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Upcoming HRP Events

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Coming soon:
Info about our Fall Event and our 6th Annual Golf Tournament

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[Texas Relocation Network](#)
March 7

Dallas, TX

[Worldwide ERC@ National Relocation Conference](#)
May 15-17
San Diego, CA

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President's Message

Happy New Year from HRP!

I am thrilled that you have made the decision to be a part of HRP in 2013, and I am honored to serve as your President this year. If your schedule has been anything like mine so far in 2013, I'm sure you can hardly believe that it's February. We have a lot going on here with HRP, so let's get started!

Before we jump into our 2013 events, I want to briefly touch on some of the HRP successes we had in 2012:

- Membership was up 25%
- Sponsorship was up 20%
- Our Candlelighters donation was the largest ever at \$13,500

Two years ago, we created our new mission statement: **"HRP engages, educates, and unifies mobility professionals in the Houston area."** Our accomplishments in 2012 were the result of the strong foundation and leadership HRP has had over the years. In 2013 we will continue to build on these successes with this same theme in mind: **engage, educate** and **unify**. To that end, your 2013 BOD's has been hard at work putting together some great events for 2013, including:

- "Washington's Effect on Global Mobility in 2013" later this month (February 20th @ Houston Country Club)
- CRP Exam site on May 15th - [Click here for info](#)
- Afternoon with the Astros Event on June 6th against the Baltimore Orioles
- Fall Event at HCC in September (date pending)
- 6th Annual Golf Tournament Benefitting Candlelighters in October
- Holiday Social on December 11th at Sullivan's

Our first exciting event includes Peter Scott and Tristan North who will join us at the Houston Country Club on February 20th to lead the discussion on "Washington's Effect on Global Mobility in 2013." The event is approved for 2 CRP credits, and for the first time at an HRP event, we are also pre-approved for 2 credit hours for HRCI!

[Click here to register for the event](#)

Thank you again for being part of our organization, we encourage you to make the most of your membership by joining us at all of our events. Please contact us anytime at admin@houstonrelopros.org

Board of Directors Spotlight

Q&A With Brian Smith 2013 President



Q: What's your favorite activity outside of work?

A: Sports (baseball, hockey, football).

Q: What's your favorite travel destination?

A: San Diego, CA where it is 72 degrees and sunny!

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My kids - my son for his drive and determination, and my daughter for her positive outlook on everything!

Q: What was your favorite TV show growing up:

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Again, I am honored to serve as your 2013 President, and I am equally honored to be working alongside a tremendously talented [Board of Directors](#). This group of people works very hard and dedicate so much of their time to our organization and I want to personally thank each and every one of them for their time and talents – we couldn't do all that we do at HRP without their efforts and yours!

Sincerely,
Brian Smith
2013 HRP President

HRP February Breakfast Meeting: "Washington's Effect on Global Mobility in 2013"

Please join us on February 20th
8:00 am - 11:00 am
Houston Country Club
(1 Potomac Drive, Houston, TX 77057)

Now that the election is behind us, we must assess the impact of Washington decision-makers on the global mobility industry. To help us, we have enlisted two wonderful speakers to lead the discussion: Peter Scott and Tristan North. Peter is a lawyer with over 40 years experience in tax practice in both the public and private sectors. Peter is a key advisor to the employee relocation and household goods moving industries, serving as Tax Counsel to Worldwide ERC. Tristan serves as Government Relations Advisor to Worldwide ERC. He is a registered lobbyist with 20 years of experience in federal government relations and public policy.

**This event is approved for 2 CRP Credits and pre-approved for 2 (General) recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the HR Certification Institute.

[Click here for Registration](#)

Thank you to all our 2013 Sponsors!

We could not do everything we do without the continued support of our Sponsors. Thank you for your contributions to HRP!

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New this year: Web sponsorship opportunities will be open all year!

CRP Exam Site

Are you planning to take the CRP Exam on May 15, 2013? HRP is hosting the CRP Exam again this year in Houston!

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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.

A: "Different Strokes" - *Whatchu talkin 'bout, Willis!*

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?

A: Police Officer.

Q: What was your first car?

A: Toyota Corolla - stick shift.

Q: What are your favorite Houston Restaurants:

A: Perry's Steakhouse and Mark's American Cuisine

Q: Finish this sentence: In 20 years I hope to be ___.

A: Alive and well!

Q&A With Michelle Sandlin

2013 Vice President / President Elect



Q: What's your favorite activity outside of work?

A: Playing the drums!

Q: Who are you favorite bands?

A: Right now that would be Silversun Pickups, Metric, Morning Parade, Interpol (it changes a lot!)

Q: What did you want to be

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when you grew up?

A: A Rock Star, duh!

Q: What's your favorite travel destination?

A: Anywhere in California!

Q: What was your favorite TV show growing up?

A: "Laverne & Shirley."

Q: What was your first car?

A: Red Firebird.

Q: What are your favorite Houston restaurants?

A: The Palm, Max's Wine Dive, and Ragin Cajun.

Q: Finish this sentence: In 20 years I hope to be___.

A: The answer is still the same: A Rock Star, duh!

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