

## **MARIECHEN SMITH**

Mariechen Smith moved to Carolina Meadows from Connecticut in 1997. She is a graduate of Connecticut College for Women with a major in Economics and Marketing. Her business background includes the position of Publicity Director for the Northam Warren Corporation in Stamford, CT and editor of Today's Woman Magazine, a Fawcett Publication. Subsequently, she was a Realtor in Darien, CT and Charlotte County, FL and was named Realtor-Associate of the Year. Mariechen earned her Masters in Education from University of Bridgeport in 1968 and was a lecturer on Real Estate at the Stamford branch of the University of Connecticut.

After moving to Carolina Meadows, Ms. Smith began actively attending meetings of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners. She was the one who asked the County Commissioners to pass a Resolution commending Carolina Meadows on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The resolution, dated October 4, 2010, was presented by Sally Kost, County Commissioner.

She ended her Chairmanship of the Residents Association Community Outreach Committee in the spring of 2011 and has been a member of the Public Relations Committee for Carolina Meadows.

Mariechen is one of Carolina Meadows' main connections to Chatham County. She still keeps up to date on County business. She has steadily researched and spoke at seminars promoting and sharing news of the Chatham Park Development in Pittsboro.

Ms. Smith has organized (and continues to organize) many bus tours of Chatham County for residents and staff to help them get to know Chatham County better. Tours often include government and historical landmarks, businesses, government services and nonprofits in Chatham County.

Mariechen is the strongest advocate for Chatham County that anyone could hope for. Once she moved to the County, she dove right in to learn as much as she could and ways that she could contribute. She enjoys meeting new people, making connections and has collaborated with people from all over Chatham. As a retiree, she has been as active as many of the county business leaders. She is a jewel!