

Why I am glad I joined SAIL!

When my husband and I first heard about SAIL a few years ago, our reaction was "oh, thats for OLD people, not for us." But, now that I am a 67-year old retired widow without any family nearby, needing to maintain a house and sometimes feeling quite alone, I joined SAIL and discovered that it really has a lot to offer me as I go about living a busy, full life.

A few examples: I was amazed how many people, especially distant family members but also local friends, were relieved when I signed up for the SAIL daily call-in service. Now they don't have to worry about me if they call and can't reach me when I am out and about. Another example: My husband used to enjoy taking care of working with vendors on house maintenance and I dreaded taking on this task. I have been very grateful for SAIL's list of vendors who have been vetted and who are interested in working with seniors. Working with these trustworthy vendors has been a pleasure. Still more: I like to travel, and SAIL's house-check services have been great. I went to Africa for the first time this summer and was able to leave the care of my cats, plants, and home in trusted hands and enjoy my adventure without worries (Thank you Tara!).

To sum up: SAIL has given me some of the foundation for peace of mind that has allowed me to go about rebuilding and enjoying my life after everything changed with my husband's passing and my own retirement. I don't feel "old" yet, but I have the support I need to build my new life.