

My name is Dave Rosengren, and I'd like to announce that we have a second Civitas Award recipient to recognize this year. This neighbor first identified I'On as just a fun place to get away, when buying a Lowcountry cottage in 2002.

But even while spending only a few months a year in Charleston, this part-time neighbor asked "how can I stay involved in I'On even when I'm not here?" And thus began a long list of ways this person would make meaningful contributions to our community.

It started simple enough – using the internet to stay plugged in. While living in the Great, White North, this neighbor became the keeper of the on-line directory for the I'On website. In addition this neighbor started up a monthly gardening newsletter entitled "I'On is Growing," which met a personal need to learn the plants and gardening techniques of the Lowcountry.

Meanwhile, as the years went by our recipient and spouse spent more and more time in Charleston, and in 2007 made the big decision to make I'On their primary home.

Somewhere along the way, a new editor for the I'On newsletter was needed. This neighbor volunteered and put years of professional publishing skills to work, becoming editor and publisher of the monthly "Living in I'On" newsletter. Our recipient continues to put the significant time and effort required to make the newsletter the primary source of information for neighborhood news and events.

Since everyone knew this person could be counted on and also knew something about plants, this neighbor was asked to review and restructure the HOA's landscaping contract. As a "reward"(?)... this individual was convinced to run for the I'On Assembly Board and in 2008 was elected and served two years as chair of the Communications Committee, greatly enhancing the intra-neighborhood communications of I'On.

Another significant contribution during our recipient's time on the Board was the extraordinary effort to obtain homeowner approval for the transfer fee on home sales, which has enabled us to simultaneously build capital reserves and establish a funding mechanism for community enhancements. For those who might not be aware, making this change required agreement of 75% of all homeowners and required knocking on many doors by this individual and the rest of the Board.

In 2009 this individual championed efforts to upgrade the I'On community website to it's new look and navigation, and instituted the new Terms of Use to help ensure

a quality civil dialogue on the message board. At present this neighbor is in the process of assuming the primary management role for the community website.

Now it's not all been work and no play for our 2nd recipient. October 31st seems to have a special significance as "Halloween in the Hood" continues to grow through this neighbor's effort, creativity and guidance. Add to that ongoing involvement and support for Yarn Buddies, the I'On Club, and the I'On Trust, through Garden Tours and other special events, and our 2nd recipient continues to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Most recently this neighbor was spotted with other neighbors decorating I'On Square for the holidays to help the businesses create a welcoming atmosphere.

I'm sure you all know by now the person I've been describing and it gives me great pleasure to introduce as 2010 Civitas Award winner, our good friend and great neighbor, Ms. Barbara Fry.