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PRESIDENT'S POST



The official start of spring is about a week away on March 20. Despite February's unprecedented sub-freezing temperatures that lasted nearly a week and killed many plants, flowers and trees, there are subtle signs of new life along our pathways and green spaces. After dealing with the pandemic for a year, we wholeheartedly welcome this season of rebirth.

On another positive note, I am very pleased to report that 71% of our AIP-TW membership has been vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus. Our volunteers have reached out to all members offering them assistance in getting signed up for the vaccine. Some members are not interested in being vaccinated at this time. However, if you want to receive the vaccine please contact us ASAP and we will help facilitate the process (aipwtw@gmail.com or 281-845-4441).

There are a couple of things I want you to keep on your radar. Firstly, if you receive The Woodlands edition of Impact News, please pay special attention to the next issue. There will be an article on AIP-TW with a couple of photos of some special members. Exactly one year ago reporter Andrew Christman interviewed a few of our members and planned to run a story on our organization, but when our services were suspended due to the pandemic it did not make sense to run the article then. Andrew has graciously updated the information.

Secondly, though we are taking a "spring break" from a social activity this month, next month we will be featuring a special guest for our social on April 21. My son, Ted, was a contestant on Jeopardy! in 2016 and he will share with us some of the highlights from

his experience. He will tell us how he became a contestant plus various strategies for gameplay and of course what it was like to be in the company of the beloved Jeopardy! host, Alex Trebek. If you have any burning questions about the show jot them down and Ted will answer them (that is, if he buzzes in on time!).

I hope you enjoy all the information in this fantastic newsletter compiled and edited by board member Kitty Means. If you would like to submit an article or suggest ideas for articles or member profiles for our monthly newsletter please call or email our virtual office.

Read on for opportunities to engage with others and take part in intellectually stimulating activities.

I wish all of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Best wishes,



Peggy Reinhold

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO MARCH BOOK BUDDIES ON MONDAY, MARCH 22



After the February deep freeze and yearlong Covid lockdown we can all use some pleasant diversions. For book lovers that distraction is often found on the printed page. To find out what other AIP-TW members and volunteers read for gentle humor and distraction--or to share your own recommendations--**join the Book Buddies Zoom chat on Monday, March 22 at 3 p.m.**

Helen Bostock, Book Buddies founder and host, says the wonderfully readable books by the late English author Peter Mayle about his retirement in Provence are her top choices. Among them are *A Year in Provence*, *Chasing Cezanne*, *The Corsican Caper*, *Encore Provence*, *French Lessons*, *Hotel Pastis* and *Toujours Provence*. Two of his books were made into a delightful film called "The Very Good Year."

Those of you who enjoyed the wry humor in the recent PBS Masterpiece Theatre series "All Creatures Great and Small," based on the books of James Herriot, will find reading the books are a delightful escape to a different time and place. If you prefer a book with some laugh-out-loud humor about books and booksellers, try *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zenin that is now a movie.

Look for a gentle reminder of Book Buddies March meeting and Zoom access information in your email inbox or phone closer to the date.

HAPPY HOUR WITH CAPITAL CITY VILLAGE WAS FUN AND INFORMATIVE

Eight of our members hopped on to Zoom on March 4 to enjoy happy hour hosted by our counterpart Capital City Village in Austin. We shared laughs as they scrolled through cartoons related to the Covid pandemic. **Peggy Reinhold** submitted this one.



Also joining in were members of PNA Village (Phinney Neighborhood Association) in Seattle, Washington. PNA connects with a different member in the Village to Village Network every week for a traveling happy hour. During Covid they started a “small gestures” program where volunteers send cards or small care packages to members who are more socially isolated. It is just one of the many ideas we may adopt.

Both Capital City Village and PNA Village have invited our members and

volunteers to take advantage of their virtual events. See details on two upcoming events below.

“I am glad I attended. I learned a lot,” **Vicki Bradley** said following the event. **Bruce Cunningham**, AIP-TW’s founder, went even further: “We got some great ideas from them; we should try them all,” he said. Sometimes unusual times nudge us in different directions. Networking virtually with other organizations has opened up new possibilities for all of us.

Capital City Village invites you to a Zoom talk by Max Sherman on Sunday, March 21 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. Max is Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. He will discuss his book *Releasing the Butterfly, A Love Affair in Four Acts*. Esther Mackintosh, President Emeritus of the Federation of State Humanities Councils says this: “In Max Sherman’s beautiful book, we are given not only a vivid and indelible portrait of a talented, resolute, and fiercely independent woman, but also a memorable journey, by turns joyous, devastating, instructive, and inspiring. The description of the powerful partnership that sustained Max and Gene Alice through this journey will claim a permanent place in the reader’s mind and heart.”

To register for the free event go to <https://capitalcity.helpfulvillage.com/events/701>. (You may have to cut and paste this in your browser). You will receive a confirmation, login information and a reminder email the day before the event.

Capital City Village invites you to a Zoom talk with a pharmacist on Monday, March 29 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register for the free event go to <https://capitalcity.helpfulvillage.com/events/702>. (You may have to cut and paste this in

your browser). You will receive a confirmation, login information and a reminder email the day before the event.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL PROVED IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

A simple question like “Where were you born?” opened up some lively conversations during the February Zoom social designed to help us get to know one another better.

Pat Ligon was born in the heart of London and the first thing she noticed about The Woodlands when she moved here was how quiet it is. At first she missed the sounds and bustle of big city life but now she appreciates all the advantages of living here. **Vicki Bradley** was the only native Texan in the group. **Erika Pratt** was born in Honduras where her father immigrated from Germany. Others were born in Hawaii, Kansas, Ohio, and several other states.

Asked whether they have met any famous people, the responses proved what interesting lives we lead. We have rubbed shoulders with well-known celebrities, politicians, diplomats, doctors, and astronauts. Most often cited were the Bush family and George Mitchell, founder of The Woodlands, and his wife, Cynthia.

After several more questions, the conversation veered off into unexpected directions, especially when we talked about our hobbies. Tennis, cycling, reading, sewing, knitting, and genealogy are popular pastimes among our members and volunteers. Someone gave instructions for making shampoo with baking soda, something all of us might want to try the next time grocery shelves are stripped bare.

Everyone said they love living in The Woodlands and appreciate the opportunity to be part of the AIP-TW community. All are looking forward to spending more time with one another in person for simple things like coffee and conversation.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

Note: Our Social Team is taking a spring break and will not host an online social this month. Please take advantage of the following events.

March 21, Sunday, 2:30-4 p.m. We are invited to a virtual event hosted by Capital City Village, Austin. See details and registration information in article about our happy hour with CCV.

March 22, Monday, 3 p.m. Book Buddies monthly meeting via Zoom. Access information will be sent to your email inbox or phone closer to the date.

March 29, Monday, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Capital City Village, Austin is hosting “A Pharmacist’s Perspective,” a virtual talk with a pharmacist open to all. See registration details in article about our happy hour with CCV.

April 21, Wednesday, 7 p.m. A virtual social featuring a Jeopardy-style quiz. Look for login details in the April newsletter.



“The deep roots never doubt that spring will come.” Marty Rubin



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