

CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome New Neighbors!

John and Kathy Hall - 4 Birch Place

John grew up in York, SC, graduated from Clemson University in 1974 and moved to Philadelphia, PA, to pursue a Master of Divinity. He later finished work on his Doctor of Ministry at Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido, CA. He met Kathy, a native Californian, while at Seminary in Philadelphia. She was working at Young Life in suburban Philly. They married and had their first child (a son) while living in Philadelphia. They moved south to their first pastorate in the coal fields of Southwest Virginia. Their second job was in Clemson, SC, beginning a young church, Clemson Presbyterian. They have since lived in Charlottesville, VA, London, U.K. and Greenville, SC, as church planters. They now work together at Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Pendleton, SC. John enjoys playing banjo, learning to sail and is an occasional potter. Kathy loves the outdoors, gardening, hiking and all sorts of projects --pottery, water color and crafts--with their 3 grandchildren. They have 4 children, 3 grandchildren and one on the way in May.

They loved the beauty, the peaceful setting and the ease of living in an intentional community at this point in their lives. Both of them really like having a smaller space and opportunities to focus on people rather than home upkeep. Their telephone numbers are: 650-7479 (John) and 643-9131 (Kathy).

POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts

Saturday, February 17th - Botanical Gardens

Saturday, March 17th - Holley Ulbrich - Election Information

Saturday, April 21st - TBA

Reminder about the Breakfasts: The Breakfast begins at 8:30 in the CARC Dining Room. After the breakfast and the speaker, please visit anyone you want to visit in the hallway. We should be out of the dining room by 10:00 because the kitchen staff must set up the dining room for lunch.

Programs are needed for the POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts in September, October, November and December. If you would be interested in doing a program, or finding someone to do a program, then please contact Ann Gilreath (anngilr@nctv.com or 654-4300) or contact Sue Reneke (suesue9@bellsouth.net or 654-7282). Ann and Sue are the new Social co-chairs and they are now running the POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts.

First Friday Get-Togethers

The First Friday Get-Togethers are from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come join us for a fun time to get to know your neighbors and enjoy simple hors d'oeuvres. Please bring your drink and a finger food. Invite a neighbor who doesn't usually come and invite a new neighbor.

1. February 2nd - Lloyd and Nancy Portnow will be talking about the Valentine.
2. March 2nd - It has not yet been set up. When it is set up, the information will come out.
3. April 6th - It has not yet been set up. When it is set up, the information will come out.

Information will be sent to you to let you know exactly where the First Friday Get-Together is taking place (Corley Center or Gazebo) and what is going on. Directions to the Gazebo: Follow the sidewalk at the upper part of Downs Loop, just after you pass Birch Place.

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Events Coming Up

1. The Spring Social will be on April 10th. Of course, there will be more information coming out.

Our Sympathies Go To:

1. Our sympathies go to the daughters and stepchildren of Dev Doyle. She lived at 340 Kendra Place and passed away on November 8.
2. Our sympathies go to Fritz Briggs at 1021 Keystone Lane. His son in California passed away in mid-December.
3. Dave Moorhead passed away on December 21. Our sympathies go to his wife, Joyce, and all his family. Dave and Joyce had lived at 4 Birch Place but moved to apartment E-204.
4. Alvon Elrod passed away on Tuesday, January 9. Our sympathies go to his wife, Ruby. They had lived at 52 Hickory Way and then moved to apartment D-120.

Reminder

1. POA Fees are due by March 1st. Also, if you are participating in the Northland TV group rate, that money is also due.

2. **Selling Homes:** If any CDPOA members or their families wish, they may advertise their homes for sale on the website. To submit an advertisement for your home sale, contact Anne Snider at 723-2878 or sniderah@gmail.com or Walt Castro at waltcastro62@gmail.com. Please provide a flyer or a narrative, highlighting the features of the home together with interior and exterior photographs.

Information

1. From Board of Directors President - Holley Ulbrich

The new year is off to a great start with two new board members, John Syme and Anne Snider, and all committees are ready to go. We had to spend some carryover funds in a hurry in December to comply with tax requirements, so Ann Fuhr and her great committee did a lot of catch-up work on landscaping that we think you will all enjoy. We encourage everyone to take a look at their own landscaping and see how each of us can contribute to making the Downs a beautiful place to live. More to come on that issue, but we want you to know we are working on logistical support for homeowners as spring approaches.

We have been approached by the landscape architecture laboratory at Clemson University to work with us and CARC on landscaping, including Woodland Walk and making better use of the Gazebo. We will provide ample opportunity for community input as the conversation goes forward. They will identify and recommend options, and then it's up to us to choose and implement—or not. Ann Fuhr, chair of the Property and Landscaping Committee, and I will be meeting with them before the end of January.

We are also working on a plan to survey all members of the POA community on two issues. One is additional activities that we may want to undertake, such as a bridge group, a book group, an art group, a photography group, a dinner group—the possibilities are endless, but we do want to expand on our current social program of third Saturday breakfasts, First Friday socials, and the two big dinner events in April and December. The second part of the survey will deal with current or expected future needs such as transportation, food delivery, yard help, and other services.

Finally, our outstanding web team of Anne Snider and Walt Castro are adding a new section to the website of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions). If you have a question that may be shared by other POA members (especially new folks), please feel free to submit it to Anne or Walt, and we will do our best to find an answer.

2. **The next CDPOA Communicator** - It will come out at the end of April, 2018. If you know of anything that should be in the Communicator, please call or email Kitty Neckerman by the 15th 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 the end of July. Kitty's phone number and email address are in the Telephone Directory.