

# CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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## **Welcome New Neighbors!**

### **Tony and La Vera Cieslak - 400 Downs Loop**

Tony grew up in NY, on Long Island. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he received a BA in Education from University of Central Florida, and an MBA from George Mason University. Tony had a career in pharmaceutical sales and marketing at the regional and corporate levels. He enjoys golf, bridge, woodworking and travel, and attends Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. La Vera was born in Augusta, GA, and spent her childhood in Orlando, FL. She received a BS in Business from George Mason University, and had regional responsibilities in Human Resources management in a variety of industries. Her hobbies include reading, travel, bridge and Mah Jongg. She attends Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Corporate transfers have enabled them to live in many states east of the Mississippi, but primarily in NY, NJ, VA and PA. They relocated to Clemson from Lewes, DE in November 2015. They were looking to move south and the Continuing Care Community concept appealed to them. After visiting their friends here, they were convinced Clemson Downs and the Clemson community would be welcoming and stimulating. Their only child, Charlene, and her family are in Athens, GA, and they have sisters in Columbia and Atlanta. Additionally, the atmosphere and access to cultural events at Clemson University added to the appeal of Clemson Downs.

### **Tom and Ginny Skelton - 1030 Keystone Lane**

Tom's hometown was Clemson. He attended Clemson University and University of Georgia. Being a professor and a department head at Clemson University was his career. Ginny's hometown was Pendleton. She also attended Clemson University and the University of Georgia. She taught freshman chemistry at Clemson University, math at Daniel High School, chemistry for one year at Easley High School. For business she started a real estate company in Clemson and that is what she retired from. They chose Clemson Downs because they thought it was a very desirable area to live in and they never considered any other retirement place once they became eligible here.

### **John H. and Gloria S. Syme - 25 Downs Loop**

John was reared and educated in Oregon. However, he received his PhD at Clemson University. After retiring from the wood products industry, he was a faculty member at Clemson University for 12 years. He has two daughters. He is an avid golfer and a Master Gardener. Gloria was reared and educated in Florida. She has enjoyed several different careers, the last being a continuing

education specialist at CU. Her favorite sport, among many, is golf. She has had five holes-in-one and fourteen club championships. She played golf for 65 years. Gloria was a Clemson Downs Volunteer for 16 years and saw the many good aspects of it. She and John have many friends living here.

### **POA Breakfast Programs**

Saturday, February 20th - Clemson Mayor J.C. Cook will be the speaker. He will talk about what is happening in Clemson and what the goals are for the future.

Saturday, March 19th - Elaine Cameron will present this breakfast program. It is 'Elaine's Musings' – Humorous Collections from the 'Homespun' column in The Seneca Journal, and a skit performed by some of our neighbors. Come prepared to laugh!

Saturday, April 16th - Cheryl Dye will be the speaker. She will speak about "Brain Fitness".

### **Events Coming Up**

1. February 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - First Friday Gathering in the Coffee Shop in the lower level of Corley Center, 4 – 6 PM. Sharon and Ansel Miller will be hosting a "Mardi Gras" party. Come for King Cake and coffee (wine and dance???) This poem has been provided by Sharon:

**MARDI GRAS** by David J. Delahoussaye

The Mardi Gras season is quite an event.  
It's a huge celebration marking the beginning of Lent!  
It's a religious tradition, brought here from France,  
filled with festive activities and wine, song and dance!  
The colors of Mardi Gras are green, purple and gold  
representing justice and faith and the power of old!  
"Fat Tuesday" is said to be the greatest "free" show.  
If you've seen the parades then you already know!

2. March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> (Fridays) - We meet every first Friday of the month from 4 – 6 PM at the Gazebo if the weather is nice. If the weather is inclement or too cold, then we meet downstairs in the Coffee Shop of the Corley Center. The location will always be announced.

## **OUR SYMPATHIES GO TO:**

1. Our sympathies go to Nancy Payne for the loss of her husband, Jim. Jim passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2015.
2. Our sympathies go to Holley Ulbrich for the loss of her husband, Carl. Carl passed away on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Cottingham House Hospice in Seneca.
3. Our sympathies go to the family of Gene Bishop. Gene was a former resident of Clemson Downs and was a past POA president. He passed away on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
4. Our sympathies go to Brooks Patterson for the loss of his wife, Kathleen. Kathleen passed away on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
5. Our sympathies go to Tom and Ginny Skelton for the loss of their son, Tom E. Skelton, Jr., who passed away on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Our sympathies go to Margaret Layne for the loss of her husband. Harry passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016.

## **OUR THANKS GO TO:** (Information from Ann Fuhr)

Nancy Bennett and Edmee Reel have been our able Christmas and Spring POA party planners for many years. They have created lovely decorations, selected super menus, handled all the tickets sales, provided fun entertainment and in general made these special times together Super Special. Thank you two for your efforts. You both are so very much appreciated. Best Wishes and Many Thanks from the POA Board and Community!!

The Christmas and Spring social chairpersons for 2016 – 17 are Sandy Roche and Wendy Longo. Our thanks to them for their enthusiasm in assuming this position.

## **THINGS TO REMEMBER AND HELP**

- 1 - **LEAVES AND CLIPPINGS** - If you pay someone to do your yard work, that person needs to haul off the yard waste. If you do your yard work, be sure that you take your leaves and limbs to the container at the corner of Bayberry Lane and Kendra Place. The Board of Directors is looking into

creating some kind of screen for that container for the benefit of the neighbors. You can also leave your yard waste (but not if it is done by a yard service) in your yard at the side of the road. But remember that the city is slow to pick it up, so it would be better to take it to the container at the end of Bayberry Lane, if you can.

### **INFORMATION**

1. The websites are: CDPOA.com or CDPOA.org. You can find great information about Clemson Downs on either one of these websites.
2. Information for the websites: Walt Castro, who keeps the website updated, would like to receive information about these items: 1. The Bulletin Board. 2. The flyers for the socials. 3. Information about houses for sale. To advertise a home for sell, Walt needs some text describing the home and about 5 pictures showing the outside and inside of the home for sale. Send the information to Walt's email address: [waltcastro62@gmail.com](mailto:waltcastro62@gmail.com)
3. Secretary - The CDPOA Board of Directors needs a new secretary. If you would like to be the secretary or if you know someone else who would, then call the president, Harold Olson, or the former secretary, Linda Cocke.
4. The next CDPOA Communicator will come out again toward the end of April. If you know of anything that should be on the Communicator, please call or email Kitty Neckerman by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. It would be great to have information for anything going on in May, June and July, because then the next Communicator will not come out until toward the end of July. Kitty's phone number and email address are in the Telephone Directory.

### **REMINDERS**

1. The Downs Living Movies - Just remember that you may go to the movies for free. They are at the Corley Center Large Room on Fridays at 2:00 PM. They are always listed in the Downs Living Communicator that you receive at the beginning of every month.