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Submitted by Lauren "Bird" Siegel, president, for the Board of Directors:

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 Nov. 15 board meeting:

The November meeting is always the budget approval meeting. The board has gone over the budget during the past few months and fine-tuned it for 2018. The result is that quarterly assessments for the single-family homes are staying at \$298 per quarter. This makes the sixth year in a row at this low rate.

The Villa assessments did increase a bit to \$1,251 per quarter to ensure there will be enough in the reserves for the re-roofing of the villas in the year 2020. During the first quarter of 2018, the roofs and driveways of the villas will be cleaned.

Current budget performance is about \$3,700 under budget. Some or all of this will disappear when all the hurricane repairs are taken care of. We should be able to recoup some of this when our insurance company reimburses us.

There still are a few homeowners who are late in paying their quarterly assessments. With so many ways to have these recurring payments taken care of automatically, it's a shame to have 90-some dollars added to each late account. The board urges everyone to have these payments taken care of automatically.

The board held a special meeting prior to our November meeting regarding leases. The board adopted a new lease rule in our Rules and Regulations, Exhibit F, which will limit the ability of corporations to buy Silverlakes property and immediately rent it out. Several people have complained to me that existing rental properties are not being taken care of very well. We are doing all we can to correct those deficiencies through our violation letters. This new rule will limit the number of corporations renting out properties here in Silverlakes.

During the past few months, the board has been working with our attorney to come up with a possible solution for getting the vacant two-story home on the southwest corner of Lakeland Circle fixed up and sold. It is one of the few so-called "Zombie Foreclosures" left in Lee County. Our attorney has found someone who

has had success in getting these kinds of things done and we are pursuing it. Hope it happens soon.

There was an incident in which a driver drove their vehicle through the right entry gate, damaging it. Thanks to our cameras, we were able to identify the car, which was found parked in a Silverlakes driveway. A police report was filed, and officers paid a visit to the owner. The repair will not be paid with any Silverlakes monies. The gate has since been repaired.

There is still a need for help on a couple of committees. If you would like to help keep our community looking as beautiful as it is, please contact any committee or board member. As it has been said, many hands make for light work.

The next board meeting will be held Jan. 17. The board wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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

[Red Hat Review:](#)

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Silverlakes Chapeaux Rouge met in the clubhouse for the annual Welcome Back Snowbirds PJ Brunch. The hostess was Judy Dobson, assisted by Cindy Mason and Mary Ann Dobson. Tables were set with purple cloths, beautiful tea cups and centerpieces.

Everyone brought brunch items, including casseroles, fruit, muffins, pastries and, of course, mimosas! Many went back for seconds because it was all so tasty. A big thank you goes out to Judy and her helpers.

Members shared their experiences from Hurricane Irma, and although they all had similar difficulties, there were many different outcomes. In all, the members felt very blessed.

Queen Mum Jan Wold announced that she will be abdicating the throne after more than 13 years. She is hoping someone will step in to take her place. Her last event as queen will be next May. She can be reached at (239) 849-5184.

December's event will be hosted by Pam and Carole at a location to be announced.

[Sunshine Committee:](#)

The Sunshine Committee sends greeting cards to Silverlakes residents who are welcoming a new child, celebrating a job promotion, recovering from an illness or surgery or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who could use a card, please email Sue Beard at shadden@comcast.net or call her at (239) 689-8065.

Please send the name of the card recipient, their address and the reason for the card. We need your help to make sure everyone gets a card when they deserve one.

[In Memoriam:](#)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda Goff of Lakeland Circle whose father, Leonard B. Rink, passed away Nov. 16 at his home in Chicago at the age of 91. A retired teacher, he was a veteran of World War II.

[Attention Silverlakes Bridge Players:](#)

Beginning Jan. 14, Silverlakes residents and their bridge friends will be able to play social bridge in the Silverlakes clubhouse. The clubhouse will be available for bridge every other Sunday except if the clubhouse is being rented, which will take priority.

The clubhouse doors will open at 1 p.m., and the games will begin at 1:30.

Chicago-style scoring will be used. If you are not familiar with this scoring, there is no problem; the game is played the same.

The gathering is for people who already enjoy the game of bridge. No lessons will be given. Anyone

interested in learning how to play should call Carol Marciniak, who has the name of a good teacher in the area.

There is no cost to play on Sunday. Carol will provide coffee, tea and bottled water or players can bring a beverage of their choosing. Players also may bring a snack to share if they choose.

There will be no commitment to play every other week, and play will be on a first-come, first-served basis until all the tables are full.

For more information, call or text Carol at (239) 770-3800 or email her at busycarol@hotmail.com

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Sixty residents and guests attended the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 18, in the Silverlakes Clubhouse, where they dined on a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, Caesar salad and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

The meal was catered by LaGrotta Italian Grill, which also catered the Italian Dinner Dance held in October. The event was planned by Marilyn Steiner and Carol Egle, with help from a legion of Social Committee volunteers.



