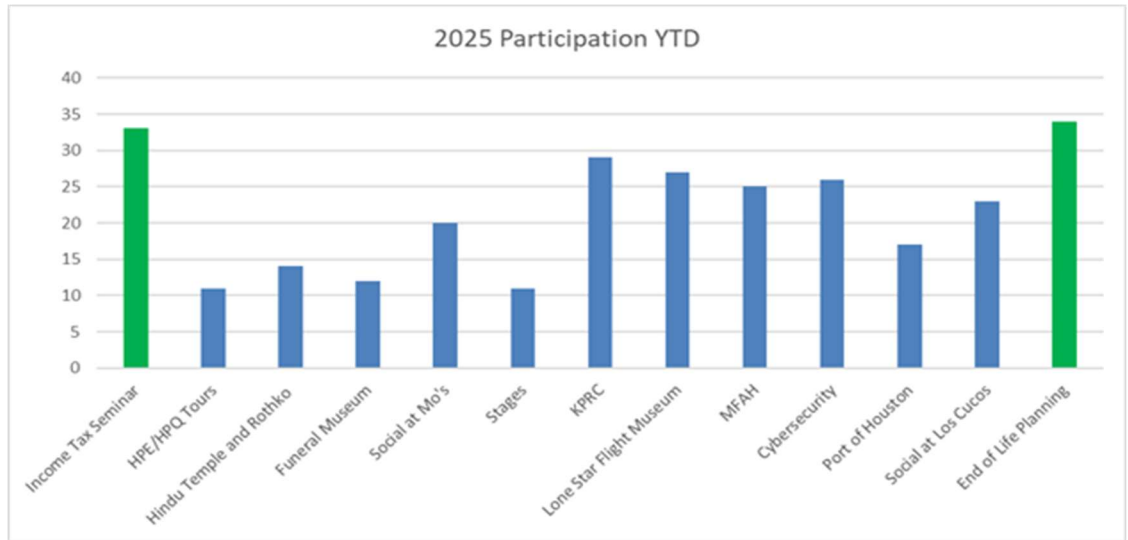
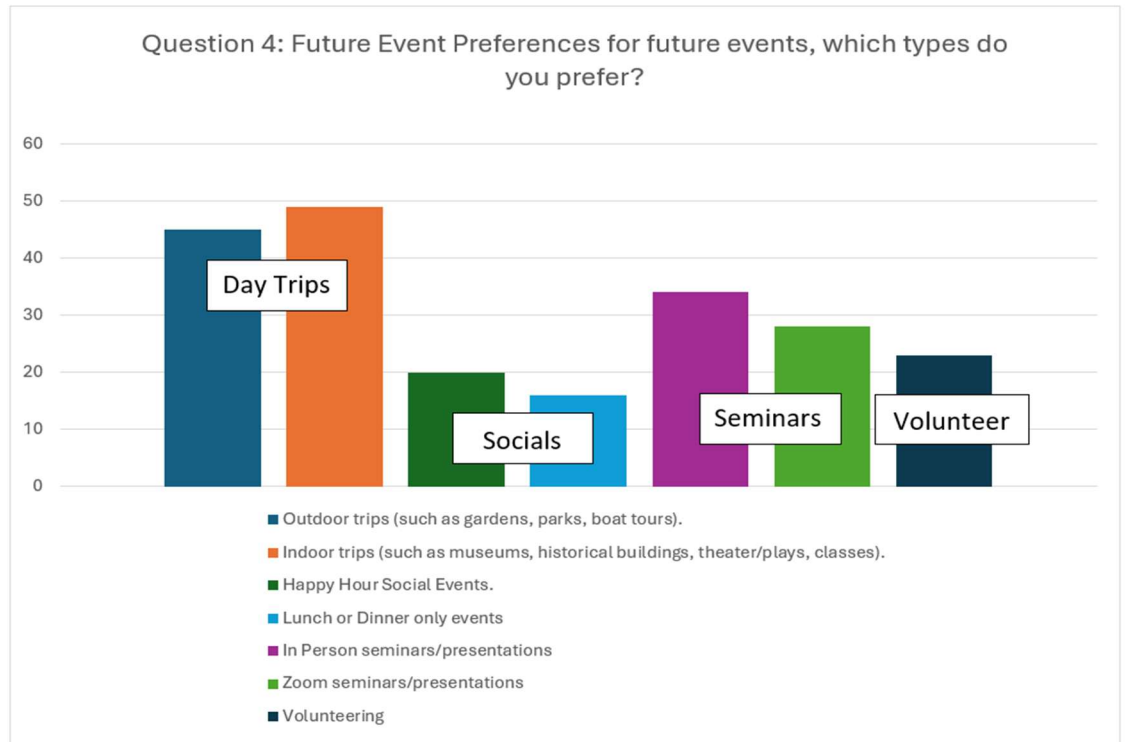


Chart 2



**SAVE THE DATE...**

**UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

**NOV 14\***

Kids Meals Volunteer Event  
w/lunch at Chuy's Tex-Mex



**DEC 4\***

Botanical Garden Lights



**JAN 15**

Tax Seminar / Lunch



***\*FREE PRECINCT 3 BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED  
PICK UP AT TRUSTMARK BANK, VINTAGE PARK  
10711 LOUETTA RD, HOUSTON, TX 77070***



# RECENT GROUP TRIPS & EVENTS...

## Portside Perspectives & Gulf Coast Fare



Our group enjoyed a remarkable outing this past September that combined industrial insight with waterfront hospitality. The day began at the **Port of Houston's Sam Houston Boat Tour dock**, located at *7300 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77020*.

We boarded the **M/V Sam Houston**, a no-frills vessel outfitted with benches, railings, and a guide who could distinguish a tanker from a container ship without checking notes. The 90-minute cruise offered a front-row seat to the choreography of global commerce along the Houston Ship Channel, a 52-mile artery connecting Houston to the Gulf of Mexico.

From the deck, the scale was staggering: tankers from around the globe loaded with crude oil, barges stacked with petrochemicals, and cranes moving with mechanical precision. Our guide pointed out the turning basin, dry docks, and grain elevators while sharing stories of wartime logistics and trade routes. During World War II, the channel became a lifeline for Allied forces—Liberty ships were built along Buffalo Bayou, and refineries supplied aviation fuel at record pace.

*Monument Inn*

*4406 Independence Pkwy, La Porte, TX 77571*



The channel's origin story is equally compelling. Though dredging began in the late 1800s, it was Houston congressman Thomas Henry Ball who championed its transformation into a deepwater port. His lobbying efforts led to the official opening on November 10, 1914, marked by President Woodrow Wilson remotely firing a cannon from Washington, D.C., and a ceremonial christening by Sue Campbell, daughter of Houston's mayor.

Today, the Port of Houston supports over 1.35 million jobs statewide and contributes more than \$339 billion annually to Texas's economy. It's not just a shipping lane—it's an economic engine, powering livelihoods from longshoremen to logistics analysts.

After disembarking, our group headed to the nearby Monument Inn, a Gulf Coast favorite known for its generous portions and scenic views.

**Grateful to Peter Martin** for charting our course and steering us toward a fun seaworthy adventure.

*Port of Houston*

*7300 Clinton Drive, Houston, TX 77020*



## Staying Safe in a Digital World

FBI Houston  
Seminar on  
Cybercrime & the  
Elderly



Cybercrime targeting older adults is a growing concern in today's increasingly connected world. That issue took center stage at a recent seminar hosted by FBI Houston's Community Outreach Team, held at Spring Creek Barbeque

The session was both eye-opening and empowering. An FBI agent shared real-world examples of scams that often target seniors—ranging from phishing emails and tech support fraud to romance scams and identity theft. He explained how criminals exploit trust and unfamiliarity with digital platforms, and offered practical strategies for staying safe online.

According to the FBI's 2024 Internet Crime Report, Americans aged 60 and older reported \$4.8 billion in cybercrime losses—a 41% increase compared to 2023. These individuals submitted 147,127 complaints, marking a 46% year-over-year rise. Among them, more than 7,678 seniors lost over \$100,000 each. While some suffered six-figure financial harm, the average loss per elderly victim was approximately \$32,620, underscoring the growing impact of digital fraud on older adults.

How to report suspicious activity through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

### FBI Tips on staying safe online:

---

- Keeping all systems and software up to date and using a good anti-virus program.
- Examine the email address and URLs in all correspondence. Scammers often mimic a legitimate site or email address by using slight variations in spelling.
- If an unsolicited text or email asks you to update, check, or verify your account information, do not follow the link provided in the message itself or call the number provided in the message. Instead, go to the company's website to log into your account or call the number on the company's official website.
- Do not open any attachments unless you're expecting the file, document, or invoice, and have verified the sender's email address.
- Scrutinize all electronic requests for a payment or transfer of funds.
- Be extra suspicious of any messages urging immediate action.
- Confirm requests for wire transfers or payment in person or over the phone as part of a two-factor authentication process. Do not verify these requests using the phone number listed in the request for payment.

Catching up with colleagues to share memories and laughs....



## Los Cucos Meet & Mingle

Special thank you to committee member, **Jan Frazier** for coordinating the October Meet & Mingle. Raffle prize gift cards provided by Los Cucos and Landry's.

Additional note of thanks to **Rocky Femia** for donating an HP Mouse raffle prize.



# NEWS FEATURES

---

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025 - HONORING SERVICE: THE HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF VETERANS DAY

*Article & Photos by fellow retiree, Jacqueline Dillemath*

**Veterans Day**, observed annually on **November 11**, is



a national tribute to the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It is one of eleven **federal holidays** recognized by the U.S. government, meaning federal offices, banks, and many schools close in observance. The date itself marks the end of World War I, when an armistice between Allied

forces and Germany took effect on the **eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month** in 1918.

Originally called *Armistice Day*, the holiday was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to honor WWI veterans and promote peace. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress renamed it “Veterans Day” to recognize all American veterans, regardless of the war or conflict in which they served.



Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who died in service, Veterans Day celebrates all who have worn the uniform—living or deceased.



Thank you to all our work colleagues, such as **Tom Howard**, who have served this nation so generously to protect our freedoms. Tom was in the Air Force from 1968-1972 initially based at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base which was a critical hub for U.S. Air Force operations during the Vietnam War, hosting reconnaissance missions, combat support, and covert activities. Later he was based out of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

As of 2025, the United States is home to over **17.6 million living veterans\***. Their service spans generations and global conflicts – THANK YOU!

Join in honoring all Veterans by attending the [“Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day”](#) Celebration and Parade downtown Houston – Nov 11 at Dallas & Bagby

\*Reference Source: [The Global Statistics – U.S. Veterans 2025](#)



Each November, Texans join the nation in celebrating **Native American Heritage Month**, a time to honor the histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. This observance, officially recognized in 1990 by President George H. W. Bush through a joint congressional resolution, builds on decades of advocacy and reflection, including early efforts by Seneca scholar Dr. Arthur C. Parker in 1915.

Across the United States, there are about **567 federally recognized Native American reservations**, ranging from vast territories to small parcels.

Together, they cover roughly **56 million acres**—an area about the size of Idaho. While not all Native Americans live on reservations, more than **5 million people identify as Native**, with around 1 million residing on tribal lands.

**Texas is home to three federally recognized tribes**—the **Alabama-Coushatta Tribe** of Texas, the **Kickapoo Traditional Tribe** of Texas, and the **Ysleta del Sur Pueblo**—as well as many intertribal communities and descendants of historic nations such as the **Caddo, Comanche, and Lipan Apache**.

These tribes maintain sovereign lands that reflect centuries of resilience and cultural continuity. The Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, located in Polk County near Livingston, is the oldest in Texas and spans approximately 4,593 acres in the Big Thicket region. The Kickapoo Reservation, situated along the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass, was formally established in 1985 and covers about 120 acres. The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, based in El Paso, traces its roots to 1682 when the Tigua people resettled after displacement from New Mexico. While its land base is more urban and dispersed, it includes designated Pueblo lands within the Ysleta section of El Paso County.

Beyond formal reservations, Texas is also home to sacred Indigenous sites that continue to serve as places of ceremony, reflection, and cultural memory.

- **Comanche Medicine Mounds** (near Quanah): Spiritual refuge for the Comanche; site of healing rituals and seasonal gatherings.
- **Caddo Mounds State Historic Site** (East Texas): Ancient earthworks from around A.D. 800; once a ceremonial and political center for the Caddo.
- **Garcia Pasture** (near Port Isabel): Sacred to the Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe; includes burial grounds and shell-working areas; listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **White Shaman Panel** (near Comstock): 4,000-year-old rock art mural; considered a visual record of creation stories and pilgrimage routes by Coahuiltecan descendants.

***Houston is hosting a variety of Native American Heritage Month events:***

- **Nov 7: NW Houston Indigenous Art Pop-Up Market** will showcase Native artisans /cultural demonstrations
- **Nov 16: Children’s Museum Houston** will present a full-day celebration
- **Nov 13-17: Fort Bend Discovery Center** will offer a weeklong series of activities
- **Nov 24: Levy Park** will host a special Native American presentation by the Houston Museum of Natural Science
- **Nov 12: The Woodlands Children’s Museum** will feature Boogie Bash Native American Rhythm
- **Nov 29: The Woodlands Children’s Museum Storybook Theatre:** “Totem Tale” and Chikawa Aztec Dancers

*Reference Sources:*

<https://www.loc.gov>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister>

[U.S. Indian Affairs](#)

[Home | Texas Historical Commission](#)

**LOCATION: ExxonMobil Campus**

**8790 Hammerly Blud., Houston, TX 77080**

**Phone: 713-695-5437**

# Kids' Meals

***Our Group's Volunteer Event***



**Our Retiree Club is proud to continue its tradition of service by volunteering with Kids' Meals on *November 14th*.**

Every individual attending must register for this event date. Go to: <https://vhub.at/hpretireeclub>.

**Kids' Meals'** mission is to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals to the doorsteps of Greater Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. Through collaboration, they also connect families with vital resources to help break the cycle of poverty.

Each week, it takes hundreds of volunteers to prepare and pack thousands of meals—and we're honored to be part of that effort. This year, we're not just lending our hands—we're bringing heart, energy, and a shared commitment to uplifting our community.

**Small actions can make a lasting impact.** Whether it's a sandwich, a smile, or a moment of care, every gesture counts. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves and making a difference—one meal at a time.

## **Kids' Meals Contact Information**

**General:** [info@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:info@kidsmealsinc.org)

**Volunteer:** [volunteer@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:volunteer@kidsmealsinc.org)

**Financial Donations:** [donate@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:donate@kidsmealsinc.org)

**Food & In-Kind Donations:** [info@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:info@kidsmealsinc.org)

**Client Help:** [clients@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:clients@kidsmealsinc.org)

**Fundraising Events:** [events@kidsmealsinc.org](mailto:events@kidsmealsinc.org)

**1 in 4**  
**Houston preschool-aged children live unsure of their next meal.**



## December Brings a Time to Reflect & Celebrate

**December brings a wide mix of traditions**—some religious, some cultural, and some seasonal—that help people mark the end of the year in meaningful ways. Across different communities, these celebrations offer a chance to pause, reconnect, and recognize important milestones, whether spiritual or social. ***Happy Holidays to all our fellow retirees!***

The month begins with **Bodhi Day** on *Monday, December 8*, a Buddhist observance honoring the enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama under the Bodhi tree. It's a quiet day focused on reflection, meditation, and the pursuit of wisdom.



Next comes **Hanukkah**, celebrated from *Sunday, December 14 through Monday, December 22*. This eight-night Jewish holiday commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the oil that lasted far longer than expected. Families light the menorah, enjoy traditional foods like latkes and sufganiyot (jelly filled donuts), and spend time together in celebration.

On *Sunday, December 21*, the **Winter Solstice**—also known as **Yule** in some traditions—marks the longest night of the year. It's been observed for centuries as a turning point in the seasonal cycle, symbolizing the return of light and the shift toward longer days.



**Christmas** follows on *Thursday, December 25*, celebrated by Christians as the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a time for religious services, family gatherings, and gift exchanges, with traditions that vary widely across cultures but share a focus on generosity and togetherness.

Starting *Friday, December 26 and continuing through Thursday, January 1, 2026*, **Kwanzaa** highlights African-American heritage and values. Each day focuses on one of seven principles—like unity, purpose, and creativity—through candle lighting, storytelling, and community reflection.

The month wraps up with **New Year's Eve** on *Wednesday, December 31*, a global moment to close out the year. Whether celebrated with fireworks, quiet reflection, or festive gatherings, it's a time to take stock and look ahead.



## Facebook Marketplace

### Safe Selling Guide for Seniors

**Facebook Marketplace** is a convenient way to sell gently used items—furniture, tools, holiday décor, collectibles—right in your local area. For seniors looking to downsize, declutter or earn extra cash, it's a useful tool. But it's important to stay alert and follow smart safety practices. With a few good habits—short descriptions, safe meetups, and cautious communication—seniors can use Marketplace confidently and avoid common pitfalls. **LET'S GET STARTED!**

#### *Use a Trusted online Facebook Profile*

- » Post from your personal Facebook account—not a new or anonymous one.
- » Buyers trust listings from real, established profiles.

#### *Take Clear, Cautious Photos*

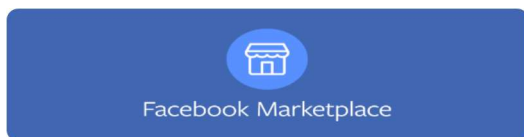
- » Use natural light and multiple angles, but avoid showing the interior of your home, personal items, or faces of you or family members.
- » A clean backdrop like a garage wall or porch is safer and more professional.

#### *Write Short, Honest Descriptions*

- » Keep it brief. Most buyers skim listings, so stick to key facts: brand, condition, size, and price.
- » Avoid long paragraphs—clarity sells.

#### *Post with Timing in Mind to optimize the selling potential*

- » Align your listings with seasonal demand. For example, post patio furniture in early spring, holiday decorations in late fall, and school supplies or electronics in late summer.
- » Buyers are more likely to search for items when they're top-of-mind or in high demand.



#### *Handling Payment*

- » Cash is Best - count it before handing over the item. Avoid checks or complex payment setups.
- » Overpayment Scams - someone sends more than the asking price and asks for a refund of the difference.
- » Use Trusted Apps Only - If using Venmo or Zelle, confirm the payment has cleared before releasing the item.

#### *Understanding Marketplace Buyer Messages*

- » "Is this still available?" This is Facebook's default quick-reply button. Many buyers are legitimate, but scammers often use it to bait responses.
- » If the person doesn't follow up or their profile looks suspicious, ignore or block them.
- » Vague messages like "I'll send someone to pick it up" or "Can I have your address"—without asking about the item—are red flags.
- » Check the Buyer's Profile, click on the buyer's name. If their account is new, has no local connections, or shows no Marketplace history, proceed with caution.

#### *Block or Report Suspicious Behavior*

- » If a buyer sends threatening, or spam messages, use Facebook's "Block" and "Report" features immediately.
- » You'll find these options by clicking the three dots next to their message or profile.
- » Blocking prevents further contact, and reporting helps Facebook investigate and remove bad actors.

#### *Meeting Buyers Safely*

- » Choose a Public Spot, such as a well-lit, busy location. Many Houston-area police departments offer "Safe Exchange Zones" with surveillance.
- » Avoid inviting buyers to your personal address unless you know them or trust them.
- » For large items that require pickup, try to meet in your garage or driveway with a neighbor or friend present.
- » Stick to Daylight Hours, avoid evening meetups.

# Safari...Part 2 the Serengeti from below and above

Article & Photos by fellow retiree, Michael Maglothin



**There are few places on Earth that evoke the raw spirit of the wild quite like Tanzania's Serengeti National Park.** The very name comes from the Maasai word *Siringet*, meaning "endless plains".

From the moment the first rays of dawn spill across the grasslands, life stirs everywhere. Herds of wildebeest and zebra trace ancient migration paths (more on this later when I talk about the balloon ride).

We saw sooooo many animals.

Elegant giraffes stride silently through the acacia trees. Lions lounge in the tall grass, the females going ahead of the males and hunting. They are not typically hunted so they do not particularly fear man. We had one lioness come so close to the jeep we could have petted her. We decided we'd rather keep our arms!!! We also saw a mother and young Chetah laying in the grass after a successful hunt.

Wildebeests and water buffalo literally in the thousands wandering with a purpose.

The Serengeti is a living, breathing ecosystem that tells the story of survival and balance. Every year, over two million animals move in a grand circular migration, following the rains and the promise of fresh grass. Watching this spectacle — a sea of movement across the plains — feels both humbling and otherworldly.

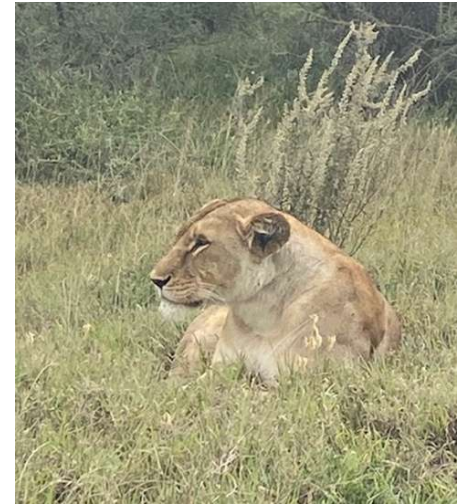
The Serengeti offers something timeless — a connection to nature in its purest form. It reminds us that we are just visitors in a world far older and wilder than our own.

## Floating Above the Wild — A Hot Air Balloon Ride Over the Serengeti



The ride to the takeoff point made me wonder if we were going to get through the mud to starting point... YIKES. Luckily our guides knew exactly what they were doing and we arrived at the takeoff point pre-dawn.

The wicker basket for our balloon had a capacity of 16 people.... What...in a Balloon????



The basket was so big we had to get into it while it was laying on it's side. Row by row, from top to bottom we entered as if we were early astronauts, feet first, knees bent, lying on our backs in the basket leaving me wondering how this was possibly going to work, but it DID!! As the balloon filled with hot air it gradually righted our basket and not long after we were on our way!!

As the burners roared to life, the balloon gently lifted off the ground.

There's a quiet magic in the Serengeti at dawn. From the moment the first rays of dawn spill across the grasslands, life stirs everywhere. Herds of wildebeest and zebra trace ancient migration paths. Every year there are tremendous rains, drought, and growth. I was surprised to see the trails from the sky. Our guide explained that amazingly, they take the SAME trail each year, being able to find it through their senses.

## SAFARI...con't



From above, it's clear why Serengeti means "endless plain". Herds of wildebeest graze in slow, rhythmic patterns. A tower of giraffes cast long, elegant shadows. Even from hundreds of feet up, I could see elephants lumbering toward a waterhole, their silhouettes perfectly framed by the rising sun.

Apart from the occasional hiss of the burner and the ohhs and ahhs of my fellow passengers, there was only the soft whisper of the wind. No car engines, no radios, just the heartbeat of the Serengeti below. It felt like flying through time, witnessing a world unchanged for millennia.

Our pilot guided the balloon gently along the wind's path, pointing out hidden gems — a lion pride resting in the shade, hippos wallowing in the river.

After about an hour, we descended slowly, landing in an open plain where a champagne breakfast awaited us. Sitting there, with the scent of the wild in the air and the endless plains around me, it was hard not to feel small — and incredibly alive. As we left after our open-air breakfast we saw a lion resting on a fallen tree not 100 ft from where we had eaten.

The next day we started back passing by thousands of Wildebeests and Water Buffalo once again, retracing our route around Ngorongoro crater, and eventually making our way back to Kilimanjaro airport.

As we board the plane I realize I'm going back to a world that bears no resemblance to the place I'm leaving. There's something grounding about Tanzania, its vastness, its silence, its wild honesty. I know I'm leaving, but part of me will always stay here.



If you have more questions, feel free to contact me on my personal facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/mike.maglothin> or at 713.927.4285 I love to talk travel!

**Travel Tip:** Book your balloon safari in advance, as spots fill up quickly during the dry season (June to October). Early morning flights offer the best light for photography — and the most breathtaking views of the sunrise over the plains.

# Events

## In and Around the Houston Metropolitan Area

### November

- Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day Celebration and Parade – Nov 11 at Dallas & Bagby  
[Houston Veteran's Celebration](#)
- Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market – Nov 13-16 at NRG  
[Houston Ballet | Nutcracker Market](#)
- 76th Annual H-E-B Thanksgiving Day Parade - Nov 27  
[Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade](#)
- Texas Renaissance Festival – Weekends through November in Todd Mission  
[Enchanting Entertainment, Adventures & Attractions | Texas Renaissance Festival](#)



### December

- A Christmas Carol – Dec 4 at Lone Star College, University Park  
[LSC-University Park Visual & Performing Arts |](#)
- The Night Before Christmas – Dec 3 at Alley Theatre  
[Night Shift Before Christmas - Alley Theatre](#)
- Dickens on the Strand 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival – Dec 5-7, Strand Historic District, Galveston  
[Dickens on The Strand - December 5-7, 2025 | #GalvestonHistory](#)

### January

- Chevron Houston Marathon 2026 - Race Weekend: January 16–18, 2026  
[Chevron Houston Marathon](#)
- Martin Luther King Unity Parade – Houston: Jan 19  
[Martin Luther King Parade](#)



**Q1: In what year was Compaq Computer Corporation founded?**

- A. 1980
- B. 1981
- C. 1982
- D. 1983

**Q2: What was Compaq best known for in the 1980s?**

- A. Creating the first portable IBM-compatible PC
- B. Developing the first handheld device
- C. Developing the first laser jet printer
- D. Launching the first cloud service

**Q3: In what year was Hewlett-Packard (HP) founded?**

- A. 1935
- B. 1939
- C. 1945
- D. 1951

**Q4: What was HP's first commercial product?**

- A. LaserJet printer
- B. Scientific calculator
- C. Audio oscillator
- D. Desktop computer

**Q5: Which of the following companies was acquired by HPE to expand its supercomputing capabilities?**

- A. Cray Inc.
- B. Juniper
- C. RedHat
- D. Silver Peak

**Q6: What strategic shift did HPE announce in 2020 regarding its product delivery model?**

- A. All products would be open-source
- B. All products would be delivered as-a-service by 2022
- C. All products would be discontinued
- D. All products would be sold exclusively through partners

**Q7: Who was the longest-tenured CEO of Compaq, HP, HP Inc., or Hewlett Packard Enterprise?**

- A. Antonio Neri
- B. Meg Whitman
- C. John A. Young
- D. Michael Capellas

**Q8: Which company had more global employees as of 2025?**

- A. HP Inc.
- B. Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- C. They had the same number
- D. HP Inc. had twice as many

# HP/HPI/HPE RETIREE RESOURCES

## HP Inc. Retiree Benefits & Enrollment

- **[MyHPBenefits.com](#)**
  - Enroll in HP retiree coverage
  - Access plan documents and provider directories
  - Get help via the “Need Help?” button for live support
- **HP Benefits Center:**  
1-800-890-3100  
Hours: Mon.–Fri., 6 a.m.–6 p.m. PT

## HPE Retiree Benefits & Enrollment

- **Annual Enrollment Guide:** Covers healthcare options, Medicare eligibility, and how to enroll.
- **Toolkit Access:** Visit [MyHPERewards.com/retiree](#) for benefits, discounts, and virtual healthcare.
- **Contact Info:**  
HPE Benefits Center: 1-844-537-5304  
Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. CT, Monday–Friday

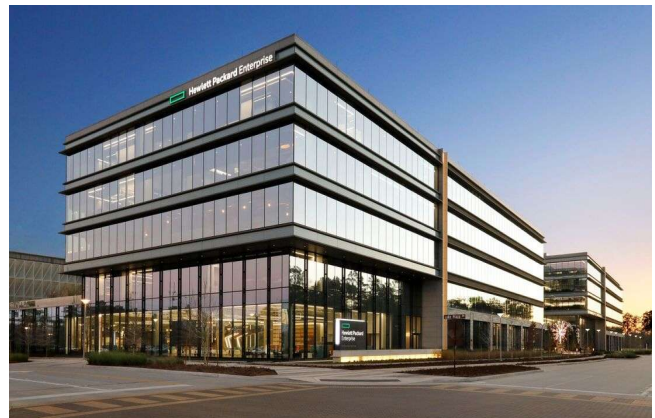
## Clubs / Alumni Groups / Discounts

### Clubs/Alumni Groups

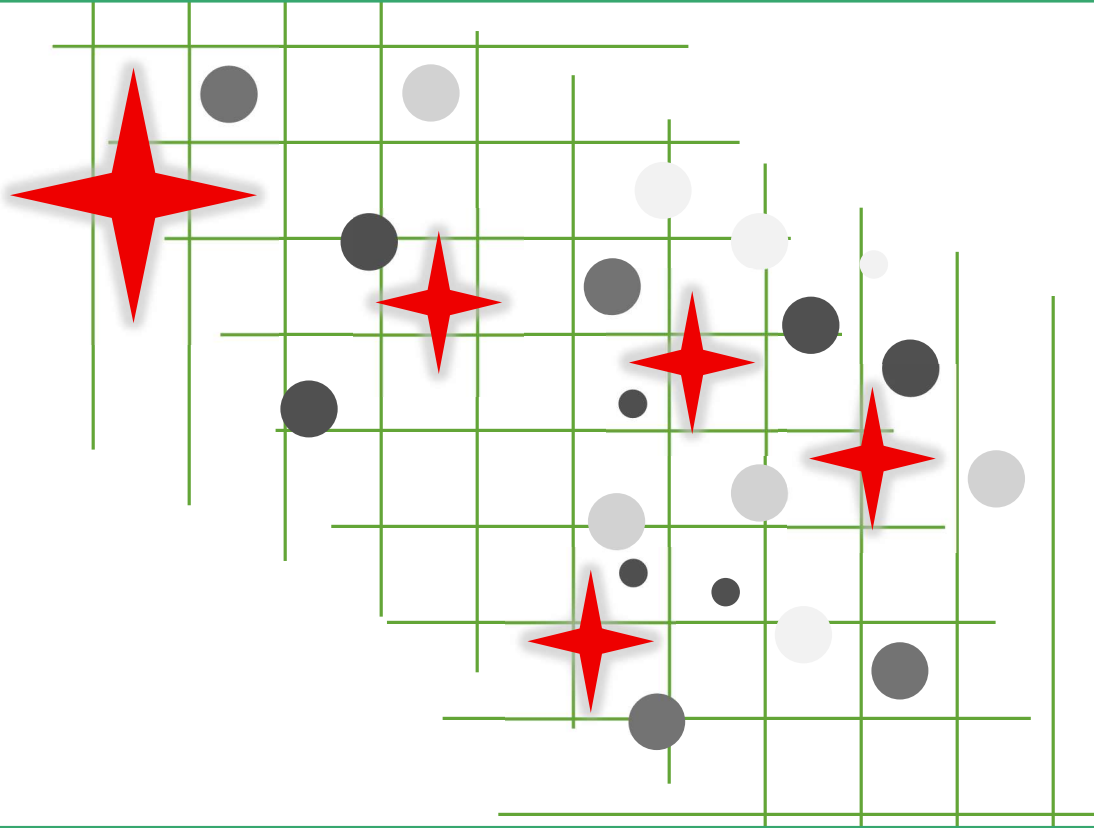
- **HP Continuum:** Central hub for benefits, discounts, and retiree news  
[HP Retirees Official Site](#)
- **Alumni Group:** [HP and HPE Alumni.](#)
- **Compaq Computer Community Facebook Group:** [Compaq Computer Community Facebook Group](#)

### HP Discounts

- [www.beneplace.com/hp\\_employee/](http://www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/)



**Thank you and Happy Holidays from the  
HPI/HPE Retiree Club of Houston  
Planning Committee**



**Next newsletter publication  
February 2026**