

Events for July

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I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for July 2020



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Over the last few months, some of you may have noticed that our enabling technology was not always working as we would wish. Several different tech services and platforms make possible the operation of our organization:

- **Helpful Village (HV)** provides our website, member/volunteer/donor database, processes for requesting and fulfilling services, posting and registering for events, etc. Since HV was developed specifically for Villages, it is customized for what we need, and its functionality continues to be upgraded.
- **Village to Village Network (VtV)** is the national coalition of organizations like ours. We benefit from the experiences of 200+ Villages, as well as VtV's knowledgeable staff, robust resources on their website, and frequent webinars.
- **Network Solutions** is our IAH website domain host and provides the customized e-mail addresses (Sarahf@ionathome.org and ion@ionathome.org).
- **GoogleVoice** provides our free IAH phone number, which is forwarded to whoever is on call during our "office hours." Messages are stored on the

Our website has been “buggy,” which has caused Sarah Fischer, our very capable IAH Executive Director, and several of your leadership volunteers, great frustration. Sarah is responsible for managing our technology, in addition to even more services we use. She dedicates a great deal of time to keeping her knowledge current for each product and ensuring that it all works together to keep IAH running smoothly. I want to clearly state that none of this is Sarah’s fault; and, in fact, she has made great efforts to address these problems. Unfortunately, the solutions have been in the hands of the HV developer. Rest assured that IAH does now have their attention, and the situation is improving.

Finally, for those of you who see technology as an anathema, we sympathize. Many of us in the “progressing in life” cohort share those feelings. On the other hand, technology can also provide many benefits for our safety and convenience. Sarah stays up-to-date on this issue and shares pertinent information with us as appropriate. Here’s one [recent article](#) you might find interesting.

I’ll close with bit of humor on this topic. If you haven’t seen it, a [2017 Saturday Night Live skit](#) will make you smile. As always, if you have questions or comments, please contact me directly at brvanwie@gmail.com or 843-860-2990. I am grateful for your involvement and support of I’On At Home!

Please take care of yourselves!!!
Virtual hugs!!

Becky

[Becky Van Wie](#), President

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IAH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Greetings IAH members,

Summer is here! We had a good June, with a live performance and documentary discussion; an actual, not virtual happy hour; a food drive for ECCO and a *Schooner Pride* sail.

In July, we will forgo happy hour due to higher temperatures (making it uncomfortable to sit outdoors).

- The Biking Interest group will continue to meet every Thursday morning.
- An I’On Gardens walk/tour is being planned for later in the month, watch the [website](#) for details.

experiences. As always, we will strive to execute events in a safe and responsible manner. Please check the [website](#) for the latest news.

And have a safe and happy 4th of July! Stay healthy.

With best wishes, Peggy Watt and Joe Fanelli, and the Programs Committee

PARTNERSHIP in PROGRAMS

IAH and The I'On Trust

Partnered and sponsored a successful community-wide Wellness Pantry drive benefiting ECCO. This was IAH's second low-touch food drive for ECCO in three months.

- A total of **1,604 lb of food and hygiene items** donated coupled with **two individual financial contributions**
- Neighbors from Hobcaw & Seaside Farms participated
- *Based on a non-scientific count:* **88 I'On households from 35 different streets** participated: Civitas (2), EastLake (3), Edenton (1), Fairhope (1), Faye (1), Fernandina (5), Frogmore (2), Hopetown (5), Hospitality (2), Ionsborough (7), Isle of Hope (4), Jake's (1), Jane Jacobs (1), Jogging (3), Krier (2), Latitude Lane (4), LowCountry (1), McDaniel (2), Mises (1), Mobile (1), Montrose (2), Moultrieville (1), Nolen (1), North Shelmore (8), Perseverance (1), Ponsbury (9), Port Royal (1), Prescient (2), Rialto (1), Robert Mills (3), Sanibel (3), Saturday (2), Secession (2), Sowell (1), West Shipyard (2)

Thank you for your generosity.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Please welcome IAH's newest members: Deborah Bowker and William (Bill) Henderson who reside on Krier Lane.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

lighting, watering plants, taking out garbage/recycling bins, light yard work and hurricane preparation. Resuming transportation and indoor requests will be considered at a later time.

We are happy to report that IAH has a new volunteer, Michael Purcell, who is uniquely qualified to aid us as we advance in years. Michael's career has been in healthcare, in particular Home Medical Equipment and Medicare guidelines. Not only can he do quick repairs of medical equipment, he has offered to give advice on the use of Home Oxygen, Ventilation and PAP therapy. He is well versed in Medicare guidelines as it pertains to Prosthetics, Orthotics and Home Hospice Care. And, as if that wasn't enough, Michael has offered to do light car repairs! Please welcome Michael as our newest volunteer!

Mary Kaplan, Volunteer Chair (mkaplan2190@yahoo.com)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We want to reassure our members that after five months of this fiscal year, our financial position is in good shape, due in large part to the continued loyalty of our members who have renewed their memberships for yet another year. Consequently, when the Board decided to give every member a three month extension of their 2020 membership, we did not have concerns about lack of funds for essential expenses. Many thanks to you for sticking with us! We hope that IAH will be able to resume regular activities and all volunteer services in the next several months.

As a nonprofit organization, I'On At Home is required to file an annual 990-EZ to the IRS with copies going to the SC Secretary of State's office. Our deadline for doing this was May 15, 2020. Our reports were filed ahead of the deadline and everything is in order. The 2019 report, which is posted on our website, can be found on our Home Page, under the General Info tab, then Our Finances.

As always, if you have questions, please just ask.

Anne Register, Treasurer (awregister44@gmail.com or [843-860-3179](tel:843-860-3179))

RESOURCES and INTERESTING INFORMATION

In this section, we include links to articles and resources 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](#), newsletter editor.



Medicare.gov

Guard your Medicare Number

Scammers may use the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to steal your identity and commit Medicare fraud. In some cases, they might tell you they'll send a Coronavirus test, masks, or other items in exchange for your Medicare Number or personal information. Don't fall for it; it's a scam.

It's important to **always guard your Medicare Number and check your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) for errors**. Only give your Medicare Number to participating Medicare pharmacists, primary and specialty care doctors, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf. Remember, Medicare will never call you to verify your Medicare Number.

Visit [Medicare.gov/fraud](https://www.medicare.gov/fraud) for more information on protecting yourself from fraud and reporting suspected fraud, and [watch the short video](#) below.



Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

RECENT IAH EVENTS

Social Distance-SING!

Coordinated by Karen Fisher and Peggy Watt

ECCO Wellness Pantry Drive

Coordinated by Jean Anglin

Charleston Harbor Cruise aboard the *Schooner Pride*

Coordinated by Harriet Ripinsky





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