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A Message from our President, Lauren "Bird" Siegel, for the Silverlakes HOA Board of Directors.

Everyone is always interested in how our finances are doing. We had been sticking pretty close to our budget, but Irma took care of that. Due to hurricane damage, spending exceeded the budget by \$4,306. Other than that, our number of delinquent accounts is down slightly, and just about everything is on track.

Still, there seems to be some confusion concerning fishing on our north lake. This lake, which actually is a storm water retention pond, does not have a common access. Therefore, anyone who wants to fish on this lake who does not live on it must get permission from the homeowner to be on their property. In addition, the homeowner needs to be home at the time the fishing is taking place. Otherwise, it is considered trespassing, and the police can be called.

In addition, fishing is allowed only during daylight hours. Night fishing is not permitted.

For more information, please see our Rules and Regulations, Exhibit F, #14. For information Gateway Services has posted concerning fishing, see <http://www.gatewaydistrict.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/updated-agenda-item-fishing-on-gscdd-ponds.pdf>. We hope this helps.

Seems we had a gator who apparently tried to swim through a connecting water pipe and got stuck and drowned. He was seen bloated and floating upside down close to one of the shores in the north lake.

Florida Fish and Wildlife was called, but they do not handle any dead animals. The correct course to follow if this should happen again is to call Gateway Services at (239) 561-1313 and they will arrange for someone to remove it. Remember, Gateway owns all the lakes here in Silverlakes, as well as in all of Gateway. If there is a live gator spotted that needs to be removed, contact our community association manager (CAM), Lindsay Ruiz, or any board member. Silverlakes has been identified as a gator harvest area. Make sure you give the address at which the gator was last seen and the time of day it was spotted.

Once again, I want to thank ALL committee and board members for all they do for Silverlakes.

Upcoming events

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

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 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 calling Agnes at 561-9661.

Saturday, May 26: Catered Barbecue, 6:30 p.m., \$10 per person, payable in advance to Ana Amaral. She will be available at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the clubhouse to receive payment.

Saturday, June 23: 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 calling Agnes at 561-9661.

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. Sue will need the name and address of the person to whom the card will be sent.

Red Hat Review

It seems the April Chapeaux Rouge chapter's event was to include a communion with nature. Those of us who arrived early at the clubhouse to carpool to the restaurant were entertained by a squirrel that had plucked a red Hibiscus blossom from a bush under a palm tree. He spent a minute or two figuring out just how to hold the blossom in his teeth. That done, he proceeded to go in circles around the trunk of the palm tree on his way up with his treasure. We all got a chuckle from his antics!

We enjoyed lunch at The Hut on Buckingham Road. The grounds are beautiful, full of trees, bushes, flowers and small structures that include a fountain, gazebo, picnic tables and benches.

We were the first customers and were fortunate to be seated at a table for 10 set up ahead of time for us in the solarium, a serene area where we once again had a chance to commune with nature.

The May hostess will be Lana Knabe, who is keeping us in the dark about where we are going.

Unless someone steps up by then, May will be our last formal gathering, since Queen Mum Jan Wold

will be abdicating the throne after 14 years at the helm of Silverlakes Chapeaux Rouge. The group is really hoping someone will step forward to assume the crown.

Card-Making Class

Thirteen beginner and experienced crafters participated in the first-ever Card-Making Class sponsored by the Silverlakes Social Committee. The event was co-chaired by committee members Jolie Brito and Fran DeRonne.

Crafters created greeting cards made with small cocktail napkins that they cut to size, pasted onto card stock and sprayed with glitter. They then chose from a variety of stamps to personalize their cards. The cost was \$3 to cover the cost of the supplies, which included the envelopes in which to mail the greetings.

Another class is planned, with more information to be sent out in the future.



Janice Eaton, left, and Yolie Brito at the class.



Agnes Lund displays the two greeting cards she created at the first Card-Making Class in the clubhouse.