

## 2013 Vestry Nominees

### Meet the Candidates

*Order is Alphabetical*



**Janet F. Byington** has been a member of St. Peter's for three years. She is the District Director for Congressman Phil Gingery. Prior to that, she was the Development Director at St. Mary's Catholic School, where she served as principal for one year. Janet is also the owner of Janet Byington Homes, Inc. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Janet serves on the Altar Guild, is a lay reader, and serves on the Capital Campaign Committee. She wrote and produced the video for the campaign. She has lived in Rome since 1975, and has worked with many non-profit organizations. Some of these include: Chiaha for 35 years; Co-Chairman of the Rome Christmas Parade for 28 years; Rome Rotary Club for 9 years; past president of the Rome Junior Service League; past president Seven Hills Garden Club. She is the current president of Rome Area History Museum and Paradise Garden Foundation.

She enjoys golf, quilting, renovating houses, and writing inspirational books. Janet is married to Bill Byington, a local attorney. They have three children between them, Will Byington (wife Heather), a local realtor; Dr. Kelly Byington, radiologist; and Emily Johnson (husband Bryan), a local assistant district attorney and member of St. Peter's. They also have two grandchildren, William and Thomas.

Janet grew up Presbyterian and Bill grew up Methodist. She writes, "St. Peter's has been a good fit for us."



**Dagmar Schmitz Carlton** and her family have been members of St. Peter's since August of 2003. She is a lead teacher at the primary level at the Montessori School of Rome. She and her husband, David, were received and confirmed at Christ Church in Pensacola, Florida in May of 1997, where they were active members. They were also active members of St. Luke's, San Antonio, Texas and St. Luke's, Norfolk, Virginia.

Her St. Peter's involvement includes, Children's Ministries Committee; devoted choir member —cantor, soloist and diocesan choir events (Evensong for Bishop Alexander and the ordination of Bishop Wright);

Sunday School teacher at various levels; co-teaches the Club 56 class; Vacation Bible School, various capacities; Children's Choirs Music Makers director; capital campaign committee member; and Heifer International Market planning committee. She has been a part of a Wednesday night supper team, served on the Wednesday night planning committee. Prior to returning to work full-time, she volunteered in the soup kitchen. She co-chaired and ran the weekly soup kitchen at a previous church.

Dagmar's community involvement includes being a member of the Junior Service League since 2006. Her involvement with JSL includes: Hospitality House Chair for the five years running; Follies participant and performer; Strategic Planning Committee charter member; one of five participants in the new Active Lite capacity (for those who've completed active service and are sustainers - but still wish to serve). Dagmar served as a mentor for three years in Rome City Schools. She also volunteers in various capacities in support of her children's schools and activities, and leads the needlework club at the Montessori school.

She is a graduate of Emory University, where she received a degree in psychology and music (voice). Her graduate work has included becoming a fully-credentialed Montessori teacher. Dagmar also studied ASL (American Sign Language).

She and David met at Emory and were married in 1992, after dating for five and a half years. They have three children; Alexandra, Nicholas, and Isabella. Her hobbies include word puzzles, gardening, cooking, crocheting, and photography.

Dagmar states, "I am honored to be nominated, and would welcome the opportunity to serve my parish family in this capacity."



**Cooper Crawford** has been an Episcopalian and member of St. Peter's all his life. He works as a Project Manager for Professional Service Industries, Inc.

His involvement at St. Peter' and in the community include: Usher, Nursery, Children's Chapel, Youth Committee member, and a former acolyte. Cooper is a past member and president of the Darlington Alumni Council, past board member of the Boys and Girls Club, and a youth basketball coach.

He is a 1983 graduate of Darlington school, and 1987 graduate of Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. His hobbies include reading, sports, and spending time with his family.

Copper is married to Madge for over 18 years and they have three sons, Asa, Will, and Hank.



**Suzy Barritt Gilbert** has been a member of St. Peter's and Episcopalian for the past five years. She attended Randolph Macon Woman's College for two years and graduated from Auburn University. Suzy and her husband, Pete regularly attend the 8:30 service.

Her St. Peter's involvement includes being a member of the Altar Guild, serving on a soup kitchen team, and assisting the breakfast crew. Her involvement outside of the church includes

Rome Junior Service League, garden club and Empty Bowls Project. She has been a board member of the Open Door Home; Rome Area Heritage Foundation; YMCA; and Good Neighbors Ministries. She was on the board at Darlington School for over 20 years.

She has been married to Pete for almost 49 years. They have three "wonderful" children, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law: Barritt and wife Emmy; Amy and husband Britton; Ivy Spencer and husband Tom. They have ten grandchildren, ranging in age from 10 to 20 years of age. Both of their daughters live in Birmingham, so they often go for a visit.

Suzy's hobbies include, gardening, playing bluegrass music with Pete, reading, exercise, hiking, fishing, being outside and gathering with family and friends.



**David Hunter** has been a member of St. Peter's since 2001. He recently retired from Wells Fargo Advisors (formerly A.G. Edwards, Inc.) as Senior Vice President—Investments. Prior to Wells Fargo, he was a Senior Examiner for the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance. He also served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam Veteran.

His involvement at St. Peter's includes being a past treasurer for four years, and serving on the breakfast crew for eight years. He is the co-chairman of the capital campaign committee. Outside of St. Peter's, he is the past president of Harbor House, Rome Rotary Club, and Coosa Country Club. He is the past chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board and is an award recipient of the Heart of the Community.

David is married to Nancy Smith Hunter, and they have two four-legged children, J.B. and Lucy. He enjoys golf and travel. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Valdosta State University.

David states that St. Peter's "has opened a wonderful new chapter in my life, a new family, new friends, renewing old friendships, and above all, spiritual growth."



**Mary Horton Selman Kelly "Mai Mai"**

has been a member of St. Peter's her entire life and is a fifth generation Episcopalian.

Mai Mai is a member of the altar guild, substitute soup kitchen volunteer and office volunteer. She is a member of a Loaves and Fishes team, a former Sunday school teacher and Bible School volunteer. Her community involvement includes: former president of the Darlington Parents Association; former board member and current supporter of Chieftains Museum; and a former member of the

Rome Symphony guild.

She is a graduate of Thornwood School for Girls, the University of Georgia, and the National Center for Paralegal Training. She also attended University College in Oxford England. She is currently a private tutor.

She is married to her high school sweetheart, Bill, a captain for Southwest Airlines. They have three children, Molly, Bess, and Jack. She is also proud to be Jody Selman's daughter. She has a beagle and two wild tomcats.



**John S. Kirkland, Jr.** has been a member of St. Peter's and an Episcopalian for 32 years. He has been a vascular surgeon with the Harbin Clinic since 1978.

Dr. Kirkland's church involvement includes vestry member from 1983-1986, including senior warden in 1986; member of the rector search committee, 1986; Sunday school teacher; program chair for the adult forum; member of the discernment committee "Four Goals, Four Years"; usher for over 20 years; and member of the capital campaign committee.

His community involvement includes: Rome Floyd Chamber of Commerce Board of Directory, 1986-1989; Darlington School Board of Trustees, 1984-1989; Chair Annual Sustaining Fund, 1987-1988; President of medical staff Redmond Regional Medical Center (RRMC), 1983-1988; Chair board of trustees RRMC, 1988-1991; Georgia Northwestern Technical College medical director vascular ultrasound training program, 2002-present.

He graduated from Darlington School in 1962; Emory University with Bachelor of Arts degree in 1966; Emory University with a Medical Doctorate degree in 1971; Ph.D. in 1972; and the University of Michigan, vascular surgery residency.

John has been married to Mary for the 44 years and they have three grown children and four grandchildren ranging in age from 3-10 years. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, fly fishing, reading, and boating.

John states, "St. Peter's Church has been an integral part of the lives of the Kirkland family for over 30 years and one of my greatest joys is to see our children and grandchildren being very involved in, and committed to, the Episcopal Church in Atlanta. I feel privileged to have been a parishioner at St. Peter's for 32 years and welcome the opportunity to serve again on the vestry if elected."



**Jimmy Smith** has been a member of St. Peter's for 30 years. He is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors.

His involvement at St. Peter's includes being a member of the 2012 rector search committee. He has volunteered with the EYC, Sunday school and Godly Play. Outside church, he is a board member and president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Georgia; YMCA of Rome and Floyd County board member and a member of Rome

Rotary. He will serve on the South Rome Redevelopment Committee starting in 2013.

Jimmy enjoys spending time with "the three prettiest girls" he knows, wife Hollye, and daughters Mary Burke and Harper. He enjoys exercising, spending time with friends, travel, but does not like yard work.

He states about St. Peter's, "I have always felt that St. Peter's was a special place. Over the past 5 years as our family has grown this has become clearer to me. This past year I had the honor of serving on the Search Committee....It was, without a doubt, one of the most spiritual times in my life. I witnessed our church transform from a grieving community into one that is filled with energy and excitement. We must not only maintain that excitement --- we must build upon it. I have never been more proud to be a member of St. Peter's than I am today---I can't wait to see what the future holds for our church family."