

NATURES TALES

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It's a Brand New Year!

2009 is over, and looking back we see just how blessed Natures has been over the past 12 months. We have been surrounded by wonderful people who hold this resort close to their hearts, and they have done so much to make it an even better place. The volunteering spirit that has become legendary at Natures has continued throughout 2009, and many projects were accomplished through the work of our volunteers. We thank each and every one of you for your time and talent. We appreciate all that you have done for Natures and your Natures family. We receive many compliments about how tidy and clean Natures is, and we have our housekeepers and volunteers to thank for this! You are awesome!

As we say goodbye to 2009 the owners of Natures Resort want to wish everyone a very happy New Year. It is our hope that 2010 will be a rewarding year filled with peace, good health, contentment, joy and prosperity thrown in for good measure.

Happy New Year!

December Highlights!

The kickoff event for December was a Craft Fair. The clubhouse was transformed into a "mini-mall, with the crafters displaying their merchandise on tables. Painted articles, jewelry, cut T-shirts, backpacks, bags, beautiful cards and many other handmade articles were for sale. What talent we have here at Natures. Everyone had the opportunity to do a bit of Christmas shopping while enjoying complimentary coffee and popcorn.

Once again the wonderful aroma of Christmas cookies wafted from the community kitchen as participants of the Christmas Cookie Exchange baked a wonderful variety of Christmas Cookies.

Our Stitch and Chat group has been working on many lap quilts which will be given to local nursing homes. They also made three quilts especially for Connie – Site #203 – with one of the quilts signed by all of those who worked on it.

The December yard sale was a roaring success. A huge inventory of items had been donated, and it took a lot of work and organization to get everything sorted and priced. The first day of the sale was held in the clubhouse and the second day the sale was moved to Monte Cristo Road. It's hard to believe, but in-house sales on the first day were over \$600, and sales the following day on Monte Cristo Road came close to \$700. Total receipts were \$1,327 which goes in its entirety to the Fun Association.

Special thanks to Petra – Site # 65 – and all her helpers for the fantastic job that they did. Thanks also to everyone who donated items for the sale.

Dances are always a highlight, and in December we had two! Jack & Jane – Site 209 – hosted, and Ruthi & Frank – Site 66 - provided music for the Christmas dance which was packed. The second dance was hosted by Bruce & Marysue – Site 19 - with music provided by Peg – Site 50. The dance lessons on Wednesday evenings are really paying off as more and more people get out on the dance floor for country and line dancing. At both dances there was a good mix of music for everyone.

Also in December we had a multitude of Christmas activities. A carol sing-along hosted by Pat and John - Site #102 - was a great success followed by the annual gift exchange hosted by Jack & Cassandra – Site 59 – and all their Christmas elves.

The highlight of the holiday activities was the Christmas Dinner, hosted by Cindy & Randy – Site # 9. Besides the ham and potato salad which was provided, everyone brought a plate to share making a huge spread of delicious side dishes and desserts. Over 100 people were served in record breaking time, and if anyone went home hungry it was their own fault!

All these activities went off without a glitch, and seemed to flow effortlessly but this was due to the good organization skills of our many volunteers. Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped with all these wonderful activities. YOU made December a month to remember!

Why I am a member of AANR

When we are traveling and consider visiting a nudist club, we check to see if it is affiliated with AANR. That affiliation with AANR assures us that it will provide the kind of environment where we will feel comfortable. When we check in at an AANR club our membership card helps to identify us as bona-fide nudists and as members of a landed AANR club. That membership card also gives us a discount on grounds fees and camping costs at AANR clubs.

But just as important as what I get from AANR is what my membership does for our rights to enjoy social nudity in appropriate places. AANR's public relations efforts and the work of AANR's Government Affairs Team help strengthen our ability to enjoy living without clothes.

AANR provides scholarship money for AANR youth camps and for leadership training for young nudists. AANR helps clubs with marketing and promoting nude recreation.

I want my club to remain affiliated with AANR. That is why I went to the Natures Resort office in December to renew our membership.

Bruce – Site #19

Note from the Editor: In order for Natures Resort to remain affiliated with AANR we have to maintain a certain number of AANR memberships. AANR affiliation is vitally important to any resort as this affiliation clearly states that we offer a wholesome, safe environment for all genuine nudists. We realize that these are difficult economic times, but we would encourage everyone to renew their AANR membership and support this worthy organization that is continually fighting for our rights to enjoy the nude lifestyle.

Tidbits from Speckles, our proud Natures Cat!

It's a brand New Year! How exciting! But before I can think about the New Year, I need to tell you about things that happened in December!

- Did you know that there is a wheelbarrow available for your use? It is located by the trailer on the south side of the pool.
- I never saw anything quite so funny: Frank was in the golf cart being chased by the battery charger and a long extension cord! Or perhaps he was taking the charger for a run?
- Did you know that we got 5 inches of rain in just 24 hours in December! It made everything a bit sloppy for a day or two.
- You should have seen JeanMark at the Yard sale. He could sell an ice cube to an Eskimo.
- Look at all the lap quilts the Stitch and Chat group made for a local nursing home!
- The work golf cart got a face lift. Thanks Bill S. It looks great!

- All the twinkling Christmas lights are so pretty. I'll be sad when they all come down.
- Almost 100 people attended the Christmas Dance hosted by Jack and Jane – Site # 209 - with Ruthi and Frank providing the music.
- We've had a couple of weeks of unseasonably cold weather, but everyone can still enjoy themselves in the heated clubhouse.
- I hope you got to see the dogs in their Christmas coats. They looked really cute!

That's all from me. Have a purrrfect New Year!



Weekly Activities:

Aerobics: 8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Clubhouse

Bike Rides: 9:00 a.m. Thursday. See bulletin board for details of each ride

Bingo: 6:15 p.m. Friday Play starts at 7 p.m. Clubhouse

Bowling: 9:15 p.m. Friday Flamingo Bowl, 3301 N. 23rd Street, McAllen.

CampFire: 5:00 p.m. Friday. Bring a chair, something to drink and food to cook over the fire

Chat & Craft: 1:00 p.m. Friday Clubhouse. Bring your own craft project or sewing.

Coffee: 9:00 a.m. Thursday Site #100. BYOMug and enjoy a social time with other nudists.

Dance Lessons: 6:30 p.m. (beginners)
7:00 (everyone) Wednesday

Dominoes: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. (Mexican train)

Euchre: 7:00 p.m. Monday. Bring a partner and \$1.00

Ladies Brunch: 10:30 a.m. Every other Tuesday.

Men's Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. Every other Tuesday

Petanque: 2:00 p.m. Every day. Everyone is welcome- even those who have never played before.

Rock & Roll Concert: 6:30 p.m. Sunday on Big Screen TV in the Clubhouse

Soup Supper: 6:00 p.m. Monday \$4.50 per person. Sign up required.

Texas Hold'Em: See Bulletin Board for times.

Trivial Pursuit: 6:00 p.m. Thursday

Water Aerobics: 9:30 a.m. Monday & Wednesday.

Water Volleyball: See impromptu board on the south side of the clubhouse for dates and times.

January Activities:

1st Brunch 10:00 a.m. Clubhouse. Coffee and Juice provided. Sign ups required. Bring a dish to share.

4th Blood Drive. 8:00 to 12 noon. Please sign up to support this good cause.

8th Dance 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. . Music provided by 12 String Tim.

9th Texas Hold'em Tournament 10:30 a.m.

10th Mexican Pot Luck. 5:00 p.m. Bring a Mexican dish or dessert to share.

10th Birthday Celebration 6:30 p.m. Join us in the clubhouse for cake and ice cream as we celebrate all the January Birthdays and Anniversaries.

11th Dance 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music provided by Ralph and The Cruizers. This is the first time that we have had a live 5 piece band, and it should be a fantastic evening.

14th Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 p.m.

16th Members Meeting. If you are at Natures, then you are a member and should be at this meeting. Your input would be appreciated. Free coffee and donuts!

23rd Dance 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music provided by Tom Wayne.

28th Dance 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music provided by Jack Kay "Lost in Time".

30th Games AuNaturel at Sandpipers.