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I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for March 2020



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THANK YOU!!! For many of you, this is the time of year to renew your I'On At Home memberships. Your renewal enables all of us to continue providing great events, and help when needed. It affirms that we are going in the right direction.

You will receive an IAH e-mail notification about 3 weeks before your 12 month membership expires. NOTE: our website system automatically removes your

member privileges at the end of that month; at that point, you will no longer be able to register for IAH events or request services.

Speaking of services, don't forget that they are available to all Full Members. Trained volunteers are eager to help with transportation, simple household chores or repairs, errands, and many other tasks. We even have volunteers trained in medical note taking to accompany you on an important doctor visit and serve as another pair of ears. Think of things you used to do yourself but are no longer comfortable undertaking. IAH can help with that! If you are currently a Supporting Member and want to be eligible for services at no extra charge, just e-mail <u>ion@ionathome.org</u> or call 843-284-3590 to request a change in your membership type.

Some of you may have difficulty signing up your partner for IAH events. Unfortunately, our website requires that each individual member has her/his own account (the only way to be sure we're keeping track of everyone). This means that when you are logged into your account and register yourself for an event, you CANNOT also register your partner. So you have 3 options:

- 1. Your spouse/partner can login to her/his own account and register
- 2. You can log out of your account, log into her/his account, and register them from there. Whoever is registering must know the login and password for that account. If you don't have that information, contact our Executive Director, Sarah Fischer (<u>Sarahf@ionathome.org</u>) to ask for assistance.
- 3. Call the IAH phone at 843-284-3590 and ask for assistance to register your spouse/partner. A volunteer Call Manager will return your call and handle this task for you.

We apologize for any inconvenience this process may cause. Once you understand what to do it does become easier.

I appreciate the involvement and support of all of you, as members and/or volunteers of 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 <u>Becky Van Wie</u>, President 843-860-2990

IAH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

We've enjoyed a busy February with frequent, well attended events. A very good time was had by a large group for the Super Bowl party hosted by Gail and Bob Hardie on February 2nd. Great Decisions Discussion Group met on the 3rd, and Happy Hour went well on the 5th. Wanda and Tom Martin hosted a full house for the Oscars Night, and the Single Ladies met on the 13th. Barb Fowler hosted a documentary viewing about Aretha Franklin on the 17th and the hiking group gathered on the 18th. A Gullah traditions lecture was well attended on the 21st and the month concluded with Pizzas and Puzzles at the Pitts' home.

Will March Come in Like a Lion or a Lamb? It doesn't really matter because we have some terrific events coming up:

- March 2 Great Decisions Discussion Group
- March 3 American College of the Building Arts and lunch
- March 11 Happy Hour at the Community Table
- March 19 Bourbon tasting
- March 23 *Honeyland*, a documentary
- March 24 Hiking Interest Group
- March 27 Center for Birds of Prey Guided Tour & Flight Demonstration

Please remember to check the <u>IAH website for event details</u>. Check back from time to time as new events are always being listed. Remember, if an event is filled up (*o spots available*), please wait list yourself (and guest). Openings happen.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

<u>News</u>

There are now 10 Membership Committee members with the February 13th addition of Suzanne Rutledge and Katherine Salmons. We reviewed the first year of IAH's *pilot* membership category, **Friends of I'On (FOI)**. We have 4 Supporting memberships under this new option and the consensus is that the pilot is a success.

Therefore, Membership Committee recommended the category be made permanent with a cap of 10 **F.O.I. members** — which was approved at the IAH Board of Directors 2/18/20 meeting. The 10-member cap will be assessed annually as to whether the number is appropriate based on feedback and IAH growth.

As always, names of neighbors you know who might appreciate a call or visit are welcomed by Kathryn Murray (<u>Kathmurr@gmail.com</u>; 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 <u>Lori Feehan</u>, newsletter editor.



Meet Marge, Proud Owner of 97 Velvet Elvis Paintings

Testing for Alzheimers

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/20/well/mind/alzheimers-dementiatesting.html?referringSource=articleShare

When Life Throws You Curveballs, Embrace the 'New Normal'

<u>https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/20/well/live/when-life-throws-you-</u> <u>curveballs-embrace-the-new-normal.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share</u>

Does My Travel Insurance Cover Coronavirus?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/personal-finance/does-my-travelinsurance-cover-coronavirus-read-the-fine-print/2020/02/11/f5e1eef0-4d19-11ea-9b5c-eac5b16dafaa_story.html

RECENT IAH EVENTS

Linda Fantuzzo: Penumbra, Art Show at the City Gallery and Lunch

(at Blossom, tables 1,2) Coordinated by Harriet Ripinsky

Oscar Night! Coordinated by Wanda Martin

Hiking Interest Group Coordinated by Libby Eble









CONTACT US

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- Website: <u>www.ionathome.org</u>
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