HP Retiree Club Houston

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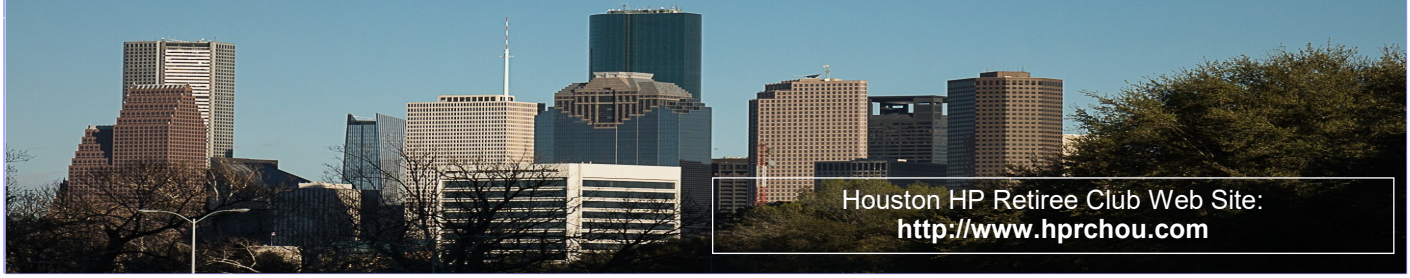

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Welcome

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 the fourth installment of this quarterly newsletter. We are finding this newsletter to be a good tool in communicating accomplishments, talk about future plans, and more importantly to get your inputs. On the later we encourage you to provide your suggestions about not only the newsletter content but also your ideas on how to improve programs, activities, events, and communications. To this end, early next year we will be sending an updated member survey to give you a personal opportunity to guide us about your interests. Look for this sometime in January.

We continue to maintain ongoing communications with HPE and HP Inc. to discover opportunities where we as retirees can reconnect to campus events and participate in employee functions open to us. This fall we had two opportunities to get engaged: one with HP Inc. command center established following Harvey to assist employees in September and another one with the HPE Day of Giving in early November. We will continue to work with our campus contacts throughout next year seeking more opportunities.

At our October social at Ambriza, we recognized Phil Hall, the founding committee chair of the Retiree Club and gave away $170 in gift cards to those in attendance. After ten years it's remarkable that we continue to engage our membership in so many ways. Phil's original vision perseveres! Our committee is very grateful that he got the right people throughout this decade to make it happen.

THANKS, Phil!

We already have 2018 fully planned: we will be experimenting with evening and weekend events right off the bat. To start the year on January 11th, we will have an evening trip to the Houston Zoo and partake in the great Zoo Lights festivities. Three weeks later, working with AAA, we will have a Travel Show exclusively set for us the first Saturday in February. Look for more details on these two events and take a peek at the rest of the 2018 plans on page 2.

I want to take a moment to welcome our newest committee member: Michael Duhs. Michael did not waste any time and signed up to be our backup for both the newsletter editor and our Precinct 4 bus coordinator. Welcome Michael!

Before closing, I would like to thank the all the current and former committee members for your time, ideas, encouragement, and drive to take this organization to its current place and maturity. Also thanks to all the retirees for your participation throughout the year.

On behalf of the current committee, I wish all a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New

Upcoming Activities

January 11, Thursday	Houston Zoo Lights, evening event
February 3, Saturday	AAA Travel Show, (see details below)
February 21, Wednesday	H&R Financial tax seminar; Spring Creek Barbecue 11am
March 22, Thursday	George H.W. Bush Library ; lunch at J Cody's Barbecue
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 29, Saturday	Hallettsville Kolache Festival
October tbd	Social: Meet and Greet
November tbd	Community Service activity

Houston Zoo Lights, January 11, 5:30 pm—9:30 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: This is an evening trip.

AAA Travel Agency Multi-Vendor Show - Private event for HP Retirees and guests

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 2:15—3 Open to public 3-5pm

AAA Copperfield Branch Office 8508 Hwy 6 ,North Houston, TX 77095

Talk to vendors one-on-one to explore your next vacation.

More upcoming trips

George H. W. Bush Library
College Station
Lunch at J Cody's Barbecue
March 22, 2018

Schulenburg Sausage Festival
April 14, 2018

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

We are adding 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.

December Spotlight: Carlos Fernandez

Carlos started with Compaq in Houston in 1994 and retired from HP in 2012. During this time he worked in the Supply Chain/Operations organization. Over the years he fulfilled many worldwide roles such as: New Product Planning for desktops; Manufacturing Technology; Strategy Planning; and Customer Service.

Upon retiring he increased his volunteer time in organizations in which he had already engaged while still working including: his neighborhood civic association, United Way Community Investment Committee, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, Rice University MLS Alumni, Aurora Picture Show, and Harris County Sports Authority. He joined the Houston HP Retiree Committee three years ago.

He, along with Sara his wife of 43 years, enjoys his two granddaughters who are currently living in Austin, visiting and traveling with family (he has 9 brothers and sisters). In the last five years they have been in France, Switzerland, Great Britain, Spain, Turkey, Jordan, Colombia, and Mexico (his native country).

He picked up hiking and backpacking three years ago after a longtime family friend introduced him to this sport/pastime. Since then he has hiked in Big Bend National Park, sections of the Appalachian Trail (about 450 miles), the Lone Star Hiking Trail just north of Houston in the Sam Houston National Forest; and hiked and snowshoed in various parts of Colorado. Currently they are planning to hike the Skye Isle Trail in Scotland in July next year.

In addition to working with the HP Retiree Committee, Carlos stays connected to HP activities by having lunch three to four times a month with former coworkers who are still working at HPE and HP Inc. as well as other retired HP'ers.

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TRAVEL CORNER—
INTERGENERATIONAL TRAVEL

Kimberley Lawson, AAA Travel

Have you ever thought of traveling with your children and grandchildren, but wondered how can you plan a trip that meets the needs of travelers of all ages? No worries! Intergenerational travel is now one of the fastest growing segments in the travel industry with a number of companies offering packages specifically designed towards this niche market. Parents and grandparents have discovered that one of the best gifts you can give is sharing time together through unique, fun, cultural experiences. Let's look at some of your options.

Trafalgar travel has designed nine itineraries in eleven countries specifically designed for family travel. The Trafalgar's Family Experience tours allow the kids to do fun things, such as pizza making in Italy or meeting a real life Gladiator in Rome. The itineraries are also designed to allow the parents and grandparents to get the right amount of time with the children, but also allow free time to make new friends. All tours have special "Be My Guest" experiences that let you connect with the culture. For example, in South Africa you are invited into a private home for a braai – that's a barbeque South African style. The tours also include some authentic accommodations, such as a castle in England, or a dude ranch in Wyoming. Another advantage of traveling with a tour is that you save time by skipping the lines at major attractions. Who wants to wait in line on vacation?

Another excellent option for family travel is ocean cruising. Cruise ships provide an excellent setting for families of all ages because they offer a variety of ship activities and excursions to fit the needs of the youngest to oldest traveler. Cruises offer specific programming for kids of various ages, a variety of dining options to suit everyone, and also a convenient way to travel together despite varying levels of stamina. Connecting staterooms are also helpful, as well as private excursions for larger family groups.

Disney also has an intergenerational travel product line called Adventures by Disney. It's no secret that Disney has mastered the art of entertaining families. Their trips include exceptional culturally immersive experiences, and are available for destinations all over the world. This year they added long weekend trips, as well as Iceland vacations. Whatever your families' interests, there is a product available for your perfect vacation. If you are interested in reviewing travel options for you and your family, AAA
Travel Agent Kimberly Lawson is available to assist you and can be reached at (281) 856-3934 or lawson.kimberly@aaa-texas.com.

Past Activities

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

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 with an interesting selection. Many attendees stayed to eat and socialize more.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Several of our HP retirees participated in the HPE Day of Giving event for Rise against Hunger to support those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and other recent disasters around the world. The goal was to pack 100,000 meals and we exceeded that goal packing 104,328 meals. To see how we accomplished this, check out the video (password is *watch*). It was a fascinating process.

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 *click on Partners*

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

Today is the oldest you've ever been
yet the youngest you'll ever be
So enjoy this day while it lasts