



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

*Meet Mary Kaplan, Chair of the IAH Membership Committee*

*Fred and I moved to SC in 2012, from Baltimore and Manhattan, respectively. We still pinch ourselves when we consider the good luck (cleverness) to have chosen I'On as our retirement spot. A few years after settling in, when news of the formation of IAH was announced, it further confirmed our decision to move here. By joining IAH, we knew we would have neighbors we could rely on, befriend, and mutually help in times of need. We were more than happy to sign up to be volunteers - yet another way to meet other I'Onians. In addition, we get great pleasure from the programs and events that IAH offers.*



*My tenure on the IAH Board began three years ago, when I took over as chair of Volunteer Services. When an opening became available to chair Membership, I happily moved in. And, since I am also the coordinator of the Welcome Ambassadors in I'On, I can use both positions to regale newcomers with the delights of IAH membership. It has been an easy sell!*

*In Manhattan I had a 20 year career working for Christies' Auction House, helping clients, from around the world, acquire treasures. It was akin to working in a museum where the art changed almost daily. It was not a hard decision, however, to leave NYC, where I had been living since college and where I raised my two sons. The life here is gentler, more aesthetically beautiful, and friendlier. We are extremely happy campers, enjoying this chapter in our lives.*

## ***Here's what's happening in September:***

**September 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 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?*



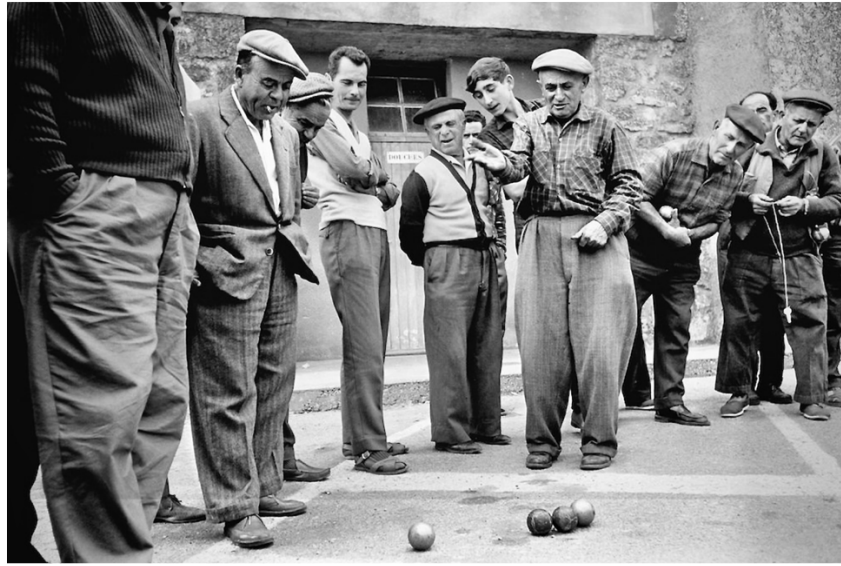
*Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions **Briefing Book**, watching the monthly video and meeting via Zoom to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.*

**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.*

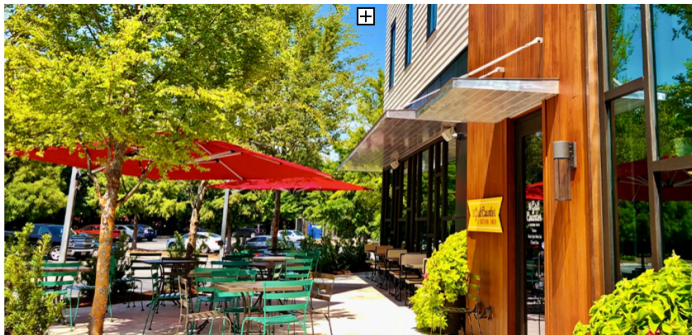
*Remember that this is an Italian game, so please wear your best Bocce outfit!*



**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 Carlo 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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