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## From Our President

*Submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, President, for the Board of Directors:*

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 Feb. 21 board meeting.

In the first month of 2018, spending was close to our budget. Even so, spending was over budget by \$120. That's not much, but every little bit helps.

The highest overage was utilities. Very often, I find the floor fans in the gym running at full blast with no one in the room. A simple turn of a switch might help get the utilities closer to the budget. If anyone hears the fans running on their way to the pool and no one is in the room, please take a moment to turn them off. It would be very nice if the last person leaving the gym would make sure the fans are off. Everyone has an opportunity to help keep our costs manageable.

Nearly a dozen residents are late paying their quarterly assessments. The late fees add about 90-some dollars to the quarterly assessment. A resident came in asking our CAM if he could give his late payment to her. Our CAMs have never accepted quarterly assessments in our clubhouse., and Alliant will not accept HOA quarterly assessment payments at its office as of Dec. 15, 2017. Now any on-time payments can be dropped off at any BB&T office with your payment coupon or sent to BB&T Association Services, P.O. Box 628207, Orlando, FL 32862-8207. I would think any late payments along with the associated late payment fines would be accepted at their office, **BUT we are checking to make sure.**

There are many ways to have your quarterly payments made automatically to avoid any late payments. Most banks have bill payment services to make those payments for you from your

account. The quarterly payments can also be deducted automatically from your bank account. The quarterly payments can also be applied to a credit card, if you wish. All these methods will help you avoid late fees.

Last month, \$600 was spent on hurricane repairs, and the board is working on several more items to repair or replace. They include replacement of the chandelier over the clubhouse double doors, the clubhouse parking lot light and post, the parking lot pavers and the fence behind the exit sign monument around the waterfall equipment. The board is looking at getting an arborist to assess parking lot tree root removal and the possibility of shaving down the roots rather than removing the trees all together.

As most of you know, it is painstakingly slow to get contractors to return estimates, let alone to get the required work completed.

Our manager has been concentrating on hurricane damage while other less important items have not been addressed. At the end of March, all violations will be addressed and letters sent out. Our CAM has sent out 188 letters since the first of the year. As was mentioned, most of these concern hurricane damage. As of the February board meeting, some 106 violations have been closed and 51 have been granted an extension. Make sure to send in the compliance form when the item has been taken care of or use it to ask for an extension.

I have made many requests in the past for more volunteers to help on our committees. We have just received a volunteer to help out on the Finance Committee. The board is very thankful for the additional help. We also need additional help on our Fine Appeals Committee, as well as our Communications Committee.

The Fine Appeals Committee needs one more volunteer to replace a temporary member. Sometimes it is several months before fine is appealed and a meeting is then needed.

Our Communications Committee needs a volunteer to replace our Webmaster, who is moving to another community in the area. Our current Webmaster will continue running our web site until another volunteer can be found. Our current Webmaster will train our volunteer on how things are done on our Web site: [www.silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com](http://www.silverlakes-gateway-hoa.com)

We sincerely hope we can get another two volunteers to help our community.

The next meeting will be our annual membership meeting on Wednesday, March 21. Please send in your proxy votes so we will have a quorum and we will then be able to conduct the meeting. Please arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. to sign in. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.

### **Red Hat Review**

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Cindy Mason and Judy Dobson prepared a comfort food luncheon for 13 at the clubhouse. They served smooth, creamy cheddar cheese tomato soup and toasted cheese sandwiches cut into heart shapes. The meal included coffee and bottled water and a beautiful tray of pastries and red velvet mini-cupcakes for dessert.

After lunch, members gathered around a table to watch a demo by Babe Kinder on how to make a fascinator hat. Some made their own hats at the event, but more decided to try it at home.

The group also welcomed a new member, Joanne Tuckey.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 8.

### **Dancing the Night Away**

More than 40 Silverlakes residents and guests danced to the music of Chicago Heat, a local band that plays music from the 1950s and 1960s, on Feb. 16 in the clubhouse.

The evening, with a Valentine's Day theme, featured light refreshments including shrimp cocktail, chicken roll-ups, Cape Cod chicken salad sliders, lobster spread, spinach-artichoke dip, assorted crackers and tortilla chips, a cheese tray, brownie bites, pastry, assorted cookies and Madelines, along with water, green tea and sodas.

### **Social Committee Upcoming Events**

**March 3:** Silverlakes Breakfast Buffet, \$5 per person, \$3 for children or \$15 per family

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

**March 17:** St. Patty's Day Dinner, 6:30 p.m., \$10 per person, payable in advance

### **Sunshine Committee**

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to people who are welcoming a new child to the family, recovering from an illness or surgery or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, please contact Sue Beard at 239-689-8065 or email her at [shadden@comcast.net](mailto:shadden@comcast.net)

### **In Memoriam**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret Evans, whose husband Carl passed away Feb. 8 at their home. Carl and Margaret are long-time residents of Silverlakes and live on Lakehurst Court.

Our condolences also go to Judy Siegel, wife of board president Lauren "Bird" Siegel, who lost her brother-in-law Dennis in Wisconsin.