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I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for July 2018



HAPPY SUMMER, IAH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

Goodness, it's started with a strong, hot statement, hasn't it? Thanks goodness for AC!

This month I have several things that I want to share with you. First, we're so glad to see more requests for services from our Full Members. Keep those coming – think of things IAH volunteers can do to make your life more "care-free." Some important notes about entering those requests on our website:

1. Be sure you log in.
2. When you click on the "MEMBERS" tab at the top of the home screen, the first drop-down item is "New Service Request."
3. The next screen is where you enter the information about the kind of help you want. Please note that the default "SERVICE DATE" is the next

day. **Be sure you change that to the date you actually want the service to happen** (As a quick explanation, our system retains service requests until that service date passes. If you don't change the date, your request disappears 2 days from when you enter it). **Give us as much notice as possible (at least 3 days)** – the more time we have, the more likely we are to be able to meet your request.

HELP I'ON AT HOME WHEN YOU SHOP ONLINE

You can help in a couple of easy ways to support I'On At Home. As you know, we are a nonprofit organization, relying on memberships and donations to cover our operating costs. Many of you regularly make online purchases, either on Amazon or other websites. By taking a few simple steps, you can make sure that, each time you buy something, IAH receives a contribution.



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One More Way to Support IAH – Matching gifts

Many companies feature a program that matches charitable contributions (and

even volunteer time) for employees and retirees. Please check to see if yours is one of these by Googling the name of the organization and searching for matching gifts. There you should find the information about whether I'On At Home is a qualified recipient of matching funds and how to apply for your matching gift. If you need it, our EIN is 32-0499443.

Those of you involved with IAH in some way, please know that we do appreciate your partnership in strengthening our community of support. Be in touch with me directly if you have questions or thoughts (brvanwie@gmail.com or 843-860-2990). I wish all of you a happy and safe summer!

Best,

Becky

President, IAH Board of Directors

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please welcome Myrto and Yannis Tsavalas, who have recently moved to I'On and joined IAH. We're delighted to have them!

Last month the wine party at which IAH history and information was shared was well received. If you know of anybody who might like to attend the next one, which will be held in the fall, please email [Barbara Cole](#). Or if someone would like to hear about the organization with the thought of joining this summer, Barbara will be glad to make a home visit!

VOLUNTEER NEWS

The Volunteer Services Committee has worked out long term house-watching and plant-watering assistance for two of our members who will be away for an extended period. With proper instructions, and with one volunteer designated to be in charge of these assignments, we are making this work. The Committee was consulted before we accepted the six-month assignment, and members felt this was exactly what we are supposed to be doing for our members. It fits into the "care-free" service goal and makes us more credible with our members. In both cases, IAH members had reached out on NextDoor I'On for help until we contacted them to offer IAH assistance. We work hard to be proactive for our members!

PREFERRED PROVIDERS

One of our goals is to maintain a list of service providers in our area you've used and would recommend to others. If you'd like to share some names, please forward the contact information to [Arlyn Stoy](#).

PARTICIPANTS ENJOYED RECENT IAH EVENTS

Trunk Show

(Coordinated by Delores Rosebrock)



IAH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Last month, IAH offered a very special event that welcomed all I'On neighbors: a Get and Give Trunk Show, the first one organized by IAH's Programs Committee. Before the show, IAH members were invited to clean out their closets and donate good and gently-used accessories they no longer wear or love. Members donated many items, including scarves, wraps, hand bags, jewelry, belts and smaller personal items. These donations were displayed throughout 3 rooms in Barbara Fowler's home. Guests who attended the event could browse and choose items that appealed to them. They also had the option (but not a requirement) to purchase their chosen items for a small price (less than \$10.00). Each participant decided on the price they wanted to pay, if anything. Imagine getting a beautiful silk scarf or a stylish designer hand bag for \$10.00 or less!

IAH members and I'On neighbors are generous. The Trunk Show raised a whopping \$500, which the Program Committee donated to My Sister's House, a

local charity that supports women and children affected by domestic violence. So our guests got to “shop” and also benefit a good cause.

More good news: There were enough accessories left over to sponsor a second Trunk Show in the early fall. Stay tuned for details in a future newsletter.

Looking for things to do in July? Come to our Sangria Party with Delores and Lou Rosebrock. Discuss books you have loved with strong female characters at Kay Chitty's house. We are also starting to play some games. This month, we'll play Bananagrams at Mary Wilbur's house. And Shag lessons are still going on with Debra Nelson at the I'On Club's Yoga Room. So please sign up for one or more events in July. We would love to see you. And keep your ideas coming.

Events below are Members Only unless otherwise noted. Note also that some are Mount Pleasant community-wide public events!

- [Documentary Series—*The Flat*](#) (June 28)
- [Shag Lessons](#) (June 28)—Open to All
- [Shag Lessons](#) (July 5)—Open to All
- [Book Discussion: Fictional Female Main Characters from Around the World](#) (July 7)
- [Sangria Happy Hour](#) (July 12)
- [Shag Lessons](#) (July 12)—Open to All
- [Friday Night Boogie](#) (July 13)—Open to All
- [Shaggin' on the Cooper](#) (July 14)—Open to All
- [Play Bananagrams with Us!](#) (July 18)

Follow the links above for more information on our website and to register. If you see that an event you're interested in is full, please e-mail ion@ionathome.org or call 843-284-3590 to let us know you'd like to attend. Sometimes our numbers can be stretched a bit, or there may be a cancellation.

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 [Deborah Bedell](#).

Our list of articles this month ranges from avoiding scams to handling a variety of retirement-related issues—including retirement itself.

- Kent Allen, [Imposter Scams Top List of 10 Biggest Frauds](#) (AARP, March 2016)
- Julyne Derick, [Best Apps for Seniors](#) (APlaceforMom.com, 22 August 2017)
- Carol Scheidenhelm, [Walking Away from the Job I Loved](#) (NextAvenue.org, April 5, 2018)
- Administration for Community Living and Administration on Aging, [2017 Profile of Older Americans](#) (April, 2018)
- Jane E. Brody, [How to Age Well and Stay in Your Home](#) (*NY Times*, May 21, 2018)
- [The Posh Club](#)—An elegant event for older English folks
- Clare Ansberry, [An Overlooked Skill in Aging: How to Have Fun](#) (*Wall Street Journal*, June 2, 2018)

JULY IS A HOLIDAY-PACKED MONTH!

In addition to the Fourth of July, this month features I Forgot Day! (July 2—story of my life!), Sidewalk Egg Frying Day (July 4—someone must have visited Charleston in summer!), Cherry Pit Spitting Day (July 7), and Bastille Day (July 14). But it also has International Joke Day (July 1).

So for those of us celebrating:



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