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NEWSLETTER

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SEVEN HONORED AT VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

Board Secretary **Helen Bostock** and her husband, **Howard**, hosted more than two dozen members and volunteers for a Valentine's Day luncheon in their home. In a day devoted to love and caring, seven volunteer drivers in the rideshare program received certificates of appreciation. Together they logged some 1,500 miles since the service launched last year.



Those receiving certificates were **Sara Bissig, Ken Dorland, Sharon Heuer, Wendy Lyons, Margo Pearson, Erika Pratt and Peggy Reinhold**. As the ride-share program continues to grow, more volunteer drivers are needed. For information on the ride-share program or to fill out an application to become a driver or rider, visit our website at aiptwtx.org and click on the menu at the top, or call 281-845-4441.

Among volunteer drivers receiving Certificates of Appreciation were, from left, Erika Pratt, Transportation Director Ken Dorland, and Wendy Lyons.

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR KEN DORLAND INITIATED RIDESHARE PROGRAM

After their children finished college, **Ken Dorland** and his wife, **Mary**, began thinking about where they wanted to live when they retired. They had been living in The Woodlands for 10 years and decided it was superior to other places they considered. "The only thing lacking was public transportation, which would probably be very important in our later years," Ken recalls.

Casual conversations with friends and neighbors sparked the origin of Aging in Place – The Woodlands ride share program. Since the program launched last year, volunteer drivers have

driven some 1,500 miles, transporting members to doctor appointments, shopping and visits with friends.

An industrial engineer with an MBA from Louisiana State University, Ken's professional background includes officer-level positions in materials management for major pipeline companies. Among his areas of responsibility were transportation, purchasing, material and inventory control. Currently retired, he is vice chairman of the trustee committee for an employee benefits trust providing access to healthcare insurance for several hundred retirees of the now defunct Enron Corporation.

Ken's volunteer record includes a dozen years as a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts, teaching professional development classes at a local university, and work on political campaigns. He enjoys any activity that involves creative design. This spans the gamut from landscape design to woodworking. He has what he calls a "fairly complete" woodworking shop and says no DIY project is out of the question.

"Mary and I have known each other since grade school and were high school sweethearts," Ken says as he looks back on nearly sixty years of marriage. "We attended different colleges. Mary got her bachelor's in education after only three years, including summer schools. I still had three semesters left to finish by BSIE." They spent his last semesters as married students at the University of Arkansas. Their schooling behind them, they lived on military bases for a few years while Ken was a U.S. Army nuclear ordnance officer.

They will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary in August. Two grown children and two grown grandsons, all living out of town, provide an excellent excuse to travel.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Board of Directors Vice President **Peggy Reinhold** was confirmed as AIP-TW president during the February 12 board meeting following the resignation of **Bob Vienneau**. Bob will continue to serve on the Advisory Council. **Patrick Lyons** is the new vice president, while **Helen Bostock** continues to serve as secretary and **Bruce Cunningham** as treasurer.

MEMBER PROFILE

MEET BOARD MEMBER CAREY YEAGER

Carey Yeager's expertise in planning, analytics and program management has been an invaluable asset to Aging in Place – The Woodlands since its inception. She was a member of the Founders Committee and since then has served on the Board of Directors.



Yeager relocated to The Woodlands from the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines several years ago, where she served as the climate change specialist for East Asia. She received a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis, and subsequently held the Clare Booth Luce Professorship for Women in Science at Fordham University. Previous postings with government, private sector, and nonprofit organizations have taken her to Indonesia, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Brunei Darussalam, Mexico, and throughout Central America.

She is currently an independent consultant, with former clients including UNICEF, USAID, UNEP, and the Nature Conservancy. She is interested in supporting sustainable communities and currently serves on the board of the Alden Bridge Village Association. Her husband, Trevor Blondal, has actively supported her endeavors, and is enjoying his retirement.

Her multiple contributions to AIP-TW have included designing and conducting a member survey, drafting business plans, budgets, fundraising approaches and, with the help of other board members, creating an information database to support our concierge service. The database provides initial contact information for a wide range of government, non-government, and commercial services such as transportation, medical, hospice and financial.

Members can speak with Carey about specific information in the concierge database. Please call AIP-TW at 281-845-4441 or send an email to aiptwtx@gmail.com. Summaries of common issues, such as how to sign up for Medicare and social security, are posted on the News page on our website: www.aiptwtx.org.

LET'S MIX AND MINGLE OVER LUNCH ON MARCH 22

Our March luncheon date is Thursday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. at La Cocina de Roberto, 3126 Sawdust Road in The Woodlands. Look for an email reminder and details as we get closer to the date. La Cocina de Roberto is family owned and operated. The menu features authentic flavors of Mexican and Central American dishes made with quality ingredients at reasonable prices.

“When one day of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.” Helen Keller