

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

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

### PRESIDENT'S POST



I was recently perusing the AIP-TW website ([aiptwtx.org](http://aiptwtx.org)) and I was drawn to the “Photo Albums” tab. There are 25 “albums” posted and the last one is from our luncheon at Bellagreen restaurant in January 2020. I focused on the attendees sitting together smiling, talking, and getting ready to order a tasty meal. Who would have known then that we would not get together like that for a long time? Oh, how we all long for that in person camaraderie.

Though we cannot meet in person yet and we are still only providing transportation for life-saving treatments, we are trying to keep our membership engaged. We’ve had several virtual activities and we have started our online Book Buddies program. Our Social Team will have an online meeting soon to brainstorm more ideas for virtual activities for our members. If you have any ideas, please contact us at 281-845-4441 or [aiptwtx@gmail.com](mailto:aiptwtx@gmail.com).

We do have two upcoming activities for you to participate in. The first is a Zoom meeting where you are invited to tell the group about your favorite gadget. This should be very interesting and fun! See more details below.

The second activity is our Board of Directors/Annual membership meeting on November 9, 5-6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Members are always welcome to attend our quarterly BOD meetings as well, but we highly encourage everyone to participate in our virtual meeting on November 9. We will conduct an abbreviated business meeting and will also share

some news about your membership with AIP-TW. Mark your calendars now and we will send more details closer to the date.

We have 8 members on our BOD with 4 of them being founding members. Our board members are dedicated volunteers with a compassionate spirit. I'm very grateful for their commitment to AIP-TW especially during these trying times.

#### AIP-TW Board of Directors

**Bruce Cunningham**- Founding member and 1<sup>st</sup> president

**Ken Dorland**- Founding member, transportation director, driver

**Erika Pratt**- Founding member, secretary, driver

**Kitty Means**- Founding member, newsletter editor

**Herb Reinhold**- Treasurer, driver

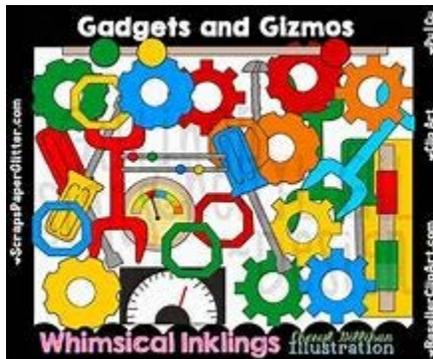
**Pat Goodpastor**- Membership director, driver

**Pat Lyons**- Vice President, administrative director

**Peggy Reinhold**- President, outreach director

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President, AIP-TW

### JOIN US FOR A ZOOM SOCIAL WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21 AT 4 P.M.

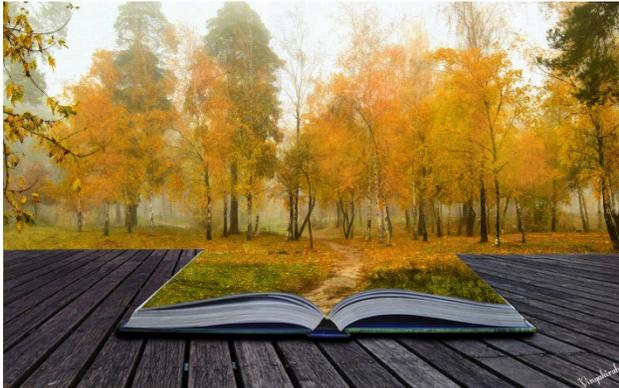


Call it a gadget, gizmo, or thingamajig. Whichever you choose, we invite you to tell us about it during a virtual show and tell on Wednesday, October 21 at 4 p.m. Each participant will be allotted 3 to 5 minutes to demonstrate a device that is very helpful to them or one they don't use anymore but sure was handy at one time. Tell us what it does, where you got it, how it works and why you love it.

If you don't have a favorite gadget, please join us anyway and maybe you'll learn about one that will help you out. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us for some virtual togetherness and learn more about AIP-TW, our caring community for older adults.

A reminder and log in information will be sent to your inbox closer to the date. You do not need to R.S.V.P. for this social. If you have any questions or need help with Zoom, email us at [aiptwx@gmail.com](mailto:aiptwx@gmail.com) or call 281-845-4441.

## CELEBRATE OCTOBER WITH BOOK BUDDIES OCTOBER 26 at 3 P.M.



October, with its mild weather and landscapes bursting with various shades of red and gold is traditionally a month when we like to travel. Since travel is risky right now, Book Buddies invites you to take imaginary escapes with them on Monday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. We will talk about some of our favorite books with October in the title, such as Tom Clancy's *The Hunt for Red October* and the prescient book about a killer virus

published last April called *The End of October* by Lawrence Wright.

Last month Book Buddies discussed books about Texas history and travel as well as novels by such widely acclaimed authors as Larry McMurtry and James Michener. **Ken Dorland**, known to most of us as the founder of AIP-TW's rideshare program, brought his knowledge of Texas history and his impressive collection of books about Texas.

(See below for contact information about Book Buddies book sharing protocol.)

Seventh-generation Texan **Georgann Hinton** and native Texan **Vicki Bradley** added first-hand knowledge of all things Texan.

Book Buddies was initiated by **Helen Bostock** to encourage people who like to read to exchange books so they can discuss them with others who share their interests. Helen has a list of books currently available or recommended by Book Buddy participants. Helen also hosts the ZOOM meetings. Information on how to log in will be sent to your email inbox closer to the date.

**For more information on how to access Book Buddies ZOOM meetings, borrow one of our circulating books, or get your copy of the Book Buddies' Texas Books circulating list, contact Helen Bostock at 281-419-0108, or email [helenbostock@comcast.net](mailto:helenbostock@comcast.net).**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MEET INDOMINABLE MARY MILTON

Ninety-year-old **Mary Milton** was born with an adventurous spirit and caring personality. At the age of eighteen she left the small town in Ireland where she grew up and went to



London to continue her education. She became a registered nurse and midwife.

Her desire to see the world eventually landed her in Kuwait. “I loved it there. I was young. I met my future husband in Kuwait,” she says. She still chuckles at the irony of being a young Irish nurse in charge of a hospital ward of mostly Arab men.

Her husband was a geologist whose career took them from

*Mary Milton with granddaughter Kristen*

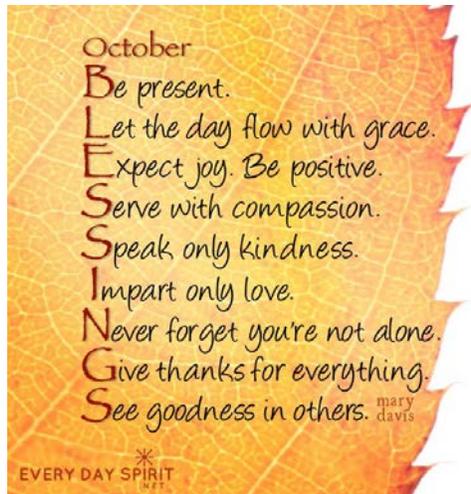
Midland, Texas, to Norway and beyond. Midland was a small town back then. She could look out her window and see tumble weeds rolling by and wasn't particularly fond of the dry, desert climate. She remembers people knocking on her door on behalf of George H.W. Bush who also lived in Midland and was testing the political waters that launched his career in politics.

Despite some physical problems that come with age, Mary is generally happy and upbeat. It helps that her daughter lives nearby and can shop for her and join her for lunch now and then. She also has a son who lives in Colorado, and four granddaughters.

For many years she delivered Meals on Wheels and was an active volunteer for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, a Catholic charity locally affiliated with Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Parish.

Mary is an avid reader and is currently reading “The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz,” by Erik Larson. As a native of the British Isles, she has first-hand knowledge of the Churchill era. Mary is fluent in Gaelic, a Celtic language that is one of the oldest languages in Europe and was taught in schools where she grew up in the small town of Cootehill near the border between the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland. So, to Maura (the Gaelic name for Mary) we lift a glass with a heartfelt, *slainté*, to your health.

**November 3, 2020 General Election -- Early voting at South County Community Center and George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library. Tuesday, October 13 - Saturday, October 17 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 19 - Saturday, October 24 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 26 - Friday, October 30 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



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