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MESSAGE FROM THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT - RUTH SOUTHARD



Rain, rain, go away . . .



Yes, we may have needed the rain to eliminate the draught but REALLY!!

The fence contractor and house painting contractor are somewhat stalled by the weather and the landscapers cannot keep up with the grass growth. But, this too shall pass.

Summer is approaching and we see things like pool parties, road trips, cruises, etc. Of course, Hurricane season officially starts in June. Be sure to attend the Severe Storm Seminar, sponsored by the Community Relations Committee, on June 13, 2015.

The annual Homeowner's meeting was held on March 25, 2015. This is not only a time to learn about the state of our association but also to celebrate all homeowners – with special recognition to those involved in service to the community. It is because of the efforts of so many that we can maintain a beautiful community and keep the assessment stable.

At the annual meeting the elections committee presented the three names of those willing to fill the three positions on the board. The homeowners accepted these people by acclamation. We welcome Bill Burdick and Ron Gerlach back to the board and welcome newcomer Billy Potter.

Congratulations go out to Ron Lauve, recipient of the 2014 ROSE Award for his work as Project Manager of the fence project. Ron continues to commit much time and effort towards the completion of this massive project.

We still are reminded of those who continue to disregard the rules of road within the community. The stop signs and speed limits are not designed to punish you but, rather, to protect your neighbors. None of us want speed humps on the main streets of BellaVita so, please, pay attention to the rules and be more considerate of those who may not see, hear, or react as quickly as you do.

Go out and have a safe, happy summer!



HERE COMES THE JUDGE!



What kind of a judge makes a career change after having a few too many with a buddy in a bar, grabbing a law school catalogue and filling out an application, just because? Judge Glen Chaney made a career change from chemistry to the law after just such a night. Guess he was ready for a challenge!

He was born in Henderson, TX, grew up in Texas City and a student in school when the windows blew out in the big explosion of 1947. Glen went to college at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where he played basketball and graduated with a BS and MS in Chemistry. After obtaining his law degree at South Texas College of Law, he was a practicing attorney in Houston and Pearland before becoming a judge. And for 30 years he continued to try cases and assist people while working as a judge.

His cases have been in municipal court, not criminal court and sentences involved fines, not jail time. (Some of us may have been tried in his court in Webster?) But this judge has a heart...a woman was tried for speeding and pleaded not guilty. Her defense was she needed to stop at the ladies room, couldn't wait...got a ticket...too late! She had an "accident" and not the traffic kind. But this Judge gave her some "relief" and let her go.

Glen met his wife, Phyllis in 1960; they have been married 54 years and have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. He continues to work 6 days a month in Webster and also continues his interest in basketball. Glen is a big Rockets fan, reads the blogs and writes e-mails to the General Manager.

So BellaVita's hats are off to a man who has served his community for many years and is a judge with a "heart."

MEN'S CLUB

Cris Barrer, President

As in the past our Mens Club has been very active February thru April 2015 with activities that kept our members very busy and it was all fun!



To begin with, our Annual Super Bowl Party in February was the biggest one we've had. Plenty of food and drink was enjoyed by all while watching the game on the big screen in the ballroom. Later in the month we had a great movie in the ballroom along with popcorn and drink.

In March it was party time again with our St. Patrick's Day celebration. There was great food and drink of course with lots of merriment. At our meeting during the month, we had an election for officers. The past officers were reelected for the new term. We closed out the month with our monthly Action Movie Night.



British type Fish and Chips was the event for April. Many residents attended the event. We showed Videos of past performances by British singers & bands on the big screen. That was followed with dance music by our wonderful Resident DJ, Carlos. Action Movie night closed out the month.

To be a member of the Men's Club and be a part of all the fun stuff, any BellaVita male resident simply needs to show up on the first Wednesday of the month. We have tasty food and drink at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. We discuss interesting Topics concerning our Community and a Board member brings us up to date as to what is going on. You'll be most welcomed and you'll be happy you came.



VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Olga Vasquez, Commander



Well, Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner. We look forward to all that this time will bring. Since our last communication, we have added three new members to our ranks and hope that they will find us to be a wonderful organization to be a part of.

We had a total of 900 flags displayed in February, and you have to admit that every time our flags are up and blowing in the wind it is a beautiful sight. We still lack 50 residents to renew; this could be because they are new residents and have not seen the flags displayed or aren't aware that we charge a fee for the flags in front of their homes. But regardless of the reason, we

hope to reach all of our non-renewals and get them to sign up for a flag or two. If you have a new neighbor advise them of our flag project and tell them that they can pay at the club house.

Speaking of flags, in February for President's Day, we had several Boy Scouts who helped us place flags in order to earn Merit Badges and high school boys who were working to earn Community Service hours for their school. We want to thank each and every one of them for their help. You know, the placing of flags is open to every resident of the neighborhood and it's a good way to meet other residents and have a good time.

On May 25th we sponsored our annual Memorial Day event. On July 4th we will sponsor our annual 4th of July event. We hope that everyone will come out and support our Veterans.



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Grounds Committee

Becky Spedden, Chair

A Look at the Grounds in Bella Vita

Spring is here and the Grounds Committee has been busy in the neighborhood! Some of the projects worked on this spring were:

- Removing bushes which blocked the view of drivers on Capri Court Lane.
- Coordinated the installation of a red maple in memory of Judy Taylor.
- Removed "field" grass and installed new grass and bark mulch on South Riviera Court for a more aesthetic look.
- Installed new plants surrounding the clubhouse, pool area, annex and urn in order to reduce cost of watering, but still keeping the areas looking colorful.
- Surveyed common areas with a tree specialist for Pine Bark Beetles and possible hazards to residents. Many trees in the common areas, including around the lake, will be trimmed and thinned in the coming weeks.
- Reviewed work orders and invoices for completion and accuracy.
- Coordinated the efforts of the fence contractor, grounds contractor and fence committee regarding the trimming of bushes for the fence project.
- Tracked sprinkler invoices involving irrigation repairs due to the fence project.

You may have seen members of our hard working committee in the neighborhood.

They include Dorothy Darden, Sybil Hewitt, Diane Nicolas, Donna Ferreri, Carolyn Beeson, Carol Barber and Becky Spedden.



That's Entertainment Club

Carol Barber, President

TEC has had a lot of activity during the past month or so. Ronnie Coleman returned toward the end of April delighting us with his special kind of music. He knows how to keep the dance floor hopping! Everyone got to "Dance the Night Away"!

Carlos Trevino and Linda Stanton, both put together our Kentucky Derby event, complete with "Southern Mint Julips" served up by our "mixologists" Bill Burdick, Charlie Parham and Chris Barrera! There was plenty of "wagering" going on and Steve Anderson was the ultimate winner. Being the "sharing" person that he is, he told everyone in attendance "their check was in the mail". And, how about all the Derby hats! Kathy Wright was all decked out in brown-eyed Susan's and Margie Parham's was...big!!! Marcia Glatzer stayed "traditional" in her British "fascinator"! And, oh yes, even the men got into the act... right Billy Potter, Carlos, Ken, Jeff and others! Following the race, everyone enjoyed a fried chicken dinner. (Probably was "Kentucky fried", don't you think ?!!!!)

One week later, the long awaited "Tribute to John Denver" event arrived. Arranged by Chris and Dorothy Barrera, our ballroom became a "concert" hall as chairs were arranged in "rows" rather than our usual "tables". Chris Collins did not disappoint! His program was filled with humorous stories and great music by him, his Canyon Band, and a female singer. (And don't forget our "wine tasting" intermission!)

"Hold on!" We were not through yet! There was hardly time to catch our breath! Tuesday arrived and lo and behold it was May 5th... "Cinco de Mayo"! And, at BellaVita, that means that "Don's Cookin' Fahitas"! Many thanks to Don Velasquez for his "annual event" and his "Committee of Twenty" for putting on this special event!

OK! Take a deep breath, but not for too long! Tickets are now on sale for the "Pool Bash" presented by all the clubs. This event is Saturday, June 6th! See you there!





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The Derby



Failed Lake Concrete Slab Update

Don Jensen, Chair Facilities

For the past few months the Facilities Committee has been working with various engineering firms as well as a concrete repair contractor to try and understand the failure mechanism of the fractured concrete slab located in the west leg of the lake. The committee made arrangements to bring in a remotely controlled submarine (ROV) to provide underwater video and sonar of the area of failure. The committee also used a custom made pike pole to establish the length of the concrete slab as well as the condition of this slab. A device attached to end of this pike pole was used to determine if there are any other potential problems with various locations around the lake such as underwater cracking or soil voiding.

It has been determined that the concrete slab was placed on the sloped lake bank to protect the bank from potential water surface wave or below surface current erosion. It is believed that smooth concrete was selected for this protection rather than riprap due to ascetics of the lake and the fact it is easier to apply concrete to a sloped bank than it is to apply broken concrete or stone riprap. Based on the data gathered from these various activities, the Facilities Committee believes that the appropriate repair to the fractured slab is to bring in a back-hoe to reach out into the lake and snap off the above water fractured portion of the concrete slab at a predetermined location under the static water level of the lake. It is expected that the snapped off concrete section should drop back into its original location. The snapped off concrete should then act in the same manor as applied riprap and protect the clay lined sloped bank from potential wave or current erosion.

Sanctioned Forms of Communication

Information articles written by and for the residents of BellaVita are completed through media approved by the HOA Board. This is done through the Communications Committee to ensure with the greatest care that articles reflect the most accurate information available. Approved media delivery methods include the BV website, Weekly Announcements, BellaBuzz, BV news4u and others are available at the clubhouse.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media utilize "outside" information sources and DO NOT contain sanctioned BellaVita generated articles. These social media sources should not be relied on for our community related information. If any resident needs information of any kind relating to BellaVita he or she can fill out a Homeowner Concern Form available at the clubhouse desk. These forms are reviewed by the HOA Board to find the latest information on the subject which is then forwarded to that resident.

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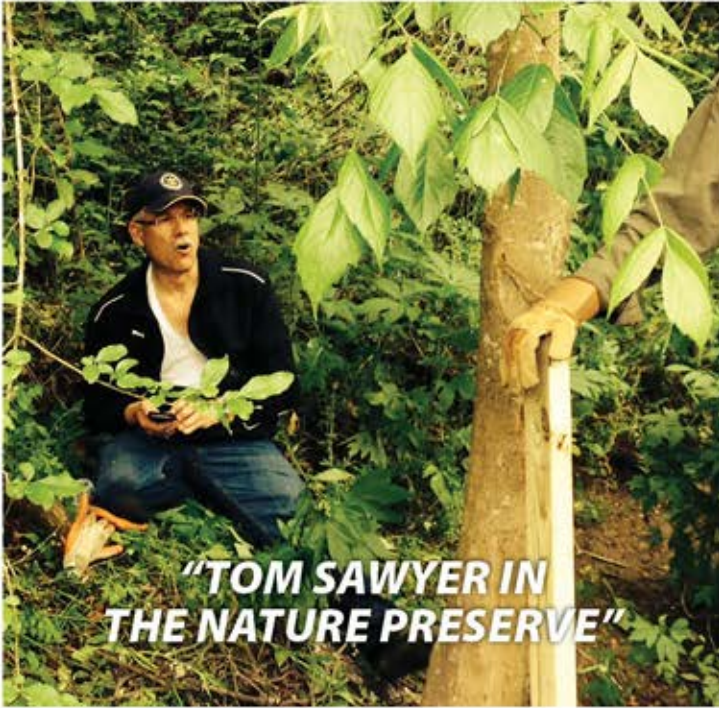
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Hurricane Seminar



BellaVita's 2015 Hurricane Seminar will be held **June 13th at 2:00 pm** in the ballroom. Roland Garcia will be our guest speaker again this year. He is in charge of emergency procedures for Pearland. The CRC committee hopes you will make a point to attend this year because this is a very important and informative program. It will be held **June 13th at 2:00 pm** in the ballroom.



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No change to RV parking rules

The new Compliance policy approved by the HOA Board on January 28, 2015 does not affect RV overnight parking in the streets immediately prior to or following a trip.

The new policy defines overnight parking (midnight to 5a.m.) and includes fining and the possibility of towing repeat offenders.

However, the rules are clear that an RV may be parked overnight "for one night prior to departure on vacation." (Declarations Article VI. Use Restrictions and Rules. Section 8. Parking).



A registered RV may be parked in the Clubhouse parking lot (no more than 2 nights in a 30-day period) or on the street in front of the homeowner address. RV registration forms are available at the Clubhouse or on the website (www.clubbellavita.org). The Parking Permit should be displayed in the front window.

Enjoy your travels!

Communication Committee

Bob Stockinger, Chair

After a busy holiday season and the first quarter of 2015 behind us, we are on the downhill side of producing the much awaited pictorial directory. Much work and detail go into this production both by Lifetouch, the photography company, and this committee. Since the directory is only produced every five years we want it to be perfect. The Lifetouch company has many "customers" and we must wait our turn in line, so to speak. We don't have an exact finish/delivery date as we still have to compare names and faces and then wait for final production. The directory will be hand delivered to each residence by the block captains. Please bear with us on the time schedule, we want everybody to be happy with the finished results. Thanks.

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The BellaVita Belles
Kay Simpson, President

The new BellaVita name badge campaign has skyrocketed. As of today we have sold over 170 badges and I must say they look and wear great. So, next time you come to the club functions wear your new name badge so we will know who you are. The name badges are sponsored by the BellaVita Belle's Club.

Sandra Bornstein and her crew collected 110 Easter Baskets this year. You can't believe the generosity of the neighbors that donated the baskets. So many children and teens benefited from these special baskets.

Our Pearland Animal Shelter campaign was also a huge success this year. Donna Ferreri, Cindy Simmons, Genie Dunnage and Ruth Cheek did a fabulous job. We donated 3 car loads of pet supplies and \$600 cash to the shelter.

The Ladies Tea was absolutely amazing this year with 14 beautiful tables on display. Debra Warneke and Sandra Rodgers did a great job co-chairing this event. Being entertained by the very talented flamenco dancers was a real treat.

Billy Velasquez, Marjorie Parham and Maria Trevino really put on a show for our annual Garden Tour 2015. We would like to thank the neighbors that graciously opened their yards for us to admire and for the beauty that God gave us to enjoy.

Upcoming events include Ladies Night In on July 11, chaired by Sandra Bornstein and the much anticipated Robert Berry, Magician. Dinner will be included in the event which is scheduled for August 29. Robert has been entertaining audiences professionally for over twenty years and is one of the most highly recommended performers in the national entertainment market.



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