

# NATURES TALES

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*Part of our Cyclist Group at Bentsen State Park*

## ***The Owners Show Their Appreciation!***

We are probably biased, but we, the owners of Natures Resort, believe that we have the best group of people in any park or nudist resort! We are a family, whether we live here year round, have an annual lot where we spend our winters, or just visit for a couple of months or weeks each year. We see so much care and concern for one another as well as for the park in general. We are very grateful for our Natures Family.

Since becoming owners of Natures we have marveled at the volunteering spirit that abounds here. When people see a need, they fill it. When people have a talent they share it. We have people hosting events, helping hosts, cleaning up after events such as dances, the talent show and movie nights. Volunteers run the library, make coffee each morning, pick up

the Winter Texan Times, keep the WiFi up and running, take care of all the recycle items, make cookies to share, decorate the clubhouse, make meals, organize garage sales, craft sales, blood mobile visits, bike rides, birding outings, men's breakfasts, ladies day out, volleyball, bible study, petanque, cards, dominoes, billiards, exercise class, bingo, Wii, water aerobics, Friday night campfire and give country and line dancing lessons. Many people were involved in running our Fun in the Sun events. Others water plants, mow the grass and take care of the Memorial Garden. In addition we have the Board Members of the Fun Association who put in many hours spearheading all the activities. The list of volunteers is unending.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Owners Appreciation Dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup> is a token of our appreciation for our Winter Texan Family. This

year after the dinner we also had the Texas Country Band provide music for a dance.



*Decorating  
the  
Clubhouse*



In the usual Natures Spirit, many people helped to make this evening enjoyable for everyone. Although Furr's Restaurant provided most of the food, we had many volunteers help us in the kitchen with a couple of the side dishes, serving and cleaning up after the dinner. Other volunteers did a super job of setting up the tables, chairs and pretty tablecloths in the clubhouse. The amazing decorations, including very unique center pieces were also done by very talented volunteers. We thank you all for your help.

Without this volunteering spirit and the love and concern that is in evidence at Natures, we would not have "The Natures

Family". Without "The Natures Family" Natures would not be the special place that it is. So 'Thank You' one and all for choosing to be a part of this family and for all that you do to make Natures what it is. You are all very special to us.

### ***Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!***

I am one tired cat! March has been such a busy month. With SO MUCH going on it is really hard for one little cat to keep up!



- Tim & Kathy bought another 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and had an open house to celebrate their purchase. It has a great floor plan.
- Hans and Hermien have been working on their 'new-to-them' house. Painting, repairing, new carpets and new vinyl. They also moved the shed and re-sided it to match the house. Great job guys!
- Big Bill worked hard to disguise an ugly trailer that he turned into a workshop, and by doing so he created an attractive place for people to gather and socialize.
- Steve and Paula have at last moved into their new house. They did all the finishing of the inside of the house, and it looks really great.
- A large group went on a birding outing to Bentsen State Park. Some rode their bikes around the park and others went on a tour. It sounds as though they all had a good time.

- Once again the blood mobile came to Natures. 31 people registered, 28 were eligible to donate and with the six who gave double red cells, 34 units of life-giving blood were collected. Thank you everyone! Thanks also to Laurie and her helpers who made cookies for the blood donors.
- We had another two day garage sale; the first day in the clubhouse and the second day out on Monte Cristo Road. The total for the two days was \$447.50. Remember to bring back garage sale items when you return in the fall! This is a great way for the Fun Association to make money!

That's all from me. I hope that you all have a purrrrrfect summer!



### ***Trailer Trash Bash***

You had to be there! For the second year running, Greg and Cat came up with a different and novel idea that turned a Dance into an Occasion. This year's theme, Trailer Trash Bash allowed for everyone to use their imagination, and many out did themselves with very unique costumes. Greg and Cat did an incredible job of decorating the clubhouse, the highlight of which was "His-ums" and "Her-ums" toilets complete with hoses to fill the tanks, and kitty litter boxes for them to drain into.

Dance music was by Ruthi. As usual, Frank and Ruthi did a great job and the dance floor was almost continually filled.

Much thought and effort went into decorating individual tables in the Trailer Trash theme and these folks are to be commended for their imagination.

Connie & Richard, our crowned King and Queen from the Black and White Ball in 2011, were given new crowns, Lee & Linda tied for best female costume, and Doug was judged best male costume

Many thanks go to Greg & Kat and their helpers for the time and effort that they put into this event. Everyone who was there had a fantastic time! Start thinking of ideas for the Duct Tape Dance in 2013!

### ***Travel Safely!***

We are coming to the end of our 2011/2012 season – and what a busy season it has been. Many of our new lots were filled so new friends were made and new ideas for activities were suggested and implemented. As usual, we were blessed to have many wonderful volunteers who gave of their time to organize, co-ordinate or lend a helping hand so that all the activities ran smoothly. We thank all of you for your service, time and talent!

Now is time when many of our Natures Family are in the process of packing up and heading north to their summer homes. Although those of us who remain here enjoy the quieter summers, we dislike saying "goodbye" and feel sad each time when someone leaves.

Our best wishes go with you for a safe trip home, an exciting and healthy summer, and a good trip south when you return to us next season.