

Meet Your Neighbors ~ Charles and Kara Roell

By Marge Green

I would like to challenge all my gentlemen readers. As a young boy do you remember all those hot sunny summer days when your mother called you to duty because the lawn needed cutting? While you probably did not really mind doing it, the timing was never right. However, some of you no doubt felt it was an escape from other chores that might have required thought and concentration. The whirl of the machine did allow you an escape into the land of dreams to enjoy your own flights of fantasy. Into that sanctioned day dreaming many of you looked up and reveled in the beautiful cotton ball clouds playing in the sky. Some hoped their future would be spent dodging or going through those cotton balls in an airplane. Others formed different grand plans for their future. Some of your dreams did bear fruit.

I want you to get to know a young gentleman and his family who are new to our area. His daydreams did bear fruit. He and his wife are born and raised in the Midwest. That is a place known for beautiful, clear summer days with cotton ball clouds which were so conducive to flights of fancy for a youngster. He thought the most wonderful thing one could do was to fly free in the sky. Maybe even escape his earth bound ness. After a determined effort and hard work his dream has finally come true. I am talking about Marine Corps Captain Charles Roell. He now pilots a beautiful machine that lifts him to heights he could hardly imagine as a child. He is a Prowler EA6B pilot stationed at Cherry Point. He has already served two tours of duty in Iraq.

Charles, "Dutch" or "Chuck" as he is affectionately known by his friends and family, has had an interesting career that

finally led him to his dream. Along the way he had a very normal life which has included a nearly lifelong friend, Kara, his lovely wife. His father was in the military and they naturally lived in many areas. While he was born in Colorado, he considers Indianapolis home. Dutch is the oldest of four children. He has a sister and two brothers. After graduation from Purdue in 1997 with a major in aeronautical technology he joined the Marine Corps hoping some day to be a pilot. After Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia, he was chosen for flight school and became a Marine pilot. He had achieved his dream.

Kara was born in Indianapolis. She has three sisters. During grammar school she met Dutch who was destined to become her lifelong friend. He was in the fourth grade and she was in the third. She laughingly confided that he was the neatest and handsomest boy in grammar school. They were great friends, and dated some during high school. They both graduated from Roncalli High School. After Kara graduated from Colgate University, she went in search of her dream in New York City, on Wall Street in investment banking where she was in client services. After a three year stint in New York, she moved to San Francisco and worked for a private equity firm for five years. She loved every aspect of her work. She had achieved her dream. All during this time she and Chuck would visit one another as schedules allowed. They were very good friends and enjoyed being with each other. Their lives more and more seemed to revolve around the times they spent together. It was time to make their friendship permanent and marry. They

were married in March of 2005. Chuck was at Cherry Point and they moved into Pine Knoll Shores on Salter Path Road.

They are blessed in that they have family in the area. Kara's sister Lori is married and has a baby girl. Lori's husband Mike is a firefighter in Indianapolis. Her next sister, Valerie, is married to a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune. They live in Hubert. Her youngest sister, Elaine is unmarried and lives in Indianapolis. Andy, one of Charles' brothers, is also in Indianapolis and works as a firefighter. His other brother teaches special education in high school. His sister Kate is in real estate with her mother. Both sets of parents are friends and still live in Indianapolis. They are a unique family in their closeness and enjoy a genuine friendship with their extended families and their children.

I must tell you of the treasures shared by Kara and Chuck. They have lovely nine-month old twins, Hannah Addison, "Addy", and Brayden. They do keep mom and dad busy. I believe they are the only twins in our town who are permanent residents and will be a welcome addition to the expanding "Mother's Day Out Group".

As I always do, I asked their likes and dislikes of Pine Knoll Shores. Kara would love to see the sidewalks of Atlantic Beach extended to the end of Pine Knoll Shores. She also wishes for a commercial airport that is closer and a little more diverse shopping area. Of course, they both love the maritime forest with its many birds and the ocean for surfing and beach pleasure. Stop and chat with them when you see them on the beach with their twins.

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sentiments had already made them both winners in more ways than one.

But just for the record, the two Rons didn't finish too high up on the list in their flight but they did have an exciting time, including an encounter with an alligator that Ron, Jr. nearly stepped on while looking for a ball in the water. Ron, Sr. reported that the encounter got Ron, Jr.'s adrenalin running to the point that he took out a seven wood and planted a long shot smack on the green. Anything to get away from that 'gator.

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