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## MESSAGE FROM THE HOA BOARD

It's been a busy summer so far. All the summer activities are going smoothly. Lots of vacation time to escape the hot weather. Thanks to the Facilities Committee and Bernie Bouman, the pool is working well. Sometimes we forget just how much our volunteers do to keep things running smoothly. Not just in the facilities area, but volunteers spend many hours beautifying our grounds, checking the safety of our sidewalks, keep our finances in check, etc. Volunteers save us homeowners quite a bit of money. We cannot thank them enough.



Dianne Clement, President

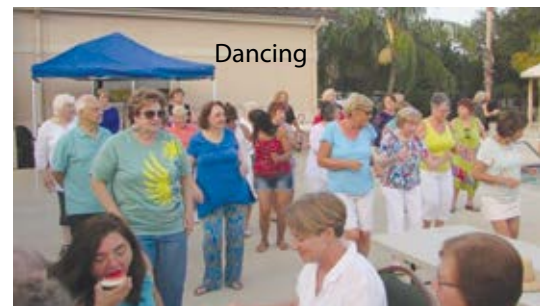
As of the week of August 1, we have a new management company, Severn Trent. They have been busy working with our current staff to get them migrated over to become employees of Severn Trent. Our employees are to be commended in keeping things running smoothly during this transition process. As far as paying August dues, homeowners need to write a check to Severn Trent. You can mail the payment to Severn Trent or simply take the check to the clubhouse. No coupon is needed. Residents will receive instructions for those who want to go ahead and enroll in automatic withdrawal. Staff will be on hand to help anyone who needs assistance. If you have prepaid your dues, please be assured that the money will be/has been transferred from FSR.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the members of the Board for their leadership and cooperation during this process. It was not an easy decision but we feel it was the right one for BellaVita.

It is budget time so we're working with the Finance Committee to establish a budget for next year. All committees are asked to take a hard look at their budget and be prepared when contacted by Joe DeKunder and his committee.

As you are enjoying your iced drink during these soaring temperatures, remember that before long, you'll be drinking hot chocolate and wishing it was warmer.

## All Clubs Poolside Party



Dancing



Thomas  
Dickerson,  
Entertainer



Don Valezquez & Genie Dunning



## **Bid & Contracts Subcommittee**

*Fritz Ring, Chair*

Since the last update, the following projects were completed:

- Management Company bids – Bids were received from 5 suppliers and the Board approved the recommended bidder – Severn Trent - as Bella Vita's new management company, effective August 1. The contract was awarded for one (1) year with options to renew.
- Audio Equipment for Clubhouse – Bids were issued to and received from three bidders. The bids were reviewed with a couple of members of the AV Task Force. This led to several questions, which needed to be clarified by the three bidders. After final bids were received, the Task Force, along with myself agreed that Ford A/V be awarded the bid based on their competitive pricing and comprehensive quote. The contract was signed in mid July.

Other work that is underway:

- Landscape Bids – The current contract with Rustiscapes expires at the end of December. The Ground Committee requested we solicit bids. We reached out to a number of bidders of which 4 have submitted bids. Due to the complexity of the bid and the bid responses. Denise and I have been talking to the four bidders to verify their pricing which should be completed by the time of this publication. Next step is for members of the Grounds Committee, along with Denise, to visit reference properties of the bidders to review the quality of their services. Based on their recommendation, we will then set up a final review with a "short list" of bidders to understand details of how they would operate in BellaVita if awarded the contract. The goal is to make a recommendation to the Board in September.
- Auditor Bids - After receipt of the bids, there was a request to put the bids on hold until a decision was made regarding the Management company bids. Now that the decision has been made, we are awaiting an updated scope of work from the Finance Committee and how they wish to proceed.
- On-call Electrical Services – An RFP is in progress for establishing a contract for on-call electrical services for the Clubhouse and Annex. Mary Walker is handling this project.
- Sidewalk Repair Bid – Bids for the repair of the lake sidewalks is underway.

There has been some discussion about the time it takes to complete the bid process. There are many variables to consider when developing a bid process:

- Complexity of the work to be done,
- Availability of a clear, well defined scope of work from the sponsoring committee or task force AND if there is not a scope, developing one,
- Identification of bidders (if not known),
- Development, issuance and follow up on the bid request,
- Ensuring the accuracy of the bids and then reviewing them with the sponsoring committee,
- Clarification of bids and presentation by bidders to committee (if needed),
- Recommendation to the Board for approval.

All the above is also dependent on the availability of people's time which is not always immediate. The bid process is not JUST about getting good pricing but also about protecting the liability and safety of the HOA as well as our community.

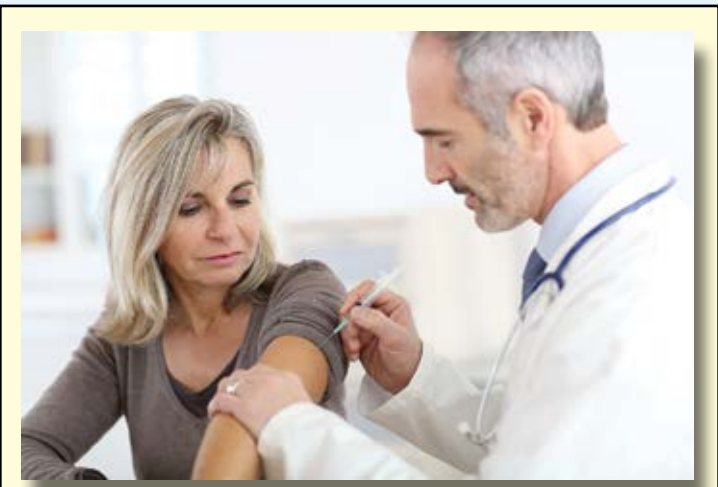
We appreciate the various Committees' patience as we all learn to work with the bidding process including developing comprehensive scopes of work, we will be able to complete this process in a more efficient manner. If anyone has any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



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# Memorial Day



## BellaVita Veterans Organization

Dennis Mulcahy, Comander

The third quarter highlight event for the BellaVita Veterans was our 4th of July Celebration. Over two hundred residents and guests participated. The BellaVita Community was decorated by 800 flags put up by the Veterans and residents. The celebration began early with the parade which was organized by John Kaltenbach. Marjorie Parham carried the American flag followed by the five service flags, Uncle Sam (Richard Wach) and the Fitness "Marchers". Six of our World War II Veterans were escorted in vehicles and golf carts all decorated with flags and red, white and blue banners. The Grand Marshall who, once again, was Mayor Tom Reid rode in a convertible. Residents followed in golf carts, autos and bicycles, patriotically decorated. As the temperature was soaring to nearly 90 degrees, there was a short convocation at the clubhouse flags with Taps, solemnly played by Ken Wright, and words honoring those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Inside in air conditioning, Mayor Reid, also a WWII veteran, addressed our community. While the hot dogs and trimmings were served, the Pearland Community Band, directed by Maestro Bobby Wren, played wonderful patriotic music greatly appreciated by the community.

The fifth flag raising is scheduled in honor of 9-11-01, now proclaimed Patriots Day. We appreciate all the residents who have assisted putting our flags up and taking them down. The last flag raising for the year will be around Veteran's Day.





Ruben Castillo

# 4th of July

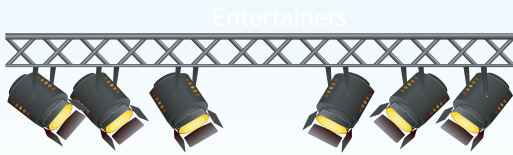
Mario Saldino, James Reinders, & Denny Mulcahy



Orchestra



Carlan Hassoldt, Melody Mixon, Doris Pelfrey & Pat Castillo



Entertainers

## That's Entertainment Club

Ed Jamison, President

I hope that you had the opportunity to take some time off this past summer. Outsiders might think that people in BellaVita don't need time off because we may be retired. Well, in the first place, there are many residents here who are employed. There are many residents in their seventies who would rather work than stare at their navels. While the rest of us enjoy volunteering here, in BV or elsewhere, there are so many who enjoy golf or other sports and have been working for years to get to that point in their lives when they can enjoy their sport.

Thankfully, I'm a person who enjoys it all. That's why I'm involved with TEC. And, I encourage you, along with our many newcomers, to be involved in our various efforts. To our newcomers: WELCOME! We're the organization that presents entertainment to BV. We do this in the form of plays, dances and parties.

In the past few months fun was had by all in May at the Cinco de Mayo party. A few hundred partygoers got down without winding up in the pool. Then we collaborated the other clubs (Belles, Vets and Men's) for the annual Pool Party in June. We wrapped up the first 6 months with the Dueling Pianos. That was amazing!



Dueling Pianos

At this time of year we have a few events left including:

- ~ The Country Western Dance featuring Darwin Macon and his band on Saturday, September 16
- ~ The Annual Halloween Event featuring Andy and the Dreamsicles, a huge favorite.

Meanwhile, and especially for newcomers, TEC meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Food and drink precede the meeting, which begins at 7:00. We are open to your ideas that will, ultimately, entertain you



Diane Hutzler, Patsy Jakovich, Carolyn Johnson, June Visser, Sunny Ward, & Sharon Burnside



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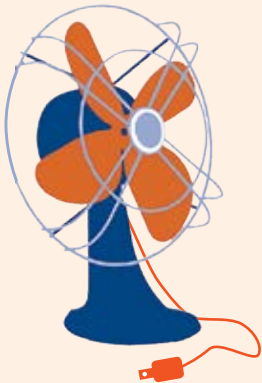
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*Cris Barrera, President*

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.

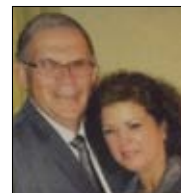
It is fun and rewarding to be part of the Men's Club. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle, before and after the meeting, and enjoy a meal and beverages. The meetings normally last 30 to 45 minutes.

We try to keep the meetings informative and interesting. A Board member from the HOA often times attends the meetings and give us an update on happenings within the community. The members can ask questions and offer any comments to the Board member. We discuss upcoming events sponsored by the Men's Club. We sponsor various events throughout the year like Fish Fry's, Pasta Night, Fiesta Night, Pool Parties, etc.

The sale of tickets from our various events enables the Men's Club to sponsor at no cost to the residents activities like Movie and Burger Nights, Super Bowl Party, Annual Neighborhood Night Out, etc. This year we are contributing just under \$5,000.00 toward the upgrade of our audio/video System in the ballroom. This would not be possible without the support of the residents purchasing tickets to our events.

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## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Rex Hemme, Chair

The Facilities Committee has completed two of its major projects for the year --- the painting of 39 houses and the replacement of the light poles in the club house parking lot. Work continues on the front door painting program.

If you walk around the lake, you may have noticed some orange paint at several spots. This paint indicates several tripping hazards we have identified. We are soliciting bids on remedying these hazards and hope to have this work completed in the next few months to ensure your safety.

We and the HOA Board have been discussing a perceived need for more parking spaces for the mobility-impaired. While the handicapped spaces in front of the club house are sufficient to satisfy legal requirements, they are not sufficient for a community with our demographics. This is a voluntary move on the board's part to better accommodate the needs of our community. In the near future we will replace six non-handicapped parking space with four for the handicapped. Two requests:

1. Please do not park in the spaces with many diagonal stripes. These are reserved for entry to and egress from cars parked in the adjacent handicapped spaces.
2. Even though the additional handicapped spaces are not mandated, please, if you are not impaired, be considerate of your neighbors who are less fortunate than you are and do not park in these new spaces.

Finally, while the Facilities Committee is happy to keep the community in working order, our work will be even more effective if we have your help. If you see sections of the curbs that have significant deterioration (chunks having fallen away, not hairline cracks) or problems in the streets or sidewalks, please contact me at rhemme@aol.com. I do not promise immediate remediation, but we will look at it.

And, if you have some mechanical experience, we can always use a few good minds on the committee. I'm not suggesting that you will be called upon to do any physical labor --- just to interface with our contractors as they work. For example, we could use someone to meet with our front gate contractor and evaluate the information he gives us each quarter and when occasional repairs are necessary.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Dekunder, Chair

We welcome effective August 1, 2017 our new management company, Severn Trent. The finance team looks forward to working with this management company- our goal is to find more efficient financial solutions with Severn Trent that will benefit BellaVita - A BETTER WAY!!

The continued financial concern for BellaVita is to build our reserves to meet repair and maintenance needs of our aging community. The fence project and other non-recurring expenses had a mitigating impact on our reserve levels. The Finance Committee will recommend to the Board an increase in reserve contribution for the 2018 Budget. We will also recommend a reduction in expenses from each operating committee.

The Finance Committee and the other BellaVita committees are working together to present a budget to the Board that will address the concerns we all have to increase reserves for the long term benefit of the community. The goal is to have a budget that will meet the needs of BellaVita now and in the future. The process has started and the Finance Committee will work with each committee and present a final recommendation to our board. The Board, the Finance Committee, and the other committees are all in support of each other to meet the financial concerns and achieve a productive budget.

One of the impressive resources we have in BellVita are the residents. It is amazing that our residents have so many varied areas of experience- yes BellaVita needs you!!! Maybe not always on a committee - but your ideas! So many of you have innovative and creative approaches to financial solutions. A Better Way- please let one of our Finance Team members know your thoughts that may benefit BellaVita. Share all those positive years of experience!!



## AWARDS COMMITTEE

Sandra Bornstein, Chair

The Awards Committee would like to announce Q3 2017 Volunteer of the Quarter, Marjorie Parham. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Marjorie Parham is worth her weight in gold. She shares her time and talents and is always there to help do whatever is necessary. Taking the time out of her busy personal schedule is well appreciated. She definitely makes BellaVita a #1 Priority. She has volunteered for many community events/activities as well as

lending a helping hand to BV neighbors in our community. She has served in many different capacities for 10 yrs. Just to name a few, she has served as VP officer for the Belles, Chairperson for many events for the Belles and TEC, Core Committee for Mistletoe Market and New Year's Eve committee. Besides the clubs, she is active on the HOA committee-Clubhouse, Co-Chair BV Getaways, Clubhouse Christmas Decorating committee and assists Men's Club and Veterans in many ways. Marjorie is a model volunteer going above and beyond without asking her or having to follow up, you know it will get done. It could be said that Marjorie is the epitome of what BV wants our neighborhood to be: warm, welcome, helpful and full of life. She is always there with a ready smile and helping hand. Without people like Marjorie it would be tough to accomplish so much in our community.

Thank you Marjorie Parham for all your hard work. Please congratulate Marjorie on her outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.



# The BellaVita Belles

*Carolyn Beeson, President*

As we "ease" into Fall, celebrating a very successful Ladies Night In, it is time to take a short breath before the busy season of 2017.

Led by Cindy Dutschke and Nancy Walker, we had one of our best Ladies Night In parties ever. The movie themed tables drew rave reviews. Food was great and the entertainment hit a new high. Success was the result of a lot of hard work by many Belles. All of our events have been so great this year.

We can't rest on our laurels because the first Saturday in October/ Mistletoe Market is fast approaching. Committee chairs have been

planning for months. It will take the effort of a lot of volunteers to pull this off. As you all know, monies earned from this event finance our "fun" for next year. That includes a \$5,000.00 contribution to the new audio-visual system that the clubs will purchase.

Of course, there is the charity-arm of the market, the Treasure Box. Contributions will benefit The Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. Their care packages go directly to the troops overseas. So, come out and buy some of our BellaVita "treasures".

In November, we will have our annual fashion show, in December, the Gift Exchange and hopefully, the Christmas Home Tour, Somewhere in those busy weeks we will have an appreciation meal for all volunteers who helped during the year. Then it is goodbye 2017!

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



Cast of Characters



Dianne Clement, Mary Walker, Paddy Sankar, Pat Speer

## LADIES NIGHT IN



Ladies Night In



Nina Martin, Judy Hotman, & Sarita Cannon



Linda Sanders & Carolyn Beeson as "Sonny & Cher"



*Mistletoe Market*

**Saturday, October 7, 2017 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

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(\*A portion of admission fees will benefit The Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County.)

The annual Mistletoe Market hosted by the Belles Club of BellaVita is coming soon. The Belles Club is assisted by many of our men and women residents in the community. Most vendor spaces have been sold. We currently have 80+ spaces, representing more than 70 vendors, some with multiple spaces. Some of our favorites are returning but there are also some new vendors with great products we can look forward to seeing.

Hope Village will prepare and serve lunch, with all proceeds from drink/lunch sales benefiting Hope Village. Food and drink concessions, along with seating, will be located outside by the Pool Area. If you are not familiar with Hope Village, please see their website at hope-village.com. This is a wonderful organization providing care for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Treasure Box will again be located in the Annex. This community has been working for months collecting your gently used items to be sold. Additional donations are being sought. No furniture, shoes, electronics or furniture is accepted. Holiday décor, jewelry and purses are among our best sellers. If you have items to donate or wish to assist in this worthy cause, please call Carolyn Beeson (281-922-4427) or Genie Dunnage (281-481-3289). All proceeds collected from the sale of items will benefit the Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County to provide postage for "care packages" for our men and women serving our country.

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