



CDPOA COMMUNICATOR

Published monthly by the Clemson Downs Property Owners Association for its members

March 2020

Welcome New Neighbors!

Gary & Kathryn Newkirk have moved into 14 Birch Place. Kathryn, from Charlotte, has an undergraduate and master's degree from UNC-Charlotte and a master's from Clemson. Most of her career was in various human services agencies. Gary, a native of Hagerstown, MD, graduated from the Naval Academy and served in the Marine Corps. He later received an MBA from UVA and then a doctorate from Clemson, where he taught in the Business School for 18 years. Having lived in Clemson Downs from 2000-2007, Gary and Kathryn know how special Clemson Downs is: "We appreciate the sense of community, the amenities and activities, and the wonderful people who live here. We are very happy to be back and eager to be involved." Welcome, Gary & Kathryn.

POA 3rd Saturday Breakfasts

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.

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.

Our March breakfast speaker is John Palmer, who served four different presidents on Air Force One.

First Friday Get-Togethers

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 invite a new neighbor.

Our March hosts are Jan Gallaher and Diana Manly.

Information will be sent to you via e-mail to let you know exactly where the First Friday Get-Together is taking place—the Corley Center or the Gazebo. Directions to the Gazebo: Follow the sidewalk at the upper part of Downs Loop, just after you pass Birch Place or the sidewalk near the end of Birch Place.

President's Message

SAVE THE DATE: The CDPOA Social Committee invites you to an Art Show featuring the work of our own members. The date is April 16, so mark your calendars and be on the lookout for further information. Living here with us are award winning painters, a quiltmaker whose work is in the Smithsonian, published authors, patent holders, and other talented folk. Come see!

The 2020 Clemson Downs Directory has been printed and copies have been placed in your message boxes. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Anne Snider (her contact information is in the directory).

Speaking of message boxes, some are in such bad shape, or not even there, that your directory, information flyers, etc. cannot be delivered to you. USPS regulations prohibit use of mailboxes except for delivery and pickup of mail, and our own regulations say that your mailbox post must have a message box attached. Leaving items at your door, balanced on flower planters, or wedged between your mailbox and the post are not satisfactory options because many times those items wind up in the streets or yards of other residents. If repair or replacement of your box is called for, please do so as soon as possible. Please call me if you need the name of someone you can employ to do this work for you.

Virginia Baird, Common Properties Committee Chair, and I continue to meet with both City of Clemson staff and recently with private storm water drainage experts to devise a plan(s) to solve the Common Property drainage problems here. Our next step is to talk with a civil engineer about helping us with plans.

A report has been filed with the Clemson Police Dept. regarding the recent vandalism that occurred in Woodland Walk, and Mrs. Baird and I have met with an officer at the site. The Board of Directors is looking at ways to deal with such incidents and to keep the area safe.

Always I urge you to read the approved minutes of our monthly board meetings. They are available on our website and in the CDPOA notebook in the CARC library. Also, each month a copy is sent to the membership via email.

Spring is such a beautiful season and here at the Downs we are seeing evidence that it is on its way. Daffodils are blooming everywhere, and flowering trees are heavy with buds. It is a good time to walk along our streets and stroll through Woodland Walk to see Mother Nature do her thing.
Martha Grigsby, President

February Board Meeting Highlights

Remember—you will receive the minutes via email, and copies of each month's minutes can be found in the CDPOA notebook in the CARC library.

- 85 residents have paid the fees for 2020; fees are due March 1. Those fees not paid by March 1 will incur a penalty.
- All new homeowners/renters will be visited by Kathy McGee, Welcoming Representative on the Communications Committee.
- We continue to address the issue of stormwater at Clemson Downs. There are major issues involved and no quick fix. We are finding out more about the water flow as the days go by; so, we cannot come up with a final plan until we have exhausted our research. Also, we are working to provide information to homeowners who have storm drainage problems on their property.
- Responsibilities on the Common Properties committee were discussed and divided up based on the areas involved and where the committee members live within the Downs as well as their expertise.
 - John Garton--Woodland Walk
 - Lucy Rollin--Gazebo
 - Chuck Waugaman--end of Downs Blvd., Bayberry, Kendra, Summer Walk
 - Don Manly--estimates and continued work as well as plats and property lines
 - Lamar Robinette--special projects
- Thanks to generous contributions to the Clemson Downs Volunteers through memorials, honorariums, and items for the CDV sales, volunteers have been able to provide the Health Care, Memory Care and Assisted Living in the last year with items totaling \$18,748.38. Included were specialty Broda chairs (\$5600), a sanitizing sprayer (\$4300), a manual shower bath bed (\$1200), a bladder scanner (\$5600), as well as items like ice cream makers, paint, cushions, plants, and Christmas bags.

Events Coming Up

Mark your calendar for March 31! Our spring Social will be that evening at 5:15 p.m. and we look forward to gathering and celebrating spring with our members. More details will follow soon!

We are holding the first ever Art Show highlighting our talented residents. **Save the date: April 16.** We'll send you more details soon.

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 changes, please contact Linda to update your contact information.

NOTE: The online directory is always the most recent version. **Additions or changes in the listing since the publication of the current printed directory will be highlighted in pale yellow.**

Corrections Terrie Frantz's email was incorrect in the recently published directory; it should be: terrie.frantz@yahoo.com.

Changes Winnie Williams' new email is winnieruth1932@gmail.com.
New emails for Bob and Bardy Krieger are Bardy: bardy3@nctv.com and Bob: tiger61@nctv.com.

Additions Gary and Kathryn Newkirk | 14 Birch Place | 864-986-4933 | Gary: Cell—828-577-1786; ngary@clemsun.edu | Kathryn: Cell—828-577-1359; kathryngn@gmail.com.

Things to Remember

Reminder: All POA fees are due by March 1. Any fees not paid by that date will incur a 5% per month penalty. If you have any questions concerning your fees or did not receive a bill, please contact Betty Jane Fourspring (her information is in the directory).

If you did not receive a directory, it may be that your mailbox does not have a slot for flyers (and directories!). You can contact your representative and they can advise you on repairing or providing a flyer slot (and get you a directory). The representatives and their areas are:

- Downs Boulevard—Denny Walling
- Birch Place and Little Lane—Sandy Yates
- Downs Loop—Joe Merck
- Hickory Lane—Martha Grigsby
- Keystone Lane—Lamar Robinette
- Bayberry Lane, Kendra Place, & Summer Walk—Betty Jane Fourspring

POA residents are always welcome at Board of Directors meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the small conference room in the Corley Center. If there is a change in date or time, we will send out an email notification. In addition, the agenda is posted at least 3 days prior to the meeting online at www.cdpoa.com or www.cdpoa.org and is filed in the CDPOA notebook in the CARC library.