

NATURES TALES

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Elvis is Alive and Well!

We know this because he provided the music at a dance here at Natures in January. Elvis was a little older and his hips did not quite have the same gyrations that moved the crowds when we were all a lot younger. Like us, he probably needed a little WD-40 in the joints to move the way he used to in years gone by. Anne-Lise, looking like a star-struck teenager, entertained us all with her impromptu performance with Elvis.

Caring, Sharing and Volunteering!

We all know that the wonderful people at Natures care, share and volunteer. Yet I am still in awe of the lengths to which people to reach out to others.

January has been a difficult month for some of our Natures family. Two people unexpectedly landed up in hospital, leaving frazzled and worried spouses hovering over their loved ones. Immediately some of the Natures Family stepped in and helped out with meals and visiting the folks in hospital. The love and concern could be felt throughout the park for both the people in hospital and their spouses.

Connie is now in Weslaco Rehab and people are constantly asking how she is doing and what they can do to help her and Richard. The whole Natures family hurts when other members of the family are hurting. We wish Connie well, and look forward to having her back with us.

On a much lighter side, Keith – Site 81 – thinned out his Bird of Paradise. There were many extra plants which he shared with many

folks around the park. These beautiful plants thrive in this area, and in years to come we may become known as the Bird of Paradise Park!

And the volunteering goes on! Grass cutting, work in the garden, watering, decorating and un-decorating the clubhouse, cleaning out the cigarette butt cans, hosting events, tidying up the clubhouse and kitchen..... The list just goes on and on.

Thank you so much all you wonderful people!

Weekly Activities.

If you have a talent

Aerobics:

8:00 a.m. Clubhouse Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Bicycle Rides:

9:00 a.m. Thursday. Meet at the gate. Must wear a helmet.

Billiards:

6:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday.

Bingo:

6:15 p.m. Clubhouse Sunday (except second Sunday of the month)

Bowling:

9:00 a.m. Friday at the Flamingo Bowling Lanes in McAllen.

Campfire:

5:00 p.m. Friday. Bring your own hotdogs, drinks etc.

Conversational French/English

3:00 p.m. Tuesday. Clubhouse

Conversational Spanish

3:00 p.m. Wednesday. Clubhouse

Craft Time:

1:00 p.m. Friday

Euchre:

6:30 p.m. Monday

Dominoes:

6:30 p.m. Wednesday (Mexican Train)

Karaoke Jam Session:

Noon to 2 p.m. Site 59. Tuesdays

Koffee Klatch:

9:30 a.m. Site 100. Wednesday. Bring your coffee cup.

Men's Breakfast:

8:00 a.m. Every other Tuesday. Sign up required.

Petanque:

2:00 p.m. Every day.

Poker:

6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Shuffleboard:

10:00 a.m. Tuesday

Soup & Salad:

5:00 p.m. Monday. Sign up required.

Trivial Pursuit:

6:00 p.m. Thursday

Volleyball:

Check impromptu board

Water Aerobics:

9:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Western Dance Lessons:

7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Tidbits from Speckles!

The weather has been so nice. I love lying out in the sun. However, I still trot around the park keeping an eye on everything! I disguise myself as a dog going for a walk, and that is how I manage to see and report on everything!

- The pool girl was almost fired! One day she forgot to put Pool Perfect in the pool to keep the water nice and soft! But then she reminded Richard that he forgot to set the timer on the hot tub – so he forgave her!
- Do you know who makes coffee every morning in the clubhouse? Bright and early each day I see Bill R making a fresh pot for everyone. What a hero!

- Dave – Site 83, was in the hospital, but he is home again, and doing well.
- Mike – Site 80 was also in hospital. He has come home too, and is recovering nicely.
- We got a brand new big screen TV. I never saw anything so big!
- More shelves have gone up in the library and Rita is busy stocking them with more books.
- I like Maribel. She keeps everything so clean and tidy, and she is always smiling!
- Connie has been moved from the hospital to rehab center in Weslaco. I really miss her and want her to come home soon. Natures isn't the same without her.
- Natures! Paula – Site 106 - took Did you ever see such a nice rainbow over the photo.
- I was wrong! I thought that Elvis died, but he came and sang to us. He looked a little older than I remembered!
- Ruthie and Frank - Site 58 – have started a Pet Owners group, so that all the pets can have a representative. I wonder who will represent me?
- All the Avatan people both here and at Sandpipers had a great time at the get-together organized by Ron & Lynn – Site 60.
- Where to they get all their energy from? The volleyball players have been making the most of our fabulous weather by playing lots of volleyball.
- Other people enjoy the nice weather by playing Farkle

- I've never seen the guest rooms so busy! On many nights all the rooms have been full.
- There's lots of construction going on at Site 102 – Pat and John. They are building a new Florida Room.

That's all from me. Have a purrrfect February!



Special Events:

Additional details on the February events as well as the sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

- 1st Superbowl Party.** This will be the début of the new Big Screen TV. Join us in the clubhouse to watch the superbowl. Bring a dish of Hors de Oeuvres to share.
- 2nd 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast.** Meet at the gate. Car pool available.
- 3rd 8:00 a.m. Med Check.** This is a convenient and cost effective way to have a health check up. Men, PLEASE sign up for your PSA test.
- 3rd 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. CPR Class.** This is for all those who have signed up and paid for the course.
- 5th 3:00 p.m. Natures/Sandpipers Cookout.** Please sign up if you plan to attend. Also sign up to bring Potato Salad or Cole Slaw or Baked Beans or Chips. This should be a great event and a good opportunity to meet our Sandpipers family.
- 8th 5:00 p.m. "Mom's Best" Pot Luck.** Bring a dish to share – something that Mom used to make.

- 8th 6:30 p.m. February Birthday and Anniversary Celebration.** Join us in the clubhouse for cake and ice cream.
- 9th 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Valentine Dance with Ronnie Furr.**
- 10th 8:00 p.m. Men's Breakfast.** Meet at the gate.
- 12th 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free Ice Cream Social.**
- 14th 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sock Hop.** Come dance to the oldies. Bring Hors de Oeuvres to share. Hosted by Mike and Karen.
- 19th 5:00 p.m. Booya by Dave & Evie.** Please sign up for this great meal.
- 19th 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dance.** Music by Ruthie
- 21st 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mexican Fiesta!** Snacks and dancing from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meat provided. Bring a Mexican side dish or Mexican dessert to share. Bring your own sour cream and salsa for tacos. Sign up with what dish you are bringing. Door prizes!
- 24th 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mardi Gras.** Music by Cassandra.
- 26th 5:00 p.m. Appreciation Dinner.** The Owners invite everyone to a free dinner to show their appreciation for all the help and volunteerism during the season. Please sign up.

12 String Tim and Sharon coming again!

On January 24th with strings of balloons and lights decorating the stage, and candles and flowers from the Memorial Garden decorating the tables, 12 String Tim and Sharon entertained us with a night of music to dance to as well as some entertaining skits some of which were almost drowned out with howls of laughter. They will be back for our Luau on March 5th.