

## November 2022 Newsletter



### PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello AIP-TW Members,



What a great time of year it is to visit our friends and neighbors. Halloween is a favorite of mine as we get to know the children and families in the neighborhood. They sure grow fast... and are extremely proficient with technology. Hint! Hint! Great neighbors to have.

My next favorite time is Thanksgiving. As we do not have family in the USA, we are always invited by our friends, along with other 'waifs and strays', as we call ourselves, to share this special occasion. Such a wonderful time to show gratitude for having caring friends and neighbors in our lives.

Many of us set off to travel to friends and families on the November/December time frame. I am reminded of the importance of having friends and neighbors close by when we are away. Keeping an eye on one another's properties and making sure there is someone 'on point' in the event of something unforeseen, is a real blessing and essential to an enjoyable trip. Neighbors helping neighbors to age in homes of our choosing is what Aging in Place all about. For many of us, that also means travel while you can, safe in the knowledge that someone is 'lending a helping hand'.

Our team of Board volunteers has been very busy and, mostly, enjoying the work we do on behalf of all our members. Keeps us busy and certainly provides a great sense of purpose. Neighborly support becomes more and more important as we continue to age in our homes. Yes, it takes a little effort to stay connected and to share our talent and time, but, as Bruce Cunningham told me, it sure beats sitting on the couch waiting to....win the lotto! Actually, that wasn't his punchline, but I am sure you get my drift.

If you want to volunteer, let us know. There is always more work than we have time to do. A very BIG thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and talent to this membership organization. We would not exist without you.

Best wishes,

Robyn  
*President*



## News from the Team

### **Pat Goodpastor: Committee Chair, Membership and Call Manager Programs**

#### ***Membership***

We welcomed two new volunteers this month, James Cross and Ann McAlpin. Great to have them on the team.

James retired recently from the Navy and moved to the area to be close to his grandchildren. James is a volunteer driver and fulfilled his first ride request last week.

Ann recently retired as Executive Director of Casa Child Advocates. Ann will be a volunteer driver beginning in December. She will be enjoying traveling when not volunteering as a driver.

#### ***Call Managers***

We are recruiting volunteers to be Call Managers. Please call me if you would like to join this great team. Our long-time Call Manager Herb Reinhold recently moved to Florida. We will miss him as a Call Manager, as well as a Board Member and Driver.

Call manager duties include:

- Receiving calls or emails for ride requests from members
- Entering the request into the computer system (Club Express)
- Sending requests to volunteer drivers
- Following up to ensure the request is filled.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, please send an email to [aipwtwx@gmail.com](mailto:aipwtwx@gmail.com).

Current Call Managers are Beth Kulkarni, Margo Pearson, Erika Bondy, Vicki Bradley and Pat Goodpastor.

### **Bob Evans: Committee Chair, Community Connections Program**

The Partnership Work Group is changing its name to **Community Connections** to better represent what we want to accomplish.

Vicki Bradley has joined our group to help explore services of interest to our members. As such services are identified they will be described in detail on our website and summarized in the newsletter.

We have recently met with the local Area Agency on Aging, Best Buy, Interfaith, and The Woodlands Director of Community Services. In October, we attended a virtual 3-day national gathering of Aging In Place-style organizations. We identified several services of interest and will do further research before bringing them to your attention.

**Erika Bondy Pratt: Committee Chair, Ride/Share Programs and helper for Committee Chair, Social Programs: Bruce Cunningham**

### ***Social Programs***

As many of you know, Bruce is undergoing some 'body repair work'. We wish him well and need him back, pronto!



For our October Social, Erika organized and hosted a great farewell for Herb and Peggy at her place. The food was largely handmade by Erika. Quite delicious!

Herb and Peggy were very touched by the Aging in Place Recognition Awards presented to them on behalf of Aging in Place. Pat Goodpastor did a great job organizing the design of the awards. Perfect mementos for Herb and Peggy as they start the next phase of their lives in Florida.

Erika is working on the venue for the November Social. With such beautiful Fall weather, Erika is investigating an outdoor lunch. More on that as plans firm up.

### ***Ride/Share Program***

With the addition of new drivers, we can drive more members to important venues and events, such as the polling stations to **vote in the mid-term elections**. A successful and effective democracy requires all of us to participate. Don't let the lack of transportation stop you from voting. Request a ride by calling our Call Managers at Aging in Place 281-845-4441.

### **Margo Pearson: Board Secretary & Web Project Manager**

A document showing the new layout of the website with text and pictures for the home page and connected landing pages has been sent to Club Express, the company who hosts the AIP website. They will create the new home page for our review by the end of October.

As a second project, the new member sign-up form has been revised to make it easier to complete. Pat Lyons has created a mock-up of the sign-up form for review before it is published on the website. The major changes are customizing the Additional Member Data page for each membership type and revising the various legal waivers into one Joining Agreement.



Thank you everyone for participating in this Membership. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Best Wishes from Robyn & The Board