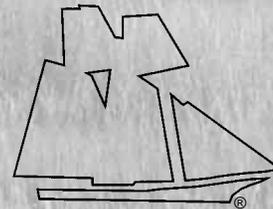


**THE LANDINGS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION  
2007-2009**



# Candidate Profiles



Gary Bross  
Cliff Lindholm  
John Platte  
Chris Savage  
Pat Shea  
Gerry Von Bargaen

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## Completing Your Ballot

1. Mark the ballot, place it in the envelope labeled **BALLOT**, and seal the envelope.
2. Put the ballot envelope in the envelope addressed to **TLA Corporate Secretary**, seal it, and sign it in the space provided on the front. (*Note: If the property is jointly owned, only one owner-of-record must sign.*)
3. Place a stamp on the outer envelope and mail; or you may deposit the envelope in the Association drop box (located at the circular driveway at the Association); or hand deliver the envelope to the Association reception desk during normal office hours.

Ballots must be received no later than:

**DECEMBER 18, 2006 at 5 P.M.**

*Note: If you did not receive a ballot with this voter packet, please call 912-598-2520, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5p.m.*

## Voting Instructions

The purpose of this election is to elect new members to The Landings Association's Board of Directors for the 2007-2009 term. It is being conducted in accordance with Article V of the Bylaws of The Landings Association, Inc.

The Landings Association Nominating Committee has proposed six candidates for three vacancies on the board.

Each Landings lot, including those with two or more owners-of-record, is permitted three votes - one vote for each of three candidates. Lot owners may name and vote for write-in candidates. The names of write-in-candidates should be clearly printed on the ballot. Do not vote for more than three candidates, including any write-in candidates.

Owners of multiple lots may cast votes equal to the number of lots owned. For example, owners of two lots are entitled to a total of six votes. However, the number of votes for any single candidate cannot exceed the number of lots owned. (The number of lots owned is listed on the outside of the white return envelope.)

Please refer to the last page of this brochure for instructions on completing your ballot.

You can view video interviews with the candidates on Cable Channel 7 each day at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Your completed ballots must be received prior to:  
December 18, 2006, at 5 p.m.**



**GARY BROSS**

After graduating from Duke University, Gary Bross was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He served a combat tour in Vietnam, and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service. Upon return to the states, Gary was an instructor for officers at Quantico, Virginia, before resigning his commission to enter Emory University School of Law. Staying in Atlanta after graduation from law school, he established himself in private practice. He raised his family in the Atlanta area and has two grown children who still reside there. Gary has represented clients in all state, appellate, and Federal courts, and now works part time, with a specialization in civil litigation.

Gary first became familiar with and visited The Landings in the late '70s. He bought a lot and home in the early '90s, visiting several times a year before moving here fulltime in 1999.

Gary has served on and represented community homeowners associations, has held every position of leadership in the Methodist church, and

remains a member of the Atlanta Athletic Club, where he has served on the finance, house, greens, golf, and membership committees. He is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia.

*We must recognize the divergence in demographics of the people we are elected to serve. With the first generation of homeowners reaching into their third decade of residency, with baby-boomers seeking to reinvest the fruits of their labors from points beyond, and with a younger group of local residents considering The Landings as the place to raise their families, the Board must find ways to attract and maintain all of these groups within the concept of community. To view The Landings through the eyes of less than all of these groups will detract from the overall appeal for everyone.*

*Emphasis must be given to three areas: first, a strong, positive impression of our total facilities including roads and paths, our water assets, natural areas, and buildings, etc; second, internal security, including enforcement of Covenants and policies for our well being and safety, as well as insuring a viable disaster plan if required; and finally, reinforcement of the need for qualified and courteous individuals who provide the daily services to us.*

*As a bridge for all the groups (longevity, baby boomer, and still working), I will provide thoughtful input to the changing needs of all of our community. With more than 30 years of legal experience, I have unique skills to evaluate legal issues and formulate policy for the betterment of all our residents.*



**GERRY VON BARGEN**

Gerry Von Barga and his wife, Lois, retired to The Landings in 2000, from Dallas TX. They grew up in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Gerry entered the Air Force after graduating from Bowling Green State University. Gerry spent his 30-year Air Force career in financial management, which culminated in the management of a \$20 billion budget for operations and maintenance. This budget funded Air Force programs that are similar to many of the financial activities of The Landings Association.

While living in a suburb of Dallas, Gerry served as president of the local country club board and as a member of the city's airport board. After moving to The Landings, he was a member of the committee responsible for the rewrite of the Rules and Regulations and then became a member of the Association's Covenants and Compliance Committee. He also served as a member of the Association's Public Safety Committee. Gerry and Lois are currently volunteers with the American Red Cross and participate at Hunter AAF in the send-off and welcome

home of soldiers going to and returning from Iraq. He also was responsible for the "Adopt a Soldier Program" which was established for our young soldiers in Afghanistan. Three hundred Landings residents adopted soldiers and mailed letters and packages to help show our appreciation for their service.

*As a Director of The Landings Association, I will focus on several important issues affecting all residents and impacting the growth of property values. I view one of our highest priorities to be a revision of the Covenants, which were established by the developer, Branigar, and which allow residents to vote on changes only every ten years. I believe that residents need more flexibility to implement changes that are necessary to enhance our community, our lifestyle, and the value of the investment we have all made to live here.*

*We are approaching the window that allows for a resident vote on changes to the Covenants, and it is extremely important that all residents are fully aware of the importance of bringing this document up to date. I am committed to a comprehensive study and analysis by the Board and a communications effort that provides full disclosure to residents on the issues involved and guarantees that any changes proposed by the Board reflect the result of extensive study and feedback of residents' concerns and suggestions.*

*As a resident-owned community, the Board and our professional management deal with all of the issues of a "small city." However, revision of the Covenants, combined with the need to maintain financial stability and the quality of our "product," are among the highest priorities that must be focused on by the Board over the next three years.*



**PAT SHEA**

Pat Shea and her husband, Brendan, moved to The Landings in December of 2002, trading the snow and ice of Connecticut, and a seat in the Connecticut General Assembly, for the warm, welcoming island they now call home — all with the blessings of their three married children and six grandchildren. Pat graduated from Smith College with a degree in Psychology and holds a Masters Degree in Counseling. After a number of years as a Corporate Relocation Consultant for both Merrill Lynch and Prudential, Pat was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly's House of Representatives, where she served as Ranking member of the Human Services Committee. She also served on the Education and Transportation Committees, as well as the Governor's task force on Terrorism.

Pat's current community activities at The Landings include board member of the Skidaway Island Republican Club and President of Landlovers Green Thumb Garden Club. She previously chaired St. Peter's Antique Show Plant committee, and co-chaired New Neighbors' Historic Day Trips committee. Former community service included eight years Board of

Directors, Family Services, Woodfield, chairman of Quality Control, town Conservation Committee, church vestry, Chairman, town's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

A Master Gardener (2004), Pat teaches "Roots and Shoots" to Savannah school children at the Bamboo Farm. She also sings with the Notables, a four-part harmony group dedicated to bringing music into the lives of those who need it the most.

*During the next three years, The Landings Association Board will have the opportunity — indeed, the responsibility — to review, assess, and recommend changes to the existing Covenants and Articles of Association under which we all currently live. In the last 10 years, our community has matured, and our demographics have changed. The Board's challenge will be to listen carefully to the thoughts and concerns of the community and take action in the best interest of all, whether it be the elimination of Covenants which no longer serve us well, or the addition of Covenants more relevant as we go forward. These same Covenants carry with them the element of compliance, a difficult issue but one we must address if we are to maintain the natural beauty of our island, our security, amenities, and home values. Perhaps we need to change the very articles that allow us to make changes to allow a more timely response to issues as they arise.*

*My experience as part of a team creating, shaping, and passing legislation to achieve a desired goal would be beneficial to me as a board member. Listening skills, the give-and-take necessary to produce the best result, community involvement and interaction, the ability to communicate effectively, and follow through — these are the skills I would bring to the Board. I would be honored to be a member of the 2007 Landings Association Board.*



**CLIFF LINDHOLM**

Cliff Lindholm and his wife, Karen, moved to The Landings from Montclair, NJ in 2005. Their combined family has eight children and 19 grandchildren. Cliff has a BS in engineering from Princeton University and an MS from Stevens Institute. He spent five years with General Motors as a Production Supervisor. He is Chairman of Falstrom Company, a family-owned firm which manufactures electronic cabinets for prime contractors outfitting US Navy nuclear vessels.

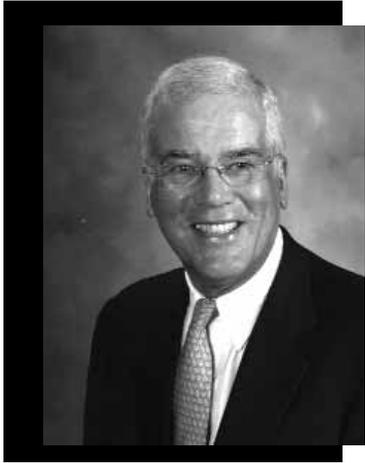
Cliff is a former Mayor of Montclair. He successfully completed negotiations to provide fire protection for a neighboring community, resulting in lower taxes for Montclair citizens. He was President of the Montclair Board of Education and integrated the Montclair School system; Vice Chairman of Passaic General Hospital; Vice President of Passaic Valley Planning Association; Scoutmaster Troop 13; and board member of NJM Insurance Group and NJBIA.

Cliff is a member of the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church; The Landings Club; the Savannah Chamber of Commerce; and the Skidaway Island

Rotary Club, with whom he tutors DeRenne Middle School students in reading and math; and is a Red Cross volunteer.

*Important Landings Issues: Review and acceptance of appropriate changes to the Covenants and Articles of Association are probably the most challenging. Open discussion with opportunity for member input is essential. Recommended changes need to be clearly defined, fully explained, and effectively "sold." With the continuing economic expansion of Chatham County, The Landings Association needs a strategy which will make it a meaningful participant in issues impacting the County, the City of Savannah, and Skidaway Island. As landowners, we pay significant taxes, and the Association has a responsibility to make sure our interests and concerns are heard and addressed. Member involvement in "off island" boards is important.*

*Why Vote For Me? The Landings and Montclair, the town I am from, have similar structures of governance. Good professional management and able, hardworking Board/Council members get things done. Preservation and enhancement of property values, maintaining infrastructure and community facilities, and effective and efficient use of financial resources are critical to continuing the attractive character of our community. I believe my past experience can be of value to The Landings Association's Board in evolving and supporting ways to achieve this.*



**JOHN PLATTE**

John Platte and his wife, Louise, first purchased property at The Landings in 1997 and moved here full-time from Darien, CT in 2003 after John's retirement. John is a 1963 graduate of Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. He spent the next three-and-a-half years in the U.S. Navy as an officer aboard a helicopter carrier. After the Navy, John spent 12 years in the investment business, first as a portfolio manager with Chemical Bank in New York City, and then as Head of the first Investment Department in Saudi Arabia. The last 23 years of his career were spent with Russell Reynolds Associates, a leading global executive search firm, first in London and then in New York, where he was a Managing Director and ran the firm's Domestic Banking Practice.

Currently, John is a member of the Marinas Committee of the Association and the Tennis Committee of the Club. He served as a Neighborhood Representative for the TLA assessment this past fall. He currently serves as a Board Member of the Skidaway Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association and is an active volunteer

at St Peter's Episcopal Church. In Connecticut, John served as an elected member of the Representative Town Meeting in Darien and as a member of the RTM's Finance Committee. He was also a Board Member of Middlesex Club in Darien and a member of the Board of Governor's of the Union League Club in New York City.

*The Landings has evolved into a mature and fully built out community, with limited opportunity for new home construction. The challenge for The Landings Association, therefore, is to maintain and enhance our existing properties, both common and private, at a level that will secure our position as the most desirable private residential community in the coastal Southeast. Working within the guidelines of a sound capital investment plan and maintenance schedule, The Landings Association should be able to further enhance the beauty and amenities of our community. With regard to the private sector, The Landings Association can play a significant role in encouraging, educating, and even assisting in the maintenance and improvement of private properties.*

*Just as critical as maintenance is to the enhancement of our property values, so, too, is the successful marketing of The Landings. With The Landings Club and The Landings Association having as much at stake as The Landings Company in ensuring that we have directed our marketing efforts at the right audience and in the most effective manner, it is now time to have a more cooperative marketing effort between the three entities in terms of intellectual, creative, and financial capital.*

*Finally, work has to begin on updating the Covenants to reflect the current and future needs of our community.*



**CHRIS SAVAGE**

In 1995, Chris Savage, her husband Lew, and their daughters Jessica and Erica, moved to The Landings. Her parents, Bob and Suzanne Sherman, arrived in 1989.

Chris grew up in Rochester, New York. She graduated from Columbia College and attended the University of Missouri. She was employed by Eastman Kodak Company for 26 year, retiring in 1992. She held several sales and marketing positions within various U.S. cities.

During her past 11 years at The Landings, Chris has gotten involved at her daughters' schools, Landlovers, New Neighbors, Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association, The Landings Association, and The Landings Club. She has held several board and/or committee chairperson positions. Her longest term of volunteering has been with The Landings Association. She started out on the Strategic Planning Committee, and also participated in the development and fundraising activities deemed necessary to build the TLA playground. She served five years on the Public Safety and Security Committee, and at the same time found

time to serve on the Covenants Committee. She served as chairperson for the Covenants Committee for three out of five years.

*I believe the two most important issues facing The Landings over the next three years are Covenants revisions and infrastructure repairs and/or replacements. As we all know, The Landings is 30-plus-years-old, and both of these issues are current concerns, which relate directly to our future success.*

*Having served on the Covenants Committee for the past five years, I know first hand that the majority of residents value the Rules and Regulations to enhance and perpetuate our cherished community.*

*This year, the committee has begun the arduous task of reviewing other similar Georgia communities' covenants versus ours. Several Landings Association staff members are guiding us in the process. Upon completion of this project, our recommendations will be shared with the community for their constructive criticism. A community vote could be taken by 2009, with any approved changes implemented in 2012.*

*My second concern is the state of our infrastructure, such as roads, medians, amenities, etc. Before 1994, Branigar was at our beck and call to "fix it." Now it is the residents' turn to "fix it." The challenge is prioritizing the capital needs to get the tasks done in a timely way, so that our beautiful community doesn't appear "run down" or "out-dated." To help me in executing these important issues, I will use my prior community service knowledge, accompanied by my fine-tuned listening skills and my consensus-building expertise. Let's all work together for the common good of our community to ensure a fabulous future.*