

HP RETIREE CLUB HOUSTON

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Houston HP Retiree Club Web Site:
<http://www.hprchou.com>

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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 Steering Committee know what activities would interest you.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER—Carlos Fernandez

Welcome to our mid-year newsletter!

Your Houston Retiree Club Committee continues to plan activities where you can participate: tours, seminars, socials, and other events. With the input you provided via the 2018 member survey conducted in March we now have enough ideas to start planning 2019, see more details below. I hope those of you that participated in recent events had a good time - read on for details and photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

The results from our annual member survey were informative and have provided the committee with enough information to start planning next year's program. We had a reasonable participation and many ideas for future events. The top six vote-getters for day trips in descending order were: Newman's Castle in Bellville, Zedler

Mill and Oil Museums in Luling, Painted Churches in Schulenburg, Museum of Natural History in Houston, Bishop's Palace in Galveston, and Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange. Also we now have a list of breweries and wineries we can combine with some of the day trips. Additionally, you provided a lot of good ideas for seminar topics and community service.

In the next couple of months we will develop the 2019 calendar and will publish in the September newsletter. Thanks to all of you that participated, your input makes our job that much easier.

We continue to include in this newsletter a section to spotlight some of our members, Tom Howard a regular on our programmed events is featured in this newsletter. If you have suggestions on folks to include in future spotlights, let us know.

Several business and individuals continue to supply us with gift cards and merchandise for the club to use as door prizes at social and seminar events. I would like to use this space to thank them; you can also thank them when you do business with them. Thanks to First Tech, Houston Federal Credit Union, Ambriza, Mia Bella, AAA Travel, and various members of the committee for their contributions. If you have relationship with a business that can donate to our club gift cards and/or merchandise to use as door prizes, approach them yourself about a possible contribution.

On behalf of the current committee, I want to thank you for reading this newsletter, for your participation and input.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 20, Wednesday	Lone Star Flight Museum
July 19, Thursday	Safety Seminar, Spring Creek Barbecue
August 23, Thursday	National Museum of Funeral History
September 29, Saturday	Hallettsville Kolache Festival
October tbd	Social: Meet and Greet
November tbd	Community Service —Northwest Assistance Ministries
December	Happy Holidays

Safety Seminar July 19, Thursday Spring Creek Barbecue

21746 Tomball Pkwy
Google Maps: [Directions](#)
(832) 304-7200

Arrive at 11am to order your lunch.
Seminar will begin at 11:30am

Deputy Kevin Ellis from the Harris County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit will be giving a presentation tailored around Identity Theft and Cyber Security.

You will learn about the many ways criminals attain your identity and ruin your good credit. This presentation will bring to your attention how you can avoid being a victim of this very popular crime.

This seminar will also include what you should do to protect your computing environment: how to identify the different types of frauds and scams so you can avoid falling victim to con artists and their schemes; and what to do if you become a victim of Cyber Crime in Harris County.



Harris County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018

The [National Museum of Funeral History](#) is an educational experience like no other and offers something for everyone. Discover America's largest collection of authentic, historical funeral service items. Learn about caskets and coffins, hearses through history, plus the funerals of Presidents, Popes, celebrities and more while you witness the cultural heritage of the funeral service industry and its time-honored tradition of compassion.

Most visitors are fascinated with the museum and return with other family members later. We will have a docent to provide a custom tour for our group.

Lunch tbd.



MEET YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer/Meeting location reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Action Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 4 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs
Trip planning & research/Socials	FG Seeberger, steering committee
Seminar Coordinator	Jan Frazier & Lori Day
Club website	Ellen Chadick, Carlos Fernandez
Newsletter / Editor	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs
Mail Chimp / Evite	Lori Day, FG Seeberger

HP RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

June Spotlight: Tom Howard



Tom came to Compaq in 1990 from Datapoint Corporation in San Antonio where he managed their Technical Publications Department. So many were leaving Datapoint for Compaq, they called Compaq "Datapoint East". He was hired by the CAE (Computer Aided Engineering) group to write ASIC Vendor Procedure Manuals. He recalls thinking in the interview that the only ASIC he knew was a tennis shoe (not Application Specific Integrated Circuits).

Tom was a casualty of the 1992 layoff but was rehired in 1993 to write service bulletins for the Personal Computer Group, assigned to Mary Kuna's organization.

He subsequently became manager of the Notebook Computer Technical Writing Team under Jan Kishbaugh and then back to Mary Kuna's team to cover the documentation effort for monitors. It was during this time that user documentation was released online rather than printed and Tom aided that transition.

He also worked with Michael Takemura's Accessibility Team validating that Compaq products were compliant with government regulations controlling handicap accessibility of their products.

With the HP takeover in 2002, Tom was once again assigned to manage the Notebook Technical Writing Team (Notebook Marketing Services). Tom retired in November 2010 after 20 years with Compaq/HP.

Tom is active in the HP Retiree Organization, St. Mary's University Alumni Club in Houston, and Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Tom's son built him a workshop where Tom turns out wooden American folk toys and makes a lot of sawdust. He loves to cook, bake, and barbeque.

Tom and his wife Elaine (a retired school teacher) had one son who passed away in 2013. They have three grandsons.

We added this feature to introduce you to our retiree members and highlight their retirement activities. What fun to see what our former colleagues are filling their time with!

If you would like to be spotlighted, please send an email to either [Carlos Fernandez](#), [Karen Brown](#), or [Michael Duhs](#).

PAST ACTIVITIES



George H. W. Bush Library

For many of us, it was particularly impactful to have visited this magnificent library before the passing of beloved Barbara Bush. Lots of interesting historical things to see, not just about the President, but his family also.



PAST ACTIVITIES

SCHULENBURG SAUSAGE FESTIVAL



The day started windy and cool, but the sun came out and all enjoyed walking the blocked-off street festival, and sampling the barbecued meats offered by local farmers.

A series of bands kept a lively beat throughout the day and several museums offered insight into former times in Schulenburg.

Interestingly, F.G.'s mom was a Sengelmann and he knew quite a bit about the history of the city. He is contributing some family items to the Schulenburg Historical Museum.



PAST ACTIVITIES



Mia Bella Restaurant



The venue at Mia Bella provided space for easy conversation. First Tech gave a short presentation and contributed goodie bags and gift cards for the attendees. Let Carlos know your suggestions for venues or sponsors. Hope to see you at the next one in October!

PAST ACTIVITIES

LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM



Great turnout for this event. We had a very informative docent that had been in the Air Force and had lots of interesting stories to add to the factual information. Most all of the planes displayed were still flying. Many folks planed on returning with family members.

RESOURCES

For more retiree information from HPE/HPI, please access these websites via user names and passwords in the table below:

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

HP has just completed an overhaul of the www.hp.com/retiree website, retaining some information that is available to any of the legacy company 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. There is no longer duplication of information on the two sites.

HP retiree have 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 that meet the following criteria:

- Age 55 and 10 years of service under the HP Retiree Medical Program
- Age 55 and 15 years of service under the Pre-2003 Retiree Medical Program
- Age 50 with at least five years of vesting service under the Compaq Computer Corporation Cash Account Pension Plan (CAPP) under the Former Digital Retiree Health Program.

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.

1. 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.)

2. Social Security. [Video with an expert from the Social Security Administration](#). When to start. How working affects your benefits. Spouse, children, divorce, survivor, disability, taxes. Much more.

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>

* Note: Usernames and Passwords are available when you sign up to HP Continuum

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest - *Larry Lorenzoni*