

HP RETIREE CLUB HOUSTON

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<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 first newsletter of 2018!

We started the year with a calendar packed with enough activities that hopefully each of you will find several to enjoy: whether it's one of the planned trips, scheduled seminars, or one of our socials. And at the end of the year – the community volunteer opportunity that will take us into the holiday giving season. Check out the calendar in this newsletter and mark your calendars with your preferred events. For the Houston Zoo Lights in January many of you braved the cold front and enjoyed this unique Houston experience. The lights were awe-inspiring, and the hot chocolate was welcomed. Several retirees attended the AAA Travel Show held in February and found great travel

opportunities and door prizes. Look for another of these travel events later in the year. Also in February at the Tax Seminar we saw a significant level of interest. This month we are already seeing an unusually high early RSVP's for the bus trip to George W. H. Bush Library in College Station.

Later this month we will be launching our annual member survey; look for the email with instructions on how to participate. Your input will help the steering committee plan activities that you want. Help us by partaking in the survey.

In our last newsletter we launched a section to spotlight some of our members; I was the first guinea pig. In this issue we are spotlighting Lori Day, the longest serving member of your current steering team. If you

have suggestions on whom to include in future spotlights let us know. We are interested in all our HP retirees! Inquiring minds want to know!

We continue to maintain ongoing communications with HPE and HP Inc. to promote opportunities where we as retirees can reconnect to campus events and to participate in employee functions open to us. Please send a note to [our mailbox](#) if you find events in which you think our members will be interested so we can further investigate with our existing contacts.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

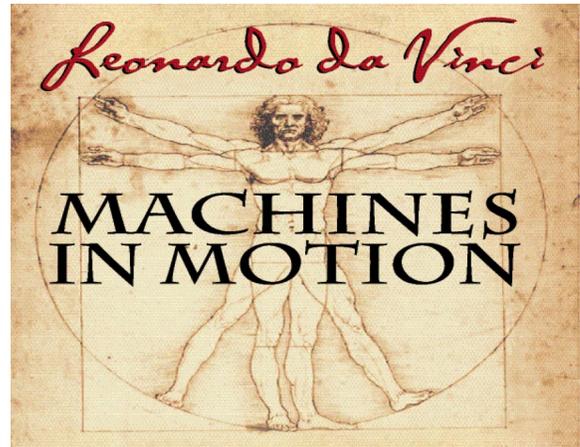
March 22, Thursday	George H.W. Bush Library ; lunch at J Cody's Barbecue
April 14, Saturday	Schulenburg Sausage Festival
April 21, Saturday	AAA Travel Show, Exclusive HP Retirees 2:15—3pm
May tbd	Social: Meet and Greet
June 20, Wednesday	Lone Star Flight Museum
July tbd	Safety Seminar
August 23, Thursday	National Museum of Funeral History
September 29, Saturday	Hallettsville Kolache Festival
October tbd	Social: Meet and Greet
November tbd	Community Service activity

George H. W. Bush Library, College Station, Thursday, March 22

Please board the bus no later than 8:45 at Trustmark Bank, 10711 Louetta (near Mo's Irish Pub). Bus leaves promptly at 9am.

Join us to enjoy the story of the life and times of George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States. Have your picture taken while seated in the replica Oval Office.

Also check out the new exhibit: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Machines in Motion". Experience the genius of Leonardo Da Vinci through over 30 machines based on his visionary designs. Each machine has been faithfully constructed from Leonardo's notebooks by a modern team of scientists and craftsman in the heart of the Renaissance, Florence, Italy.



MORE UPCOMING TRIPS



**SCHULENBURG SAUSAGE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**

**AAA TRAVEL SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

Highlighting the best of travel from eleven cruise and
tour companies

**AAA Copperfield Branch Office
8508 Hwy 6 North**

**Exclusive HP Retirees Preview 2:15–3:00pm
Open to public 3-5pm**



SOCIAL—MAY TBD

MEET YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Action Tracker/ Meeting location reservations	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

March Spotlight: Lori Day



After taking early retirement from IBM, Lori joined Compaq in 1993 as Director of Strategic Alliances. Along with several other ex-IBMers who joined Compaq at the same time, she used to joke about how, being in their late 40's, they raised the average age of Compaq employees. Lori initially managed Microsoft, Novell, and SCO software vendors for the server division - and expanded her expertise to manage key corporate strategic partners such as Microsoft and Intel across all segments of the business. She retired from HP in 2007 but continued to fulfill the role of chief financial officer for her husband's real estate business. After the majority interest in Realty Associates was sold in 2015, Lori was able to officially retire.

Lori has always focused on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and works out regularly with a personal trainer and does Zumba several times a week.

She and her husband, Pete, travel frequently. Pete survived "the widow maker" two years ago so all travels now are restricted within sight of good medical care, including hot spots such as Las Vegas, Palm Springs, etc. Pete did venture out to Cabo San Lucas last year and survived, so he may be expanding his horizons again.

Lori is an active member of the Texas Republican Women and Texas Tea Party Republican Women's group; and has volunteered time and money to support her candidates of choice. She has been on the Houston HP Retiree Committee since its inception in 2005, actively participates in neighborhood groups, and has recently become a fan of Mahjongg.

She and Pete have a blended family of 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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](#).

TRAVEL CORNER— HIDDEN BENEFITS OF ESCORTED TOURS

Kimberly Lawson, AAA Travel

When thinking about a vacation, one of the first questions to consider is what mode of travel is best for me? You may know the destination you want to explore, but would you be happier on an escorted tour or traveling independently? There are pros and cons to both.

With an escorted tour you have an expertly planned itinerary with a tour director that will organize everything from hotel check-ins to excursions. With most tour companies, the price includes the accommodations, transportation (motor coach, rail, etc.), attractions and museum entrance fees, expert local guides, hotel-to-hotel baggage handling and some meals. With an escorted tour you are able to see more of your destination in a shorter amount of time because they plan the itinerary carefully and have preferential access to attractions. No waiting for buses or waiting in line for hours to get in to the Vatican! Depending upon the itinerary, you may have options that would not normally be available to you. For instance, many tours include locally immersive opportunities like sharing a meal with a local family in their home. The benefits of escorted travel increase if you are traveling to a destination where you don't speak the language or you may have some concerns with security.

Although you may expect that escorted tours are more expensive than independent travel; that is usually not the case. There are many inclusions in tours and they often have greater discounts to attractions and hotels because of bulk buying. Individually purchasing the accommodations, transportation and all of the excursions can add up in independent travel.



When deciding between the two styles of travel, you should ask yourself, "Do I want to be around other people throughout my vacation?" If you enjoy meeting new people and socializing with others, then an escorted tour is a great option. Most tour companies target certain market segments. Your travel agent will know if the tour you select is more likely to have retirees or young students. However, if you prefer to spend more time alone with your traveling partner, then independent travel may be more suitable.

Tours are available for varying styles of travel, such as slow or fast pace, small or large group, and budget or luxury. If you have a very specific itinerary in mind, your travel agent will need to re-

search many tour companies to find the itinerary that best suits you. If a tour is not available, then designing your own with independent travel is your best option. The number one advantage in independent travel is flexibility. You design what you want to see, and when you see it.

Whether you choose to travel with a tour or independently, AAA Travel can assist you. AAA will be hosting another Multi-Vendor Travel Show on April 21st from 2:15 – 5:00 p.m. at the branch located at 8508 Highway 6 North, Houston 77095. The following vendors are scheduled to be hosting a booth at the show: Celebrity Cruises, Disney, Holland Cruise, Princess Cruise, Royal Caribbean, Grand Canyon Railways, Alexander+Roberts, Avanti, Member Choice Vacations, Pleasant Holidays and Air New Zealand. You are invited to attend and take advantage of show specials.

You may even win a raffle prize like Carlos did at our last event! If you are interested in attending, RSVP to Kimberly Lawson at 281-856-3934 or lawson.kimberly@aaa-texas.com.



PAST ACTIVITIES



Thanks to Michael Duhs for a beautiful [video](#) capture of our Zoo Lights adventure.

Bundled up against the chilly night



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

Young people know how to run fast but older people know the way.

STOCK ALERT

Getting weird notices about "Seattle SpinCo"? You may have a 2017 US tax liability. Stock info on the independent, volunteer HP Alumni website: <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

- Hewlett Packard Enterprise shareholders received stock in Micro Focus, a UK company, in the September spinoff of the software business - and may have realized gains reportable on their 2017 tax returns.

- Employee stock cost basis spreadsheets going back to 1959 to help when selling shares of HP Inc, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, DXC, Micro Focus, Agilent, Keysight, etc. We also have Compaq employee purchase data.

- Stock Decoder Table. Official FAQ, cost basis, and more for shares of a dozen HP-related companies.

- Where's my stock? It is unlikely that all of your employee stock is in one place.

- How to obtain stock records. Companies pay stock transfer agents, employee stock plan administrators, stock award plan administrators, and other financial firms to handle shareholder recordkeeping.

- If you exercised stock options last year, you need both a 1099-B and a W-2.. How to obtain your option-exercise W-2. More Stock Option Advice.

- Predecessor company stock. Compaq, EDS, Indigo, Mercury, Opsware, Peregrine, and other HP predecessors.

- Lost stock and dividends. How to check state unclaimed property sites for lost shares, uncashed dividend checks, and other stray money. There is no need to pay anyone.

For all the information, look on the HP Alumni website at <http://www.hpalumni.org/stock>

