Dave Rosengren

What doesn't Dave do, would be a whole lot easier.

We will try to cover everything we know of, but I am sure we'll miss a bunch.

I''On''s infrastructure has been managed by Dave for as long as I can remember. He is constantly cruising the neighbor, checking on things.

He has picked up the landscaping and lighting responsibilities recently. And you know he will approach that the same way he does the infrastructure, one thing at a time until everything is under control.

He (and Libby Eble) negotiated with SCE&G to reduce our street light bill and followed through to obtain a refund of over $70,000.

He was on the building committee and helped to oversee the construction of the Montessori School. According to Anne Kendrick, they could not have done it without him. He is also on their board representing the community. He is currently the treasurer and responsible for their budget. As a result, the school is in good financial condition. The Montessori School is a Charter School and all decisions must go through the board. This is a very time consuming position.

He is on the Boathouse Committee and keeps an eye on the Boathouse and the lakes showing neighborly concern for the safety, maintenance and upkeep. When the bollards were being installed at Maybank Green to control access, he also had them installed on Eastlake to keep the golf carts off of the path, as it was not designed to for them.

He originated the PrecisI''On Drill Team for the Fourth of July Parade, the first of several unique entries to the parade over the years. He is so creative.

Hosts the annual Cinco de Mayo First Friday.

Offers adult beverages to those in need on Halloween.

Cleaned up the storage areas at the Scramble and Amphitheater and added shelving to make them more useable with the help of Phil Ayers.

Always participates in the Adopt-A-Highway quarterly workdays.

Always is available to help set up/clean up for I''On events.

Christmas Decorations didn't happen without him.

His work with the Holiday Tour of Homes in the past created the parking plan that is being used to this day.

Additionally he runs a golf cart shuttle for all events.

He has been known to give away concert tickets and refuse reimbursement.

He is active in the ConservatI''On Corps.

He built and installed shelving for Ina Nau when she left us for Franke.

He is a "good neighbor" in that he does things for people who need something done. Whether it is lending a tool or doing the whole thing, Dave is there for his neighbors, offering help.

He checks in on the widows to see if they need help with anything. Changing smoke alarms, light bulbs, moving things, Dave is

there for his neighbors. But Dave doesn''t just help I''On neighbors. He has helped Anne and Becky with Families Helping Families and the Teachers' Supply Closet.

Some of you already know that Dave is quite active in Habitat for Humanity. We were able to interview (via email) Greg who is in charge of the East Cooper Habitat. It was several pages long and since we were only given ten minutes, we'll just provide the highlights.

Rosey (that's what they call him) is:

Loyal, a favorite, the best.

He knows what''s needed before it's needed. He jumps in and does what needs to be done. While he is giving and doing, he sheds all attention from himself. And he does it while smiling, singing and joking. The other volunteers return because of him. The Spring Break Students love him. They look forward to his cookouts, asking, "Is Rosey grilling dogs on Friday?"

When they need to work 18 days straight, somehow Dave is there all 18 days. Not only is he a job site volunteer and supervisor, he rises to the occasion at other times when needed. He was a major help to Cathy during the Gala.

It sounds to me like Dave not only provides outstanding community service making I''On a better place to live, but he does the same for Habitat and the rest of the Charleston Community.

We are so fortunate to have him as a neighbor.