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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

PRESIDENT'S POST



Welcome to 02, 2022. Another month is ahead of us and, fingers crossed, the Arctic fronts and freezing weather are behind us. For those of you with gardens, this is the month of trimming, sorting and getting beds ready for planting. This season always reminds me of my 90-year-old dad who used to come to visit every year. I would tease him that he really came to work in the garden, something he greatly missed after moving into a retirement village. Reflecting on this, it has occurred to me that we may have members in the same position. Some may need another pair of hands to do light, seasonal chores in the garden, and others would be delighted to help them while enjoying fresh air and socializing. If you would like to volunteer to do some light gardening, or on the other hand need a little help in your garden, our call managers are happy to handle introductions. Call managers can be reached by phone at 281-845-4441 or by email, aipwtwx@gmail.com.

I am aware that with the challenges presented by the pandemic, affectionately referred to by my husband as Omygodicron, we have been somewhat limited when it comes to social activities. However, **Bruce Cunningham** and his team are busy crafting a social calendar that you will not want to miss, even if some are online events. I encourage all of you to attend the online event via Zoom on February 23 (see details below) because it is very topical. I know that at least one of our members recently had an issue with someone stealing her identity. Very frightening and overwhelming when it happens to you. Best to be educated on the topic and prepared.

I am working with our committees to make basic information readily available to members. For example, we want to make it easier for members of Aging in Place - The Woodlands to interact with one another. **Wendy Lyons**, our new treasurer, is a member of the Bluebonnet Garden Club, as am I. We have a simple membership directory with a photo of each member and basic contact information. When it comes to AIP-TW, it is a little difficult to help one another if we do not know the other members in our area. **Pat Lyons** was kind enough to show me where to look for this information in Club Express but somehow a little booklet or e-booklet seems more convenient. Board member **Erika Pratt** has agreed to take the lead in creating a directory for us. Erika is also president of International Friends. Its annual membership directory includes

members' interests and hobbies as well as photos. If anyone of you is interested in helping Erika put this together please call her at 832-948-0264.

The membership and transportation teams have been working with me to review our membership criteria and geographical boundaries. We have had requests from people living outside The Woodlands, mostly for transportation. This has prompted us to take a closer look at the needs of our members and our ability to provide the support and services they require. We need to do more research and will conduct a membership survey to incorporate your views. More on this next month.

Please remember we are an all-volunteer service organization. Thanks once again to everyone who has devoted their time and talents to keep this organization going. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Until next month,
Best wishes

Robyn

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON SENIOR SCAMS/ID THEFT

Crime prevention experts from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, The Woodlands Township Division, will talk about "How to avoid becoming a victim" during a one-hour special Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, February 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For details see the Neighborhood Watch flyer below.**

To join the meeting click on the following link or enter the meeting ID and passcode <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8223907298?pwd=MXJrdTRJNFA1TDNCaTZWOGdZYU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 390 7298 Passcode: 999777

To use your phone dial 1-346-248-7799. When prompted enter the meeting ID number **822 390 7298** followed by #. When asked for the participant code, just press #. Finally, when prompted, enter **999777** followed by #. If you have any questions, email aiptwtx@gmail.com or talk to one of our volunteers at 281-845-4441.



Neighborhood Watch



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- ✓ File of Life
- ✓ Pocket File of Life
- ✓ Identity Theft handout
- ✓ Tips for scam/fraud prevention

Senior Scams/ID Theft

"How to avoid becoming a victim"

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom from Aging in Place

- Presentation by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, The Woodlands Township Division, Specialist Tavaréz, Specialist Medina and/or Specialist McKee
- Learn about the latest scams and the different types of scams to watch out for, including "romance" and "grandparent" scams
- Learn how to help prevent from being scammed
- Find out what actions you should take, if you are a victim of a scam or ID Theft
- Discuss online safety
- Presentation will include a question and answer session and information from The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch

For information about this event, contact: Holly Steinke, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at 281-210-3884 or hsteinke@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov

For more information, visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/neighborhoodwatch

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MEET BOARD SECRETARY TARA SAPRU



Tara Sapru is a practicing lawyer specializing in insurance and regulatory law. She recently moved to Texas from Brooklyn, New York where she lived for 25 years, but she is not new to Texas. She grew up in The Woodlands, graduated from McCullough High School (when it was a high school not junior high!), and her dad still lives in Indian Springs. Tara became interested in contributing to AIP-TW thinking of her dad, who's actively aging in place and is the primary reason she moved back to the area.

Tara is a first generation immigrant to the US, moving to The Woodlands from Malaysia, and has lived in the United Kingdom and Germany. She speaks German fluently and married a German ex-footballer and speaks German every day at home. She got her BA and law degree from the University of Texas at Austin and is a Fulbright Scholar. She dashed off to New York City to build her career as soon as she finished law school.

It's said that if you live in New York City for more than 20 years, you're a native New Yorker. It is also said that New York City is like the world on the head of a pin. Tara certainly embodies both concepts, but also identifies with the warmth, openness and hospitality of Texans.

Tara works from her home full time, making frequent trips back to New York City and elsewhere. In her downtime, she's an expert knitter and is teaching herself gardening and baking sourdough bread. Gardening and baking tips are welcome!



NEXT BOARD MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEB. 17 AT 3 P.M.

Board meetings are open to all members and volunteers. They will be held online on the third Thursday of every other month at 3 p.m. via Zoom

Dates for board meetings in 2022 are Feb. 17, April 21, June 16, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

To join the Zoom meetings click on the following link or enter the meeting ID and passcode:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89604541956?pwd=Q2xSNmF4Zm53V29FSGhEd044WWYvZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0454 1956 Passcode: 774449



All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and the doesn't hurt. Charles M. Schulz



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