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# Silverlakes News

## **From the HOA President:**

*Submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, president, on behalf of the Silverlakes Board of Directors: PJ Stratton, vice president; Jim Wisniewski, secretary; Markus Albrecht, treasurer; and Claude Marku, legal liaison.*

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 Aug. 16 Board of Directors meeting.

We began with a special meeting to adopt a new fishing rule. The meeting was advertised in a mailing as well as posted notices well in advance of the Florida Statute requiring 14 days prior notice. The rule was included in the mailing and was adopted with no change to the wording. There was a good turnout, with some attendees asking questions about how the new rule will affect the lakes, especially the north lake and the surrounding properties. The rule will be incorporated into our Rules and Regulations, Exhibit F and will be sent to all homeowners after it is recorded into our documents at the courthouse.

Immediately following the special meeting, the board moved on with the regularly scheduled board meeting. The treasurer's report showed there were 21 homeowners who were late in paying their third quarter assessments. That resulted in late fees being applied to their accounts, pushing the amounts due over \$300. The board has kept spending for the first seven months at 6.5 percent under budget. This is mainly due to lower gate repair costs, lower clubhouse maintenance costs and lower loan interest.

Speaking of gate repairs, you may remember there was an airport taxi driver who decided to enter our community through the recently installed exit gate. His full-sized van demolished the left leaf of our exit gate. We had all his information, and he has been calling to find out the repair cost. That gate leaf had to be completely refabricated, as none of the damaged gate was repairable. He ended up paying the \$3,300-plus rebuild cost to Main Gate LLC, our gate contractor. None of Silverlakes' funds was used in the repair.

Some residents have noticed a couple of young boys driving a golf cart through our community in an erratic fashion, taking some corners on two wheels. The sheriff's office said golf cart drivers must be 14 years or older and can drive on Silverlakes streets but not on Griffin Drive. It is hoped parents will instruct their young drivers accordingly, as the golf cart owners are responsible for any damage, regardless of who is driving. We do not want to see anyone hurt.

The **Architectural Control Committee** received two requests, and both were approved.

The **Communications** and **Social Committee** reports were combined, with the report noting that the next Bingo Night will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27. A newer homeowner volunteered to help out on the Social Committee, and we thank her for volunteering!

We have had two new members join the **Finance Committee**, which had an informal meeting this month. The end of August traditionally starts the beginning of the budgeting process for the next year. These two new members are going to attend the budget workshop at the end of this month. The board wants to thank these two new members for helping out on the committee!

Our **Fine Appeal Committee** received no appeal requests, demonstrating that our residents are doing their part to keep our community as nice as it is. Please remember to send in your compliance forms when you have done the work.

Over the spring and summer, the **Vendor Oversight Committee** was instrumental in getting our clubhouse and gatehouse roofs replaced and new gutters on our clubhouse installed. They also were instrumental in getting our clubhouse, gatehouse and sign monuments repainted. There were two homeowners who are not on the VOC Committee who helped out in these two processes. The board wishes to thank them for their help.

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

### **Social Committee:**

We've had quite a few new residents join our Silverlakes family over the summer, and we invite them to attend our Bingo Night on Friday, Sept. 22. The cost is just \$5 for three cards, with additional cards available for purchase. Snacks and water are provided at no cost. It's a great way to meet your neighbors — and maybe even win some money!

On May 27, we held our annual Memorial Day Barbecue, catered by Sonny's BBQ, and honored a couple who have been instrumental in making Silverlakes the wonderful community it is.

Gene and Marion Hogg, who were among the first residents of Silverlakes, have sold their home on Lake Meadow Drive and have moved to Charlotte, N.C. to be closer to one of their daughters.

Gene is among those who can take credit for the HOA's decision to buy the Clubhouse from the original developer, as well as the low HOA fees in Silverlakes as compared to other Gateway communities.

For 15 years, Marion headed the Communications Committee, which produces the monthly newsletter, welcomes new homeowners, keeps the bulletin boards up to date and conducts surveys at board request. For 20 years, Marion wrote for *Gateway Lifestyles*, interviewing and writing articles about 135 families in Silverlakes.



We thank both of them for their dedicated service. They truly will be missed.

## **Sunshine Committee:**

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to residents who are celebrating a new baby, mourning a loss, marking a milestone or recovering from surgery or an illness.

If you know someone who could use a card, contact Sue Beard at (239) 689-8065 or [shadden@comcast.net](mailto:shadden@comcast.net). Remember: We need the resident's name AND address. Please share your information so we don't miss anyone.

## **Red Hat Review:**

In June, the group went to Olive Garden in the Gulf Coast Center, where the food was delicious, the service good and the price excellent because of the many lunch specials.

In July, Jan Wold, the Queen Mum, hosted the annual Pot Luck Salad Luncheon, with members dining on pasta, fruit, tuna and chicken salad and rolls, as well as raspberry lemonade, tea and sweet tea, followed by cream puffs, filled shells and fruit salad.

After lunch, members played Red Hat Bingo, with winners taking home wrapped prizes contributed by the members.

In August, 10 members enjoyed lunch at Three Fishermen, with Fran DeRonne bringing a guest, Jo Anne Capuano.

The restaurant has an extensive seafood menu, and conversation was abundant and spirited. Lois served as hostess of the month.

Our next event will be hosted by Sandy at Crispers, followed by shopping at You Look Mahvalous. Anyone interested in joining the groups is asked to call Queen Mum Jan Wold at (239) 849-5184.

## **In Memoriam:**

- Our sympathy goes out to Carl Evans, whose mother, Katherine Virginia Evans, passed away Aug. 3 in Jacksonville, Ill., at the age of 106. Carl lives on Lakehurst Court.
- Thoughts and prayers also are with Phyllis Curreri, whose husband, Michael, passed away Aug. 7. Phyllis and Michael, residents of Lake Meadow Drive, are originally from the Baltimore area.
- Our sympathies to the Taylor family on the loss of Steve Taylor, a resident of Lakeland Circle, on Aug. 3.