

Building a caring community for residents who want to remain in their homes safely and affordably while maintaining a meaningful lifestyle.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S POST

Most members and volunteers of AIP-TW did not know each other before joining our organization, but now many consider each other friends. Our members are happy to get to know the volunteers and they share positive comments such as, "She is so sweet and fun to talk to" and "He is so kind and friendly". Likewise, it is heartwarming to hear volunteers tell me how much they enjoy driving our members to destinations or making minor repairs in their homes. Comments such as, "He is so inspirational" and "She has had such an interesting life" are examples of the feedback I receive. AIP-TW is not just a group of volunteers providing services. We are a caring community whose members and volunteers share a great sense of camaraderie.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Members are invited to bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy lunch as we mix and mingle at Rico's Mexican Grill on Wednesday, June 20, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Call Peggy Reinhold at 281-845-4441 or email at aiptwtx@gmail.com no later than June 18 to secure your reservation.** Rico's is located at 8000 Research Forest Drive #200 in Alden Bridge Village where we have reserved a private room. Directions and menus are available on Rico's website: <http://ricosgrill.com>. The phone number is 281-465-4820.

Board members will be available to answer any questions about AIP-TW's programs and vision for the future. Attendees will purchase their own food and beverages, and rides will be provided for members that need them.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



As **Margo Pearson**, a volunteer driver for the AIP-TW rideshare program, watched her parents grow older she saw firsthand the challenges they faced. They wanted to remain independent as long as possible.

“It was hard on them once my father couldn’t drive and they couldn’t do their daily errands,” she says. “My family was fortunate in that my sister and I were able to welcome them into our homes. The two of us divided the year and helped them stay in our homes at the end of their lives.”

Unlike her parents, Margo and her sister do not have children to rely upon. “It made it apparent to us that we would need to find another way to handle the problems that come during the aging process.”

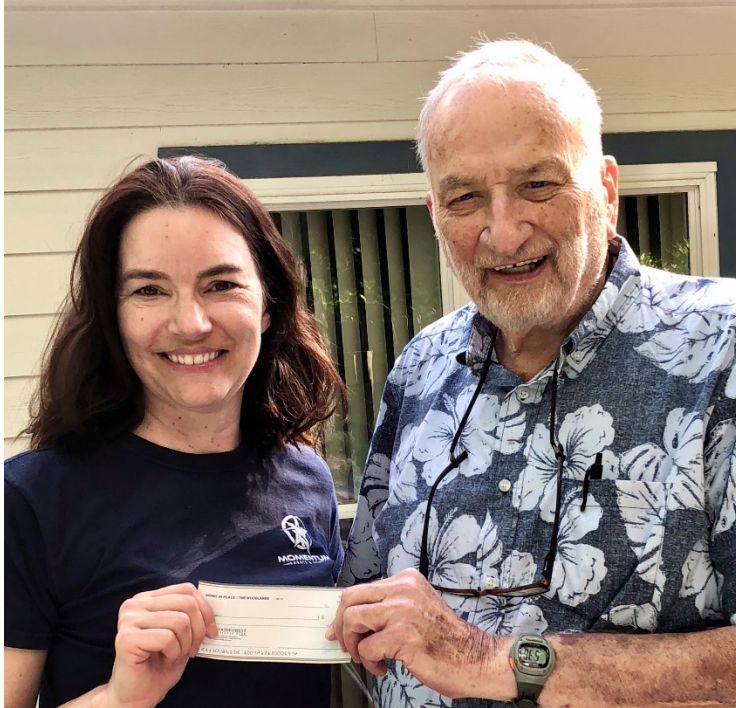
Margo and her husband were still running a company that developed training programs for large corporations when she first read about Bruce Cunningham’s ideas for people in The Woodlands joining together to help each other. She kept it in mind and knew she wanted to be involved, but with a heavy travel schedule visiting customers and attending conferences, she had to wait until she retired last year. “I think this is going to become increasingly important as the baby boomers, my generation, age. Families are so spread out these days that people will need to build communities to act as families.”

Margo also drives one or more routes each week for Meals on Wheels Montgomery County. She enjoys interacting with the people she assists and feels warmly rewarded knowing she has made their lives a little easier.

During her business career, she and her husband visited 47 states, some multiple times. She has vacationed in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Taiwan and Central America and plans on visiting other countries. She lived on several Hawaiian Islands as a child, then went to high school and college in Oregon. Later she lived in North Carolina and Illinois before settling in The Woodlands some 30 years ago.

GROGAN'S MILL VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MAKES ANNUAL DONATION

GMVA has been a generous supporter of AIP-TW since its inception.



GMVA President Marie Brannen presents a \$500 check to Bruce Cunningham, founding president and current treasurer of Aging in Place – The Woodlands.

