

Response from Oct 12, 2023 08:29 PM

– Name

**Karen Berson**

– Husband's Name

**Jory Berson**

– Age

**54**

– Address - Include Zip Code

**13266 Apdon Court, Richmond, Virginia 23238**

– Home Phone Number & Cell Phone Number

**(804) 363-9080**

– Email Address

**LMVA74@msn.com**

– Length of Residence in Area - Two Year Minimum

**33 years in Richmond**

– Children Names and Ages

**Colten, 18 & Britton, 16**

– Education

**University of Virginia, McIntire School of Commerce, BS Accounting**

– Occupation (Past and Present)

**Past: Controller & Accounting Manager/CPA; Current: Volunter**

– Organizations, Interests, Talents

Collegiate School

Parents' Association President

Middle School Coordinator

Village Green Fair Co-chair

Village Green Fair Treasurer (6 years)

Holiday Greens - introduced Mailbox Swag to the array of offerings: created and installed this sold-out fundraising product

Book Fair Chair, Library Chair

Impact 100 - Women's Collective Giving Organization

Membership chair: during tenure, grew/doubled membership to award two \$100K grants (up from one \$100K grant)

Treasurer

Participate in Grants Review by reading grants, attending site visits and selecting finalists most importantly, being a part of Impact has opened my eyes to the tremendous needs of the Richmond community

Derbyshire Community Garden

plan and maintain a personal Garden plot for all seasons

help, as needed, with produce provided to the Wellborne Community Food Pantry in Henrico

Rivergate Homeowners Association/Broad Run IV HOA

Landscape Committee - work with fellow neighbors and contractors to maintain the beauty of the neighborhood and common areas

Treasurer (Broad Run IV)

My interests are evolving as my children are growing up. I always enjoy volunteering as a way of giving back and meeting new friends while working toward a common goal. At Collegiate, it was rewarding to plan and execute community and fundraising events while participating in the life of my children's school. I have found joy and zen with the Community Garden where I have a plot with my sweet little pink rusty flamingo keeping watch over my vegetables. Unfortunately, she did not scare away the rabbits that ate my lettuces recently. I have enjoyed educating myself on various plants (vegetable and flowers) and have enjoyed harvesting seeds and learning propagation techniques.

Other Interests:

Bridge

Fantasy Football -- Treasurer of "Not Your Husbands Fantasy Football" all-girls league

Travel

Walking with friends & our dog, Cookie

– Please check if any experience, Interest or talent in the following:

Home Gardening, Flower Arrangement, Accounting, Propagation, Social Media and Marketing, Writing

– Please list family members in a Garden Club.

n/a

– Please describe why you believe this candidate will make a good member for our club.

This is Karen's second year being nominated for membership to Tuckahoe Garden Club, and we are really hoping she will be able to join our club this year. She is so enthusiastic about membership to our club and already has numerous friends who are members. Karen is also an incredible "worker bee." She has served in volunteer roles big and small, and she has the most positive 'get it done' attitude. Her incredible accounting skills served the Collegiate Parent's association for 6 years before she went on to serve as Village Green Fair Chair and Chair of the Parents' Association. In addition to her 14 years of volunteering at Collegiate, Karen has loved her work with the Derbyshire Community Garden where she has maintained a personal garden plot that also led her to volunteering with the Wellborne Community Food Pantry. Karen was thrilled to join members of our club a few weeks ago on our Shalom Farms work day. In addition to vegetable gardening, Karen has found a love in harvesting her own heirloom flower seeds. Libby, Anastasia and I (Stephanie Lansing) all enthusiastically support Karen's nomination for membership and know that she would make such a positive impact on our club.

– Proposer

**Stephanie Lansing**

– Endorsed By:

**Libby Robertson**

– Endorsed By:

**Anastasia Seevers**

– Optional Sustainer Support