



A community of friends enjoying enriched, vibrant and independent lives together

Meet Joe Fanelli, co-chair of The IAH Program Committee



Cathy and I first saw I'On in 2008 while visiting friends. We were so impressed that we looked at houses and bought one about nine months later. As our friends said, "Most people just buy a t-shirt on their first visit; you bought a house!" Unfortunately we were unexpectedly transferred overseas and rented the house the day after closing. In 2011, we started using the house as a vacation home. And after retiring in 2018, we made it our permanent residence.

As I enjoy gardening, working with nonprofits, and playing tennis, Mount Pleasant has been the ideal location.

When we made I'On our permanent home, we joined IAH. Participating in IAH facilitated our transition. Through the organization we have made so many new friends, enjoyed learning experiences, and participated in events which enabled us to get better acquainted with all that the Charleston area has to offer. We're grateful to the organization and its founders for bringing the "Village" concept to I'On.

I was excited when originally asked to join the Programs Committee and more so when asked to Co-Chair in 2020. It was my time to give back, to help new residents transition and provide all members with opportunities for learning and socializing. The members of the Committee are so dedicated to its purpose and enjoyable to work with. Thus, my tenure as Co-Chair has been very rewarding. There is a wealth of untapped opportunities so IAH continues to need fresh ideas and members willing to assist in planning and organizing events. It is only through its volunteers that IAH will continue to thrive as an organization, making life in I'On a truly unique experience.

Here's what's happening in September:

September 9, 16, 23 & 30

8:00AM - 9:00AM

IAH Biking Group

Hop on your bike and join our IAH biking group. Meet us at the l'On Club parking lot every Thursday morning for an hour ride. All levels are welcome.

Please be sure to bring a helmet and water. We will be passing in and out of l'On so participants can stop when they want.

Masks are not required for this event. However, if you are not vaccinated, please practice social distancing at all times.

The group will depart promptly at 8AM.



Len Hanson keeps our Bike Group rolling!

September 10th 12:00PM - 1:00PM

**Private Tour of the Gibbes Museum's Japanese Print Collection
with Arthur Richardson**



The Gibbes Museum of Art is home to one of the most significant collections of Japanese woodblock prints in the Southeast.

Gibbes Museum guide Arthur Richardson has deep knowledge of the history of Japanese printmaking and is giving us a special private tour of this exhibit. The collection reflects the full range of popular print subjects by master Ukiyo-e artists of the Edo period, from famous Kabuki theater actors portrayed by Suzuki Harunobu and Toshusai Sharaku in the 18th century, to vibrant landscapes by Utagawa Hiroshige and Katsushika Hokusai in the 19th century.

The tour will take about 45 minutes. You'll also be able to visit the companion exhibit: Japonisme in Charleston: Alice Smith and her Circle as well as the rest of the museum.

The Gibbes requires that everyone entering the museum wear a mask.

This event has been artfully organized by Anne Janas.

September 12th 4:00PM - 5:30PM

Bocce & Booze



Come play the ancient game of Bocce. There's a reason the game has endured for centuries. It's easy and fun. We'll meet on the Bocce court in Avant Garden on the corner of Westlake and Latitude.

Bring your beverage of choice. No skill is required but a sense of humor definitely helps! Bocce Queen Kathy Coffman rolled out this event.

September 13th 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Great Decisions Discussion Group - China & Africa

Join Fred White for a discussion of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa.

The Covid-19 crisis has put a massive strain on what was growing a positive economic and political relationship between China and the continent of Africa. As Chinese President Xi Jinping's centerpiece "Belt and Road initiative" continues to expand Chinese power, the response to the spread of Covid-19, as well as the African government's growing debt to China, has seen pushback. What are some of the growing economic and political issues between China and Africa?

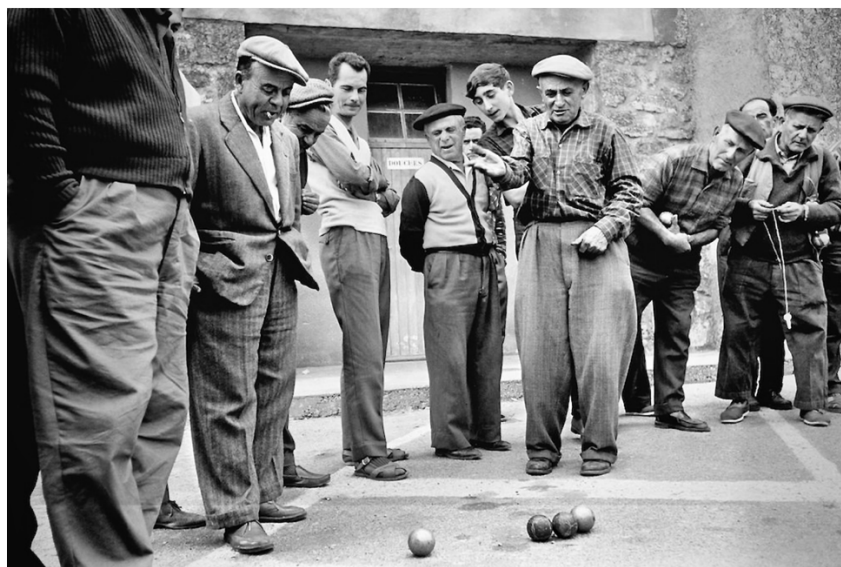


*Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions **Briefing Book**, watching the monthly video and meeting via Zoom to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.*

September 13th 11:00AM - 12:00PM
Programs Committee Meeting

September 15th 10:00AM - 11:00AM
MEN'S BOCCE

Herb, Capo di tutti Capo, White has an offer to all IAH men that you can not refuse!



Step up and play the ancient game of Bocce, an Italian version of lawn bowling. It was Giuseppe Garibaldi, who, while unifying and nationalizing Italy, popularized the sport as it is known today.

No skill or athleticism required...the game is easy and fun. It's as much about socializing and having a few laughs as playing the game!

We'll meet on the corner of Westlake and Latitude. Bring water, cold drink...maybe a chilled Barolo!

Covid restrictions: The event will be held outdoors. Any non-vaccinated players should wear a mask. For all others, masks are optional.

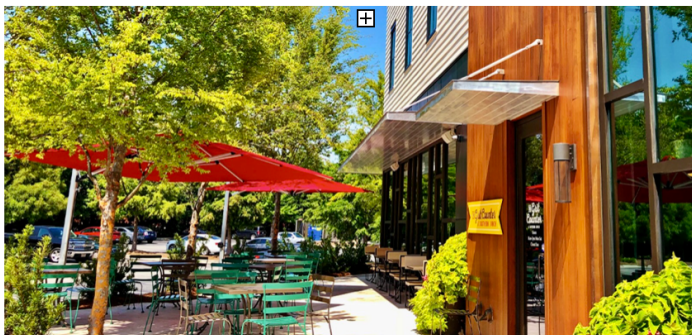
Remember that this is an Italian game, so please wear your best Bocce outfit!

September 16th 4:00PM - 6:00PM

BROS & BREWS at the Grace & Grit Outdoor Patio

A social event for MEN ONLY.

Join other IAH members for Happy Hour at Grace and Grit which features tasting flights of Bourbon as well as other drinks and appetizers at reduced prices. Given the close proximity of the seating, participation is limited to fully vaccinated people.



Joe Fanelli ginned up this event!

September 21st 8:00AM - 9:30AM

IAH Hiking Group - Laurel Hill County Park Trail

We are going back to Laurel Hill as the trail is very shady and sometimes has a breeze. It may still be hot in mid September.

Please remember to sign up on the website so we don't head out without you.

Take Highway 17 North to the Park West Subdivision. Proceed on Park West Blvd, pass Thomas Cario Blvd, pass the signs for the school and look for the second left hand turn into the parking lot. There is a small Charleston County Park sign there.



We will meet in the parking lot by the softball/baseball fields.

Libby Eble is our scout leader!

September 21th 3:00PM - 4:30PM

IAH Board Meeting

September 24th at 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Cocktails and Conversations is a great way for members, especially if you are new to IAH, to meet others in the IAH community.



Groups of six or eight people meet for cocktails outdoors on a member's porch or patio. Everyone brings their own drinks and snacks. Seating is arranged to allow for social distancing. It's an enjoyable way to meet new people and enjoy lively conversation. Please go to the IAH Website and register by Thursday 5pm, the evening before the event to allow for logistical organization.

All registered participants will be contacted, by the morning of event, regarding location.

This event will be held outdoors at private homes. Whether or not you are fully vaccinated, please wear a mask until you are seated and maintain social distancing at all times.

Kathie Haas is the Get Together Guru for this event!

Consider becoming a host for future get togethers!

Go to the comment box for this event on the IAH website and let us know that you're interested and if you can accommodate six or eight people with appropriate social distancing.

CLICK HERE to go to the IAH Website [and](#) [signup](#) for these and other events and programs.

We're always searching for new subjects and activities that interest you.
Please email your ideas to Joe and Peggy, your IAH Programs co-chairs.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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