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I'ON AT HOME NEWS

Member Newsletter for May 2019

I hope everyone had enjoyable spring holidays. What a wonderful array of events our Programs Committee has presented for us this year, and their future plans look great as well! If you are not participating in our programs, please see below for more information. Be sure to register early, since the programs often fill up quickly. If there are no spaces remaining when you try to sign up, please leave your name in the Comments section on that website page. Sometimes we can add a few more attendees, or even schedule another session of the event. In addition, sometimes people who have registered have to cancel for some reason, and we can fill in from the waiting list.

I have a couple of quick reminders. First, thanks to our special partnership with Franke at Seaside, they are offering all IAH members one pro bono session of care management. These services are especially useful for situations where there has been a challenging health diagnosis that will require treatment and additional services. It can be very daunting to understand the options available and how to locate and obtain the needed assistance. Franke's professional care managers provide information and confidential guidance. To take advantage of this offer, contact Amanda Young (ayoung@bewellathome.org or 843-375-5033).

I also have a reminder that IAH values input from our constituents. After each

service performed for a member by our volunteers, both the member and volunteer receive an e-mail offering the opportunity to evaluate the experience. Please follow the link in this message and take a few minutes to let us know what went well and where we can improve. And thank you, in advance, for your feedback!

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. Hopefully I'll see you soon, at an IAH event or around the 'hood.

Becky

[Becky Van Wie](#), President

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IAH STAFF CHANGES

Arlyn Stoy let us know that she is leaving her Member Services Coordinator position because she wants to be available for all the activities around her daughter's senior year in high school and preparations for college. While we understand and support her decision, we will certainly miss her. All of her assistance has been a critical part of IAH's success!

Having a true executive director has been part of IAH's strategic plan for nearly two years. This change will improve our organization's capacity for sustainability, as we transition from our founding Board of Directors, who took on many duties that would traditionally belong to paid staff.

Please help us by spreading the word about this available position. Any interested applicants should send their resume to Becky Van Wie (brvanwie@gmail.com).

Here is the announcement of the new position:

I'ON AT HOME TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Opening is for a half-time (20 hours/week) position beginning in early June to work out of her/his home office. See [job description](#), including information about how to apply.

IAH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

May will be another interesting month for I'On At Home members. We'll be

touring Phillip Simmons Gates on May 1st and enjoying lectures, documentaries and discussions throughout the month. Want to spend some time out of doors before it gets too hot? You can set sail with us on the *Schooner Pride* or meet two nationally known Sweetgrass basket artists and learn about their work at the Waterfront Park Visitor Center. David Lough's lecture on Churchill's letters to and from his mother will give us new insight into this fascinating man, and we'll also repeat some of the popular events we had in the past. We don't have dates yet for everything we plan to do in May, so be sure to check the events list and the calendar on the website!

Events below are Members Only unless otherwise noted.

We still have spots in two April events, and even more exciting options in May.

- [A Walking Tour of I'On with Pam Gabriel](#) (April 26)
- [Spring Fling](#) (April 28)
- [Walking Tour of Philip Simmons Gates](#) (May 1)
- [Great Decisions 2018 Discussion Group](#) (May 6)
- [Happy Hour at the Shellmore](#) (May 7)
- [The Charleston Library Society Will Host the Famous Chefs, Matt and Ted Lee](#) (May 7)
- [Schooner Pride Afternoon Dolphin Sail](#) (May 10)
- [My Darling Winston—The Letters Between Winston Churchill and His Mother](#) (May 14)
- [Getting to Know You—Tea and Conversation](#) (May 16)
- [Documentary—They Shall Not Grow Old](#) (May 16)
- [Meet Two Nationally Recognized Sweetgrass Basket Weavers](#) (May 21)
- [A Tour of Hobcaw Barony](#) (May 23)—OPEN TO ALL

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 email 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.

The Programs Committee is setting up a Member-to-Member Communication Program. Many of you may be looking for friends to organize into golf foursomes, bike rides, book groups, eating out, small pot luck groups, bridge or other games, activities with our dogs, whatever anyone can concoct. If you'd like to be in touch with similarly-minded IAH members, email [Cheryl Pitts](#) and we'll help you make contact with others to set up your group or outing. Below is a good example!

INTERESTED IN A BOOK CLUB? As you may know, book reading groups are very popular in I'On, and they all seem to be "full." With so many new IAH members, who are also new to the area, we've heard that some of you may be interested in starting a new book club with your neighbors. IAH will facilitate the first meeting to get you started, and then launch you to develop as you wish. Anyone who is interested, please contact Becky Van Wie (brvanwie@gmail.com or 843-860-2990).

SPECIAL EVENT INFORMATION

Through our special partnership with Franke, we have learned of a seminar on planning our futures that members might find useful.

We plan for all kinds of things that *might* happen to us: car accidents, theft, and fire. Even if you have life insurance, thinking about your own death is something most people avoid. You've taken that first step and done your will, but even the most comprehensive will doesn't go far enough in protecting your assets. Please join us for refreshments and honest discussion about practical realities we all will face. Two of Charleston's most dynamic community leaders and experts in their fields will help you learn how to plan for your future, maintain control over what happens to you and your assets, and ensure your express wishes are carried out.



Plan Ahead & Be Prepared

Please join us for a Free Seminar



Tripp Wiles, Attorney
Wiles Law Firm, LLC

Over the past decade, Tripp has assisted hundreds of individuals in protecting their families and preserving their legacies through customized

estate plans, as well assisting families in the estate administration process.



Mark Smith, Funeral Director
McAlister-Smith

With 25 years of experience as a funeral director and owner, Mark will share his insight and compassion on how to make things easier for your family

while relieving the emotional and financial burden when the time comes.

Tuesday, April 30
10:00 A.M.

Franke at Seaside
Rodenberg Chapel
1885 Rifle Range Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

*Refreshments
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Register Today!

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(Space is limited to 25)

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Avinger Funeral Home
2274 Eutaw Rd.
803.496.3434

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This month we're happy to add Kathryn and Allen Haas and Elizabeth Burch as new members! Please welcome them all if you meet them in the neighborhood!

The Membership Committee is having an information session and wine reception for potential members on May 21. If you know someone whom you think would like to be included, please contact Barbara Cole, brcole60@comcast.net.

The liaisons are collecting information about who will be away this summer.

This will help the Program Committee plan events for the summer. It will also help us with a contact list for those who like to be in touch in case of hurricanes or other disasters. If you have not already given your information to your liaison, please contact that person. If you have forgotten who your liaison is, the list can be found on the website under "Members" and then "Member liaisons." We will not publish or otherwise advertise the information about who is not here. But do remember that IAH might be able to help with tasks while you are gone for the summer.

SUPPORT IAH PAINLESSLY!

Don't forget to think about registering for iGive.com and Amazon Smile. Both arrange for a donation to come to IAH based on your purchases.

Here's a link to register with

iGive.com: <https://www.igive.com/welcome/warmwelcome.cfm?m=1098020&c=74324>

For Amazon, go to Smile.Amazon.com and set up support for Ion At Home (no apostrophe).

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](#).

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](#).

- Anne Tergesen, [The Best Exercises for Your 50s, 60s, 70s—and Beyond](#) (*Wall Street Journal*, April 19, 2019)
- Jackson Rainer, [Reviving Friendships in Real Life](#) (NextAvenue.org, April 4, 2019)
- Marisa Iati, [With Age Comes “Wizdom.” The Wizards’ 50-and-older Dance Squad is Thrilling Crowds](#) (*Washington Post*, March 18, 2019)
- Frank Bruni, [The Best Restaurant if You’re Over 50](#) (*New York Times*, March 30, 2019)

RECENT IAH EVENTS

Happy Hour

Coordinated by Peggy Watt



Pet Fest

Hosted by Sadie Ripinsky



Volvo Car Tennis Open

Coordinated by Joe Fanelli



Deciphering Mount Vernon

Coordinated by Harriet Ripinsky



SC Ports Authority

Coordinated by Herb White



"Blind" Wine Tasting

Hosted by Myrto and Yannis Tsavalas



Hopsewee Plantation

Coordinated by Sheri Elliott



Hiking Interest Group

Coordinated by Libby Eble



Scrapbook Event

Coordinated by Cheryl Pitts



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