This is my last board meeting. My last day on the board will be November 30th. These last 4+ years have been interesting but very challenging. Shortly after getting on the board, I became Treasurer. I actually had no idea what I was getting myself into. As I delved into the Association's finances, I became aware that the reserve study was not funding for a pool, pool house, or dam issues, and there were delays in getting annual audits done, which caused late filing of the tax returns resulting in late penalties. These were just a few problems that needed to be addressed. Conversations began regarding replacing the current pool. I began looking at financing options because we lacked the funding. Finance options would have impacted the Association for 30 yrs. An alternative was to fund the pool and dam in a new reserve study, budget for full funding, and do a one-time special assessment to fund the pool house. This would have a financial impact upon the membership dues but would save the community a 30 yr. debt service. That was my recommendation and I am grateful that the board agreed. The board granted me the opportunity to have a treasurer/membership meeting to discuss the financial issues for the community and answer any membership questions. I believe this was helpful in giving everyone the opportunity to understand the situation and be heard. These meetings continued every year and

hopefully this process will continue in the future.

Beginning September 1st, a financial management company was hired. I believe this service will be very helpful to the community. Financially, BCL is stronger than it ever was. The pool house was paid through the special assessment, and the new pool is being built without any debt service. Concerning the pool, I was the lone vote against building the pool at this time. I did not think we were ready. I was absolutely incorrect. Bill, Wylie and the pool committee have done a tremendous job with this facility.

Social media can be beneficial, but it definitely has shown its ugly side. There are members, some of which are former board members that have preached negativity to the community concerning board actions. One such social media member told me, "I just like to stir the pot". This individual may get their jollies from that statement but I find it disgraceful. These individuals are doing nothing but hurting this community. My hope is that this community will stand up to these individuals. I ask the membership, please do not let BCL go back to the past. This board has done an amazing job. Updating the community's facilities along with

the financial stability will only increase the members' property values.

Over these 4+ years, I have worked closely with the office staff and several board members that I would like to mention. To our office staff, Linda, Kathleen, and Christine, thanks for putting up with me and your dedication to BCL. Madeline and Dawn, the dedication that you brought to this board and community shows how much you care about BCL. To the executive committee, Cathy, Jim and Elaine, the amount of time, commitment and leadership that you bring to this community is outstanding.
Unfortunately, I don't believe the membership has a full understanding of the time and energy that it has taken to make BCL what it is today. I have cherished you and your respective spouses' friendship. Thank you for your commitment and dedication in serving this community.

I would like to conclude by saying that Nov. 30th will be one of the most difficult days of my life. As I pull out of the driveway for the last time, there will be so many memories, 36 years' worth…my children growing up here, 34 out of 36 years hosting our family Thanksgiving weekends, and memories of my parents who loved

coming here. I am so grateful that BCL will always be part of my life. As my father used to always say, “If I don’t see you through the week, I will see you through the window”.

God Bless you all.

Tom