

## **2012 New Vestry Member: Clem Brooke**

I am Clem Brooke. I am married to Mary Nell and have one daughter, Claudia, a senior in college.

I am retired from the moving and storage business. I worked for Allied and Bekins Van lines as a moving consultant for 28 years. After retirement, I worked 3 years for Garda Security.

I grew up in the Episcopal Church. My family attended Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, MO. Mary Nell, Claudia and I have been attending St. Martins for 14 years. I have ushered and taught Sunday school for 6 years. I have worked on the "famous" St. Martin's garage sale for many years. Currently, I am an auxiliary member of Altar Guild.

Looking at St. Martin's, I see a church that has excitement and optimism about moving towards the future. We have many new families joining us, which is the future.

The traditions of past are there to guide us. With the dedication of the present congregation and the future generations of youth I feel that St. Martin's will continue to grow and prosper.

It is my hope as a member of the vestry, I can continue in the high level of dedication we have seen by the current and past vestry members.

## **2012 New Vestry Member: Lynn Corning**

I am very blessed to have been baptized in the Episcopal faith. As a cradle Episcopalian, I take my faith seriously and have a fervent allegiance to this religion. This past spring, I was reaffirmed in our church. Doing so not only tested my knowledge of our church history and traditions, but also gave me a sense of renewal in my faith.

Originally from the Washington, D.C. area, I have lived in El Paso, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico; my family attended the Episcopal Church everywhere we lived. We moved here in 1996 and have been attending St. Martin's ever since. My daughter, Melissa, was very active in youth activities, including mission trips and other ministries. She is currently studying to become a music therapist.

I work as an administrative contractor for the Regulatory Department of the Monsanto Company in St. Louis. This job has allowed me to expand my knowledge and grow my leadership skills. Although I have a full-time job, I have always believed in giving back to my community. My volunteer activities have been numerous, but two I am most proud of are: serving as PTA President in El Paso and providing translation (Spanish to English) to other wise non-participatory parents and in recognition of Literacy Month, providing the students with library cards. Not a familiar concept in the predominantly non-English speaking community. The other contribution I am proud of is being instrumental in bringing the Race for the Cure to St. Louis. After beginning this monumental task in 1997, the St. Louis Race for the Cure came to fruition in 1999. We more than doubled our goal of 5,000 attendees. The St. Louis race is currently the largest 5K race in the world. We have broken every record with the Komen Organization.

I would like to see our St. Martin's community continue to expand our membership. Evangelism is an important part of this growth. The Christian Education ministry has been responsible for many wonderful programs. As a new member of this ministry I would like to see this program grow as well. I also feel that it would benefit St. Martin's if we expanded our horizons to participate in more Diocesan programs. For example; In October I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to go to Nashville, TN to visit the Magdalene House. The Magdalene program is a residential program for women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution and addiction. This is a program currently in the genesis stage through our diocese.

It is an honor to serve on the St. Martin's vestry.

## **2012 New Vestry Member: Loretta Go**

Loretta has been a member of St. Martin's since 2004, and is faithful in attendance at the 8:00 service on Sunday mornings. She is currently active in the Outreach Committee, is a licensed Layreader and Chalice Bearer, and occasionally serves as an acolyte.

A job opportunity as a multi-family mortgage underwriter with GMAC brought Loretta to St. Louis in 2002. Hoping to change to a career that would allow her to pursue a lifelong interest in animals, she graduated from the Nash Academy of Animal Arts in February of 2011 and went to work as a pet groomer. However, a recent diagnosis of osteoarthritis in both hands has prevented her from actively pursuing that path. Loretta and her husband Jack live in Ballwin, where she currently remains in the mortgage business as a broker and consultant with Oppenheimer Multifamily and Healthcare Finance, and grooms part-time from her home shop. Jack is a Senior Vice President with Stifel Bank & Trust in Creve Coeur.

Loretta is the third and youngest child of Chinese immigrants who came to America in the 1950's to escape the war. She and her siblings were not exposed to Christianity until a family friend persuaded her parents to let them take her and her older siblings to Sunday school and church services at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where she was subsequently baptized at the age of nine. She believes that being transformed into the likeness of Christ is a process that started in childhood and will continue for the rest of her life. Seeking God's will through prayer, worship and involvement have been instrumental in Loretta's faith.

Her vision for St. Martin's is for it to continue growing as a welcoming and inclusive environment available for all individuals to learn and come to know the abundant love and blessings of Christ. During the next three years, Loretta feels that a stint on the Vestry will help to develop and translate this vision in reality.

## **2012 New Vestry Member: Mike Reeves**

Mike Reeves has been an active member of St. Martin's Church for 35 years. During that time, he has served on the Vestry and Finance Committee and has taught Sunday school for about 12 years. Currently, Mike still teaches Sunday school and is active in Men's Group, including cooking for various events. He has picked up Garage Sale furniture with the men of St. Martin's for many years, and he chaired Garage Sale Pickups for the past several sales.

Mike's goals for St. Martin's are to continue increasing membership and ensure financial stability for the future. He also would like to see Sunday school enrollment grow.

Mike holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Georgia Tech and a MBA from Rollins College. Mike has much experience in the fields of Operations Management and Information Technology.

Currently, Mike is a small business owner. His firm specializes in repair and maintenance for PCs for residential customers (including St. Martin's members) and small business owners.

Mike has been married to Teresa for 40 years, and they have 2 grown sons.