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President's Message

It's A Great Year For Houston!

2012 was a year filled with extraordinary opportunities for Houston Relocation Professionals members. Your HRP Board added five new directors, who along with eight returning directors planned events and programs that were aligned with the values and goals of our organization: **"HRP engages, educates, and unifies mobility professionals in the Houston area."**

HRP **engages** by attracting new members who will "show up, serve and support" by actively participating as a committee volunteer. HRP's events and outreach efforts are supported through annual sponsorships. The Afternoon with the Astros and 5th Annual Golf Event offered opportunities to support HRP's outreach efforts, while networking in a relaxed atmosphere. The 2013 sponsorship drive is in full swing through January and offers the choice of web, gold or platinum level sponsorships.

Spring and Fall events provide continuing **education** for professional development and CRP credits. To recommend a topic or a speaker, contact us at info@houstonrelopros.org. HRP hosted our first CRP exam in 2012 and awarded a set of CRP study materials provided by Worldwide ERC. Plans for a future CRP study group are in the works as Houston will again be a host city for the exam in 2013.

HRP **unifies** by offering mobility professionals a community to connect and communicate on a local level. With members from all sectors of the industry, HRP provides effective networking for those concerned with raising the bar on workforce mobility knowledge and practices.

Through the unified efforts of our membership, HRP has donated over \$25,000 to Candlelighters Family Cancer Alliance, as well as providing "in kind" donations in the form of products and services to the group. At the recent Afternoon at the Astros, HRP members sponsored 21 Candlelighters family members and staff. HRP's contributions to Worldwide ERC's Foundation supported charities in San Antonio and Washington DC, where the Spring and Fall Conferences were held, as well as relief efforts for the victims of Superstorm Sandy.

Let me encourage you to get the full benefit from your membership by

Board of Directors Spotlight

We want you to be able to get to know your HRP Board of Directors, so we will feature a couple of them in each Newsletter.

Meet Rick Maxwell



Rick is an outdoors person who really enjoys fishing, bird hunting and mountain biking. His two favorite travel destinations are the South Bahamas and Alaska. As a child his favorite show was "Home Improvement," and he wanted to be a vet when he grew up. When asked who inspires you, Rick answered, "People who can truly light up a room with their warm personalities and those who have built empires out of modest beginnings." A personal factoid that most people don't know about Rick is that he plays the piano.

Meet Norma Chaney

Golf Tournament Photo Highlights





showing up, serving and supporting YOUR organization.

Sincerely,
Norma Chaney
2012 HRP President



Norma was born in Abilene, Texas and moved to Houston when her husband was relocated here in 1973. Her favorite movies are "To Kill a Mocking Bird" and "Twelve Angry Men," because they are both movies about justice and people with integrity. One of her surprise moments was when a client she hadn't seen in over 12 years dedicated a book he wrote to her.



Holiday Social Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM at Sullivan's

This is a great way to end the year with an informal networking event. There will be appetizers and cash bar and our annual presentation to [Candlelighters](#).

If you are a CURRENT MEMBER for 2012 – there is NO COST to you for this event.

Non-members will pay \$75 to attend the Holiday Social (MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY CREDIT CARD ONLY).

[Click here for more info & to register](#)



Membership Special

For NON MEMBERS ONLY, we have an INTERNET ONLY special that will save you \$25 and allow you to attend the 2013 Holiday Social at no additional cost! If you become a 2013 member and sign up for the 2012 Holiday Social by December 1st, you will only pay \$145 – a \$25 savings off your 2013 membership (2013 membership is normally \$95).

For current members – same as last year, we will be discounting the 2013 membership if you renew at the Holiday Social.

[Click here for more info & to register](#)

Recap of HRP 2012 Events

We have enjoyed a very successful year, and brought some great programs and events to our members.

February Event

We kicked off the year with our "Leap Ahead Professionally & Personally in 2012" event featuring Susan Schneider, Worldwide ERC Chairman of the Board and President, Plus Relocation who provided us with industry perspectives on where we were headed in 2012. We were also inspired by Vince Kueffner, nationally known

February Event Photo Highlights





writer and speaker with his presentation: "Stepping in the Right Direction."

[Click here to view event photos](#)

Afternoon with the Astros

In June we hosted our Annual Afternoon with the Astros, which was a SOLD OUT event. Thanks to our Candlelighters Family Sponsors, we were thrilled to be able to host a total of 20 individuals from Candlelighters this year including several families and 3 representatives from Candlelighters.

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Afternoon with the Astros Photo Highlights



September Event Photo Highlights

September Event

For our September event, we were pleased to have Peggy Smith, President and CEO of Worldwide ERC®, and a panel of leaders from relocation management companies as they discussed their personal and professional leadership experiences. Our esteemed panelists were: **Bill Graebel (CEO of Graebel Relocation), Aram Minnetian (President of Weichert Relocation Resources), Rick Schwartz (President of Brookfield Global Relocation Services) and Kate Dodge (President of NEI Global Relocation).**

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5th Annual Golf Event Benefitting Candlelighters

It was a gorgeous Houston day for our Annual Golf Tournament at Willowfork Country Club. Candlelighters participant Braedon Lilley kicked things off again this year with a ceremonial first tee shot. Thanks again to our sponsors, golfers and everyone who came out to make this year's Golf Tournament another huge success!

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Thank You to our Sponsors

We could not do it without the continued support of our Sponsors. Thank you for your contributions to HRP in 2012! We hope that you will include HRP in your budget for 2013.

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2013 Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in being an HRP Sponsor next year, please click on the link below.

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Scholarship Program

HRP is proud to announce the inaugural year of our HRP Scholarship Program in 2013. The application process will be open from February 1, 2013 and closing on April 1, 2013. There will be two (2) \$2,500 scholarships awarded, and HRP members that meet the scholarship application requirements are invited to participate.

[Click for more info on Scholarship Program](#)

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