



### **| I'On At Home - Year in Review - 2022**

*It has been a productive year! COVID was no longer center stage, and we were able to resume offering a wider range of programs and services.*

*I am pleased to report that we are a financially healthy organization with reserves in place as a safeguard for our future. Our membership totals 166 and, despite resignations primarily due to relocations, we welcomed 18 new members.*

*In May, we introduced our newest initiative - **CHOICES** - programming which focuses on healthy living, emotional well-being and technology know-how. Since its introduction, we have offered 7 CHOICES programs. The attendance is encouraging, and the feedback has been positive.*

***None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the capable leadership of our Board.*** Many hours of work and a deep commitment to IAH by each member of this Board have resulted in an exceptional year.

**Jean Anglin**, our Secretary/Treasurer, has had another busy year. Always on top of our reporting requirements, Jean has worked to clarify our tax filing and insurance policy responsibilities by researching and documenting procedures. When the question of our sales tax exemption status came up, Jean did the research and made the recommendation to forego filing based on our limited annual purchases. Working with her Finance Committee, Jean managed the process of evaluating the 2022 budget and developing the 2023 budget which was discussed and approved at the November Board meeting. After 2 years of service, Jean is retiring from the Board, leaving the financial aspects of IAH in very good financial shape.

For a second year, **Steve Degnen** very capably managed our Marketing and Communications activities. The rebranding of IAH, which was accomplished last year, continues to be a successful strategy. The Weekly Update, also developed last year, is published every Sunday morning – rain or shine! It entertains and informs our members about a wide range of programs and activities. It is a professional, polished publication, thanks to Steve, and readership is 78% which is a salute to its appearance, content and consistency. To ensure visibility within our community, Steve also provides a monthly insert for the I'On Newsletter. Another marketing strategy resulted in the design and purchase of two large event flags. They will be well-utilized for events.

**Cathy Mooney**, chair of the Membership Committee, and her husband, Joe Fanelli, hosted two prospective member get-togethers which converted many guests into IAH members. The addition of 18 new members is a tribute to Cathy's unrelenting recruiting! After questions about membership categories were raised, the Board reviewed and revised the categories for clarity. These changes are reflected in the Operations Manual and on the membership application form. Finally, Cathy recruited a co-chair for next year. Karen Rathbun will be an excellent addition to the Membership Committee.

**Bob Hardie and Elizabeth Hazard** co-chaired our Programs Committee this year. And what a year it has been! They presented 109 program events, while introducing new event themes: Charleston Artisans, Behind the Scenes and a Public Affairs Panel. The Programs Committee designed several recurring events that have proven popular: Cocktails & Conversations, Bocce & Booze and Bros & Brews. After a COVID hiatus, the Programs Committee sponsored 4 concerts and 3 seasonal parties: Spring Fling, Festive Fall Party and a Holiday Party. In addition, Bob and Elizabeth improved the program planning process, introducing a new posting form and guidelines for thanking presenters. In planning for the future, Bob and Elizabeth have identified potential venues for larger group events and have recruited 6 new committee members. The 2023 Programs Committee now has 16 members.

There were 71 service requests that were fulfilled by our volunteers during the year and although this number is an increase over last year, **Janet Harper**, Volunteer Services Committee Chair, has worked hard to better define additional services for our members. Rides to and from the airport continue to be our most requested service. There are 58 volunteers currently in place and 3 training sessions were held throughout the year. As a thank you event for volunteers, Janet hosted Spring Fling in her beautiful garden, an event that attracted more than 70 members.

Administrative Manager, **Mary Holtz**, continues to take on additional responsibilities with the Weekly Report and the Programs Committee. She has worked with our Treasurer to manage our finances, insurance obligations and tax filings. Mary took the initiative to record CHOICES programs and these recordings are now posted on our website. She continues to interface with Helpful Village and is responsible for the continuous updating and improvement of our website.

I would like to acknowledge the members of our Advisory Council as well: Chair **Becky VanWie, Carol Degnen, Barbara Cole, Ben Tennille** and **Tom Martin**. Working behind the scenes, these professionals provided guidance and support on a number of issues that we, as a Board, encountered during the year. Their input was most welcomed.



One of my greatest challenges this year was to develop and implement a Succession Planning strategy. This process is key to the future of IAH and needs to be an ongoing business focus. While an enormous amount of talent resides with our members, recruiting those willing and able to volunteer for leadership and committee positions is an ongoing challenge. I am very pleased to announce a very strong and capable Board for 2023:

**President - Bob Hardie**

**Vice President - Jayne Eastman**

**Secretary/Treasurer - Joe Fanelli**

**Marketing/Communications Chair - Steve Degnen**

**Membership Committee Co-Chairs - Cathy Mooney and Karen Rathbun**

**Programs Committee Chairs - Elizabeth Hazard and Mary Kaplan**

**Volunteer Services Committee Chair - Janet Harper**

It has been my pleasure and an honor to serve as President of IAH these past two years. As with any endeavor, there have been plenty of challenges but many rewarding experiences along the way. I thank each and every Board member. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without your brains, talent and time.

The 2023 Board is first-rate and competent. It should be a banner year for IAH!



Peg Higgins  
President  
December 2022

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Below find a sample of upcoming activities that are available to you. Click on the **Blue Bar** at the bottom of this Weekly Update for event details and sign up information.

We look forward to seeing you.

## JANUARY 2023



FREE

WED 01 / 11 / 2023 AT 3:00 PM

### **MEN'S BOCCE**

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Wednesday

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FREE

THU 01 / 12 / 2023 AT 4:30 PM

### **BEHIND THE SCENES & SNEAK PEEK AT SPOLETO 2023**

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Thursday

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FREE

SUN 01 / 15 / 2023 AT 2:00 PM

### **BOCCE AND BOOZE**

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Sunday

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\$45.00

MON 01 / 16 / 2023 AT 6:00 PM

### **ENJOY RESTAURANT WEEK IN CHARLESTON AT PARK AND GROVE RESTAURANT. PRIX FIXE MENU ALWAYS A SPECIAL TREAT**

I'On At Home Event

Members only (login required)

RSVP required

Monday

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TUE 01 / 17 / 2023 AT 4:00 PM  
**HAPPY HOUR AT COMMUNITY TABLE**  
I'On At Home Event  
Members only (login required)  
RSVP required

Tuesday  
**17**



**BROS  
&  
BREWS**

FREE

THU 01 / 19 / 2023 AT 5:00 PM  
**BROS N' BREWS AT NAUTI MONKEY**  
I'On At Home Event  
Members only (login required)  
RSVP required

Thursday  
**19**



FREE

WED 01 / 25 / 2023 AT 2:00 PM  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS PANEL DISCUSSION**  
I'On At Home Event  
Members only (login required)  
RSVP required

Wednesday  
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