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In keeping with the Silverlakes-Gateway HOA Board of Directors' commitment to open and honest communication with the membership, I offer the following comments on the Jan. 17 board meeting.

The year 2017 finished with available "free cash" of \$87,300, with just one area over budget — Villa ground expenses — by \$748. In order to repay the HOA operating fund, this will have to be refunded. Some time ago, a Villa equity account was established, and the repayment will come from this account. No additional payment by Villa owners will be required. As far as Hurricane Irma damage, it appears Silverlakes was one of the lucky communities where damage expenditures were under our insurance deductible. Therefore, we will not be getting any insurance payments for our relatively small amount of damage. There are still a couple of repairs needed around the clubhouse. The board is working on getting better estimates on those repairs.

In the last newsletter, I commented on the board's efforts to get the abandoned home on the southwest corner of Lakeland Circle fixed up and sold. During those comments, I used the term to describe the situation with that house as a "Zombie Foreclosure." It seems someone did not care for me using that term in my comments, but the letter was not signed, so I could not answer that person directly.

Therefore, using this means, I would like to say that I was merely relaying a term expressed to the board by our attorney. It seems a large number of the attorneys in our area use that term as there are a few houses in this area that fit that situation. With all the "hoops" we are forced to jump through to try to resolve this situation, it seemed like a fitting term.

I believe I had stated in the past that the Villas would have their roofs cleaned in the first quarter of 2018. The board received several estimates to have the roofs, sidewalks and driveways cleaned and

chose Aqua Blast to do the work. No exact date was given, but the cleaning will be done in the first quarter.

A couple of homeowners have volunteered to serve on several committees, and I want to express my deep appreciation to them. Our Finance Committee could still use some more help. If anyone would like to help on this committee, just let any of the board members or committee members know of your willingness to serve. As I have said before, many hands make for light work.

Some personal dumbbells have been left on the floor in our gym. We cannot allow people to bring their own exercise equipment into the gym and leave them there. New dumbbells matching the HOA's dumbbell set have been added in the same weights as the personal dumbbells. Therefore, we are asking the owner of those dumbbells to remove them from the gym. If they are not removed within the next few weeks, the board will dispose them. Thanks for your cooperation. The next board meeting will be held Feb. 21. Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.

Sunshine Committee:

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to Silverlakes residents who are welcoming a new child, recovering from an illness or surgery or mourning the loss of a loved one. But the committee needs your help. If you know someone who could use a card, please send their name AND address to Sue Beard at shadden@comcast.net or call her at 689-8065.

Red Hat Review:

The year began for Chapeaux Rouge with a trip back to one of our favorite restaurants, Cheddars in the Gulf Coast Town Center.

Members filled two tables, and quite a few of us chose the very popular chicken pot pie. I don't believe anyone had any leftovers. One of our new members was wearing a stunning "fascinator" (basically a headband hat) that she had made herself. Since it drew so many compliments, she offered to host a hands-on demonstration so we all could make one.

The next event will be a luncheon at the clubhouse, followed by the hat demo, on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact the Queen Mum, Jan Wold, at 849-5184.

In Memoriam:

Our condolences go out to Claude Marku, one of the HOA board members, on the death of his mother, Dec. 3, in Malverne, N.Y.

Our sympathy to Margaret Evans, of Lakehurst Court, on the death of her brother.

Breakfast with Santa



These children were among the many who were thrilled to meet Jolly Old Saint Nick at the Breakfast with Santa.



Gingerbread House Contest:



Donna Marchetti, who chaired the Gingerbread House contest, poses with Joshua Lawrence, left, and his brother Ryan, the first- and second-place winners.

Chinese Dinner:

The clubhouse was filled to capacity for the Jan. 13 Chinese Dinner, organized by Judy Dobson, second from left, with a host of fellow Social Committee volunteers. From left are Cheryl Lynch, Judy and Mary Ann Dobson, Agnes Lund, Steve Dobson and Dan Dobson. The catered meal was provided by the 'China Star' restaurant in Lehigh Acres.



Please go to page 5 and save it. It is the Social Committee's 2018 calendar. You can plan ahead and be sure to keep the dates available for Silverlakes' events.

2018 Social Committee Events:

Feb. 3: Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., \$5 per person/\$15 per family

Feb. 10: Silverlakes Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon, \$5 per participating household

Feb. 17: Dance featuring the live band Chicago Heat, 6:30 p.m., \$15 per person

Feb. 24: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

March 3: Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., \$5 per person/\$15 per family

March 10: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

March 17: St. Patty's Dinner, 6:30 p.m., \$10

March 25: Ice Cream Social, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., *free*

March 31: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., *free*

April 28: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

May 19: BBQ, 6:30 p.m., \$10

May 26: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

June 23: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

July 21: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

Aug. 25: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

Sept. 22: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

Oct. 6: Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon, \$5 per participating household

Oct. 20: Italian Dinner, 6:30 p.m., \$15

Oct. 27: Bingo, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards

Oct. 31: Halloween, 6 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 17: Harvest Celebration, 6:30 p.m., \$15

Dec. 1: Breakfast with Santa, \$5 for ages 12 and up, and Gingerbread House

Contest, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., under 12, *free*



Ice Cream Social

