



Silverlakes News

From the HOA President:

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 March 16 annual Membership Meeting.

A quorum of 99 was needed for this meeting. There were 104 proxies returned, and a little over 30 members attended.

The meeting minutes from last year's annual Membership Meeting were read with only one correction required.

The president's annual report to the membership had been mailed out in advance to all homeowners, and there were no requests for an explanation of any item. I did add that we are not getting new garbage cans from WastePro, as mentioned in the past. I also reminded everyone they could exchange their rather large recycle bin for a smaller one by calling WastePro.

The tiles stacked on the roof of the new house being constructed on Lakeland Circle have since been installed. No timeline has been given for the completion of the new house.

The treasurer's annual report to the membership also was mailed out to all homeowners in advance of the meeting. Since the mailing, there was an addition/correction to the report. The board had been advised not to carry a bad debt account for the Villas, since there is no bad debt in the Villas. The funds in the bad debt account have been moved into a "Villa Equity" account. These funds were of sufficient amount to repay the HOA funds that were used to cover the overrun on maintaining the Villa irrigation system during the previous year.

Therefore, there is no longer a need for a special assessment to Villa owners to make this repayment. The Villa owners have been asked if they want the remaining funds to remain in the "Villa Equity" account or refunded to all the owners. Once all the letters are returned, the board will comply with the desires of the majority of the owners.

The only unfinished business was the Drainage Retro-Fit plan along the northern boundary of our community. Since Hampton Park (WCI) has built a swale with a drainage pipe system on its side of our northern boundary, there has been no minor flooding on our side after a rainy period. The northwest corner of our community still has some standing water after heavy rains, so those two or three properties still need the drainage pipe.

Lennar was the original contractor for our community. They are going to install a small drainage system for those properties. I have met with WCI and Lennar's engineers at the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) offices. The smaller, 12-inch pipe system will drain any standing water in that area into the new "lake" recently dug just off the northwest corner of our community. SFWMD has given its verbal approval of the revised plan. We are just waiting for the revised plans and the permit to be pulled for the construction to start.

The only new business was elections and the results of the proxy questions. There were two board positions with terms expiring this month. The only letters of intent received were from the two board members in those positions; me (Lauren "Bird" Siegel) and Markus Albrecht, treasurer. Therefore, no elections were needed. The board's organizational meeting held immediately after the annual membership meeting kept all the board

members in their respective positions. The three proxy questions all received enough yes votes to pass.

The comments from the membership came from several homeowners who want to build a Bocce Ball Court in our Circle Park. That park is on the inside southeast corner of Lakeland Circle that has shoreline on our south lake. There are about a dozen homeowners who play the game and several of them are willing to construct the court using association-supplied materials. They are also willing to sign a waiver relieving the association of any liability.

They are in the process of finalizing the cost of the materials. This park is a common area, so the organizers will need the approval of 75 percent of ALL Silverlakes homeowners to use this common area. Once all the information is available, a letter will be sent out to all homeowners, much like our annual meeting notices, asking if they approve or not.

The board urges everyone to return their vote. Remember, it takes 75 percent of **ALL SILVERLAKES HOMEOWNERS**, not just of those responding.

The only other comment from the membership was a surprise. The surprise was a thank you to the board for a job well done. That was punctuated with a round of applause from all in attendance. I just love happy endings, don't you??

*Respectfully submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, president, for the Board of Directors:
PJ Stratton, vice president; Jane Grethey, secretary; Markus Albrecht, treasurer; and Claude Marku, legal liaison.*

Sunshine Committee:

Aaron and April Barney of 11298 Lakeland Circle welcomed their first child, a son, Max, on March 3 in Health Park Hospital. Max arrived a week early and weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

The Sunshine Committee sends out cards to Silverlakes residents who are celebrating a special accomplishment, welcoming a new child, recovering from an illness or mourning the loss of a loved one.

If you know someone who could use a card, please call Sue Beard at (239) 689-8065 or email her at shadden@comcast.net.

We rely on you to share the news about your friends and neighbors.

Red Hat Review:

Silverlakes Chapeaux Rouge met March 10 in our own clubhouse for High Tea. We numbered 12 very well dressed ladies, and each of us brought a menu item for the tea.

We enjoyed scones and Devonshire cream, cinnamon buns, fruit salad, mini-quiches, a selection of tiny sandwiches, small cheesecakes, petit fours, strawberry soup and a wide variety of delicious teas from which to choose.

The tables were set with fine linens and beautiful plates supplied by our hostess, Prudi. Each of us brought a tea cup and saucer, and after we were finished eating, we each told a story about our tea cups. Many were handed down from family members and meant a lot to their current owners.

Our next event will be held on Thursday, April 14, and will be hosted by Joanne and Elaine. We'll be going to the Ginger Bistro on Cleveland Avenue near JoAnn's and Burlington Coat Factory. If you're interested, please contact Queen Mum Jan Wold at (239) 849-5184.

Social Committee Report:

Sixty people attended the annual St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck on March 11 in the clubhouse. The highlight was the traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner, complete with potatoes and carrots, provided by the Social Committee. In addition, those in attendance provided a variety of delicious appetizers, sides and desserts.

A delicious community breakfast was served up in style by these ladies on March 19. From left in their “Easter bonnets” are Margaret Evans, Mary Ann Dobson, Cindy Mason, Antoinette Cendali and Fran DeRonne.



Easter tradition brings families to clubhouse

About 35 children carrying Easter baskets spilled out of the clubhouse March 26 in search of hundreds of Easter eggs filled with goodies, including tickets for special prizes that included baskets and stuffed animals.

The Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored each year by the Social Committee, is eagerly anticipated by the children who call Silverlakes home.

Volunteers, including Mia Hawk, Prudi Fournier, Prudi's sister Sandi, Mel Eaton, Richard Macchia, Judy Dobson, Savannah and Daisy, arrived early to hide the eggs.

Children and adults enjoyed cookies and beverages while they waited for the hunt to begin, and many of the little ones had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, who handed out candy, chalk and bubbles.

Children 3 and under went first, followed by those between the ages of 4 and 7. The 8 and up group was dismissed last. Some were thrilled to find \$1 bills inside their eggs, while others found coupons for the special prizes.

Photos were taken by Mary Ann Dobson.





Concert benefits charity

A musical performance March 23 by Meyer and McGuire raised \$155 for charity. Silverlakes residents Karen and Tom Booth coordinated the appearance of the performers, who agreed to sing and play in the clubhouse for no fee — provided that any money raised go to a good cause. The funds will go to the local Soup Kitchen, which will use the money to buy new books for the children who get their meals there. Thanks to the performers, the Booths and all who attended.

Upcoming events:

April 28: Bingo, 7 p.m., Clubhouse

May 28: Bar-B-Q Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.

Welcome to Silverlakes' newest residents:

- Tyler Lynch
- Lynn & Yvonne Koenig
- Ryan & Brenda McGinnis
- Scott & Allison Shea
- Brenda Hurd
- Rodney & Susan Drenning