

NATURES TALES

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February Fun!

A Parade, lots of food plus Saints and Colts fans were the perfect ingredients for a fun Super Bowl event in the clubhouse.

Two fantastic dances to celebrate Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras. Many thanks to the hosts who did a great job of decorating and to Cindy and Cassandra who provided a good selection of music for all to enjoy.

A Hearty 'Thank You' from the Owners.

We are nearing the end of a very busy, but fun, season. However, we cannot take the credit for its success. Credit goes to our wonderful volunteers who do so much for Natures.

We've had Bingo, potlucks, soup suppers, Euchre, birthday and anniversary celebrations, western dance lessons, quilting lessons, aerobics and water aerobics, dances and dinners, dominoes, Texas Holdem, rock & roll concerts and classical music concerts, bicycle rides, men's breakfasts, women's brunches, petanque, bowling, water volley ball, bus trips to Mexico, trips to see the Hidalgo Christmas lights as well as to Vipers basketball and Killer Bees hockey. All these and other fun activities took place because of the work put in by the Fun Association board members and because many awesome volunteers organized them. But that is not all that our volunteers do. There is so much more!

Keeping track of when all the activities are taking place has been made easier by a volunteer putting out the information on a

weekly basis. Another volunteer made a site map for us with everyone's names plus a map with just the site numbers for the web. We've all enjoyed the library, run entirely by an extremely dedicated volunteer. We even have a volunteer who has spent not hours, not days, but weeks re-vamping our Wi-Fi system so that now it actually works – and works well!

Other things that keep the park running smoothly are done by many more volunteers: recycling of tin cans, aluminum cans and plastic, volunteering to do a yard recycle run, helping with the yard sale, decorating for special events – and taking the decorations down again, watering trees, tending the Memorial Garden and plants around the pool, even feeding Speckles, our proud Natures cat! There is a volunteer who makes coffee every morning in the community kitchen, another one who makes popcorn on a regular basis, and someone who challenges us daily with a trivia question.

There are also things that volunteers do just because it is a good thing: organizing a blood drive, a CPR class, AARP driver's class, and a talk on "going green" about butterflies and native RGV plants.

There are many other "behind the scenes" things that are done by volunteers: taking meals to those who have been under the weather, mending the flag, picking up, straightening up, cleaning up, killing the ants that will never completely go away, and walking other people's dogs when they are out for the day.

Natures Resort is a very special place. This is not just our opinion. It is something that is told to us over and over again. The reason that it is such a special place is because of the fantastic people that we have here, people who take a pride in Natures as their home or their home away from home. It is YOU who make Natures the kind of place that others want to come back to. To all the special people here and all of our very exceptional volunteers we say THANK YOU!

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

We've been having so much fun, and there is more to come in March. I LOVE this time of the year!

- Larry & Ed – Site #207 – donated three chairs for our guest rooms plus a Norfolk Pine for the pool area. They also cleaned the chandeliers in the clubhouse and now they sparkle when the lights are on. Thanks guys!
- The Fun Association gave \$50 to the Palm Valley Animal Shelter for all my furry friends. That was so nice of you.
- Big Excitement! Rene & Fern – Site #70 – bought a house! It looks really nice!
- Sandy was so surprised when her son came to visit. She didn't know a thing about it until he was at her door! She also had a second visit from another son and grandson.
- Do you know that Evie – Site #83 – is the person who puts up the trivia questions on the impromptu board?
- Jane – Site 209 – received second place in the Winter Texas Times Quilt Show with a machine- and hand-made quilt featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe fabric? Congratulations Jane!

- Maryann – Site #77 – was introduced to all of the basketball players when a group from Natures went to the Vipers game. She was also seen on the big screen doing the Chicken Dance!
- Brad – Site 22 is awesome. After a LOT of work he has the WiFi working really well! Thanks Brad – and thanks Janice for sharing him with us!
- The peach tree in the orchard had blossoms on it! Does that mean we will have some peaches this summer? The citrus trees are full of buds too.

I would like to thank the people who gave me a ride to the quilt show, the animal shelter and the basketball game. I can read and write, but I'm just not big enough to drive!

That's all from me. I'm hoping for purrrfect March weather!



Condolences.

Our good friend Judy (Nolan and Judy) passed away in January. Her bright smile and warm, friendly nature will be greatly missed by everyone at Natures. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Nolan & July's families.

From the Mailbox.

I appreciate all the cards that were sent to me from Natures. It's family and friends that get you through times like this. Thoughts and prayers transcend miles instantly. I could tell there were lots of both coming from everyone there. Thank You.

Nolan

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.

Camp Fire: 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.

Country Western Dancing: 6:30 p.m. 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.

Quilting: 9:30 a.m. Beginners class

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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Water Volleyball: See impromptu board on for dates and times.

March Activities:

1st 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon United Blood Services.

2nd 5:30 p.m. Luau Pulled Pork Dinner. Bring a dish to share.
7 p.m. Dance. Music by Ronnie Furr.

5th to 7th Fun in the Sun Weekend Sign ups and registration required for all events.

6th 7:00 p.m. Dance. Music by Dean Cato

9th Yard Sale in the Clubhouse

10th Yard Sale on Monte Cristo Road.

14th 6:30 p.m. Birthday Party. Join us for cake and ice cream as we celebrate the March birthdays and anniversaries.

17th 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Party and Dance

20th 9:00 p.m. Fun Association Members Meeting. Free Coffee and Donuts

25th 7:00 p.m. Dance with Ruthi

