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## I'ON AT HOME NEWS

**Member Newsletter for January 2020**

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### **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

As we wrap up 2019 and look forward to 2020, I want to share several things with all of you. First, I want to thank retiring IAH Board members, Deborah Bedell and Fred White. Their help has been critical as we've navigated these early years of our operation!

Second, I want to welcome and thank our new Board members: Jean Anglin, Elisabeth Burch, Steve Degnen, and Joe Fanelli. They have already been active as committee members, and now Steve will step in as Board Secretary and Joe as Programs Committee Co-Chair. In addition, we are grateful to Peggy Watt, as Co-Chair of the Programs Committee (along with Joe) and Lori Feehan as incoming chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee.

Thank you to continuing Chairs Anne Register (Finance), Kathryn Murray (Membership), and Mary Kaplan (Volunteer Services). I'On At Home officers for 2020 include me as

President, Yannis Tsavalas as Vice President, Steve Degnen as Secretary, and Anne Register as Treasurer.

**Special recognition goes to retiring Programs Committee Co-chairs Cheryl Pitts and Harriet Ripinsky for their outstanding job. Under their leadership, the Programs Committee presented 134 events in 2019. An impressive 91% of members (or 139) registered for at least one program this year. Clearly, the Programs Committee is addressing the diverse interests of IAH members – what a record of success!**

We have other successes to celebrate for this year as well. See below for information from the Membership Committee about new and renewing members.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you the happiest of holidays and all the best for 2020! May you and your families enjoy a safe and happy New Year! Thanks to your support, we look forward to another successful year with I'On At Home!!

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

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**News from your Programs Committee Co-Chairs Peggy Watt and Joe Fanelli!**

Joe and I would like to express our thanks to Harriet and Cheryl for the wonderful job they did for the IAH Programs Committee in 2019. We had a varied, robust calendar of events with very good attendance numbers.

We have an exciting January coming up, including an informative discussion on managing emergencies while overseas, a historical society tour and lunch, a SC Aquarium event on the topic of biomimicry in nature, and a talk on CBD. A private tour of the Hunley will be a

popular event, and later in the month we'll have a tour of the Rhett-Aiken House followed by lunch at Henrietta's.

Please join us by going to [our website](#) for more information and to register for events that interest you.

**Peggy**

If you see that an event you're interested in is full, please email [ion@ionathome.org](mailto: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.

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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The Membership Committee celebrated with cheers and merriment our year-end numbers:

- A Total of **153 active members** and **93 memberships**. Memberships comprised:
  - 60 Household (38 Full, 22 Supporting)
  - 33 Individual (22 Full, 11 Supporting)
- New members for 2019: 25 new individuals comprising 16 memberships
- 2019 Renewals: 124 active members

Our growing numbers suggest we are providing real value for members, and we appreciate them!

As always, names of neighbors you know who might appreciate a call or visit are welcomed by Kathryn Murray ([Kathmurr@gmail.com](mailto:Kathmurr@gmail.com); 205-999-7664).

Appreciation is also hereby extended to our helpers for our 2 information parties, for outreach by Membership Committee members and the I'On Ambassadors (plus those IAH flyers new neighbors get in "welcome baskets")—Thank you to All!

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## 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 [Lori Feehan](#), our new newsletter editor.



- Frail Older Patients Struggle Even After Minor Operations: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/13/health/frail-elderly-surgery.html?action=click&module=Well&pgtype=Homepage&section=Health>
- Goodbye Nursing Homes-the New Trend is Co-Housing with Friends: <https://www.healthy-holistic-living.com/goodbye-nursing-homes-the-new-trend-is-cohousing-with-friend/>
- Aging-in-place trend poses a challenge to senior-housing developers. “People don’t want to go to a place where there’s only a bunch of other old people.” [https://www.wsj.com/articles/boomers-want-to-stay-home-senior-housing-now-faces-a-budding-glut-11573554601?emailToken=0584a3afc81edee7b8e524c01d49ea26d4Mqvw1dDMIW2jm5pOCDRLM6Kbu2cppYdQTnBo/J38t7HS/I4vbpAV4Zwe/+bxgi5NFNhXYOSyo1s5zGP95Bry1Wvl7oboZXKpRFS/raV10/bT88ee4RwqerzAijGnmr&reflink=article\\_gmail\\_share](https://www.wsj.com/articles/boomers-want-to-stay-home-senior-housing-now-faces-a-budding-glut-11573554601?emailToken=0584a3afc81edee7b8e524c01d49ea26d4Mqvw1dDMIW2jm5pOCDRLM6Kbu2cppYdQTnBo/J38t7HS/I4vbpAV4Zwe/+bxgi5NFNhXYOSyo1s5zGP95Bry1Wvl7oboZXKpRFS/raV10/bT88ee4RwqerzAijGnmr&reflink=article_gmail_share)

# RECENT IAH EVENTS

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## **Holiday Bubbles and Bites**

Hosted by Jane McLaughlin, Coordinated by Kathy Coffman and Harriet Ripinsky

## ***We The People* group tour, talk and lunch**

Coordinated by Harriet Ripinsky

## **Hiking Interest Group - Palmetto Islands County Park**

Coordinated by Libby Eble









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