

The Prez Says

April 2016

Resale Store continues to set new records

We had another terrific month in March! The first three months of the year have been spectacular and it's due to the generous contributions to our Resale Store from the community and to our great volunteers. In case you have not noticed the upper parking area is now complete and is a badly needed improvement to our parking situation during peak times. A special thanks to Ed Nichols and Jack Ackerman for making this project a reality.



Construction Update

We reached a major milestone two days ago when our first family closed on their Butler School Road home and began moving in. Next week, another family will move into their new home right next door and landscaping will follow shortly for both properties. Meanwhile, construction continues at a good clip on Butler with two other houses under active construction and the foundation for our **100th house** in place. We expect to have all five houses completed and occupied by the end of the year.

New Homeowner – Keri Rogers (Contributed by Dottie Madden)

I have had the great pleasure of partnering with Keri Rogers, our newest Habitat homeowner. Keri is a mother of three young children, who are all incredibly excited about having a new home. Keri made partnering an easy job. She knew what she had to do and just went about getting it done. Keri closed on her home on April 19 and is looking forward to getting settled in very quickly. From all of Habitat – best of luck to Keri and her family!



Board of Directors News- Meet Jim Rowe our newest Board member

Except for College Jim has spent his entire life in the Chicago area. After graduating from high school he attended Kansas University (freshman year) and subsequently transferred to the University of Kentucky where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy. After Graduation Jim moved back to Chicago and took a position with a Public Accounting firm. In 1981, he became a Certified Public Accountant and practiced accounting until 1989 (including 7 years with his own firm). During the next 15 years he worked as a Controller or CFO for various Construction Companies. In 2005 Jim switched professions to Commercial Banking. He serviced businesses (primarily contractors) with lending and cash management. For the last five years he has acted as a consultant helping businesses with accounting and banking. He currently (although semi-retired) helps 2 businesses in Chicago.

Jim and his wife Jennifer moved to Salem at the beginning of 2016 and although they left a home and some interests back in Chicago, they are permanent residences and most of their time has and will be spent in South Carolina. They have 3 grown children Elizabeth (Notre Dame Law School), TJ (Loyola Medical School) and Megan (East Washington University), along with two grandsons Robby and Joseph.

Jim's role on the Board will initially be as the assistant treasurer and effective January 1st 2017 he will become our new treasurer replacing Jack Lehman. Please join me in welcoming Jim to the Board. His e-mail address is jamesdrowe7@gmail.com

Needed: Chairperson, Family Selection Committee

The Family Selection Committee (FSC) seeks families for Habitat housing, screens applicants and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors (BOD) for selection of applicants for Habitat homes.

The Chairperson for the FSC is approved by the Board and is responsible for supervising the work of the committee, delegating responsibilities to accomplish its goals and report back to the full Board. The FSC meets once a month and the chairperson sets the agenda and convenes the meeting. The Chair also attends monthly BOD meetings. The Chair distributes paperwork for any recommended homeowners and presents the potential candidate to the BOD's for approval. The Chair is responsible for recruiting and training any new members to the FSC, computing new annual AMI figures, updating the pre-application form, addressing any other items requiring FSC attention and also ensuring backup on any other FSC committee positions. The position generally requires a commitment of about 6-8 hours a month.

If you are interested in filling this important, fulfilling position, please let me know lewis48@bellsouth.net.

30th Anniversary Celebration Reminder

Date: Saturday June 11th

Location: Resale Store

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00PM

You will be receiving an “Evite” invitation this week. Please respond promptly (yes or no) so we can properly plan our food and rental needs for the event.

Thanks for making a difference!

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