

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

I hope you and your families fared well after Harvey; all members of the steering committee are well and unscathed.

Welcome to the third HP Retiree Club Newsletter issue; we continue to welcome your inputs on how to use this communication mechanism and to evolve it to meet your needs. Since our last newsletter we had two successful bus trips to Lake Jackson in July and Galveston in August. Find more about them in this newsletter. We do not have a planned activity in September; but Thursday, October the 12th, from 4—6 PM, we will host a social at Ambriza. This is where we had our last social; your feedback was positive and equally important, the owner is willing to work with us. Look for an announcement and Evite later in September. I hope you can make it to tell your Harvey stories, your total eclipse experience, or just to catch up with old friends.

Your committee has been planning a great program for 2018. We have taken inputs from the member survey conducted last year as well from participants at recent events. In the schedule below, you will find new experiences, as well as well-liked previous experiences.

One of the committee's goals is to increase HP Retiree Club member participation; we have close to 450 names in our distribution list which we maintain regularly based on our e-mail service statistics (opened emails, clicks, undeliverable, unsubscribed, etc.). This year we have had over 70 member retirees (plus their guests) participate on at least one of our planned events (three bus trip, two seminars, and one social); many of you have participated in several of them. This represents about a 15% participation overall. Whether this is good or not is hard to tell; at least we have good data to measure progress. If you have ideas on how to engage a larger number based on your experiences with other organizations, we welcome your inputs. As committee chair I would like to set a goal that we can target for next year; your ideas are appreciated.

We are currently looking to replace various HP Retiree Club Committee members that have stepped down because relocation or work-related time conflicts. We are reaching out to targeted individuals based on participation in past club activities. If we have not reached to you and you think you can contribute, please let me know. All we are asking is the willingness to contribute 1-2 hours per month in any of the committee roles listed below plus attendance to about nine or ten committee planning meetings during the year.

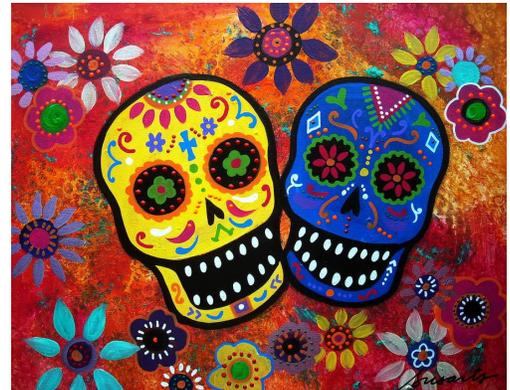
I hope you enjoy this newsletter and join us in future activities.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 12, Thursday	Social: Meet and Greet at Ambriza , 4-6 pm
January 11, Thursday	Houston Zoo Lights , evening event
February tbd	Financial tax seminar
March 22, Thursday	George H.W. Bush Library
April 14, Saturday	Schulenburg Sausage Festival
May tbd	Social: meet and Greet
June tbd	Lone Star Flight Museum
July tbd	Safety Seminar
August tbd	National Museum of Funeral History
September tbd	Hallettsville Kolache Festival

Social: Meet and Greet, October 12 —Ambriza Social Mexican Kitchen, 10115 Louetta Road

We had a good turnout at this location at our last social event. It's a small but eclectic restaurant themed after Dia de los Muertos. Food was excellent and the menu is unusual. Happy Hour food includes Baja Tacos, Chicken Tinga Empanadas, Chicken Taquitos, Tostones (crispy plantains), and Chicken Quesadillas. You can also order from the dinner menu. Enjoy their full bar including tasty margaritas.



Houston Zoo Lights, January 11, Approximately 6—10 pm

Stroll through the beautiful Houston Zoo and take in the sights and sounds of the season. Enjoy festive carols, sip hot chocolate, and enjoy more than 2 million lights! Fifteen miles of eco-friendly LED lighting illuminate our ancient oak trees and decorate the paths to light your way.

Note that this will be an evening trip.



MORE UPCOMING TRIPS

GEORGE H. W. BUSH LIBRARY COLLEGE STATION



SCHULENBURG SAUSAGE FESTIVAL



MEET YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

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

PAST ACTIVITIES

Bryan Museum – Galveston

This outstanding museum includes a large portion of the 80,000 items from the private collection of J.P. Bryan, a wealthy descendant of the founder of Bryan, Texas. A wide variety of items consisting of documents, American southwest art (including excellent, old oil paintings such as Remingtons, etc.), outstanding, extensive gun collections, beautiful silver-decorated, custom parade saddles made for Hollywood stars, an antique spur collection, and much more, brought Texas history to life.

We had a fabulous docent/tour guide (Tom Malone) who made the whole tour very worthwhile. His knowledge of Texas history and the museum items was unbeatable and made the 1 1/2 hour tour go by very quickly. He was disappointed that we didn't have more time in order to cover all the items in the museum. Everyone praised the tour. The lunch at [Shrimp 'N Stuff](#) was delicious and service was fast. Again, everyone commented on how good the food was. We were glad to have made the trip when we did, as Hurricane Harvey hit the next evening.



Lake Jackson Historical Museum and Sea Center Texas

The exhibits at the Museum cover the history of the area of Brazoria County known as Lake Jackson including how the town was created by Alden B Dow to house Dow Chemical employees. Exhibits currently concentrate on 6 major areas; the Karankawa Indians, the Plantation era, the founding of modern Lake Jackson, Life in Lake Jackson, the Windecker Eagle (the first composite aircraft), and information about local Petrochemical Industries (including Dow Chemical).

Sea Center Texas is a marine aquarium, fish hatchery and education center located on 75 acres in Lake Jackson, Texas. The facility opened in 1996 and includes a visitor center with aquaria and exhibits of Texas marine life, the largest redfish hatchery in the world, 36 one-acre fish culture ponds, an outdoor wetland exhibit and a youth fishing pond. Wonderful, multiple wall-sized salt water aquaria portray the varied types of marine habitats in the Gulf of Mexico including coral reefs; artificial reefs formed by the oil rigs offshore; marshlands; corals, snails and crabs; and the Gulf.

Lunch at the [Wurst Haus](#) was excellent. Unfortunately, the checkout time was very long and prevented us from making our tour of the hatchery at Sea Center Texas.



Sea Center Texas



Gulf		Revised 04/06/17
Greater Amberjack	Cobia (Ling)	
Gag Grouper	Black Jack*	
Tripletail*	Sheepshead	
Crevalle Jack	Red Snapper	
Tarpon	Bluefish	
Gray Snapper	Blue Runner	
Red Drum	Oceanic Triggerfish	
Black Drum	Almaco Jack	
Atlantic Spadefish*	Rock Hind	



Artificial Reef		Revised 04/06/17
Scamp Grouper	Tomtate Grunt**	
Rock Hind Grouper*	Gulf Toadfish	
Gag Grouper*	Stippled Spoon Nose Eel#	
Vermillion Snapper**	Striped Burrfish	
Blacktail Moray Eel	Oceanic Triggerfish	

SEA CENTER TEXAS

*donated by underwaterexpeditions.net
** donated by Bluefin Charters
donated by Bridge Bait

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

Getting older has many advantages: I'm still as imperfect as ever, but I no longer care.