

KIAWAH ISLAND  
**COMMUNITY**  
ASSOCIATION

2024 KICA BOARD CANDIDATE

## Carol Medendorp

4555 Park Lake Drive

KICA Member Since 2010

Full-Time Owner: Villa Home

Frequent User of the Sandcastle

Member of:

- KICA Sandcastle User Group
- Island Groups: Kiawah Women's Group, Kiawah Women's Foundation, Kiawah Island Naturalist Group, Sandcastle Book Club, Biker Babes, Property Owner Parties, Kiawah Dinner Group, Community Emergency Response Team, turtle patrol, water aerobics, pickleball, mah jongg
- Governor's Club



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VIDEO INTERVIEW

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## **VISION AND OBJECTIVES FOR KICA**

My vision for KICA includes a Board of Directors that works together in harmony, collaboration, and respect. The Board decisions should enhance all members' experiences and quality of life on Kiawah. There should be collaboration with the town on issues. Community outreach is vitally important and should include task force groups, committees, surveys, and community forums. The Board needs to be very open and direct with meeting agendas and have fewer executive sessions. Hearing and understanding what is behind decisions is important for trust. Board Members need to be involved and out in the community.

To achieve my vision and have the island thrive we must work together for common goals. I believe this will lead to a positive member experience.

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

I attended Purdue University on a swimming scholarship and graduated with a BS degree in Child Development and Family Studies.

I taught Early Childhood Special Education, Kindergarten, and 2nd grade for 35 years, mostly in my hometown of Wheaton, Illinois. I taught 5-7 years olds about conflict resolution. It has been said that everything you need to know you learned in Kindergarten. I believe this to be true most of the time.

I have a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and 80+ additional graduate hours. A teacher's world is of a lifelong learner.



I was a school representative for the Teachers' Association and for 10 years, my 1,000 member district elected me to represent them at the National Education Association Assembly.

## **COMMUNITY OR BOARD LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

As proud as I am of being a career educator, I feel my involvement ON Kiawah is the critical piece for Board service.

As a villa owner, I serve on the Parkside Regime Board. The board is currently overseeing the installation of new docks.

In 2017, when the adult pool was announced, I presented a petition to the KICA board about heating it. Monthly I talked to the board about this issue. Now it is heated! I continue to attend board meetings.

I have been a KICA Sandcastle Task Force member. I regularly take classes at the Sandcastle and attend most events offered to members.

For 5 years I was co-leader of the annual Beach Day sponsored by Kiawah Cares.

I co-chaired the Teen Holiday event for the last 2 years for the Kiawah Women's Foundation.

I served as a board member of the Kiawah Women's Group.

I am part of the Town of Kiawah's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which helps in disasters and assists the resort in running of the Triathlon, Marathon, PGA, and Swim Across America.



With all my service to organizations, I understand the important K's of Kiawah and can integrate this knowledge into Board decisions.

## **KEY ISSUES I HOPE TO ADDRESS ON THE KICA BOARD**

1. Traffic and gate access is a pressing issue for many members. These issues will become more intense as The Cape and other new developments are built. KICA Board will be a very critical factor in how these issues are addressed. Our roads and infrastructure must be taken into account and our community experience preserved. I suggest a task force to discuss Kiawah access, traffic and enforcement. The safety and enforcement committee currently deals with this but a larger group could brainstorm more solutions.
2. I strongly believe the community should have a voice in deciding if the developer should continue to have a seat on the board.
3. According to our bi-annual survey, the bike paths continue to be the most used amenity. It is important to keep them in excellent condition: i.e., trim the foliage regularly, make sure sight lines are not blocked, ensure the asphalt is not an impediment to safety. One particular area to address is a consistent path to the Sandcastle from the west. This would help keep bikers off that curvy road.

