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MESSAGE FROM THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT - RUTH SOUTHARD

As we approach the Fall, we look back on a wonderful and busy summer. Wonderful because temperatures were lower than normal with sufficient rain to keep things green; busy with the Strategic Planning Workshop, policy re-writes, rules revisions, budget preparation, and the start of the fence project.

The Fence Project Management Team is doing an awesome job getting the project started. 20-30 homeowners have volunteered to work on this massive project to assure the contract is being met and homeowners receive a quality fence. The new fences dramatically improve the appearance of the community. Section 1 is near completion. The work with Villa Verde continues with the expectation of resolution very soon. The website is regularly updated with information on the progress of the project.

While the board has been dealing with fence contract issues, many other homeowner service contracts – house painting, door re-finishing, and landscaping – have proceeded almost unnoticed. The administration of these contracts has become fairly routine because of the commitments made by various committee members. We are so grateful to have people in BellaVita willing to participate in the operations of the community.

In the midst of all of this activity, FSR made a few changes that affected BellaVita. We want to introduce to the homeowners our new FSR community manager – Tami Smith. Tami began working with us in May, had a lot to learn, but is becoming a valuable resource to the Board, committees, and staff.

The fall months typically bring many activities. This issue may highlight some of the upcoming events. You are encouraged to participate. It takes an army to plan and implement projects and activities that make BellaVita a remarkable community for active adults.



THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee, clubhouse staff and other regular contributors continually strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date communication to the BellaVita community. Efforts through regular meetings, block captain distribution, the Bella Buzz and a myriad of electronic postings help accomplish this goal.

In July, the block captains (42 in all) delivered to each residence important updates of gate information, fences, hurricane pamphlets, storm window protection and front door maintenance. These distributions provide up to the minute information that could affect residents immediately or in the very near future.

Currently, we are rewriting the guidelines for future communication input by board members, club officers, committee chair persons and BellaVita residents. We encourage articles and information from these sources. Special thanks to committee members – Sarah Barnett, Carolyn Beeson, Janice Jensen, Barbara Quinn, Linda Sanders and Rosemary Trevino. Kudos also to Nancy Triggs, Bill Burdick, the clubhouse staff and the 42 block captains. Thanks also to Don Jensen who tirelessly "Excelled" in putting the block captain spreadsheet lists together and providing printouts for those functions.

SEWING FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

Fireworks, flags, and franks are now a distant memory. The sewing group's raffle flag quilt was so very well received and we thank you for the tremendous community support. Donna Ferreri, pictured here, was the lucky winner. We hope you noticed the club decorations for the event as they were also done by the sewing group. Come and visit us any Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse and we will show you all of our ongoing projects. Better still, come join us for the social and community involvement. We gladly accept all donations.



Fourth of July



Lining up for the 4th of July Parade



It's Hot and the Dogs are on the Grill!



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THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT CLUB

Linda Stanton, President

The All Clubs Pool Party successfully started our BellaVita summer with a splash!

Following the 'Luau Theme' everyone showed up in their bright summer attire which helped set the stage for an awesome event. H.E.B very graciously came and cooked the delicious seafood paella in their outdoor pan. The men roasted the pig to perfection! The highlight of the event was the parading of the pig. In all of its glory he was paraded around the pool for all to see, surrounded by trays of beautiful summer fruits. It was an evening filled with good food, friends and fellowship. Everyone enjoyed joining in the various games and activities. Special thanks to everyone who participated to help make this a spectacular event.



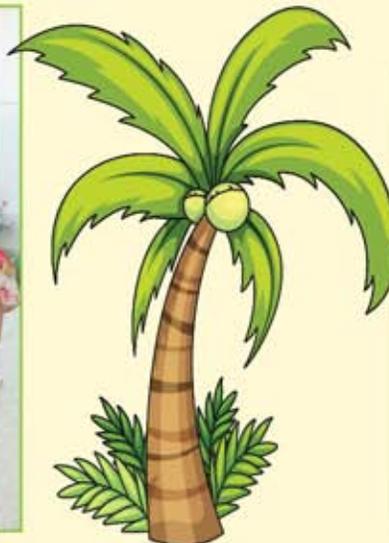
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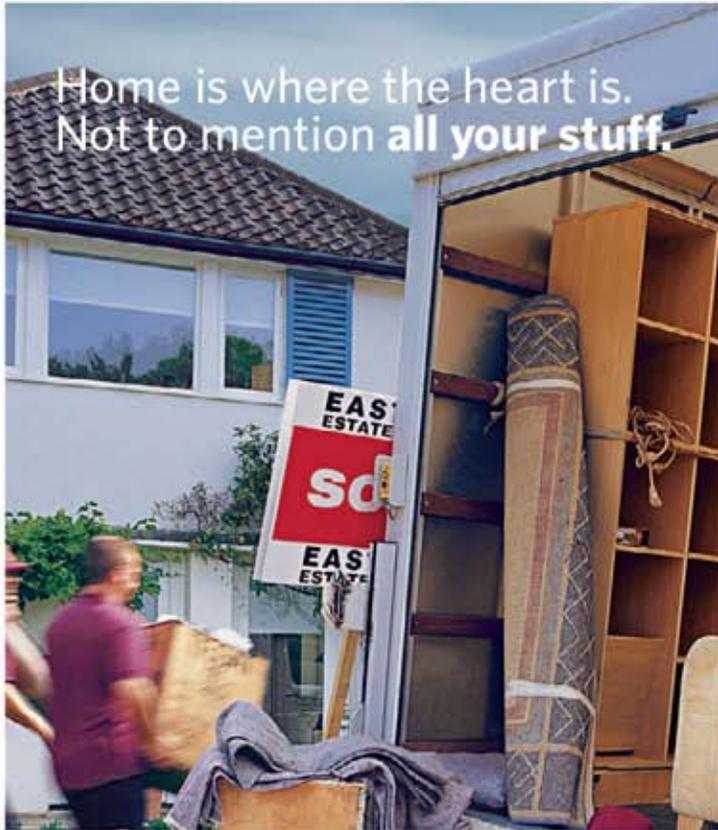
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A TRAVELING WOMAN

One of BellaVita's early residents is a world traveler. **Maureen Dixon** was born in Quebec, Canada and grew up in Sydney, Nova Scotia. She moved to Houston for career opportunities and has worked as a flight attendant for Continental Airlines, an administrative professional for Pasadena Independent School District, and owned and operated NASA Travel.

Maureen has two children, a daughter, Kelly, who lives in Atlanta and works for Coca Cola and a son, Kerry who lives in Pearland and works for MD Anderson. She also has a 19 year old grandson. She is widowed; her husband was a pilot who also worked for Continental.

In addition to living in Canada, and the Houston area, Maureen and her husband lived in Hawaii for two years. As we all know, those who work for the airlines have extra benefits. Maureen has really availed herself of those benefits. She has traveled all over Europe, Asia, Russia, Mexico, the Caribbean, the British Isles and of course the United States. She has traveled by air, land and sea.

Maureen sold her travel agency a few years ago but she continues to travel and still has old clients who call her for cruises and tours. Her favorite destination was China where they visited throughout the country for 21 days.

Maureen is an avid gardener with several Bromeliads and an exotic Night Blooming Cereus. She enjoys movies and is active in her church.

And as you might guess, Maureen is planning a 10 day fall foliage cruise which starts in Quebec, travels to Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island, Boston, New Port, and New York. **SOUNDS LIKE FUN!**



The BellaVita Belles

Linda Sanders, Belles President



Belles Club Presenting 11TH ANNUAL MISTLETOE MARKET

While the "dog days of summer" have been upon us, the Mistletoe Market Committee has been working to prepare for the **11th Annual Mistletoe Market** to be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. til 4 p.m.** The Market, as always will be held in the Clubhouse, Annex and surrounding grounds of the clubhouse property. Vendors, old and new, are expected to bring us the first holiday shopping experience of the year with their array of holiday decorations, handcrafted items, clothing, jewelry, specialty food items, candles, children's items, home and yard décor and many more items.

The Treasure Box has been busy collecting gently used items donated by our residents to be offered for sale at great prices with all proceeds benefiting "**Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County**".

A delicious lunch will be prepared and sold by **Hope Village**, with all proceeds benefiting this non-profit home for mentally challenged individuals. Visit www.hope-village.com for more information on this project. The lunch will be available for purchase for \$7.00.

Although the Belles Club is the sponsor of this event, all of this work is performed by the many wonderful volunteers of BellaVita.

Mark your calendars to spend an hour, or the day, shopping our many vendors, visiting with neighbors, enjoying lunch and benefiting these worthwhile causes. Remember **Admission is only \$1.00.**

Continue to watch the weekly Newsletters for information about parking, vendor updates, etc.

Ladies Nite In

by Linda Sanders

Ladies Night in has become a yearly Belles Club tradition. It is an evening of activities for the women residents of BellaVita. This year's event was a spectacular array of entertainment. Featured were Robert Berry, a renowned Magician and Comedian; Bonnie Blue, a Houston caricature Artist; a humorous and sexy Fashion Show with models from the BellaVita community; and a mysterious Fortune Teller played by Ruben Castillo. Roger Valdez was the official photographer. The committee responsible for this dynamic collection of entertainment, as well as the games and entertainment throughout the evening was Kay Simpson(Chair), Marjorie Parham, Sandra Bornstein, Cindy Simmons, Mary Westfahl, Tami Barbour, Genie Dunnage, Paddy Sankar, and Billie Valezquez.



What Not To Wear Models & Master of Ceremonies



Singing for Our Supper

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Ruth Southard, President

On June 14, 2014, the leadership team of BellaVita met at the offices of Re/Max-Clear Lake for a full day workshop to review and update the Strategic Plan 2015-2020. The Leadership Team is composed of:

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 Jim Moore, Architectural Review
 Carol Grisanti, Finance
 Donna Ferreri (for Becky Spedden), Grounds
 Janet DeSardo, Community Relations (not present)
 Bob Stockinger, Communications
 Connie Harry, Elections (not present)

Don Jensen, Facilities

Mary Ellen Henry, Awards
 Bob Dennett, Nature Reserve

BV Social Clubs

Cris Barrera, President, BV Men's Club
 Linda Sanders, President, BV Belles Club
 Paul Ashline, Commander, BV Veteran's Organization
 Linda Stanton, President, That's Entertainment Club

Clubhouse Manager - Nancy Triggs

This year, Ron Lauve, Project Manager for Fence Project participated. The community is fortunate to have so many homeowners involved in the planning/operating of this place we call home.

A Strategic Plan serves as a road map. Without a plan, assessments could get out of control, chaos could rule, and facilities would deteriorate. The BellaVita plan is somewhat different from most. The document includes routine maintenance/upgrade items scheduled during the five-year period. By including these items in the plan, committees have a single planning document from which to work.

Because of the enormity of the fence project, the objective of the day was clarified. The group was tasked with reviewing the current document, considering need over schedule, especially in the three-year period of financing fences (2015-2018).

The day resulted in excellent work and open discussion. The plan is in the editing phase and is expected to be approved by the Board at the November meeting.

We are thankful for all who participated and for the people at Re/Max who provided the meeting space for the fifth year in a row.

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GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Becky Speeden, Chair

Have you looked around Bella Vita lately? The trees around the lake have been trimmed. The pool overflow area has been "beautified" with potted plants in order to enhance the area and save money. Some residents have created "an oasis" in a common area because they love their community and want to make it a enjoyable place to live. Other common areas have been "spruced up" and others are in line to get cleaned up. The vegetation around the Annex has been cleared and new easier to maintain vegetation has been planted.



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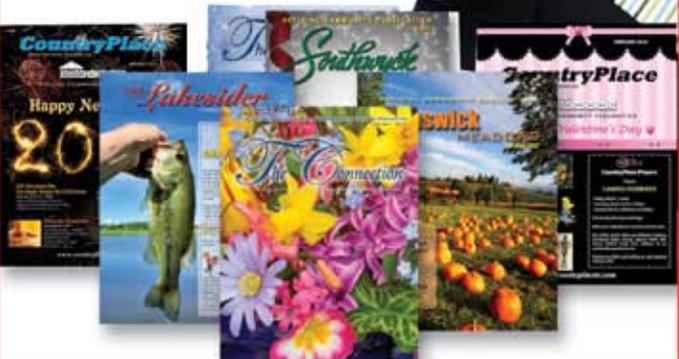
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BELLAVITA MENS CLUB

Cris Barrera, President

It is a fun and rewarding to be part of the Men's Club and a great opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow residents. We try to keep the meetings informative and interesting. A Director from the HOA often times attends the meetings and gives us an update on happenings within the Community. The members can ask questions and offer any comments to the Director. We discuss upcoming events sponsored by the Men's Club. Our meetings normally last 30 to 45 minutes.

This year our two biggest events are the **Annual Fish Fry on September 13th.** and the **Mistletoe Market Bar-B-Q on October 4th.** Many of our members participate in the cooking and set up. Plus we have a lot of fun!

To be a member, 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. You'll be most welcomed and you'll be happy you came.



VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Paul Ashline, Commander

The Veterans meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month and is open to all BellaVita Veterans. This is a good way to find information pertaining to Veterans. A light meal is served with drinks at 6:30 pm. The meeting follows at 7pm. Flags will be displayed at curbside Sept. 11. We can always use help in putting the flags up and taking them down.



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