HP Retiree Club Houston

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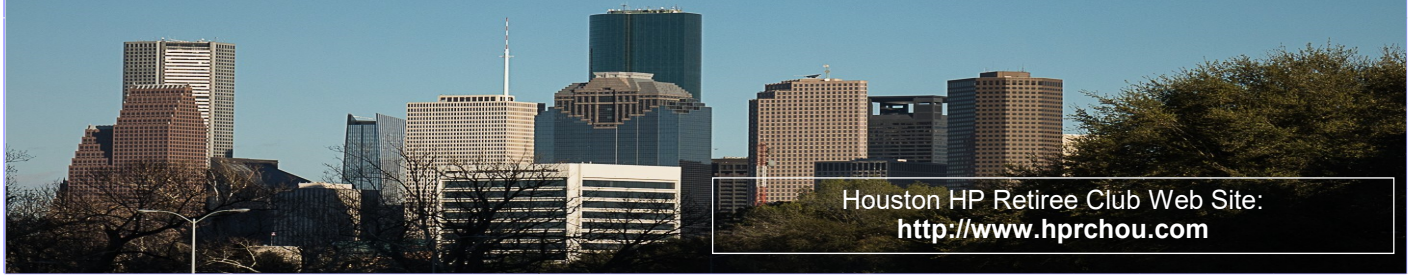

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Welcome

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 our 2018 Fall newsletter!

I hope your summer went well and that you kept cool the best you could; I understand there were many high temperature records broken this summer.

We had a busy summer with significant participation at our seminar on Identity Theft and Cyber Security as well as to the day trips to Lone Star Flight Museum (which we covered in last newsletter) and the National Museum of Funeral History.

We hope to see you in our upcoming events that include: a day trip to Hallettsville Kolache Festival this month, the October social at Mia Bella, and the Food Bank volunteer opportunity in November.

Your Houston Retiree Club Committee has drafted a 2019 calendar of club activities based on your inputs from the 2018 members survey conducted in March. I hope you will find something where you can participate among the planned tours, seminars, socials, and other events. We culled the activities from the many suggestions down to the list you will find in page 3 of this newsletter where you will find some familiar opportunities. We stayed away from venues that do not have proper accessibility; that way we can maximize participation.

We continue to include in this newsletter a section to spotlight our members; Michael Maglothin is featured in this newsletter. If you have suggestions on whom include in future spotlights let us know, you can self-select yourself as well.

As an organization we do not have a budget, nor do we receive funding from HPE or HPI; thus we look for business and organizations that can contribute gift cards or merchandize for us to use as door prizes at some events. If you have a relationship with a business that can donate to our club, please approach them yourself about a possible contribution.

Again, I would like to use this space to thank those that have provided support. Thanks to First Tech, Houston Federal Credit Union, Ambriza, Mia Bella, AAA Travel, and our committee members for their contributions.

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to thank you for reading this newsletter, for your club participation and input. Please forward this communication to other retirees you know who may not be receiving our invitations and emails; our mailing list is in the low 400's and has been that way since I can remember … we know there are more of us out there!

Upcoming Activities

September 29, Saturday	Hallettsville Kolache Festival
October 18, Thursday	Social: Meet and Greet, Mia Bella Vintage
November 27, Tuesday	Community Service —Houston Food Bank
December	Happy Holidays
January 22, Tuesday	Museum of Natural Science
February tbd	Seminar
March 28, Thursday	Newman's Castle
April 24, Wednesday	Painted Churches

The community of Hallettsville has a proud history rooted in the immigrants from Germany and Czechoslovakia that began settling there in the mid 1800s. Kolache Fest is a tribute and celebration of this rich heritage.

A "kolache" is a Czech pastry with a fruit filling. If you've never had one, they're perfect served warm and enjoyed with a hot cup of coffee, and they abound in shops and bakeries throughout this region of Texas. Some of the older residents will delight you with stories about how nothing tasted as good as the kolaches their grandmothers would make. Hot from the oven and melt-in-your mouth delicious!

It's only fitting that this Czech festival be named after this beloved treat.

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones at our Fall social
Thursday, October 18 at Mia Bella in Vintage Park.

We have a private room (entrance back by the bar) with dedicated waitstaff.

110 Vintage Park Blvd. Suite A,
Houston, TX 77070
(281) 251-8930

2019 Activities

Thanks to all who provided input to our 2019 activity calendar. There is a broad assortment of activities to please everyone.

Jan 22, Tuesday	Houston Museum of Natural Science
Feb TBD	Seminar
Mar 28, Thursday	Newman's Castle, Bellville
April 24, Wednesday	Painted Churches, Schulenburg
May TBD	Social – Mia Bella
June TBD	Zider Mill and Oil Museum, Luling
July TBD	Seminar
Aug TBD	Texas Quilt Museum, La Grange
Sept TBD	Wineries tour, TBD
Oct TBD	Social
Nov TBD	Volunteer opportunity, TBD
Dec 10	No club activity

Meet Your Steering Committee

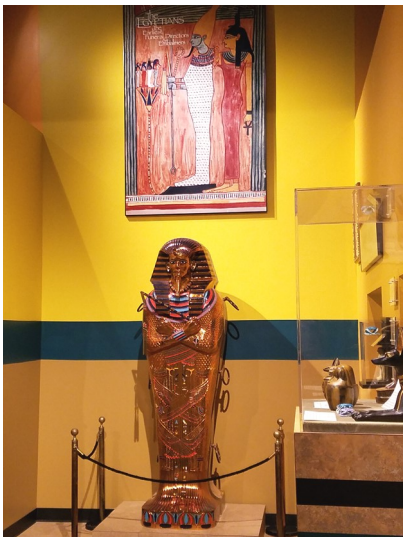
Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer/Meeting location reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Action Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 4 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs
Trip planning & research/Socials	FG Seeberger, steering committee
Seminar Coordinator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

Past Activities

National Museum of Funeral History

As F.G. predicted, everyone was fascinated by this museum. Our docent had lots of interesting stories and the number of displays were extensive. If you couldn't join us, we definitely recommend your checking it out. It's just off I45 North near Airtex.

National Museum of Funeral History



HP Retiree spotlight

September Spotlight: Mike Maglothin

Mike has two great kids, both married and off on their own, and four grandkids with another on the way . Mike started dancing in 2004 as an empty nest activity, but the bug bit him hard and he started competing: winning five amateur world titles in country dance in the years from 2006-2012. In fact, he's engaged to a woman he met dancing, and proposed to her at a dance competition this year.

Mike came to Compaq from Control Data Corporation in Minnesota (Minnesoooota) in 1990. He remembers how refreshing the atmosphere at Compaq was after watching Control Data slowly die off. He arrived in time for the last Compaq hurrah at Astroworld.

His career at Compaq/HP started as part of the Design Automation team in Ken Roberts' organization working for Mike Birney and interfacing with our ASIC vendors. Mike reminisces about walking down "the spine", feeling the sense of innovation; the feeling of being an essential part of something big was palpable. Compaq was beating IBM, there was email (anyone remember Banyan mail?), and although everyone worked long hours, every hour had a sense of purpose.

Mike held several positions throughout his career moving from technology, to people management, to program management; and finally helping HP start up a new business within HP, working with supply chain and services.

He loved his career at Compaq/HP, but had the itch to do something different, to give back in some way. In 2015, as he took early retirement, he did what everyone does when they retire... he started two businesses. By day he's a travel consultant and owns and operates a Cruise Planners an American Express Travel Franchise. He gets to help people make memories, and because he gets paid directly by the cruise lines and resorts, it costs them nothing extra. Mike loves that his job requires that he travel to experience what his customers experience. Mike says he "has" to travel 3 times a year to awesome places. His favorite experience is a river cruise in Europe which he's done each of the last 3 years.

By night he teaches people to dance. From Two step to Tango, and Swing to Salsa, it's a passion he loves to share. Feel free to friend him on Facebook. If you worked for Compaq/HP, he considers you like family.

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 enjoying in retirement!
If you would like to be spotlighted, please send an email to either Carlos Fernandez , Karen Brown, or Michael Duhs.

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

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.
-Arthur Schopenhauer