



I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for September 2019

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September signals the start of school bus traffic, the reappearance of all things pumpkin spice and the migration back to I'On of some of our vacationing members. We are happy to see your smiling faces again and hope you are ready for an action-packed fall season

First, a reminder...**SMOKE ALARM BEEPING?** Unfortunately, I'On At Home **CANNOT** help once the beeping starts. Our services are provided by volunteers, and we are not on call 24/7/365, so we can't respond in an urgent situation. **BUT** the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department **CAN** help – **call 843-849-2065**, the direct line to Station #3, right down Mathis Ferry Road. **Don't call 911 for smoke alarm battery help.** If they are not out on a call, the firemen will change your smoke alarm battery. Leave a message if no one answers.

IAH **CAN** help you prevent needless beeping! Watch for your IAH newsletter in **January** when we offer our **annual smoke alarm battery change program**. All you have to do is sign up, buy the batteries, and our volunteers will come to your house and change them. If you do this each January, you should never have to worry about annoying and loud false alarms.

Don't forget that if you need help to register for an IAH event or to request a service, you can always e-mail us at ion@ionathome.org or call us at 843-284-3690. Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and someone should get back to you promptly. At other times, the response may be during the next "office hours."

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. Hopefully I'll see you soon, at an IAH event or around the 'hood.

Becky

[Becky Van Wie](#), President
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IAH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

As usual, the Program Committee is filling the calendar with a variety of stimulating and fun options. Get ready to raise your glasses with a new venue for Happy Hour! Sign up to join us at O'Brion's Pub and Grill on September 4th. On September 9th we are excited to be kicking off the fall season of our Great Decisions Discussions, and if you've ever marveled at the colossal ships we see in Charleston Harbor, Pilot Whit Smith will explain to us what it takes to get them in and out safely on September 20th. We have more events on the calendar for September and some as far in the future as December. On top of that we add events regularly so check the [website](#) often and sign up.

If you see that an event you're interested in is full, please email ion@ionathome.org or call 843-284-3590 to let us know you'd like to attend. Sometimes our numbers can be stretched a bit, or there may be a cancellation.

SUPPORTING IAH WHILE YOU SHOP

Did you know that over 2,000 shopping websites will contribute a small portion of your purchases to your designated charity—in this case, we fervently hope, I'On At Home.

When you visit a supporting website, you'll be asked to click on the iGive icon on the page and then Hey Nonny Presto! your purchase will help support I'On At Home AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU! Sites you may use often, like Walgreens, Expedia, Burpee Gardening, Gap, Chewy and Bed Bath & Beyond—among many others—all participate in iGive.

Since we affiliated with iGive, I'On At Home has received over \$500 from iGive donations. Joining iGive is an easy way to support an organization that provides a lot of value to our community. So please sign up next time you're online.

Click here to sign up: [IGive.com](https://www.IGive.com)  [iGive.com](https://www.IGive.com)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your membership committee has been updating a Prospect List: a valuable resource for outreach efforts such as our late September recruitment party (details in [IAH calendar](#)). Recently moved-in neighbors as well as long-time residents who have expressed interest now bring that total to 60-plus eligible households "on our radar."

We welcome any IAH members who would like to join us conducting welcome interviews or becoming a liaison for new members. Contact [Kathryn Murray](#) or [Sarah Fischer](#) for more information.

A final note: If you have a new or long-time neighbor who might like to learn more about IAH, please contact Kathryn via [email](#) or text at 205-999-7664.

RESOURCES AND INTERESTING INFORMATION

In this section, we include links to articles about issues related to “advancing in life.” If you see something that you think IAH members and friends might find of interest, please send it to [Deborah Bedell](#).

Finally, a roundup of a few noteworthy articles in case you missed them....

- Judith Graham, [For older people surgery poses risks that aren't always made clear](#) (*Washington Post*, August 5, 2019)
- Karen Grassle, [Opinion: Don't call me 'Young Lady'](#) (*Nextavenue.org*, July 31, 2019)
- Paula Span, [A Brain Scan May Predict Alzheimer's. Should You Get One?](#) (*New York Times*, August 2, 2019)

RECENT IAH EVENTS

***Black Refractions* Exhibition with Jonathan Green**
Gibbes Museum of Art
Coordinated by Anne Janas



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