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

WE DID IT!!!! Due to the diligence of Silverlakes homeowners, the mortgage on our clubhouse has been paid off!

A bank headquartered in Glendale, Calif. executed the release of assignment on Dec. 28, 2018. It is so nice to see the secured \$1 million promissory note signed Dec. 27, 2000 by then-President Gene Hogg and Vice President Kerry Levin with a stamp across the top proclaiming "PAID IN FULL." Every Silverlakes homeowner can be proud of our beautiful clubhouse, since every homeowner had a part in paying for it.

Not many other communities can say that they own such a nice clubhouse. As I said Jan. 19 at our mortgage-burning luncheon, Congratulations, Silverlakes! I also thank our Social Committee and all their helpers for organizing the wonderful event.

I also announced at the luncheon that after two-plus days of troubleshooting and testing, our entry gate is now working great.

Main Gate installed two new receivers at the gate — one on the gate hinge post and the other on the call box. Now the gates start to open when the remote button is pushed right at the sidewalk on Griffin at the approach to our pavers. It took a couple of days, but the gates are working properly now.



The clubhouse pool filters and pump equipment have not been installed yet because we have not received the permit and other paperwork from the county. One of our pool heaters also has failed. It will be replaced during the installation of the new filters and pump equipment, if not sooner.

While the Silverlakes Pool is closed, residents will have to use the Gateway Community Pool on Gateway Boulevard. Please bear with us during this time.

There have been several break-ins of cars and homes in the surrounding areas. There also have been reported on the Gateway Neighborhood web site that several people have been observed walking around our community with crowbars and hammers.

Please be mindful to lock all your vehicles left outside overnight, as well as your house doors. If you see suspicious activity, please call the police and they will respond. The non-emergency number is (239) 477-1000 or call 911, depending on the situation.

There also have been several reports of people speeding through our streets.

Our streets are not as wide as the county streets, like Griffin Drive. Small children sometimes play in their driveway between the cars parked there. I have seen little ones dart out from between vehicles onto the street. It's very hard for a driver to stop in time, even when the driver is observing the speed limit of 25 mph. I have had reports of people doing upwards of 40 to 50 mph through our streets. Please slow down before someone gets injured or worse.

I have also received several reports concerning people who do not stop for our stop signs. One such violation almost caused an accident near our entrance. Please observe our stop and speed limit signs. It only takes a few more seconds to be safe.

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 residents of the community who are welcoming a new child, mourning the loss of a loved one, celebrating a special anniversary or recovering from an illness, injury or surgery. But the committee can't do its job if no one shares the news.

If you know someone who could use a card, please call Sue Beard at (239) 689-8065 or email her at shadden@comcast.net. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

Speaking of special anniversaries, Orrie and Cindy Mason, who spend winters in their home on Lakeland Circle, were guests of honor at a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party Jan. 11 in the clubhouse.

Although the official anniversary date is in August, their friends and neighbors in Florida wanted to recognize the occasion before the Masons return to their home in Massachusetts in the spring.

If you happen to see Orrie and Cindy, wish them well on 50 years of wedded bliss.

Chinese Dinner

The fourth annual Chinese Dinner was held Saturday, Jan. 12, in the clubhouse. It was catered by China Star, with 60 people enjoying four entrees: Sweet and Sour Chicken, Cashew Chicken, Pepper Steak and Pork Mai Fun. The dinner also featured white rice, pork-fried rice, egg rolls and plenty of fortune cookies and other assorted cookies.

The dinner was produced by the Social Committee, whose members set up for the event, served the food and cleaned up after. The Social Committee is always looking for new members and new ideas for events residents might enjoy.

Upcoming Events

The Social Committee is planning these events in February:

Feb. 2: Breakfast, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 23: Garage Sale, 8 a.m. to noon, \$5 per participating household.

Feb. 23: Bingo, 7 p.m.

In Memoriam

Our condolences go out to Earl Erwin of 11274 Lakeland Circle in the Villas on the death of his wife, Alice, on Dec. 11. Born May 7, 1939 in Moscow, Tenn., she served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed at Gunter Air Force Base and Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Thoughts and prayers are with Pam Thomas of 11085 Lakeland Circle who lost her husband David over the holidays. The Thomases are relative newcomers to our community, and we share in Pam's loss.

Thoughts also are with John and Ana Amaral of 11185 Lakeland Circle on the sudden death of John's nephew on Jan. 15 at the age of 24. Ana heads the Silverlakes Social Committee, while John chairs the Finance Committee.

Condolences to Eileen Schomer and family on the recent loss of her husband Phil. While they were living in Silverlakes, Phil served on the board of the Silverlakes Homeowners' Association.