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## A Message from our President

Submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, president, for the Silverlakes HOA Board of Directors.

About 20 homeowners attended the March 21 annual membership meeting. The board needed 99 proxies to hold the meeting and received 103.

Since Claude Marku has agreed to remain on the board, there was no need for an election, according to Lindsay Ruiz, Silverlakes' community association manager (CAM).

The one proxy question was approved by a vote of 94-to-4, with four abstaining.

No buyers came forth for the clubhouse folding chair carts at the recent garage sale, and there were no inquiries from the ad placed on Craigslist. The carts were put in front of the gates and offered as giveaways, since it was determined it would not be worth the effort to salvage them.

A homeowner inquired about a rental home owned by an investor on Silver Bay Court, where police were called several times in a single week. The lease ended in November 2017, with no renewal having been filed, and the same people are still living there. The board may fine the owner \$100 for failure to file a renewal and is considering other options.

Another homeowner suggested the board upgrade all the wooden mailboxes in Silverlakes, but most in attendance balked at the cost that would be incurred by each

homeowner. Lindsay mentioned that one of the properties she manages got the cheapest all-metal post and box available for about \$215 each a couple of years ago, and they are already falling apart. It was also mentioned the mailbox upgrade was a proxy question a few years ago and was voted down almost unanimously. Another resident suggested [Silverlakes](#) consider one central locked mailbox for the entire community, but that idea got a negative response from just about everyone in attendance.

The membership meeting began after Kenny Hall, the Utilities Manager from Gateway Services, gave a short rundown of what his utilities section of GSCDD will be doing this summer. Probably during July or August, they will be checking all the sanitary sewer house drains for clogging. Seems quite a few Gateway communities saw them back up during Irma, prompting the upcoming inspections. They will be checking from the street to the collection point in front of each house. The section from the collection point to the sewer clean-out near everyone's house is the responsibility of the homeowner. He said it would be best if everyone would find their clean-out cap and make sure it is clear. Repairs could be costly.

He also mentioned they will be watching to ensure residents are adhering to the proper irrigation watering times. These times are midnight to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to midnight. See Gateway's Website, [gatewaydistrict.org](http://gatewaydistrict.org), for the proper days for your address. Violators could be fined.

Hall also talked about the two gray round transmitters on top of the manhole type covers on the top of everyone's water meters. These are located several feet in from the edge of the street in the grassy area between the two driveways. If those covers are removed and turned upside-down, the lithium batteries will drain rapidly. These gray transmitters send out the amount of water used on a monthly basis. If a high usage is noted, the homeowner will be notified of a possible leak in their system.

The membership meeting began at 6:15 p.m. and adjournment was at 6:38. The organizational board meeting, which always immediately follows the annual membership meeting, was very short with all the board members remaining in their present positions.

Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for [Silverlakes](#).

## **Red Hat Review**

On Thursday, March 8, some 16 Ravishing Red Hatters met at the clubhouse for a High Tea. It was planned and hosted by Marilyn Steiner and Shirley [Willmering](#) and was very elegant. Tables were set with linens, napkins and colorful runners. Each place had a beautiful pink rose and a footed bowl of cold strawberry soup. All the tea cups were different, since we all brought our favorites.

The buffet table was covered with a tablecloth that had a vase of roses in the middle, and as we arrived, our food was re-plated onto two- and three-tiered servers as we sipped mimosas and gathered to chat.

We enjoyed cucumber sandwiches and egg salad sandwiches, scones, muffins and fruit,

as well as an assortment of beautiful desserts. We had our choice of black or herbal tea, both of which were delicious.

Thank you to the hostesses and to the many who stayed to clean up. The next event, hosted by Lois Hyatt and Mary Gary, will be lunch at the Three Fishermen Seafood Restaurant in North Fort Myers.

The group still needs a member to take over as Queen Mum, since Jan Wold will abdicate her throne after the May event. "It would be a shame to have to dissolve the chapter, so please consider the request," she said. "I'd be happy to do what I could to assure a smooth transition."

## Social Committee Report

The clubhouse saw a lot of activity in March, beginning on March 3 with a **Family Breakfast Buffet** that fed 60 people. There was a wide variety of food and drinks to satisfy everyone's preferences.

On the following Saturday, 38 people attended our monthly **Bingo Night**. The scent of freshly popped popcorn welcomed the players.

The annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** consisted of appetizers, the traditional corn beef and cabbage meal and dessert. The Calendar Girls completed the evening with their lively music and dancing.



*Bernie Paquin came dressed for the holiday at the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner.*



*The Calendar Girls were the surprise entertainers at Silverlakes' St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The group, who perform for donations, has been sponsoring guide dogs for veterans since 2006.*

The **FREE Family Ice Cream Social** took place on March 25, with the 47 people who attended devouring lots of delicious ice cream flavors and toppings.



*Janice Eaton and Dan Dobson enjoy the ice cream at the free social.*

*Young Elijah's face shows his preference for chocolate ice cream at the free Ice Cream Social in the clubhouse.*

The **Easter Egg Hunt** on March 31 drew 37 children ages 12 and under who met the Easter Bunny and shared many eggs and toys that were given away as prizes.



*Parents take photos of their children at Silverlakes' Easter Egg Hunt on March 31.*



A youngster gets his photo taken with the Easter Bunny.



There's nothing like a cuddle with the Easter Bunny.



## Upcoming Events

These events are planned in April and May at the clubhouse:

**Saturday, April 21:** A brand-new event, *Greeting Card-Making*, will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is just \$3 for instruction and materials to make at least two cards, including the envelopes. The event is open to all ... beginners and experienced card-makers. Call Agnes at 561-9661 to sign up.

**Saturday, April 28:** *Bingo*, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards with additional cards available for \$2 each. The cost includes soft drinks, water and snacks. RSVP by April 21 by calling Agnes at 561-9661.

**Saturday, May 12:** *Bingo*, 7 p.m., \$5 for three cards with additional cards available for \$2 each. The cost includes soft drinks, water and snacks. RSVP by May 10 by calling Agnes at 561-96611.

**Saturday, May 26:** *Memorial Day Dinner* featuring Sonny's Catered Barbecue 6:30 p.m., \$10 per person paid in advance by May 20. Payment can be made at the clubhouse on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.

## Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee sends getting 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)

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