

I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for April, 2017

Happy Spring to all of our I'On At Home members! I think we would all agree that (except for the pollen) this season is one of the best in our beautiful Lowcounty home!

In this, our second edition of *I'On At Home News*, you will find the latest information about events and programs, IAH membership, volunteer services, and information related to successful aging in place. As always, please click on any blue, underlined text to follow that live link to our webpage or some other relevant internet site.

It bears repeating that this is YOUR newsletter. We want to include items that are of interest to you, so we need your ideas. We also want to highlight YOU, our members and volunteers, as well as showcasing successful IAH events and programs. Please send us your ideas and your photos.

Please visit our <u>IAH website</u> for the information mentioned below in addition to lots of other helpful resources. <u>Remember</u>, you must be logged in as a member in order to see much of what is available on the site, as well as to request services and register for events. If you have not yet registered to use the site, please e-mail Barbara Cole (brcole60@comcast.net) to request instructions on how to do so.

ATTENTION FULL MEMBERS - ARE YOU USING IAH SERVICES?

Remember that you are eligible for up to 6 volunteer-provided services per month for an individual and 10 for a household, in addition to participating in IAH programs and having access to the Preferred Providers list. You can request assistance on our website by following this <u>link</u>, or you can call us at 843-284-3590 (please leave a message, and someone will get back to you).

If you need help to request a service, contact Barbara Cole (brcole60@comcast.net or 843-388-0249) or Mary Wilbur (wilburme@comcast.net or 843-941-9335).

We're glad to report that several members ARE taking advantage of IAH services and are quite happy with the outcome. Linda Moser is one of these. She commented, "I just wanted to let you know how pleased I am with my membership in IAH. The programs have been great, and I was so impressed by my experience with services. Yes, I was reluctant to sign up for a free service; but it's a great idea, and hopefully I can be helpful in the future for another member. My volunteer replaced some outdoor light bulbs, and I was delighted that I did not have to worry about that challenging chore."

IAH PROGRAMS UPDATE

One note about our programs, it is important to register for events that you want to attend, so that we know who is coming. Our goal is to plan a varied selection of activities, so we will have "trial balloons." Occasionally, there will be an idea that does not generate enough interest to allow it to happen. In that case, we will notify everyone who has registered that the event is cancelled.



IAH members enjoyed the March Celebrity Chef event, featuring Tom and Wanda Martin with a menu served to Julia Child.

April Programs

We do have a few openings in one of our April Programs. Click on the event

name link for more information and to register:

1. Apps That Work for Us! (4/19) - bring your iPad or iPhone to learn about Claudia Robinson's and Barbara Fowler's favorite apps

All other April events are at capacity but if you want to be put on a waiting list, please email us at ion@ionathome.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We do need your input, so please share your ideas, including suggestions for speakers. E-mail us at the address above or talk to one of the committee members: Barbara Fowler, Lori Bate, Delores Rosebrock, Barbara Wade, LaVon McNaughton, Kathryn Murray, Cheryl Pitts and Fred White.

Here is our lineup of events for May (scroll down past the April events to see those for May) that we hope you will enjoy. Many programs have limited attendance, so please register early to be sure of your spot.

In addition to our recurring events, new events include (click on the event name for more information and to register):

May 2: 5:00 PM, 649 Meeting Street, Charleston

American College of the Building Arts Tour

Everyone raves about ACBA. We will tour the building, hear from the President, and share some wine and cheese.

Join organizer, Kathryn Murray.

May 9: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at 30 Mary Murray Drive, Charleston (carpool from I'On Square leaving at 9:30)

Tour of Hampton Park and Greenhouses

Did you know that there is a beautiful 61 acre park on the Charleston peninsula? Are you aware of the fact that almost all of the public plantings you see in Charleston are seeded or propagated by volunteers and a small horticultural staff at the City of Charleston greenhouses near the park? Join your I'On At Home friends and neighbors for a private tour of both Hampton Park and the operations at the City greenhouses. After the tour join us for an optional lunch (Dutch treat) at the charming Park Cafe nearby.

Join organizer, Brenda Uttaro.

May 10: 3:00-5:00 PM at the I'On Conference Room, 159 Civitas Street, 2nd Floor

Take Better Pictures with Your iPhone/iPad/Mobile Device

Want to take better pictures using your mobile phone or iPad? Claudia Robinson and Ellen Rhodes use a variety of techniques, as well as apps, to make their photos shine. Join them in a hands-on workshop where they will share with you their favorite apps and tricks!

Join organizer Claudia Robinson. Limited capacity.

May 11: 4:00-6:00 PM at 163 Ionborough Street

"Trying to Be Human: Body, Mind, and Spirit" Workshop

Don Wilbur will facilitate this workshop, starting with teaching about mind traps, happiness, and inner peace. Don has done this workshop for many years, with over 6,000 attendees, from young kids to seniors.

Join organizer, Don Wilbur. This event is open to all I'On neighbors. Capacity is limited.

May 15: 2:00-5:00 PM at 67 Sanibel Street

Fred's Film Club

Join us for this inaugural event, in what we hope will become an ongoing IAH program. The purpose is to discuss provocative and entertaining films, which should stimulate plenty of response and a desire for discussion. Our initial film will be *A Serious Man*, a typically hilarious, offbeat film by the Coen brothers, which they summed up to Charlie Rose as their "Jew movie." Thanks to the generosity of Jerry and Brenda Uttaro, we'll be able to screen this film on their big TV, and then talk about what we've seen.

Join organizer Fred White. Limited capacity.

May 28: 4:00-5:30 PM at 66 Sowell Street

Sunday Salon

Our second Sunday Salon will be held at Myra Brooks' beautiful garden. Join Susan and Stuart Chagrin for a special afternoon of music. Susan has been privileged to sing back-up for Andrea Bocelli, Celine Dion, Pavarotti, Aretha Franklin, and many well-known opera stars. Currently she is a soprano with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Chorus and sings with the First Baptist Church Choir, occasionally serving as soloist. After a career in systems and management in the securities industry, Stuart returned to his love of guitar. Susan and Stuart's music repertoire features songs from the last 75 years, including standards and artists such as the Beatles, Elvis Presley, Simon and Garfunkel, Billy Joel, Adele, Leonard Cohen, Neil Diamond, and Green Day, in addition to Broadway and opera tunes and a range of traditional and contemporary Christian songs.

Join organizer, Delores Rosebrock. Limited capacity.

IAH CONTINUING EVENTS FOR MAY

(click on event name for more information and to register)

May 1: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Great Decisions



May 8: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Forming Friendships

May 15: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

The Month That Was

Note: IAH Walks has been cancelled due to very small participation.

HOWEVER, we are happy to facilitate its starting again, if there are a few interested people. Please send us an e-mail (ion@ionathome.org) if you want this activity.

FREE WAY TO HELP I'ON AT HOME RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS



Every time you shop at any of the 1,700+ online stores in the <u>iGive network</u>, a portion of the money you spend benefits I'On At Home. It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account.

> Start iGiving at: www.iGive.com/IOnAtHome

VOLUNTEER SERVICES UPDATE

A new Volunteer Service is available for IAH members beginning in May. In the category of Household Chores, we are now offering **out-of-town house checking** (keeping an eye on a home when the owner is away; picking up packages, papers, mail; watering plants; etc.). We hope this will be of benefit to many of our Full Members, and we have volunteers ready to do this for you. Just go to our <u>website</u> or call (843-284-3590) to request this service.

Volunteering for I'On At Home may present an opportunity for some of you to give back to your neighbors. Orientation is scheduled for April 20 and April 26

for those who have submitted an application and completed the screening process. Please contact us if you want more information. For general volunteer information, look on the <u>I'On At Home website</u> (under the I'On At Home tab).

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Membership Committee is very pleased to announce that we now have 60 IAH memberships. We're well on our way to the goal of 70 memberships by the end of this year. If you know anybody who would like to join or whom you think should join, please notify us (brcole60@comcast.net.)

We're hoping to reach some of the newer residents in the community who are in our age group, but who haven't been introduced to the concepts of a "village." If you have such a neighbor, please let us know.

Hopefully, everybody is well able to use the website now and is signing up for their favorite events and for services (for Full Members). If you haven't yet created a password, e-mail Barbara Cole (brcole60@comcast.net) to request that she send you the link to do so.

RESOURCES AND INTERESTING INFORMATION

In this space, we will share news articles and other information related to aging in place (click on the blue, underlined text to follow the live link). If you find something like this, please let us know at ion@ionathome.org.

1.Witte, Sully (2017, March 29) "Boomers and Beyond: It Takes a Village." Moultrie News.