HP Retiree Club of 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 Planning Committee know what activities interest you.

Upcoming Activities—2023

April 20, Thursday	**Social: Mo's Irish Pub, Vintage**
May 18, Thursday	**George Bush Library, Museum of American GI**
June 21, Wednesday	**Winery, TBD**

Coordinator's Corner — Carlos Fernandez

Dear Houston HP Retiree Club members,

We had a strong start this year with two seminars:

* River boat cruises with Q&A via Zoom (a recording link is on our web page)
* In-person 2022 tax-year income taxes, as we have done for the last 4-5 years.

Also, we had a very well attended day trip to Brenham for a Tex-Mex dinner at Los Cabos Mexican Grill and a play at the Unity Theater: The Mousetrap, by Agatha Christie. For this trip, we had a total of twenty-six participants: one of the largest out-of-town trip participations in recent memory.

This coming April 26th, HP Inc. will be holding a retiree celebration. They have invited three members of the Planning Committee to represent the club. The last time we had this opportunity was in February 2020, just before the pandemic and we were able to sign up over 100 new retirees during the event. Many of them have already participated in several of our events over the last three years. As last time we will have a table and handing out a club brochure and providing a signup sheet for those interested in joining the club. This year, 135 people will be retiring from Houston HP Inc. We expect many of them will join our club as we did in 2020.

For our Spring Social at Mo's Irish Pub at the Vintage Village (more of that in this newsletter), we have invited the local First Tech Federal Credit Union manager as we did a few years back. We expect some door prices that everyone will welcome. Also, we will once more ask members to bring memorabilia, mementos, gadgets, products, and other artifacts from our former companies to show off. As in the past, whoever brings the most exciting item will get a small prize and bragging rights.

In the United States there are four HP retiree clubs: Bay Area, Southern California, Corvallis, and Houston. Every other month we meet to exchange ideas and best practices. The meeting is facilitated by a manager from First Tech Credit Union and attended by each club representative as well as the lead of the HP Alumni Association, and a Benefits representative from HP Inc. This group is called Retiree Advisory Board or RAB for short. At these RAB meetings we borrow ideas from each other and keep abreast of key developments that may be of interest to our retirees, which we then communicate as appropriate in our newsletters and general communications.

Recently we did a quasi "benchmark" comparison on several characteristics from our clubs in the areas of membership, support from our former companies, key challenges, communication/outreach, looking towards the future, etc. Below are some relevant highlights of our findings on the four clubs.

* While the membership in the Houston club is growing, in the Bay Area and Corvalis is declining, and Southern California is stable. There is a general concern that as the legacy HP retiree population ages, participation in clubs will diminish; we have not seen that in Houston yet.
* There is a annual membership fee in the other clubs (range $10-$25). In Houston we ask for a small $2 donation at some events to cover webpage and domain costs, plus $1 for the bus driver's lunch.
* Each one of the clubs organizes regular events and outings throughout the year; the biggest attendance for the other clubs are picnics and holiday dinners that are partially subsidized by the membership fees.
* The other clubs have limited level of support from the local HP (gift cards, access to meeting rooms, printing); we have not been able to do the same in Houston.
* All the clubs have a webpage or Facebook presence and issue a regular newsletter.

The list above is just a sample of the findings; in future newsletters and in our annual survey we will go deeper into some of the topics above. We think is important that we learn from the other clubs and apply the lessons learned and best practices to our club.

There may be a possibility for a day trip to the HP Inc. on-campus Customer Welcome Center for a marketing talk and product demonstration. This is still in the works and no details are yet confirmed. But if this comes to fruition, we will coordinate transportation as we typically do by using Harris County Precinct 3 transportation to facilitate arrival and check-in at the HP Inc. campus.

As you read in this newsletter, we have new and old experiences coming up soon. We hope you can join us in as many as your calendar allows. The rest of the year, like last year, is rich in events that your coordinating committee is planning to implement based on your input from the annual survey and feedback we have received from you. Check them out here.

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to wish you and your family and friends a great year in 2023. 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.

2018 trip to Bush Library

2023Event 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—Unity Theater, Brenham
March	No event scheduled
20 April, Thursday	Social, Mo's Irish Pub, Vintage
18 May, Thursday	Museum of the American GI & George Bush Library
21 June, Wednesday	Winery
TBD July	1940 Air Terminal Museum, Hobby Airport
TBD July	Astros Game
TBD August	Houston Maritime Museum, Canal Street
13 September, Wednesday	Washington on the Brazos
TBD October	Social, Meet and Greet
TBD October	Medicare Zoom Seminar
TBD November	Volunteer Community Activity
TBD December	Houston Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights

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Upcoming Activities

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Spring Social—Mo's Irish Pub
April 20, Thursday
Sponsored by First Tech Credit Union

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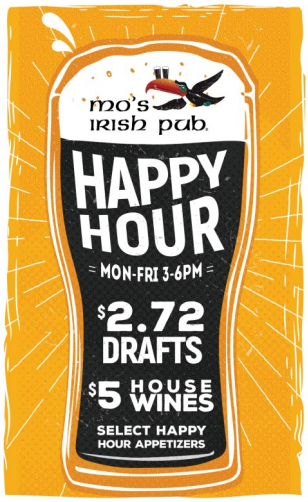

Upcoming Activities—May 18, Thursday

George Bush Library

Museum of the American GI

Past Activities

The Mousetrap—Agatha Christie
Unity Theater, Brenham

Meet Your Steering Committee

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer/Meeting location reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Act Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 3 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop
Trip planning & research	Peter Martin, Mike Maglothin, Committee
Seminar Coordinator/Socials	Jan Frazier, Mike Maglothin
Club website	Carlos Fernandez, Peter Martin
Newsletter / Editor	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs,
Communications	Herman de Hoop, Carlos Fernandez

Happy Spring!

Resources

For more retiree information from HPE/HPI, please access these websites:

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 - 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 - 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	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*

"This life is what you make it. No matter what, you're going to mess up sometimes, it's a universal truth. But the good part is you get to decide how you're going to mess it up."