



June 2013 Newsletter

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Please check out our new and improved website:

HoustonReloPros.org

Upcoming HRP Events

[Afternoon with the Astros](#)

[Breakfast Meeting: Current State of the Mortgage & Appraisal Industry](#)

[Holiday Social](#)

Coming soon:

Info about our Fall Event and our 6th Annual Golf Tournament

Links to Other Upcoming Events

[Candlelighters Fun Walk](#)

[Worldwide ERC's Global Workforce Symposium](#)

October 23-25, 2013
Dallas, TX

More Links & Information

President's Message

Dear HRP Members,

Here we are at the beginning of June already, and our 2nd newsletter of the year! We have so much going on at HRP and it been a fantastic start to the year.

First, we have two upcoming events in the month of June. On June 6th is our annual "HRP Afternoon with the Astros Benefitting [Candlelighters](#)." Then, on June 26th we will be hosting our 2nd educational event of the year at HCC that you, our membership, asked for, "The State of the mortgage and appraisal industry." We will have 5 national lenders and a local appraiser for a panel discussion. Matt Spinolo will also join us to give us an update from WERC. To register for our June 26th meeting, click here: [Registration](#).

Next, we are very excited about our newly redesigned website! Please check it out if you haven't done so already at www.HoustonReloPros.org.

Our scholarship team is hard at work under the direction of Steve Townsend. In our inaugural year we received 14 essays! Be sure to watch for updates on this, as our goal is to have our 2013 winners at our June 26th meeting. As we head into the summer months, your BOD will be reviewing our 2013 goals and preparing for the 2nd half of 2013. Please be sure to reach out to any of the current Board Members if you have a desire to serve in any way.

Our goal at HRP is to *engage, educate and unify relocation professionals in the Houston area*. With this goal in mind, we hope to see you at both events in June.

All the best,

Brian Smith
2013 HRP President

[HRP Afternoon with the Astros - SOLD OUT!](#)

June 6th, 2013
1:05 PM at Minute Maid Park

Board of Directors Spotlight

Q&A With Alan Grantham



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

A: Golf. I'm terrible, but I love to get out and play.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?

A: A mix of country and rock and Bob Marley! I also like Kenny Chesney and any late 80s and early 90s rock.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: Bob Marley, One Love!

Q: What was your favorite TV show growing up?

A: "Who's the Boss." I still love Alyssa Milano!

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

A: A teacher. Thank goodness for the education system as a whole

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We are very happy to announce that our Afternoon with the Astros event on June 6th has been completely sold out!

This will be a special event, as we will be hosting families affected by cancer and representatives from Candlelighters.

To Pick Up Your Tickets:

Go to the Will Call Window at Minute Maid Park on the day of the game.

We also want to thank our sponsors of this event! We really appreciate your support!

We look very forward to seeing you there!

Breakfast Meeting: Current State of the Mortgage & Appraisal Industry

**June 26th, 2013
8:00 - 11:30 AM at Houston Country Club**

Please join us along with 4 National Lenders and a local appraiser as we host a mortgage and appraisal panel discussing questions submitted by our membership.

Matt Spinolo, Chairman of the Board from Worldwide ERC will moderate the panel and present an update from WERC.

Click here for more info and to register: [Event Info & Registration](#)

Highlights from our February Breakfast Meeting: "Washington's Effect on Global Mobility in 2013"

We kicked off the year with a very successful event on February 20th! We hope that you were able to join us.

Peter Scott and Tristan North shared their insight with us on "**Washington's Effect on Global Mobility in 2013.**"



that it didn't work out that way!

Q: What was your first car?

A: A Ford Escort. It was maroon and a hand-me-down from mom.

Q: What are your favorite Houston Restaurants:

A: Eddie V's is tough to beat in my book.

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

A: In the twilight of my career with Citi, ready to hang it up and hang with the kids!

Q&A With Meredith Morris



Q: What's your favorite travel destination?

A: Mexico

Q: Who inspires you?

A: Oprah Winfrey and Hillary Clinton (Strong women)!

Q: What was your favorite TV show growing up?

A: "Green Acres"

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

A: A Veterinarian

Q: What was your first car?

A: A Chevy Citation - 4 Door Hatchback. Everyone called it "Battle Wagon"

Q: What are your favorite Houston restaurants?

A: Del Frisco's and RA Sushi

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

A: relaxing on a tropical island somewhere while running my own company from a remote



location.



To view all photos from our February Event, click on this link:
[Event Photos](#)

As always, thank you to 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!**

Scholarship Program

HRP received 14 essays for 2013 for our Scholarship Program in 2013.
We will be announcing the winners at our June 26th Breakfast Meeting, so please plan on joining us for this exciting event!

[Click here for more Scholarship Information](#)

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