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Message from the HOA Board President, Ron Gerlach

On July 21st, all Board members, Committee chairpersons, senior officer of each BellaVita club, and the Club manager completed a very successful Strategic Planning workshop.



The question has been presented, "what is the strategic planning that BVHOA does?" When the HOA Board took over the management from the developer and builder, we recognized that long-range planning was necessary for the management of the BellaVita complex. The BellaVita HOA is not an ordinary HOA as we are entrusted with assets worth several millions of dollars. Coupled with those assets though is the administration and budget to maintain and enhance the facilities using a sound fiscal responsibility. This requires a significant effort on a yearly planning and budgeting cycle.

This year's workshop continued to develop the rolling five (5) year plan to identify not only the work necessary to maintain the community to the BV standards, but is used to review changes, enhancements, and improvements within the goals outlined in our mission. The plan identifies individual items, sets a time frame for implementation or for further analysis, and estimates a cost for the finance committee to use for budgeting. Items of a goal could be maintenance of air conditioners, yard maintenance, improved lighting in walk areas, or rework of the acquired sales office, just to name a few. Not all proposed improvements are implemented and most go through additional evaluation before being presented to the board for funding.

Please look for the 2012 Strategic Plan on our website sometime in October after all input has been accumulated, reduced to writing and approved.



Join Us for
Mistletoe
Market
October 6, 2012

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Clubhouse Hours

Sunday	12pm - 6pm
Monday	11am - 10pm
Tuesday	10am - 10pm
Wednesday	10am - 10pm
Thursday	10am - 10pm
Friday	10am - 10pm
Saturday	10am - 10pm

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Tues. - Thurs.	3pm - 7pm
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Mistletoe Market

October 6, 2012

Once again the community is coming together to host the Mistletoe Market on October 6, 2012. This is the largest annual fundraising event sponsored by the Belles Club. This year, the Men's Club is hosting all food concessions and That's Entertainment Club (TEC) is in charge of drinks and desserts. In this way, all of our Clubs benefit from the efforts in putting on the Mistletoe Market. Food and drink concessions will be out the back doors of the Lobby around the pool area. You can eat on site at tables provided or get lunch to go.

This year, we have been able to secure additional vendor sites as the Sales Offices have become available for our use; additionally, vendor spaces have been placed in the game room/pool room area where the Treasure Box had been located. The Belles Club remains committed to sponsoring a charity with proceeds of the Market. A committee has been appointed for recommendations for a charity and the Belles membership will vote on the donation after the final report on the Mistletoe Market.

Our wonderful sewing ladies, Hands of Love Stitchers, will once again be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a beautiful handmade Christmas quilt. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and their booth will be located in the Clubhouse, just outside the ballroom entrance. This is a beautiful quilt, but only represents a tiny portion of the wonderful work these ladies do each year. Be sure to visit with them about their various projects and how you can help.

Mistletoe Market is a community-wide event which requires assistance from a lot of our men and women. If you have never volunteered or have not signed up, please do so. It is a fun day, filled with lots of friends, old and new. And, ladies (and men, too) don't forget to bring your wallets. There are many treasures to look at and buy among the 90 vendors we have booked this year. There are returning vendors, plus some new ones that we think you will enjoy getting to know and shop with.

Watch the weekly news for additional information, but mark your calendar for Saturday, October 6th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Or, you can check the website at www.club-bellavita.org under the Mistletoe Market tab for more information. See you in October!!



COMMITTEE REPORTS



FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Margo Green, Chair

The BellaVita Finance Committee welcomes new member, Joan Cummings. She joins **Lee Molloy, Jim Thompson, Fred Fargo, Carol Grisanti, Ruth Cheek, Elizabeth Woods** and **Margo I. Green** as members of your Finance Committee.

The committee is very busy formulating the 2013 budget for BellaVita. The Finance Committee works overtime on your behalf in making sure BellaVita has money for the future. Thank a member of this committee when you see them.

If you have accounting experience, please think about joining our committee. Volunteering in BellaVita is the best way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Contact Margo I. Green at margogreen@gmail.com.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

By Carol Barber, Chair

Our next BellaVita election is not until March of '13, but as fall approaches, it's not too early to begin thinking about serving our community in the capacity of becoming an HOA Board member. There will be two candidate positions open at that time.

Our neighborhood is filled with individuals who have served in similar capacities in their previous neighborhood or at work. We chose our home so that we could participate in an "active adult community"!

Join us, won't you, in continuing that tradition. For questions or concerns, kindly contact any committee member: **John Kaltenbach, Gene Reddell, Joyce Wormser** or **Carol Barber**.

BELLAVITA PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Is now available at the front desk of the Clubhouse. One directory is available per home and must be picked up by the homeowner.



BellaVita Belles

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun"

By Lynn Rodriguez, President

We are fun loving, have big hearts, smart & sassy, friendly & fun. We are about friendships, girls having fun, and are lovely ladies that love life! The Belles' mission is to promote various community activities and improve fellowship among the women of BellaVita and enhance the general environment of the community.

The first Friday is set aside for light movies at the clubhouse hosted by the Belles. Our chairperson, **Ruth Cheek**, has graciously volunteered for the second year to chair this event and has done a great job of choosing light movies, ordering pizza and popping popcorn. Afternoon Tea sponsored by the Belles was chaired by **Denise Barberis**, who brought a fresh new look to the event. Over 100 ladies came together in May for an afternoon tea. The tables were decorated beautifully in many different styles and the Men's Club provided servers. Entertainment was provided by Beverly Hills Intermediate orchestra and **Herbert Ward**, a BellaVita resident who plays the lute. A special thanks to **Mary Louise Warner** who helped in organizing the entertainment. **Carolyn Jones** did a fantastic job of chairing our Garden Tour and Luncheon. The speaker was A.J. of AJ's Landscaping who shared many tips for creating just the right yard for you. Homeowners who opened their homes were **Pete and Leanne Zamora, Donald and Billie Velazquez, Lloyd and Michelle Lambert, A. J. and Claudette High, Fred and Helen Fargo, Judy Hammond, Jack and Lynn Rodriguez**, and **Jimmy and Carolyn Jones**. Despite the heat of the day, all enjoyed the beautiful yards and gardens and the hospitality of our homeowners.

If you have not attended, or it has been a long time since you have attended a Belles meeting or event, the officers would like extend a special invitation to come join in the fun. Our meetings begin at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday with a light dinner, followed by our business meeting, and with time remaining for visiting with your neighbors.

Remember, "GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN"!





COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (CRC)

By Carol Barber, Chair

All of us enjoy recalling the saying, "I'm not getting older, I'm just getting better"... and, for the most part, that's exactly true! On occasion, however, we sometimes experience a variety of emotions that may create sadness and anxiety which may be quite unfamiliar to us.

Let's mark our calendar now for Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 p.m. for our quarterly "Saturday Talk." We'll be guided through others' experiences and how to deal with similar issues in our own lives.

Watch for more information in the Weekly News as the date draws near. It's "The Other Side of the Coin" as we call it, so plan now not to miss it!

THE BELLAVITA VETERANS ORGANIZATION

BY Arlene Stiefvater

The Veterans Organization has reached a stellar milestone. Early in 2004, a group of five veterans met at the clubhouse to consider a suggestion proposed by **Bill Burdick** about a flag project in the community. This project is now 100% complete. Every home that wants a flag has had a receiver installed. The Veterans Organization is extremely proud of the flag project and we extend heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, veterans and non-veterans, who have and continue to participate.



The rock barrier at the end of Tuscany Place is completed. Whether or not additional work is done to raise the level of the stones is a separate project and will be considered at a later time.

The next major project under consideration for the Veterans Organization will be enhancement of the Memorial Gardens with walkways and hopefully light and better flagpoles. All of this is still in the planning stage.

There is still a need for volunteers for "flags up" and "flags down" times. Come out and help us. The more volunteers we have, the less time it takes and the rewards of seeing the flags up is well worth the effort. Being a veteran is not a requirement to volunteer. The work is easy, full of jokes and laughter. Ladies are certainly welcomed with open arms.

To all veterans who are not in our database, please send an e-mail to asrs1209@sbcglobal.net or bburdick1@att.net.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

By John Rodriguez, Chair

The mission of the Clubhouse Committee is to support the HOA Board in its oversight of the operations of Club BellaVita, the pool, and the lake area and in the development and maintenance of Club BellaVita Rules and Regulations. It also supports the Clubhouse manager in the administration of club activities and the social clubs integration into the Club BellaVita operations.

In keeping with this Mission Statement, the committee meets once a month to discuss the various projects that have been assigned from the Board, many of which have come from HOA Concern Forms and suggestions from the community. Many of these projects can develop into a team effort when working with other committees. The past several months we successfully completed several projects that have helped to improve individual and club activities. To name a few:

1. We replaced several exercise machines in the Fitness Center which included a new tread mill, leg press and bicycle. We also replaced the two old analog TVs with larger new updated 42" flat screen HDTVs.
2. The large ramp was removed from one of the storage rooms next to the stage to allow for some extra storage space needed by the clubs.
3. We are in the process of completing the blackout covering for the windows and doors that are located between ballroom and pool area.

Several other major projects have been budgeted by the HOA with anticipated completion early 2013. If you have any ideas or concerns, please take the time to submit a Homeowner Concern Form from the front desk in the Clubhouse. To find out more that's going on, we encourage you to attend the HOA Board meetings and various club meetings. You can even roll up your sleeves and apply to join a committee. The main thing is to get involved. Remember, this is your community.

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MEN'S CLUB

By Brian Himel, President

New officers for the Men's Club were elected in March 2012. They were introduced to the membership by outgoing President, Mike Sanders. Officers for the year are:

Brian Himel, President; Pete Steik, Vice President; Bob Stockinger, Secretary; and, Billy Potter, Treasurer

At the April meeting, Cris Barrera agreed to undertake the task of cooking hamburgers and fries to be sold on the Friday before the men's action movie each month. This event has proven to be a huge success with the residents. Thanks to Cris and his cooking crew for taking on this project. Also, in April, the Men's Club sponsored another bus trip to Coushatta. These fill up quickly and are very popular with BV residents. If you want to go on the next trip, be sure to sign up early.

In July, the Men's Club hosted a the following events: a home cooked Spaghetti Dinner and dancing by our resident DJ, Carlos Trevino and Action Movie Night with hamburgers.

Come join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 for a light dinner or snacks, and short business meeting.

IRIS

(IMMEDIATE RESPONSE INFORMATION SYSTEM)

The implementation of the IRIS program has begun. You should have received a couple of test messages. Additional information will be updated by daily and weekly news and by e-mail as it develops.

Forms are available at the front desk if you have not already completed an application.

Advertisement for Lynn Rodriguez, Realtor, BellaVita Resident Specialist. Includes contact information: 713-854-5872, Email: lynnr2008@gmail.com. Logo for Pace Realtors.

GET CHARGED - GET PLUGGED IN!

From your Communication Committee



We are inundated with media reports about how as we age, we need to stay active mentally and physically. You moved to BellaVita for the "good life," but also to enjoy the "over 55 active community".

You need only look at the monthly calendar to see the activities that are available for both physical and mental stimulation.

We have games ranging from bingo, bridge, bunco, canasta, dominoes, rummy Q, Man-Jongg, Spades, Poker just to name a few.

For your body we have line dancing (beginning and intermediate), chair exercises, yoga, water aerobics, fitness center and group personal training, square dancing, or you can just swim at your leisure in the pool and use the hot tub. There is a basketball hoop, ping-pong table, pool table, shuffleboard. The list can just keep growing.

There are clubs to becoming involved in: The Belles Club is the women's group which meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. for light dinner, followed by business meeting. There are numerous events the Belles Club sponsors to which you can become involved. The Men's Club is the men's group which also meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. They also sponsor events and welcome your participation. That's Entertainment Club (TEC) is a fun-loving group of BV residents who try to come up with dances and entertainment to peak your interest. If you are a veteran, there is the veteran's organization which is responsible for our flag program in BellaVita.

There are too many committees to name, but information is available on all of these activities at the front desk and on the website at www.club-bellavita.org.

Come join us - we'd love to have you. The only thing you have to do get charged up is to plug in.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There comes a time in your life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh. Forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is apart of life, getting back up is living."

-José N. Harris - A Story of Faith, Hope and Love

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION 2012



JULY 4, 2012



July 4th Winner of Quilt Raffle

The winner of the 4th of July Patriotic Quilt Raffle was BellaVita resident, Diane Nicholas. Her grandchildren helped make the decision of which quilt to select.

Proceeds of the raffle support Sewing Club's service projects, which include Quilts of Valor, wheelchair bags to veterans at DeBakey Veterans Medical Center, Linus blankets for children at area hospitals, dolls, bears and incubator covers to the nursery at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Little Dresses for girls in Africa, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Cambodia, South Dakota Indian Reservations and the Appalachian area children. Congratulations to Diane and special thanks for all of the hard work to our Sewing Club ladies.



TALENT SHOW REVIEW

Written by Raj Natarajan



Let me congratulate "That's Entertainment Club" for taking the "bold" initiative to organize the recent Talent show. I imagine they were apprehensive of getting enough volunteers to participate and enough audience to see the show. I am happy to report that the show went very well with a full house! It came out as a well-rehearsed production and the audience was enthusiastic with standing applause in some cases.

Ruben Castillo did a masterful job as Master of Ceremony, although being hesitant about taking on this job. All of the amateur singers, who had the guts to volunteer whether vocally or lip syncing, did a remarkable job. Congratulations to **Ruth Gentry, Rex Gentry, Beverly Blumrick, Linda Sanders, Kay Simpson, Sue Steik** and **Ruben Castillo** for a job well done. **Vic Damiani** surprised me with his fine rendition of Frank Sinatra. I never thought Damiani has Sinatra in him! **Dean Crowell** did an outstanding presentation, near professional job, of songs from George Strait, Hank Williams, and George Jones. Also congratulations to **Sue Steik, Shirley O'Conner** and **Nancy Browning** for their dance routines.

Congratulations to **Linda Stanton** for selecting the "Laugh-In" format for the jokes. All cast members did a good job. Kudos to all of the Laugh-in Cast: **Helen Fargo, Theresa Graham, Shirley O'Connor, Rory Potter, Linda Sanders, Mike Sanders, Kay Simpson, Wanda Schwendeman** and **Billie Velasquez**. The audience really appreciated the

computer based version to the old Abbot and Costello routine of "Who's on First?" **Mike Sanders** and **Helen Fargo** did a remarkable job. The old "cereal" killer joke went surprisingly well with **Billie Velasquez, Kay Simpson** and **Helen Fargo**. **John Devereux** and **Dave Kittelson** did good job on a parody involving God and Eve.

Of course, the bouquet of the night goes to **Linda Stanton**. She has been hiding a great talent in direction and producing. Is Hollywood calling? **Billy Potter**, as usual, did a great job with lighting and sound.

Maybe next year, with a little prodding, we will find more "talent" to grace the stage of BellaVita. Great job to That's Entertainment Club officers and volunteers.

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NATURE RESERVE

By Larry Alvarez

The spring semi-annual guided tour of the Harry Reed Audubon Trail was cancelled due to excessive rains. A make-up tour was conducted almost two months later when the trail had dried up enough to traverse. All of the participants were enthralled by the beauty of the Nature Reserve.

Due to the rains we had earlier, the American Beauty Berries are in full splendor, as shown by the attached photo. This is the most abundant and vibrant they have been on the trails.

There are two trees which have fallen across the west trail and we expect to remove them when cooler weather arrives. You can still walk on the trail by stepping over the trees or walking around. Just be careful. The Nature Reserve Committee put up a barbed wire fence where the city cut a water line across the reserve near North Riviera. As a result, we have not had as many signs of trespassers.

The "critter cam" is getting great pictures of raccoons, opossums, squirrels, birds and occasionally and bob cat. Many of the photos are posted on the bulletin board just outside the ballroom; however, if you are a member of our BV Grapevine, you will see lots of these photos and videos.

Our next guided tour is scheduled for late September or early October, as weather permits. You gotta make this one!



♥♣♦♠♥♣ **WILL YOU BE OUR FOURTH?** ♥♣♦♠♥♣ **Bridge Corner**

Are you a bridge player, but not participating in the many opportunities to play here at Bella Vita?

We play several times a week and always welcome newcomers. Thursday evenings, **Dick and Nancy Smith** host party bridge at the Clubhouse, starting at 7:00 PM. No need to have a partner, but give Nancy a call at 281-464-9022. You can also call **Pat Castillo** at 281-922-5502 or **Jean Ann Lunday** at 281-464-4354. Your telephone call will reserve a spot for you and an attempt will be made to find you a partner. Dress casually and prepare for an evening of fun bridge, as well as meeting some fun people.



If you are a duplicate player, there are two opportunities for duplicate play. The first is Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 PM at

the Clubhouse. This is a very friendly and relaxed game of duplicate. No need to have a partner, but please call **Jack Lauber**, our "fearless leader," before Noon the preceding Sunday to let him know of your intent to play. He can be reached at 281-922-5237.

A second duplicate group meets at 1:00 PM at the Clubhouse. Should you choose to play in that group, it is necessary to sign up with a partner. However, if you have no partner, call Jack Lauber at 281-922-5237 and he can perhaps be of help in finding a partner for you.

We are most anxious to add new members to our groups, especially on Thursday evenings, and would like very much for you to join us. Please don't worry that you're "not good enough" or you're not an "expert," because none of us are. We're just a bunch of friendly people enjoying the wonderful game of bridge. Come join us – you'll be glad you did!



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