

# HP Retiree Club of Houston

June 2023

## Have an awesome Summer!



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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

June 21, Wednesday

Haak Winery & Gilhooley's Seafood

July 13, Thursday

1940 Air Terminal at Hobby airport

July 29, Saturday

Astros Game

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

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. We want to congratulate and welcome the newly retired from HP Inc. On April 26, HP Inc. hosted a retiree celebration to honor the service of 135 new retirees from across Texas. Other HP Inc. sites from across the US held similar events. The Houston organizers invited our Houston HP Retiree Club to the celebration; three of us participated and handed out club brochures and signed up as many retirees as we could from those in attendance. We were fortunate that our table was strategically located in the hallway leading to the celebration area. We signed up a total of *sixty-two* new retirees and talked to many more. We are looking forward to seeing many of you engaged in the activities of the club (we already saw fresh faces at our cybersecurity seminar held in early May). If you are interested in using your talents and leadership skills on the club's coordinating committee, please let us know, my contact information is in the newsletter.

Our annual member survey is being drafted and you will be asked to participate in the next few weeks. This annual survey is only one of the ways we ask you for ideas, feedback, and suggestions - to help us assemble the most attractive activities for the following calendar year and maximize membership participation. This year we will be asking, in addition to the regular questions to rate your interest, for your ideas about experiential and participatory events like birding, investment club, escape rooms, group travel (overland/cruise), connecting with others on hobbies, and the like. We hope to get more

information about your diverse interests.

Since our last newsletter we have held three events: a social, a seminar, and a day trip. The first two, in spite of the threat of rain, were very well attended. The Spring social at Mo's Irish Pub, held in April, was enjoyed by thirty people. Happily, we saw a few new faces in addition to the regulars. We had one of the local First Tech Federal CU managers present a door prize. During the sharing of our former companies' memorabilia, we were again surprised with some unique "show and tell" items. The main attraction this time was Jim McKay's quilt made from his collection of Compaq t-shirts ... see it later in this newsletter and read about who Jim is in our Spotlight in this quarter's issue.

At the Cybersecurity seminar in Spring Creek BBQ, held in early May, we presented special FBI agent David P. Shrader who covered a wide range of topics related to cybersecurity. With twenty-eight people in attendance, it made for some interesting conversations; we were pleased to see some of the newly retired people there. This was an engaging topic; we hope to offer similar themes in the future.

On our day trip to College Station to visit the Museum of the American G. I. and George Bush Library the participation was disappointing; the number of participants was so small that the Harris County Precinct 3 bus, per their policy, cancelled the bus. We thank Karen Brown for driving those present; and they joined others at the museum who planned to drive themselves anyway. This is the first time we have had a bus cancelled because of low participation. We still believe that both venues are worth revisiting at some time in future years.

We have more day trips coming up in the next five months - please check our webpage [calendar](#) for dates and more details in this newsletter. We hope to see you, especially our newest members.

In our last newsletter I wrote about the Retiree Advisory Board (RAB) which is composed of representatives from other HP Retiree clubs in the USA, the HP Alumni Association and HP Inc Benefits. We meet every other month to share ideas, I noted in last newsletter how our club differs from others (read the coordinator's page from last newsletter for details [here](#)). I noted then that we will use our survey to go deeper into some of the topics. A few of the questions in the upcoming survey will touch on some of those; stay tuned.

We continue to look for leads and contact points at HPI and HPE to arrange a tour of their campuses. Once we secure them, we will add them to the calendar. If any of the new retirees has a dependable inside contact in either of the two companies, please let us know so you can introduce us to them ... we will take it from there.

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

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

(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— <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	<a href="#">Museum of the American GI</a> & <a href="#">George Bush Library</a>
21 June, Wednesday	Haak Winery & Gilhooley's Seafood
July 13, Thursday	<a href="#">1940 Air Terminal Museum</a> , Hobby Airport
July 29, Saturday	Astros Game
August 15, Tuesday	<a href="#">Houston Maritime Museum</a> , Canal Street
September 6, Wednesday	<a href="#">Washington on the Brazos</a>
TBD October	Social, Meet and Greet
TBD October	Medicare Zoom Seminar
November 7, Tuesday	Volunteer Community Activity
December 2, Saturday	Dickens on the Strand, Galveston

## Passport extends complimentary memberships to all HP retirees.

HP Retirees may now register for a Passport membership as a benefit, at no cost! A Passport membership includes access to discounted dining, shopping, and travel. HP Retirees will enjoy many of the same specially negotiated offers that HP employees enjoy through the Passport program. The Passport program is available to retirees in all 50 states. Sign up [here](#) if interested. (click "Register here, activation code is HPRetiree).



# Upcoming Activities

## Haack Winery

**June 21, Wednesday**

**Lunch at: Gilhooley's Restaurant & Oyster Bar**



**1940 Air Terminal, Hobby airport**  
**July 13—Thursday**

## CURRENT EXHIBITION

# Fly Girls of WWII

**WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS**

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# Upcoming Activities

**Astros baseball game  
July 29—Saturday 6:15PM**



The graphic features the Scott's logo and the MLB logo. Below them, the text "ALL STAR BALLOT 2023" is displayed. A grid of player portraits is shown, each with their name and position: Maldonado (C), Abreu (1B), Altuve (2B), Peña (SS), Bregman (3B), Tucker (OF), Meyers (OF), Alvarez (OF), and Julks (DH). A large orange button with the text "VOTE NOW" is positioned below the grid. The background includes a silhouette of the Space Needle and a city skyline.

Scott's . MLB ALL STAR BALLOT 2023

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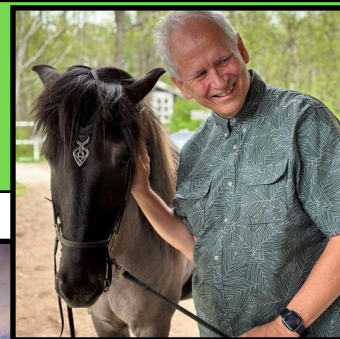
**VOTE NOW**

[VOTE NOW LINK](#)

Ends June 22, 2023 at 12:00  
p.m. ET.



# ***Travel Guy—Mike Maglothin In Iceland***



If you saw a 9 Ton stone Sphere in your back yard, what would YOU think it was? LOL What if it was in a different place next year?

So here's the story...

Everyone knows that the days get longer in summer. In fact, the days get increasing long as you go North until you hit a point at the summer Solstice when the sun doesn't set. That is the Arctic Circle. Grimsey Island is the one place in Iceland that touches the Arctic Circle so the residents wanted a sculpture to "mark the spot".

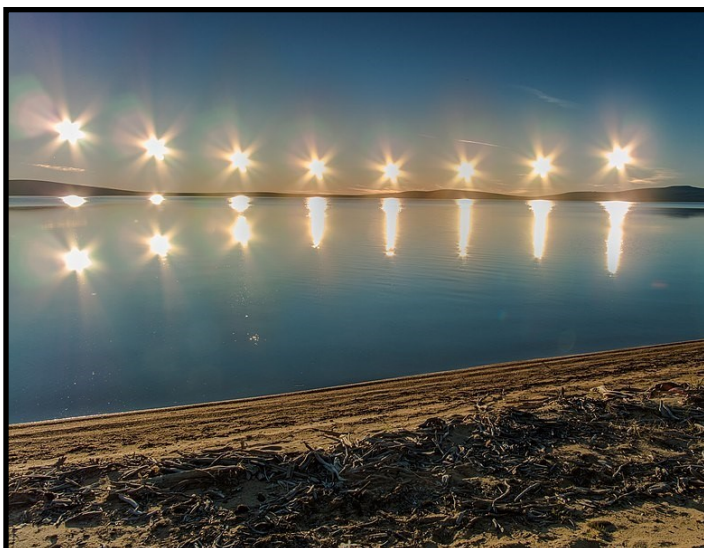


**Orbis et Globus (Latin for Circle and Sphere)**

The Orbis et Globus (Latin for Circle and Sphere) was the winning design in a 2013 contest for a sculpture to mark the Arctic Circle. They had a little trouble getting it there. The truck got stuck and it nearly rolled off into the sea, but it was finally dedicated 4 years later in 2017 and placed exactly at the Arctic Circle and then the next year it had to be moved. Moved? What?!?!.

Did you know that the Arctic Circle moves? Me neither. Although perhaps I should have because I knew the Earth's tilt fluctuates.

The Arctic circle moves about 45 ft every year.. and guess what, they move that 9 ton rock every year. By the year 2047, Grimsey will no longer be inside the Arctic Circle.. so go visit now!!



**Time lapse of the sun never setting**



**Aerial view of the island with the Globe**

# Past Activities

## Spring Social—Mo's Irish Pub April 20

We had a wonderful turnout at the Spring Social. There were lots of pictures taken; I couldn't fit them all in the newsletter. To see more, visit this [website](#)

We were happy to see our former committee member, Lori Day, at the event!

Jim McKay wow'd the crowd with his quilt, comprised of 20 Compaq t-shirts. It was outstanding!! No surprise that he won the most votes for his entry into our favorite memorabilia contest. Check him out below wearing his Texas flag apron, compliments of Jan Frasier.

First Tech held a short presentation and brought give-a-ways.



# ***Past Activities***

## ***HP, Inc. Retiree Celebration April 26***

Karen, Herman, and Carlos participated at the HP Inc Retirement Celebration. We were able to sign up 62 new retirees. There were 130 retirees at the celebration. We had a table set up in the main flow to promote our club.



# Past Activities

## Cyber Security Seminar May 10th



# Past Activities

## Museum of American GI George H. W. Bush Library May 18th



## Spotlight—Jim McKay

My 43-year journey into Information Management/Information Technology (IM/IT) started in the early 1970s with my employment at Xerox Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee. I started as a Field Service Technician with a service area that covered Federal, State and Local government, but it also included several of the local TV stations and the Grand Ole Opry. I had the opportunity to rub elbows with governors, state legislators, mayors, as well as Johnny Cash, Minnie Pearl, Waylon Jennings, Hank Williams Sr, and many others. A weekly TV show called HeeHaw was filmed at Station 5 in Nashville which is a CBS affiliate so many country stars were showcased. After two years in the field, I was promoted to corporate to work with development engineers, to develop ways to make our products faster and easier to service.

From Xerox I took a leap into the unknown, I joined KFC as a Franchisee Consultant opening stores from Kansas to Nevada (east to west) and Montana to New Mexico (north to south). I decided to move to Denver since it was centrally located in my territory, although I was rarely home. I lived out of motels and sometimes drove 500 miles a day. It was nothing for me to turn in a company car with 60,000 miles after only two years, but I had the opportunity to see some of the most beautiful scenery on the planet. I opened the first KFC store in the Navaho Nation, in Chinle, AZ. Two months later I went back to open a second store directly

across the street. Just viewing a sunset in Santa Fe, or Phoenix lets you know there is a God because man could never create such beauty that changed daily.

Denver also allowed me to get back into IM/IT at a company called StorageTek. This company was big on tape storage, but they were also a leader in developing thin film disc storage. The company was later purchased by Sun Systems and called Sun StorageTek. While there, I had responsibility for the quality of products sold to our third-party customers. Burroughs, Tandem, Texas Instruments, NEC and others purchased our tape drives for use on their systems. Our primary competitor was IBM, and they could never match StorageTek on price or performance. I also had the opportunity to work on the first Robotic Tape Storage Silo. These were silos that could be assembled with a robotic arm that could pass and retrieve tapes from silo to silo. The Department of Health and Human Services as well as other large federal government departments were our primary customers.

Denver led me to San Antonio where I worked for company called Datapoint Corporation. It is often said that Datapoint was the first company network system for shared information dissemination. I do know they had the ability to network as many as 1500 terminals to a common disc storage device, and I enjoyed working on the new stuff. We developed an InfraRed Building-to-Building data transfer

technology that the military uses today. My work experience from Xerox came into play when we developed the first Laser Printer that could print on a commercial scale. It was devised of a single print station with up to 80 bin sorters that could be attached. My responsibility as Design Verification Test Manager was to ensure that every new product met or exceeded the design criteria set by the Engineering Standards.

In 1989 I accepted a position at Compaq. What is funny is that I had an interview with Compaq in 1983 when the company was housed in the Chasewood Bank building. On the day of the interview, I was shuffled from office to office in Engineering and by the end of the day I was exhausted. I was waiting for my ride to the airport when the HR Rep asked if I had time for one more interview...and I said "yes." I was taken to the top of Chasewood Bank where I sat outside this big office. As I was invited inside, I noticed you could see most of NW Harris County from the window. I sat with this gentleman who had a mustache and cowboy boots and leisurely questioned me...nothing very technical. Toward the end of the interview this gentleman took me over to a window that faced West and all I saw was trees and wetlands. He said they were going to build a campus to house about 20,000 employees.

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## Spotlight—cont'd

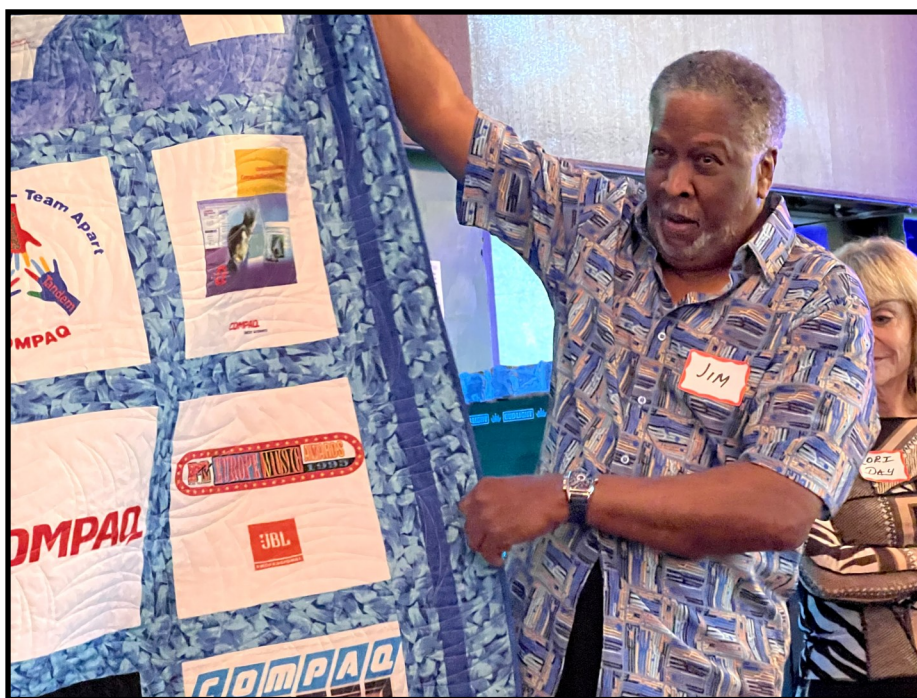
Laughingly I told him that he better bring in a lot of dirt to fill the swamp. He laughed, we shook hands and I returned to the outer office awaiting my HR Rep. When he arrived, he asked, "how did it go?" I, again laughingly told him about bringing in a lot of dirt to build the campus. The HR Rep asked if I knew who had just interviewed me and I told him no. He said that was Jim Harris one of the founders of the company. Needless to say, my plane ride back to San Antonio was not a happy one. Compaq did make me an offer in 1983 after that interview and I declined it...I loved San Antonio.

About the quilt:

The quilt is a compilation of shirts, sweatshirts and other Compaq cloth memorabilia saved over the years. A friend here in Houston designed the quilt from the stock that I provided, pieced it together so all the spaces would be equal, then stitched it together. The foam backing and bottom stitching was done by a lady in Seguin, Tx that does quilting professionally and has a

computerized Longarm Quilting Machine to complete the intricate topstitching and borders. The entire process took about six months to complete and miles of thread. I first started thinking about the quilt after my second retirement from HP in 2014 but could not find anyone to take on the challenge. After witnessing the work that it takes to make a custom Queen Size quilt, I have a lot of respect for those that tackle smaller quilts. IT'S A LOT OF WORK!

Post HP/Compaq, I purchased a car wash in 2006 that I sold in 2016. It was always a dream to own this type of business so when I found the right property, I jumped on it. Meeting people daily and helping them was extremely satisfying. I wanted the business to be more like a Cheers where people could come and just sit and discuss the problems of the day. Often times I would still be talking to customers at midnight. Currently I am volunteering at county food banks and mentoring 10 young men in the Houston area—and they have tons of questions about life and business.



# Meet Your Steering Committee

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Our Fearless Leader	<a href="#">Carlos Fernandez</a>
Treasurer/Venue reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Activity Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 3 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop
Trip planning & research	Peter Martin, Mike Maglothin, Committee
Socials/Seminar Coordinator	Jan Frazier, Mike Maglothin
Club website	Carlos Fernandez, Peter Martin
Newsletter / Editor	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs,
Communications	Herman de Hoop, Carlos Fernandez



# 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> <i>click on Partners</i>
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>

**"How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were\*?" Satchel Paige (1906-1982)**

Break out of the mindset that makes you think of your age first, and your [identity](#) second.