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WINTER 2018

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NEWS & INFORMATION FOR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS
OF THE ROCK CREEK WOODS COMMUNITY



NewsBriefs

RCW CIVIC ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Open Fall RCWCA Meeting—

Date/location to be announced.

Here is a draft agenda:

- Meet with PEPCO Regional President Donna Cooper RE: power outages, communication issues, and tree trimming
- Newsletter Support for Editors Tom Klein and Mariann Seriff
- Digitize 50th Anniversary Book
- Organize house tour
- Change listserv to another group
- Reconsider painted curbside house numbers—Police prefer highly visible numbers on houses
- Form environmental garden club and discuss Nancy's Garden, Black Path, cherry trees
- Plan joint events with new owners of the Church, Greater Grace Christian Fellowship
- Build interest for election of Officers at 2019 Labor Day Picnic

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Every issue we introduce newcomers to our Rock Creek Woods community. Please take the time to stop in and say hello.

It was **Carrie Chew** who discovered Sue Holbeck's house when it went on the market last winter. Carrie had been in Washington, DC about a decade after graduating from Hamline University Law School, St. Paul, Minnesota. Sue's mid-century modern house was exactly what she had in mind.

We're Glad You're Here

Welcoming New Neighbors

Carrie's parents, **Carol** and **Dan**, who were retired and living in Bayside, Wisconsin, looked at photos and were charmed by the idea of Rock Creek Woods' large trees and natural settings that enhance the homes. They wanted to be closer to Carrie who said, "Come while you are in good health and can enjoy the

area." The house was purchased in January and they moved into the lower level while Carrie occupies the upper level.

Carrie, as staff attorney with Covington and Burling, does "e-discovery" using new digital tools. She has an undergraduate major in French, having studied at University of Montpellier during her junior year and also taking a summer course at the Sorbonne. After graduation from the University of Minnesota, Carrie became "Assistant d'anglais" at the Rectorat de l'Academie de Toulouse. She later took an international law course in Greece.

Carrie's mother, Carol, taught journalism and American Literature at Napa High School in California as well as Mass Communication courses at Portland and Mt. Hood Community Colleges in Oregon. In Milwaukee she



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did a field study for a written and photographic historic preservation report for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. She was also Director of the Milwaukee Turners Foundation and a nonprofit in the Milwaukee Public Library Main Branch that utilized trained volunteers to braille and audio tape materials for people with vision or learning disabilities.

Dan combined television production with an academic career in communication, developed from his work at San Francisco State University. He gave on-camera weather reports at KGVO-TV in Missoula, Montana. He was Manager of Television Operations for Oregon Public Broadcasting and after that in Information & Media Technology at University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. He likes fly fishing and making wine.

Carol and Dan established a wildlife habitat with ninety species of prairie wildflowers, native trees and shrubs around their Bayside home. They hosted many rain garden and Audubon tours of their natural landscaping and have expressed interest helping to form a Rock Creek Woods environmental gardening club.

— Tom Klein

New Beginnings!

Congratulations to **Kathy and Taylor Lednum** (4012 Ingersol) who welcomed their first child, **Chaz Taylor Lednum** on October 4th.

Chaz arrived on time and in good spirits, weighing in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. He is named in honor of both of his grandfathers.

Welcome, little guy, we can't wait to meet you and watch you grow.



Fond Farewells

Joan Cadmus

August 4, 1930 - February 9, 2018

Joan Cadmus, our neighbor at 3700 Spruell, passed away after a long illness. Joan shared the house on Spruell for 42 years with her friend and fellow nurse, Sue Furney.

Joan, originally from Patterson, New Jersey, was a retired Professor of Nursing Education at Montgomery College. She started nurses training in New Jersey and earned an MA in Nursing at Columbia University. She moved to Silver Spring in the late 1950s to live near her sister. Joan worked as a nurse at Georgetown University Hospital briefly, then moved to Holy Cross Hospital where she was the coordinator of a continuing education program for nurses. The bulk of her career was spent at Montgomery College where her final position was directing the second year nursing program.

Joan had to retire in the mid-1990s because of illness but continued to work

occasionally as a copy editor, helping produce nursing textbooks.

Joan and Sue met when they were both working at Holy Cross Hospital. Sue was Head Nurse of Pediatrics. They became housemates in 1965 and bought 3700 Spruell together in 1975. Joan and Sue both liked being by the water and spent many summers in Virginia Beach before buying a house in Chesapeake Beach, MD in 1996. After Sue and Joan both retired they would move to their beach house around July 4th and stay there until Thanksgiving. As a hobby, Joan liked to knit and crochet and was an avid reader of histories and murder mysteries. She also assiduously kept up with the news.

Late in life, Joan treated herself to a blue Jaguar. She also liked house cats, especially Siamese and Burmese. By and large they all got along with Sue's little dogs. Joan's cat died just a few weeks

before she became seriously ill and diagnosed with dementia. Three weeks before her death, Joan got a new cat which she named “Pecan”. Soon after Joan had to move into Manor Care Potomac, Joan asked Sue to bring Pecan over to her. Although that was not possible, Joan continued to plead for her kitty. Because of her dementia, she could not accept “no” as an answer. Sue found Joan a furry cat toy, sleeping in a small wicker basket. It simulated breathing thanks to a small battery-powered device. Joan was thrilled. It was not Pecan but wonderful just the same. In terrible pain during the final

stage of her illness, Joan found comfort with this sleeping kitty on her pillow, wrapped warmly in a green blanket with cats in the design.

Joan’s remains were cremated and buried with her family in Connecticut. Joan’s few blood relatives had all pre-deceased her. She is survived by her dear friend Suzann Furney. Sue will be moving to her old home town, Barnesville, Ohio, where she has two sisters, a brother-in-law, three nieces and a nephew.

— Tom Klein

Daniel Yorkowski

May 6, 1924 – May 1, 2018

Dan was a familiar sight in the neighborhood, tending his large corner-lot lawn, cutting the grass, and trimming shrubbery just so. But he was always ready to chat when you stopped by to say hello. Dan passed away after a long illness. Friends and family joined Molly for a funeral mass at St. Catherine’s, the church they faithfully attended each Sunday morning since moving to Rock Creek Woods.

Dan grew up in Schenectady, NY, was drafted after graduating high school in 1943, and served in the European theater. While preparing for D-Day, Dan’s unit was based in Lancashire, England near Ashton-in-Makerfield. Off-base, Dan and his buddies would wander around town. One day they met a group of girls waiting for the movie house to open. Dan had eyes for Molly Bright, then 17 years old. Encouraged

by her friends who pointed out that Dan did not drink, smoke or use foul language, Molly started meeting Dan regularly. There were dances at the Parochial Hall of St. Oswalds Church (better known as “The Pro”).

One day, Molly’s mother spotted Dan saying goodbye to Molly after accompanying her home and asked “who was that Yank?” She told Molly to bring Dan home so that they could meet him. The visits to the Bright home went well; the romance flourished and continued by mail after Dan’s unit was in France. Wedding bells rang on May 31, 1945 when Dan was able to get special leave from his unit in France.

Not long after VE Day, Dan, luckily, was discharged instead of shipping to the Far East. Back home, he worked as a draftsman with a locomotive company. Molly was not able to

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Meet Our New Mail Carrier Amanda Minkove

Amanda has been our postal letter carrier since early August. This is her first permanent route and she likes our neighborhood. A 2014 business communications graduate of Stevenson University, in her free time, Amanda enjoys catching up with friends and relaxing with a book. Mysteries and thrillers are her favorites.

—Tom Klein



Making Community: 2018 Labor Day Picnic

The Rock Creek Woods picnic was quite a success despite incredible heat and humidity. Depending on the weather next year, we might want to consider other options—fans and lots of bottled water or even an indoor event.

As is our tradition, we let folks know of new community members; offered a special greeting to long-time residents, including **Martha Reeser**, **Suzann Furney** and **Helen** and **Cedric Beachem**; and welcomed visiting former residents **John Levinson** and **Renana Keynes**, now living a short distance away.

Thanks to all who stepped in to set up and clean up; and thanks to **Pastor Kim Shibley** and the Church for lending us tables for the potluck.

—Valerie Tate



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join Dan until March 1946. They lived with Dan's parents until they could buy a small home with the help of the GI bill. Dan took a job in Binghamton to work for Singer Link, a company that built flight simulators for training pilots. They moved to Washington around 1950 where Dan continued his career as a designer for companies that built flight simulators.

The Yorkowski's first lived in Arlington, then an apartment in College Park. Thinking to buy a home in 1959, they discovered the new Rock Creek Woods development. They selected the corner lot at the intersection of Ingersol and Rickover and were able to choose the final elements of their home as it was built. Just a few days after they moved in, son Mark was born. Michael was seven.

Dan enrolled in the University of Maryland's evening

program to earn a BA degree. He signed up for an economics course. His instructor? Neighbor Judith Klein!

The family spent Dan's annual vacation at various beaches on the eastern seaboard. Sometimes the family went camping instead of staying in a hotel. One of Mark's fondest memories was camping with his father as a small boy—just the two of them. Dan's other pleasure at the shore was surf fishing. After retirement from their respective jobs, Dan and Molly enjoyed long winter vacations in Florida and did much travelling. Dan's hobby was photography and he enjoyed capturing on film family events such as the opening of Christmas presents.

Dan is survived by his wife, Molly after 73 years of marriage, his sons Mike and Mark, grandson Tom and his wife Rena and great-granddaughter Madison.

— Tom Klein