HP Retiree Club Houston

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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 second HP Retiree Club Newsletter issue!
First up this month, Phil Hall our longtime coordinator is moving - he and his wife Linda will be moving to Lake Livingston this summer. Phil has done so much for this club since its formation in 2008: he led the evolving committee with a great vision, actively sought connections to HP, and has been a good friend and inspiration to all. On behalf of the committee and the Houston-area HP retired community, we wish Phil and Linda good luck on their transition and lots of good fishing.

I am assuming Phil's position. I welcome your ideas to continue and enhance the good work done thus far. Feel free to pass your inputs to my email. You have a very active committee with each member leading different roles behind the scenes to bring the programs you like. We continue to use your feedback from the survey conducted last year to help us plan future activities. We thank you for that. We started strong 2017 with the launch of this newsletter, the revamping of our web page and well attended activities such as the income tax seminar, social at Ambriza, Regenerative Medicine (stem cell seminar), and the Port of Houston tour. Your feedback has been favorable. Look for a new Evite for the July 27th bus trip to Lake Jackson Historical Museum and Sea Center Texas which was cancelled because the imminent threat to the region by tropical storm Cindy . I hope you can make it .

Meet Your Steering Committee

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer	John Moorhead
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
Newsletter / Editor / Coordinator	Karen Brown, George Kabacinski
Mail Chimp / Evite	Lori Day/ Carlos Fernandez

FAREWELL FROM PHIL

In 2008 a group of interested volunteer retirees got together and formed what was going to be the HP Retiree Club of Houston. I agreed to lead this effort, and I must say it has been both a joy and a challenge. That was almost 10 years ago.

We formed a Steering Committee which still has some of the original volunteers along with a lot of new volunteers. We have gone from a few programs a year to four or five programs a year. All of this to help Compaq and HP retirees stay connected with the company and former colleagues.

As I said earlier the past years have been a joy and I wouldn't trade those memories for anything.

It is now time for me to move along and turn the leadership of the Retiree Club over to other members of the steering committee. I thank all of the current and past members of the Steering Committee for all their dedication and effort to keep the club active.

I ask that you continue to support the Retiree Club and its leadership with your participation in the programs, or get involved and volunteer to be a part of the club's leadership.

Upcoming Activities

July 27, Thursday (Rescheduled)	Lake Jackson Historical Museum and Sea Center Texas
August 24, Thursday	Bryan Museum - Galveston
September tbd	Retirement Income Puzzle Seminar
October tbd	Social/Meet and Greet
November tbd	Tentative bus trip to Houston Zoo Lights

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. 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 large salt water aquariums.
Also, this facility raises all the redfish, trout, and flounder fry for stocking the gulf coast. They stock over 7 million redfish fry per year. You'll get to see all the steps to raise the fry. Very interesting.

Bryan Museum – Galveston

History and art of the American Southwest. Excellent old oil paintings such as Remingtons, etc., outstanding large old gun collection, beautiful silver decorated custom parade saddles made for Hollywood stars, antique spur collection, and much more. A terrific museum started by J.P. Bryan, a wealthy descendant of the founder of Bryan, Texas. To preserve artwork and rare documents, temperature is kept at 65 degrees. They suggest bringing a sweater or light jacket.

Lunch: Shrimp and Stuff – Galveston (at your own expense)

Past Activities

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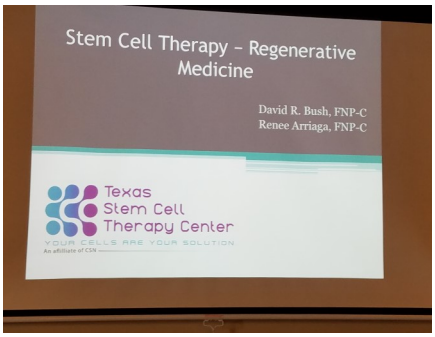

Regenerative Medicine

Thanks to representatives from the Texas Stem Cell Therapy Center, we learned that regenerative medicine is the process of creating living, functional tissues to repair or replace tissue or organ function lost due to age, disease, damage, or congenital defects. This field holds the promise of regenerating damaged tissues and organs in the body by stimulating previously irreparable organs to heal themselves. Stem and precursor cells are available from a wide variety of sources (e.g., embryos, gestational and adult tissues, and reprogrammed differentiated cells). Regenerative medicine has the potential to solve the problem of the shortage of organs available through donation compared to the number of patients that require life-saving organ transplantation.

For more information, please visit www.stemcellrevolution.com

Spring Creek Barbecue made everyone feel right at home. Food was excellent, and the staff was very attentive.

Port of Houston/Ninfas

Registration for the Port of Houston and lunch at Ninfa's filled up quickly. The Port of Houston tour offers a leisurely, 90-minute round-trip, educational tour along the Houston Ship Channel. It was interesting to see all the different ships, flags, businesses and storage facilities along the channel. We had a mix of attendees with some that were new to the tour as well as second and third timers. Lunch at Ninfa's was excellent and the staff was attentive and efficient—even with our large group.

Port of Houston

HPE Activities

1. ***HP Splits Fall 2017 Bowling League – Begins August 21st – til approximately December 4 at Tomball Bowl in Tomball TX***

a. League Night: Monday at 5:30 p.m.

b. Teams = 4 Persons

c. Cost: $12/Weekly

d. Individual Handicap Used (80% on BASE of 210 Average)

IMPORTANT: If Absent from league night, you are allowed to pre or post bowl to make-up your score. The League Secretary must receive scores no later than 5:15 p.m. the night of next league night after absence. If you are not able to pre or post bowl, you will owe $12 league fee and be given a score of your average minus 20 pins for each game, paid no later than the night of the next league night following your absence. This $12 fee can be paid in cash or check to the secretary. If you fail to pay the $12 fee by the next league night, your will be given a score of zero for each game missed.

2. ***13th Annual Relay For Life of Cy-Fair Golf Tournament – October 5th, 2017 at Windrose Golf Club in Spring TX***

a. Teams = 4 People Per Team

b. Price = $110/Person or $440/Team

c. Includes: Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls, Lunch by Rudy's BBQ, Dinner by Lupe Tortilla, and 4 drink tickets

d. Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Most Honest Teams, Closest to Pin & Longest Drive for both men and women

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3. ***9th Annual Relay For Life of Cy-Fair Bowling Tournament – January 24, 2018 at Tomball Bowl in Tomball TX***

a. Teams = 5 People Per Team

b. Price = $35/Person or $175/Team

c. Includes: 2 Games of Bowling, Shoes, 1 large bucket of popcorn per lane, 2 slices of pizza per person, 1 drink ticket for bottled water, 1 drink ticket for bottled/draft domestic beer, soda or iced tea

d. Awards for High Team Score and High Individual Score (2 Games Average)

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 addrss: 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	Username	Password
HP Retiree Club of Houston	www.hprchou.com	n/a	n/a
HPI (Discounts area, choose Retiree Discounts link)	www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/	retiree	hp
HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Contacts)	www.hpcontinuum.com	*You create*	*You create*
Employee Programs (Discounts)	www.houston.hpway.org	hpway	toplay
HP Branded Merchandise	www.hpstore.com	n/a	tohppartner

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be." Robert Browning (1812-1889)