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From the HOA President:

Our annual membership meeting on March 17 was held thanks to the extra efforts of a few board members, our community association manager and residents who helped get the required number of proxies to form a quorum.

Regulations require a quorum of 30 percent of our community's homeowners to be present or to submit their proxy votes before the meeting. We have 329 owners, so the 30 percent requires 99 proxies. Several residents left the clubhouse to solicit a few more proxies to attain the required number. We reached 91 proxies about seven minutes after 6 p.m., when the meeting was to begin.

The majority of homeowners overwhelmingly gave the board of directors approval to use the HOA's reserve funds in case of an emergency — something like hurricane or flood damage requiring more funds than our property insurance or operating funds would cover.

Another purpose of the annual meeting was to elect officers. Current director Claude Marku, who had previously submitted his letter of intent to remain on the board, was the only candidate, so there was no need for an election to be held. Our thanks to Claude for his volunteer service on the board for another three years.

Several committee members are getting their heads together to develop a new welcome packet for newcomers to the community. Due to the new gate entry system, residents need updated information. As a reminder, after April 1, the old clicker system will be deactivated.

Vehicles without the new RFID stickers will have to enter the five-digit number on the back of their proxy cards PLUS one zero (0) to open the gates. Our new call box system only recognizes six digits instead of the existing four numbers. Most of the old four-digit numbers, like the one for contractors to gain entry, will still be available, BUT two zeros (00) must be added to the end of the old four numbers to open the gates. Thanks for everyone's patience in getting used to these new procedures.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of comments and questions about short-term rentals and mailboxes. Both of these issues are yet to be resolved. The comments on both sides of those issues were lively.

Social Committee:

Free Coffee and Conversation are offered at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the clubhouse. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors!

Game Nights are offered at 7 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hand and Foot is played on Mondays; Euchre on Tuesdays; and a variety of games on Thursdays. All residents are invited.

Want to join the Social Committee? Contact Ana at ama6258@gmail.com

Coming events:

Saturday, April 10: Free Ice Cream Social for residents only. Individually wrapped ice cream and fruit bars will be served. RSVP by calling Agnes at (239) 561-9661.

Monday, April 12: Book Club, 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. The book for this month is "Peace Like A River" by Leif Enger. RSVP by calling Marilyn at (239) 671-6929.

Saturday, April 24: Monthly Bingo Night, 7 p.m. Three cards for \$5, and snacks and water are available for free. RSVP to Agnes at (239) 561-9661 or Cheryl at (421) 616-0992.

Wednesday, May 5: Cinco De Mayo Dinner, 6:30 p.m. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Sunshine Committee:

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to Silverlakes residents who are recovering from an illness or surgery, celebrating the addition of a child to the family or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, call Sue Beard at (239) 284-3936 or email her at shadden@comcast.net. Sue will need the name AND address of the recipient.

In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these Silverlakes residents who lost a loved one this month:

- RoseAnn "Roe" Derringer of 11271 Lakeland Circle, whose husband, Harvey "Dee" Derringer, passed away March 7. He is survived by his wife of 51 years; his son, Adam Derringer; his daughter, Suzanne Garrett; his sister Judy of Los Angeles; and five grandchildren: Liana, Ethan, Ciera, Jalen and Bella.

- Sue Laux of 13050 Silver Sands Drive, whose husband Donald passed away March 17.

Kids have lots of fun with the Easter Bunny



Thirty children attended the annual Easter egg hunt and had their photos taken with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 27, at the clubhouse. At left, Cheyenne Liberty poses for a snapshot, while Ryder Gilbert, 3, top right, opens the eggs he found. At bottom left, Sophia Raybuck shows off the Minnie Mouse ring she found in one of her eggs, while Alex Lawrence, 3, goes for a “hidden” egg. The annual event is sponsored by the Social Committee, which gave stuffed animals to all the participants.

