



CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome New Neighbors!

We welcome **Ed & Becky Jo Clark** to Clemson Downs (610 Downs Loop | 710-6384 (cell) | bjclark@bellsouth.net). Ed was born in Winnsboro, SC and received BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from USC and a PhD from NC State. After working in private industry for 3 years and teaching at Mississippi State for 3 years, he and Becky Jo settled with their family in Clemson in 1970. Ed taught Traffic Engineering at Clemson, worked with the National Council of Engineering Examiners, and frequently served as a witness in traffic accident court cases.

Becky Jo earned her BS degree from Mississippi State and her Master's in counseling from Clemson. She was the first Project Director for the Clemson Child Development Center. Later she became a Senior Financial Advisor for American Express in Clemson.

Becky Jo and Ed have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. When they aren't doting on their grandchildren, Becky Jo loves to read and enjoys the beach. They moved to Clemson Downs because they have many friends here. They have followed the progress of the community for many years and wanted to be part of a community that encourages its residents to be as active as they choose to be and has the resources available as they are needed. Welcome, Ed & Becky Jo!

POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts

Our **March Saturday Breakfast will be March 16** at 8:30 am Our speaker will be Bonnie Kelley, who is on the founding board of the Lakes & Bridges Charter School in Pickens County, a school specifically for dyslexic students. It is only the 4th mission-specific school in the US. She will share with us what the school does for students and teach us more about dyslexia.

Our **April Saturday Breakfast will be April 20** at 8:30 am Our guest speaker will be Margaret Thompson, former deputy sheriff for Pickens County and Clemson City councilwoman. Margaret has formed Clemson Paw Partners, an animal welfare organization that raises funds through the help of local businesses and our community to help save the lives of animals.

After April there will be no more breakfasts until September! Mark the third Saturdays in September, October, and November on your calendars—more exciting programs to come! Breakfast is \$6.50 per person for continental breakfast (cereal, fruit, pastries, and yogurt) or \$10.00 per person for full breakfast. Payment only by checks made payable to CARC.

First Friday Get-Togethers

March 1st at 4:00 pm in the Corley Center. March hosts are Eric & Anne Snider. Come wearing green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day—everyone's Irish at least once a year!

April 5th at 4:00 pm, location to be announced closer to the date. April hosts are Elaine Cameron and Ann Fuhr. We'll gather to welcome in spring!

The First Friday Get-Togethers are from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. 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/or invite a new neighbor.

Events Coming Up

The **annual Clemson Downs Volunteers meeting is March 21 at 3:00 pm** in the Dining Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering at Clemson Downs is welcome to attend. Guest speaker will be Tammy Larson of Hospice of the Foothills.

President's Message

My letter begins this time with a reminder about information that is available to you regarding the work of your Board of Directors--information that is important to you as a homeowner and as a member of the Clemson Downs Property Owners Association.

Each month the minutes of the CDPOA Board meeting are posted on our website and emailed to our members. I urge each of you to read them so that you will know the business the board is doing on your behalf. If you do NOT have access to either of these outlets, please inform the Board Secretary (Linda Cocke, 864 654 5134) so that arrangements can be made to give you access to our minutes. Also, the agenda for each month's meeting can be accessed via these same two outlets three days prior to said meeting. You will find dates and times of monthly meetings listed in the calendar of this newsletter. The monthly board meetings are open to all members of the POA.

Each year we average around twenty new homeowner families moving into the Downs. Making sure that information reaches these new members as well as other members requires regular reviews by the board regarding our avenues of communication. After our last review, to increase the effectiveness of communication between the board and homeowners, a board member has been assigned to assist you directly based on your address. Your representatives are: *Martha Grigsby--Hickory Way; Joe Merck--Downs Loop; Karen McAlister--Keystone Lane; Sandra Yates--Little Lane & Birch Place; Anne Snider--Downs Boulevard; Betty Jane Fourspring--Bayberry Lane, Summer Walk, & Kendra Place.* Your assigned board member will be calling on you soon. You will be given a calling card identifying the person and containing contact information for you to keep. We hope this arrangement will be helpful to you.

Earlier this month Gary Clary, SC House of Representatives member, spoke to homeowners about the new SC Homeowners Association Act. The session was well attended, and many questions were answered. A copy of this new law is available for downloading on our website and has been emailed to members as well. If you did not attend the meeting or have not read the law, I ask you to make sure that you familiarize yourself with the contents of it.

Spring is on the way and your common areas provide a great outdoor destination. Woodland Walk is a lovely place for a walk and there are benches for a time of rest and contemplation. Make a lunch, take a book or magazine, maybe a board game, and spend some time at the Gazebo alone or with friends. Also, remember that you can reserve the Gazebo for group activities by calling Ann Fuhr at 864 888 7321. Stay well and be happy! –Martha Grigsby

Our Sympathies Go To

We offer our sympathies to Nancy Portnow, whose husband, Lloyd, (608 Downs Loop) passed away January 21 and to the family of Kathleen Wilson (1011 Keystone Lane - more recently at CARC Health Care), companion of Jim Binder, who passed away on January 22.

Telephone Directory Corrections and Additions

Remember: You can find the most current edition of the directory online at our website: www.cdpoa.com. Click on *Our Community—CDPOA Directory*. You will need a password to access the directory—contact Linda Cocke at 654-5134 or 602leland@gmail.com to obtain the password. If your email address or phone number has changed, please contact Linda to update your contact information.

Corrections

Lillis McCormic--email should be *mlillis@bellsouth.net* (Note the two L's in the middle!)

Jim Roberts—phone should be 654-3735

Woodie & Winnie Williams' email addresses were reversed. It should be:

Winnie: *wwwill@innova.net* Woodie: *nutritionone@innova.net*

Additions

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Information

- If CDPOA members wish, they may advertise their homes for sale on our website. There may be other houses available for sale, but our site lists only those that have been submitted to the webmaster by a CDPOA member or family member. Go to cdpoa.com—*Our Community—Homes for Sale*. To submit an advertisement for your home, contact Anne Snider at sniderah@gmail.com. Please submit a flyer or a description with interesting details about the home as well as pictures of the inside and outside of the house.
- We always have people interested in moving to Clemson Downs. The following is from one of those families: We would like to return to Clemson Downs and are looking for a home to purchase with move-in in the spring or early summer 2019. If you might consider selling, we would very much appreciate your getting in touch with us.
Kathryn and Gary Newkirk. Please email: ngary@clemson.edu or phone 843-352-9818.
- The Architectural Guidelines for exteriors of Clemson Downs homes have been revised. Representatives will bring copies of these guidelines when they come to visit POA members in March. Please make sure you check these guidelines and submit a request form to the Architectural Review Committee **before any project on the exterior of your home**, even if you are painting the same color.

Architectural Review Guidelines Reminder

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) asks homeowners to read and familiarize themselves with the Architectural Guidelines before the need for modifications, additions to, or maintenance of the exterior of their homes arises. The guidelines apply even if you are repainting in the same color or reroofing with the same color and style of shingles. Please plan ahead! The approval process can sometimes take one month or more.

Homeowners should not purchase materials, engage contractors, or initiate any work before receiving approval of their application requests. The ARC meets on the Thursday before the second Tuesday of each month, and the CDPOA Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month. If approved by both ARC and CDPOA, the homeowner will receive the Application Request form with all the necessary signatures soon after the Board of Directors meeting. It is possible to have a request approved in an emergency situation (such as a leaking roof or an inoperable garage door). Every effort will be made to expedite requests for emergencies that make the home uninhabitable.

We now have a tool (the NIX Pro) which can assist homeowners with choosing trim color and with choosing one of the 16 Clemson Downs Approved Colors (listed in the guidelines).

The Architectural Guidelines, Clemson Downs Approved Color list, and the Application Request form may all be downloaded and printed from our website. Go to cdpoa.com and click on *About CDPOA—Architectural Review*. You can also request a form from an ARC member.

Application Request forms may be returned to or assistance may be received from any member of the 2019 ARC. Please feel free to contact us:

Fritz Briggs
Nancy Bennett
John Peters

Jerry Reel
Jim Reneke
Susan Robinette, chair


2019 ARC meetings will be held at 2 pm in the Jackson Room on the following Thursdays: March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, July (TBA—we will not meet on July 4th), August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5.

We thank you for your cooperation! The Architectural Review Committee

Things to Remember

- **Annual dues and optional TV payments are due March 1.** After March first there will be a 5% monthly penalty fee. Mail your payments to 500 Downs Loop or drop in the CDPOA box at the Health Care Center.
- Clemson Downs Wellness now offers a regular series of free exercise classes for persons with Parkinson's Disease on alternate Fridays at 3 PM in the lower level, Corley Center. The class will be led by Ana Olaya-Olvera, Wellness Director. We are teaming with the Greenville Area Parkinson Society (GAPS) to enable these programs. Contact the Wellness Center for the schedule.
Please share this information with friends who deal with Parkinson's in their lives. The program is open to the Clemson community and is not limited to Downs residents.
- United Way is offering VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to seniors with a household income of less than \$64,000. Free income tax preparation appointments will be held at all Pickens County Library locations from January 25-April 15. To schedule an appointment, call 2-1-1 or 866-892-9211. Library staff cannot schedule appointments.
- **Along the Woodland Walk: Early Spring Wildflowers**
We have had a lot of wet weather. Now, hopefully, with some sunshine and mild temperatures, nature can get on with her business of taking us into springtime.
One sure sign of springtime is the appearance of flowers along the Woodland Walk. It's a short walk, but a very pleasant one. With the sights and sounds of the small creek flowing along the base of the hill you are carried into a fine natural setting.
This week some of the native wildflowers began flowering here including beautiful white bloodroot flowers, with trilliums and mayapples beginning to emerge. And soon the pawpaw shrubs near the footbridge will be in bloom. These will be followed by additional Wildflowers and some planted species.
The Woodland Walk is a beautiful and unique part of our overall neighborhood. Pay it a visit whenever you have an opportunity. Look and listen carefully and you will see or hear some special parts of nature. —*John Garton, CDPOA Member*

March 2019

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<p>17 <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Bistro Open 4-7 pm</p>	<p>20 Bistro Open 4-7 pm</p>	<p>21 Bistro Open 4-7 pm</p>	<p>22 Friday Movie 2 pm Corley Ctr.</p>	<p>23</p>
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<p>31</p>	<p>Volunteers' Annual Meeting is March 21 (Thursday) at 3:00 pm Meeting is in the Dining Room. Guest Speaker will be Tammy Larson of Foothills Hospice. Anyone interested in volunteering at Clemson Downs is welcome to attend.</p>					

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If you did not receive a telephone directory, please contact Anne Snider at sniderah@gmail.com or at 864-723-2878.

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28	29	30 Bistro Open 4-7 pm	<p>Please remind contractors that the approved yard waste sites at the end of Bayberry and the end of Downs Loop are for residents only. Contractors must remove their own waste from Downs property.</p>			

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Reminder:

Third Saturday breakfasts will resume in September.

First Friday gatherings will continue throughout the year. Check your email to see if the gathering is at the Corley Center or in the Gazebo.

May 2019

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