

October 2022 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S POST

Hello AIP-TW Members, welcome to Fall. What a beautiful time of the year.



There has been a lot of activity going on behind the scenes over the last month, thanks to the work of our dedicated Board and volunteers.

Our new web layout and content is taking shape. Margo Pearson is leading this project and working diligently with our content providers and Club Express. We spent a little money having professional photos taken in the Town Green Park. Thank you, AIP-TW members, and the Board, for making the time to get this done.

The Survey results have been collated and ready for action thanks to the work of Vicki Bradley and Margo Pearson. We will review the results and actions at our upcoming Board meeting.

Pat Lyons has been working to simplify the membership sign up process and has clarified the membership categories. Everyone who joins is a member of Aging in Place - The Woodlands. Within membership, we have **clients** who take advantage of the services offered and reside in The Woodlands. Next are **volunteers** who can reside within the area but not strictly within The Woodlands. We have a special category for our wonderful volunteer drivers and lastly a category for people who volunteer on the Board. Volunteers are exempt of membership fees, except the Board members who are all committed to the success of our organization. Now don't let that put you off being on the Board sometime 😊.

We are truly fortunate to have a great Board and volunteers without whom we would not be able to provide the services and support to our members. A very special thank you to every one of them.

Your President,
Robyn West

Survey Update – Margo Pearson

Over the summer, we did a survey of the AIP - The Woodlands members. Our goal was to understand what our members, both volunteers and clients, want from their organization. The results from the survey will be reviewed at our next Board meeting to help set our priorities for the next year.

The survey questions addressed four topics: Services, Socials, Communication, and Sharing Information. We surveyed members through email and by calling them. We completed forty-six surveys out of a total of 67 members. Our organization consists of about 50% clients and 50% volunteers.

We offered two gift cards drawn randomly from members who completed the survey in the first three weeks. Robyn West presented the cards to Grace Hernandez and Erika Pratt.

As an example of the survey results, our members said they would enjoy going to Museums, plays and free music events in the Woodlands. There was also some interest in learning events and "getting to know you" sessions. The information from the survey will help us plan our socials for the next year.



Fitness Group – Kristie Miller

With the return fall and cooler weather, Aging in Place is pleased to announce a new fitness program. We would begin with organizing group walks around local parks and foot paths with the option of gathering for coffee or lunch afterwards. We would also offer the service of Aging in Place volunteers to walk with individuals who prefer to get out in their own neighborhood.

Any interested members please contact Kristie Miller at (206) 850-5552

Hope to see you all out walking soon.

Communications Team

Thanks to the people who noted in the Survey that they would be interested in helping with the newsletter and communications. I will be reaching out to those who expressed interest and, in the meanwhile, if you know anyone who has experience in communications, who would like to join this team, please email me: robynwest@me.com or text/call: 713 202-4045.

Transportation - Erika Bondy-Pratt

We just welcomed three more drivers and even though it seems like a lot, we felt the pinch of the Summer when many of our drivers were out on vacation.

Social – Bruce Cunningham

We are having a social October 12th at Erika's house. It will be a brunch at 11:00 a.m. and our guests of honor are Peggy and Herb Reinhold. We want to bid farewell to them as they are moving to Florida.

Our November Social will be an outing to the park, stay tuned!

Farewell Brunch for Peg and Herb Reinhold

Let's bid farewell to Peggy and Herb and thank them for their work for Aging In Place - The Woodlands.

When: Wednesday October 12th. at 11:00 a.m.

Where: At Erika Bondy Pratt's house:

154 Rushwing Place

Spring TX 77381

RSVP: 832-948-0264 and **let Erika know if you need a ride.**



Peggy and Herb joined Aging in Place in May 2017. Since then, they have contributed in many ways.

Peggy became Vice President in November 2017 and President the next year. She helped Aging in Place grow and guided the organization through the COVID pandemic. With her role at Methodist Hospital, she organized learning lunches providing information about healthcare for our members.

Both she and Herb were active drivers before the pandemic and Herb continued as one of the most active drivers once AIP could offer the service again. Herb served as Treasurer for two terms. Herb has also been a Call Manager for three years.

They are moving to Ft. Meyers, Florida to be closer to Peggy's family. The recent hurricane has complicated their move, but Peggy's family and their new home have survived the storm.

We will miss them - their energy and enthusiasm for helping others.