

CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome New Neighbors!

Bessie Fusco & Carmela Fusco - 1 Little Lane

Bessie's hometown and the state she lived in all of her life was New York. She graduated from High School and chose to be a stay at home when she got married and to be a Mom. Bessie had a wonderful marriage to her husband for 36 years before he passed away. In her later years she became an Assistant Book Keeper at a Day Care Center, where she was employed into her 80's. Her hobbies are Hawaiian Dancing, singing and ballroom dancing, and the enjoyment of family and friends. She is a proud mother of 3 children, a daughter in New York, a son who is deceased, and a daughter, Carmela, whom she shares her house with here. She has 4 grandchildren: a grandson in Tennessee, a granddaughter in Clemson, a grandson in Atlanta and a granddaughter in Maine. Her great grandson is in Tennessee.

She chose her final chapter of life to be in a slower paced, warmer climate and beautiful place. She is surrounded by her daughter, granddaughter and her husband, and the friends that have quickly become her extended family. Bessie has been greeted with such open arms and hearts thus far. She is looking forward to what the Downs and South Carolina have to add to her next chapter in life. She is also excited about what she has to offer to them. Bessie's cell phone number is 864-643-4476. Carmela's cell phone number is 678-925-9768.

Laura Camellia Snipes Greene - 52 Hickory Way

Camellia's hometown is Clemson. She educated 2 ½ years in College. She has 4 children: 2 boys and 2 girls. Her hobbies are Bridge and Mah Jongg. She chose the Downs as her retirement community because she thinks it is one of the best. She remembers when it was first built. She thinks it is a quiet, peaceful and beautiful place. Her phone number is: 864-722-9177.

Alice and David Hageman - 50 Hickory Way

Alice was born and raised in Asheville, NC. David was born and raised in low country SC. They met at Carson-Newman as freshmen. After graduation and marriage, they moved to Chattanooga, TN, where Alice taught high school English and David worked in various management positions. After moving to Oconee County in 2000, Alice continued teaching for 9 years at Walhalla High School and David taught 5th grade Math and Science for 5 years. They have two daughters, one who lives

in Greenville, SC with family and one who lives in Jefferson, GA with family. They have 5 grandchildren ages 10 – 15, plus a foster granddaughter who is 1 year old. Both Alice and David are now fully retired and loving the opportunity to see grandchildren perform and play and do volunteer work.

When they needed to downsize they looked for a house much closer to their church (CUMC) and to their primary source of entertainment (Clemson sports). They knew many Downs residents from church and those residents recommended that they take a look here. Alice and David did and loved what they saw and heard. They look forward to being a part of this Clemson Downs. Alice's phone number is 864-247-1446. David's phone number is 864-247-0793.

Kaye Hickman - 34 Hickory Way

Kaye grew up in Kentucky. She came to Clemson in 1974 from Dallas, TX. All three of her daughters graduated from Daniel High School. Kaye retired from Clemson in 2006 as an Application Analyst. She watched the development of a successful retirement community which is Clemson Downs and she wanted to be a part of it. She loves the convenience of the location. Kaye's phone number is 864-654-1408.

D. Lamar and Susan N. Robinette - 1016 Keystone Lane

Lamar: He grew up in Southwestern Alabama. He attained all 3 degrees at Auburn University in biological Sciences. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service in DC before coming to Clemson in 1975. He worked in the Entomology, Aquaculture, Fisheries and Wildlife department as the first AFW Department Head, and Environmental Toxicology Departments, and retired from Clemson in 2002. Former member, director and president of the SC Wildlife Federation, SC Wildlife Society, SC Aquatic Plant Management Society, present member of the Clemson Sertoma Club. Loves hiking, bicycling, and vegetable gardening. Daughter Kate Wrenn, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Waynesville, NC, and her husband, Guy, live in Asheville, NC, have an 18-month-old son, and are expecting their second child in February, 2018.

Susan: She was born in Winnetka, IL, but her family moved around a lot. She graduated from the International Graded High School, Sao Paulo, Brazil and Sweet Briar College, VA. She attended Greenville Tech School of Architectural Engineering, has a CID license, is a nonactive Master Gardener and an active member of Clemson Garden Club. She worked as a Real Estate Broker for Doc Lachicotte and the Litchfield Company in Pawleys Island for 20 years before marrying Lamar in 1993 and moving to Clemson. Daughter Liz Noell is a marketing specialist in Dallas; son JD Noell and his wife, Kristine, live in West Deptford, NJ. Jay captains a 300 supply ship out of N Orleans and ferries men and supplies to the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. They have 2 children, 18 and 10.

Lamar and Susan chose Clemson Downs because they like the sense of community here. Owners are able to leave their homes for long periods at a time and be assured of having the home left when they return. The lots are small, manageable and well cared for. And Clemson Downs is full

of nice people. Many of their friends already lived here when they made their decision to move here. Their phone number is 864-654-3086.

POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts

Saturday, November 18th - Kathryn Smith – Author: The Gatekeeper

Saturday, December 16th - Scott Krein – Emergency Management, Director and Rescue Chief

January, 20th - Mushroom Mountains – All about mushrooms

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.

First Friday Get-Togethers

The First Friday Get-Togethers are from 4:00 - 6:00. 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.

Directions to the Gazebo: Follow the sidewalk at the upper part of Downs Loop, just after you pass Birch Place.

1. November 3rd - First Friday Hosts – Alice Hageman & Dillman Sorrells
2. December 1st - First Friday Hosts - Jan Gallaher & Terri Crocker
3. January 5th - First Friday Hosts – Eric & Anne Snider

Information will be sent to you to let you know exactly where the First Friday Get-Together is taking place.

Events Coming Up

1. The December Christmas Social will be on Tuesday, December 5th. The hosts will be Marion Sieffert, Tom McGuire, Harry Sutton and Elaine Cameron. The Social Hour (**BYOB**) will start at 5:15. The Buffet Dinner will start at 5:45 and the menu will include: Prime Rib and Baked Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes and Garden Rice, Green Bean Casserole and Cold Marinated Asparagus, Breads and Desserts. The Entertainment will start at 6:30 and it will be The University Singers from Southern Wesleyan University under the direction of Rev. Gail Kerstetter.

Reservations are due by Monday, November 27, 2017. The cost is \$18, payable to CDPOA. Please RSVP attendance to: Marion Sieffert at 864-633-6586 or msieffert @msieffertlaw.com

2. The CDPOA Annual Meeting will be on December 12th. Information about where it is and when it is, will come to you before the meeting.

Our Sympathies Go To:

1. Leo Smith at 335 Summer Walk passed away on August 16th. We certainly give our sympathies to his wife, Barbara, and to all of his family and relatives.
2. Rachel Herb at 33 Hickory Way passed away on August 20th. We certainly give our sympathies to all of her family and relatives.
3. Art Fischer at 1009 Keystone Lane passed away on October 23rd at the Cottingham Hospice House. We certainly give our sympathies to all of his family and relatives.

Telephone Directory Corrections and Additions

1. Correction: Nancy Alley has a new email address: Nancyvalley11@gmail.com
2. Add: Fusco, Bessie & Carmela - 1 Little Lane - Bessie's cell phone: 864-643-4476
Carmela's cell phone: 678-925-9768
3. Add: Greene, Camellia S. - 52 Hickory Way - 864-722-9177
4. Add: Hageman, Alice & David - 50 Hickory Way - Alice - 864-247-1446
David - 864-247-0793
5. Add: Hickman, Kaye - 34 Hickory Way - 654-1408
6. Add: Robinette, Lamar & Susan - 1016 Keystone Lane - 654-3086

Information

1. The New Architectural Review Request from: from John Gilreath

There have been some changes to the ARC request form, and a copy of the new one is attached to this issue of the Communicator. This form is available on the CDPOA web site (CDPOA.org or CDPOA.com) and, as before, it can be downloaded to your computer. However, the new form may also be filled out online and emailed directly to a member of the ARC, or, if downloaded, can be filled out on your computer and emailed. For those who don't have a computer, the form attached here may be copied, completed by hand and delivered to the

newspaper slot at 1022 Keystone Lane or mailed to CDPOA Architectural Review at 500 Downs Loop. If you have questions, you may contact John Gilreath, 1022 Keystone Lane, phone # 864-654-4300, or email at gilreath@nctv.com

2. From Board of Directors President - Holley Ulbrich

We hope you will plan to be at the annual meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th. Watch for a mailing around the end of November. The nominating committee (Sue Reneke, Marge Olthoff and Harry Sutton) has put forth Linda Cocke as secretary, John Syme as Vice President, and Anne Snider as At-Large member, for a five-member board. The bylaws allow five to seven. Holley Ulbrich and Sandi Rosche will be continuing as President and Secretary, respectively.

In the past, committee chairs were not identified until December or January. Our committees have been understaffed and overworked this past year, and there is no bylaws requirement that says that committee chairs cannot be identified earlier. I feel that it is the responsibility of the outgoing board to provide not only a budget, but also a committee structure so that the new board (which in 2018 will presumably have three of its five members returning) can begin its work immediately. With that in mind, I invited the nominating committee to identify committee chairs for 2018, subject to approval by the Board. Those chairs are Anne Snider, Communications (including the web page, the telephone directory, the welcome committee, and the quarterly newsletter); John Gilreath, Architectural Review Committee; Ann Fuhr, Property and Landscaping Committee; and Ann Gilreath, Social Committee.

Your packet will include a lot of reports, but the most important thing is to fill out two forms. One is a ballot for the three nominees (Linda Cocke, John Syme, and Anne Snider) and a proposed bylaws amendment that spells out the criteria for deciding whether to grant a quit claim deed to small sections of common property. We don't expect this to happen often, but we needed some clear guidelines. You can vote in person, but the proxy enables those who can't make it to the meeting to participate. We can also get a preliminary total to speed up the business of the meeting. You can write in other candidates for any of the three positions on the ballot if you like.

The other is an information form so that we can update our records and have your accurate information in next year's directory, which is a valuable resource for all our members. It also invites you to consider whether you wish to serve on one of the committees or volunteer in some other way.

3. The Property and Landscape Committee - from Ann Fuhr

The Landscape Committee minutes from October 9, 2017: The Committee met at the home of Ann Fuhr at 10:00. Present were Harold Olson, Jan Gallaher, Alden Valentine, Martha Grigsby and Eric Snider. Items for discussion and those who will investigate and act upon are these:

KUDZU REMOVAL - Ann Fuhr (cost already approved by Board)

CITY PROPERTY - Behind 1014 – 1034 Keystone Lane (Kitty Neckerman – Jim Kimball) and all

residents between. Request of city to connect water runoff gulley from 1000 Keystone Lane to 1012 Keystone Lane beginning at sluice on corner of Hickory and Downs Loop to the existing creek that flows into 18 Mile Creek. –Eric Snider, Harold Olson, and City Storm Water contact: Nathan Hinkle (City Land, City Responsibility).

HICKORY WALKWAY - Investigate options to the restoration of the walkway created there many years ago, but torn up due to work by Duke Energy and AT&T, eliminating the walkway, and constructing a sluice for water to drain directly to Hickory Way rather than creating a walkway. Consideration is being given to creating an alternate path from Hickory Way to the Gazebo on the common property between two residences. –Martha Grigsby, -Eric Snider (Joe Merck, John Syme – neighbors to the proposed site plans) cost to be brought to Board.

WOODLAND WALK - Area to be monitored for ivy removal from trees, mulch replacement, general maintenance of fencing, and monitoring of erosion - Jan Gallaher, Alden Valentine – (cost of this is a budgeted item)

YARD WASTE CONCERNS - Ann Fuhr, Jan Gallaher, Alden Valentine

Once upon a time, settlers came to the Downs. They build lovely brick homes and planted trees on what used to be farmland (owned by RC Edwards, beloved former Clemson University President). As the community grew, they volunteered to make it even more beautiful that they had found it. Neighborhoods gathered together and beautified street corners; one resident made a path on the CARC side of the creek that ran from Downs Loop to the Woodland Walk bridge. Another settler built bluebird houses and placed them all around the community. The settler all agreed that if there was a problem, they would be part of the solution. In the meantime, life continued, and so did the invariable issues that needed to be dealt with. A recent situation involved a creek that turned out to be a non-creek but instead, a gulley, created by years of water streaming down Downs Loop and Hickory Way into a ditch beginning at 1000 Keystone Lane. Once again, the settlers set to the task of working toward creating a path from the non-creek to a real one. Some new settlers are working with the city to create a solution for a former path so that neighbors won't get unwanted water in their yards. Other settlers have taken on the job of helping contain yard waste so that it is on three designated areas and personal property only. There are those who help their aging neighbors by picking up newspapers thrown on the driveway of residents who have a hard time bending over, and there are settlers who pull weeds, pick up branches and litter and beautify areas that aren't even their property. All of these are settlers you see walking around with halos.

4. **The next CDPOA Communicator** - It will come out at the end of January, 2018. If you know of anything that should be in the Communicator, please call or email Kitty Neckerman by the 15th of January. It would be great to have information for anything going on in February, March and April, because then the next Communicator will not come out until the end of April. Kitty's phone number and email address are in the Telephone Directory.

Things to Remember

1. Thanks to all of the residents who have fixed their mailboxes.
2. Please don't forget to pick up after your pets.
3. Many people are driving too fast on our streets. Many visitors speed, but also some residents who live in Clemson Downs. Margaret Layne at 204 Downs Blvd. sent a message about this. So, please, if you know of someone who is driving too fast in Clemson Downs, tell them they should slow down and just drive the 25 miles an hour rate.



Clemson Downs Property Owners Association

500 Downs Loop
Clemson, SC 29631
www.cdpoa.org

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors at the Corley Center | Second Tuesday at 2 p.m.

To facilitate review by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), please read the guidelines found on the CDPOA website in their entirety and understand them before submitting an application for ARC review of new construction, modification to existing structure, additions, and/or external maintenance.

Date Submitted _____ Date Logged In _____

Property Address _____

Owner Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Contact (if different from owner) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

New Construction Modification Addition Maintenance

Description of work to be completed.

Attach additional sheets as needed. _____

Exterior to be same color? Y N

Application will not be considered unless appropriate samples of paint colors, brick, shingle color, or modified concrete selections, as described in the Architectural Guidelines dated 2015, are attached.

Samples attached (if applicable)

Brick selection Attached Roof shingle Attached

Paint chips Attached Concrete finish color Attached

Window/Door frame color (if different from house colors) Attached

Completion time frame _____

Signature of owner _____ Date _____

ARC Action | Reviewed by _____

Recommended Not recommended Further Review

ARC Chair Signature _____ Date _____

CDPOA Board Action

Approved Not approved Further Review

CDPOA Board Signature _____ Date _____

Please return form to:

CDPOA Architectural Review
500 Downs Loop
Clemson, SC 29631

Or to:

Any member of the
Architectural Review
Committee