

### **Karen Van Slyke**

Karen joins us from Beaufort, SC, where she and her husband, Doug, lived for 18 years at a golfing community called Dataw. After being born in Fort Wayne, IN, she moved 18 times with her family, mostly to the East Coast. No, she is not a military brat. Her father preferred to change jobs frequently.

While at Russell Sage College in New York, she met, at a church function, her future husband who was attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. They took a lot of ribbing when Doug obtained his Master's degree from her father, who was Dean of the School of Management at RPI. Through NROTC, Doug was commissioned and sent to Newport, RI. This was his last choice as he was from there. After four years, he resigned and went to work for IBM. Karen is a registered nurse who has worked for many years as a staff nurse and in management of intensive care units. She has three daughters – one in Nashville, one in Potomac Falls and one here in Settlers Mill. How lucky! There are four grandsons, two in college and two seniors in high school.

Traveling is high on Karen's wish list and she has been to every state except Hawaii. She is a frequent bridge player and also enjoys golf. She is looking forward to doing some volunteer work in the future and said that she much prefers keeping busy than not. Watch out, Karen! The heads of committees will be after you. We hope that you will find an interesting and rewarding future here at Patriots Colony and are so glad you chose to be with us. Welcome.