



HP Retiree Club of Houston December 2022

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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

January 10, Tuesday	Travel Seminar (Zoom)
January 19, Thursday	Income Tax Seminar
February 17, Friday	Unity Theater /The Mousetrap
March 29, Wednesday	Washington on the Brazos

Dear Houston HP Retiree Club members,

Another year, another fourth quarter message. For a few days in November, it seemed like fall was upon us; then came December with hot and humid weather. Hopefully when this newsletter goes out and or when you get to read it, it feels like fall, or even better: like winter, ready for the holiday season.

Our fall social in October was the biggest ever with close to 30 attendees - sharing our former companies' memorabilia was fun. The notebooks that Karen Trapani brought were a treat and a testament of how much technology has advanced in such a short time and more importantly the fact that all of us, one way or the other, were part of that transition.

Also, it was interesting to see the many pins, mugs, recognition plaques, trophies, stuffed animals, pens, knives, bags, t-shirts, etc. But what really was fun was the sharing of and listening to the stories behind each of the items, more of this event later in the newsletter. We will continue to make this sharing of memorabilia and souvenirs an integral part of our socials; it gives them more of a purpose.

Our next social, in April 2023, will be moved to Mo's Irish Pub, near Mia Bella at the Vintage. They have a larger patio and we will not be as crowded. I hope we all welcome the change.

This being the last newsletter of the year, it will be good to reflect on what we did this year. Thus, here is a brief look at the year in review.

- ◆ We had a record number of events this year: fifteen in total.
- ◆ We scheduled activities/events other than during the middle of the

week, all of them had great participation; the feedback has been positive:

- ◆ On a Friday we travelled to Brenham and enjoyed a great play at the Unity Theater.
- ◆ On a Monday we went wine-tasting at the Saddlehorn Winery, just west of Brenham, where we were treated with a very personable ex-HP employee, Steve Morgan.
- ◆ On a Sunday, the first Sunday of this month, we took part in Galveston's Dickens on the Strand festivities; a total of twenty-one of us participated. See the pictures later in this newsletter.

The Club ventured to the following new venues:

- ◆ The Holocaust Museum, where we got a guided tour of the recently updated and remodeled museum and the RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) exhibit. For me, every time I have gone there, it has been a humbling experience.
- ◆ We toured the Houston Public Media studios at the University of Houston and had an opportunity to chat with the News 88.7 FM staff and the assistant vice-president and general manager.
- ◆ For our volunteer activity we selected Kids Meals, a change from the traditional Houston Food Bank. Those attending felt that this being a smaller operation, provided a better experience because their smaller scale was better suited for our team. Read more about this in this newsletter.
- ◆ We continued with the traditional events and visited places high on your list based on our surveys: Zoo Lights, Tax Seminar, our spring and fall socials, Hemi Hideout, Houston Transtar, and Bernhardt Winery.
- ◆ The two Zoom webinars we held: Senior Living and Medicare were

well attended. We will continue to offer webinars as part of our ongoing planning; they are a good way to bring important topics to you.

Next year, as this year, will be rich in events your coordinating committee is planning to implement based on your input from the annual survey and feedback we received throughout the year.

The proposed calendar I shared in the prior newsletter has now been finalized with minor tweaks. Currently it has sixteen items scheduled, an aggressive program. We hope you take advantage of the many opportunities to participate. You can peruse the calendar in our web page [here](#) and elsewhere in this newsletter.

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to wish you and your family and friends a joyful holiday season. Please share this newsletter with other retirees, especially with new ones that you think may want to join the club.

Finally, as before, 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

(Subject to change)

Date	Activity
10 January, Tuesday	Zoom Travel Seminar
19 January, Thursday	Income Tax Seminar, Spring Creek BBQ
17 February, Friday	The Mousetrap— Unity Theater , Brenham
29 March, Wednesday	Washington on the Brazos
TBD April	Social, Mo's Irish Pub , Vintage
18 May, Thursday	Museum of the American GI
21 June, Wednesday	Winery
TBD July	1940 Air Terminal Museum , Hobby Airport
TBD July	Astros Game
TBD August	Houston Maritime Museum , Canal Street
TBD September	George Bush Library
TBD October	Social
TBD October	Medicare Zoom Seminar
TBD November	Volunteer Activity
TBD December	Dickens on the Strand



Upcoming Activities

Income Tax Seminar
January 19th, Thursday
Tom Jackson, CPA/PFS, CFP ChFC

Spring Creek BBQ
Order lunch at 11:00am
Presentation at 11:30am

Join us for our annual tax planning seminar. Topics covered usually include not only taxes but also financial and estate planning.



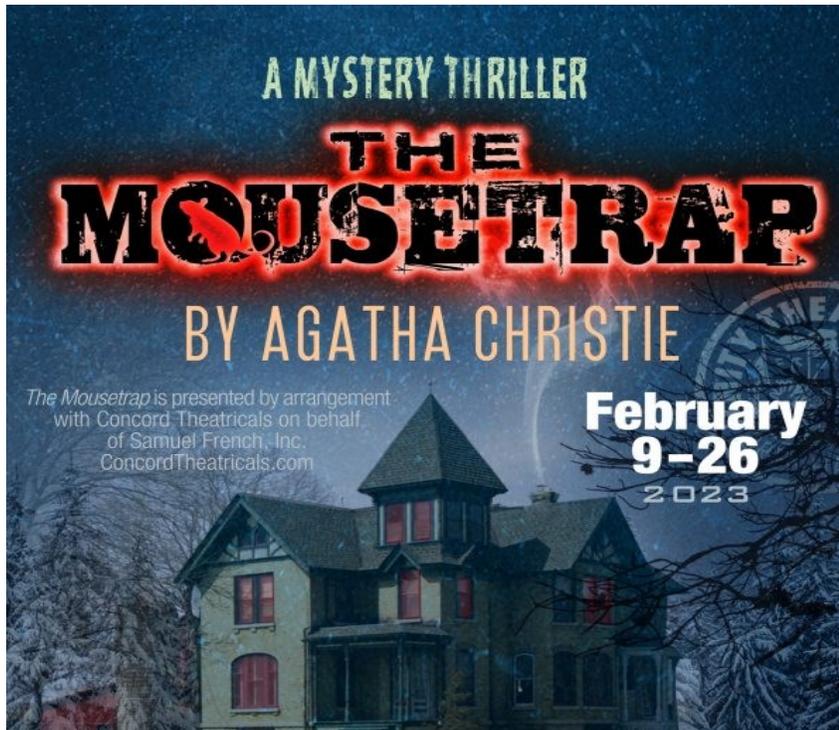
January 10th, Tuesday
ZOOM webinar

**European River Cruising and what's hot in travel,
including SPACE!!**



Upcoming Activities

Unity Theater
February 17th, Friday 8pm



The Mousetrap

Directed by Patrick Pearson

After hearing a woman has been murdered, the guests and staff at Monkswell Manor find themselves stranded during a snow-storm. As it becomes clear that the killer is among them, the seven strangers grow increasingly suspicious of one another. A police detective, arriving on skis, interrogates the suspects: the newlyweds running the house; a spinster with a curious background; an architect who seems better equipped to be a chef; a retired Army major; a strange little man who claims his car has overturned in a drift; and a jurist who makes life miserable for everyone. When a second murder takes place, tensions and fears escalate culminating in a surprise finish. *The Mousetrap* had its world premiere on October 6, 1952, and continues to be the world's longest-running play.

Travel Corner

Learning More About the World

..by Mike the Travel Guy

Ahhh.. ***European River Cruising***,
what an adventure!

Europe was built along the rivers; they were the major trade routes. You have some of that in the US also of course, but the houses and buildings weren't built 1,000 years ago! Never will you feel more a part of your destination than on a river cruise. Every major river cruise line includes at least one excursion at every stop.

The ships are smaller and more intimate, and the food is incredible. From Paris to the Beaches of Normandy, from Amsterdam to the Castles of Germany, or down the Danube to see the beautiful architecture of Eastern Europe - I've yet to be disappointed.

It's not for everyone though. Come to the January 10th Travel Zoom and hear more about River Cruising and what's hot in travel. Including SPACE.



Past Activities

Social



Past Activities

Annual volunteer opportunity *Kids Meals*



Past Activities, cont'd.

Kids Meals



Past Activities

Dickens on the Strand



Past Activities

Dickens on the Strand



Past Activities

Dickens on the Strand



Past Activities

Dickens on the Strand & Katie's Seafood



Meet Your Steering Committee

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer/Meeting location reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Act Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 3 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop
Trip planning & research	Peter Martin, Mike Maglothin, Committee
Seminar Coordinator/Socials	Jan Frazier, Mike Maglothin
Club website	Carlos Fernandez, Peter Martin
Newsletter / Editor	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs,
Communications	Herman de Hoop, Carlos Fernandez

Fall Social 2022



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.

NEW: 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
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>

"This life is what you make it. No matter what, you're going to mess up sometimes, it's a universal truth. But the good part is you get to decide how you're going to mess it up."

Marilyn Monroe