



# NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

## ***Fun Association Board***

Over the years as Natures has grown, so also has the realm of the Fun Association. With more people in the park we now have a wider variety of activities, and this in turn has increased the responsibilities of the Fun Association Board. The Board, elected by Natures membership, consists of 6 people, each of whom serve for a term three years. Each February two board positions are up for election which means that there is a minimum of 4 members continuing on from the previous season, giving the Board a smooth transition from one season to the next.

We would like to thank the Board of the 2014/15 season for their time and dedication during the past year. They have done an amazing job of scheduling all our activities, encouraging our volunteers, hosts and coordinators, and organizing a wide variety of activities and special events. Their hard work ensured that we have enjoyed a fantastic season and all their efforts are greatly appreciated.

This February both Ruthi and Laurie chose not to run for re-election. There were four nominations for the two Board seats, and we thank them all for their willingness to serve on the Board.

The two new Board members are Patty - Lot 212 and Tom - Lot 302. The Board for 2015/2016 is as follows:

Ken #56 President  
Pete #228 Vice President  
Steve #300 Treasurer

Rainy #36 Secretary  
Patty #212 Entertainment Director  
Tom #302 Director at Large

Ruthi and Laurie have handed over the reins to Patty & Tom, the new Board has had their first meeting, and special events are already in the planning stage for the 2015/16 season, so we can all look ahead to more fun-filled times!

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

What a busy month we have had! Dances, Dinners, Talent Shows. The fun continues non-stop!



- What talent we have at Natures! A whole evening of live entertainment put on by our very own Natures family. It is such a popular event that we are planning to have another talent show next year. Perhaps I'll do a mouse catching demonstration! Thanks to Pete for coordinating this event.
- The Blood Mobile made its final visit for this season. Twenty five people registered to donate, twenty people donated whole blood and five people donated double red cells making a total of 30 units of lifesaving blood. This is the highest number of units of blood of any blood drive at Natures Resort. Many thanks all the donors and to Bruce for arranging the drive.

- St. Patrick's Day is another excuse to have a Dance! The decorating crew did a great job, Ken greeted all the ladies with a kiss and a green carnation, music was provided by Jim Standon, and hosts Steve & Sue and Greg & Rainy did a great job of pulling it all together.

- Decorating the clubhouse has now become an art form! Rebecca has devised a unique way of keeping the clubhouse looking pretty all year. We will now have longer term 'upper tier' decorations that will stay up for a couple of months at a time and 'lower tier' decorations that will be short term for various special functions. The first upper tier theme is "Go Fly a Kite" and we now have pretty kites flying high in the clubhouse. Rebecca has more wonderful ideas for other themes for the upper tier. Thanks for sharing your creativity with us and giving our clubhouse such a festive, fun feeling.

- Natures is blessed with wonderful volunteers! Almost daily Rich scrubs the edge of the pool keeping it free of any 'bathtub ring'. Occasionally we drop the water level so that the entire top tile can be scrubbed, and recently Rich & Lynn tackled this time consuming job. Thank you so much!

- Bonfires are fun! Every Friday evening, weather permitting, we gather around the fire to cook hotdogs, hamburgers, marshmallows and anything else we choose to bring, but it takes someone to coordinate this event to make it successful. Dean & Doris are our faithful volunteers who have made and tended the fire every week for the whole season. Many thanks for taking on this responsibility and giving us something to look forward to every Friday!

- I'm just a little cat so there are some things I don't understand. I saw Richard digging on the tractor, and next thing I knew, he had the bucket hooked up in a tree! Did he go to sleep on the job?



*What Happened?*

- I have to work for my food, but some pets get a free ride. Life just isn't fair! I shouldn't begrudge Mandy, as she will be 17 years old on August 31st and her legs get tired when she walks. She's lucky to have such caring parents!
- We had another successful yard sale. It is truly amazing the amount of 'treasures' that our Natures family donates to the garage sales. The inside sale made \$506.88 and the sale on Monte Cristo made \$454.97 giving a total of \$961.85. All this money goes to the Fun Association to be used for more fun next season. Many thanks to everyone who donated item, everyone who bought items, and to Steve & Sue and Greg & Rainy and all their helpers who did a wonderful job of organizing the whole thing.

It's sad seeing my Winter Texan family start to head north, but I wish you all a safe trip and a purrrrfect summer. That's all from me!



## ***Condolences***

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Julia and her and Mike's family on the passing of Mike. During his time at Natures Mike made many good friends, and was liked by everyone who met him. He was a gentleman with a caring, cheerful disposition and ready smile, always available for a friendly chat. He will be deeply missed here at Natures and by all who knew him.

## ***Seventh Annual Owners' Appreciation Dinner and Dance***

For the 7th time the owners of Natures Resort hosted the Annual Owners' Appreciation Dinner and Dance. This event is to show their great appreciation to every one for choosing Natures as the place to enjoy their nudist lifestyle.

Natures is filled with special people, all of whom volunteer or share in their own special way. Some are in the forefront volunteering to organize and run various activities and special events during the busy winter months. Others prefer a quieter role volunteering for things behind the scenes or just stepping in where they see a need. Still others prefer to fill in the gaps during the summer and volunteer during these quieter months.

Some people are not able to volunteer in the traditional sense, but they are equally important and still enhance the park with their positive attitude, encouragement and smiles. Encouraging our volunteers and helpers is just as important to the atmosphere in the park as the work done by our volunteers.

Whether actively volunteering or whether sharing encouragement, everyone is greatly appreciated for the part they play in making Natures the place that people want to be.

## ***Keeping Natures Looking Good***

Have you ever stopped to think what it takes to keep a resort looking good? During the winter we are all busy having fun and

enjoying ourselves. While the park is packed to the gills it is difficult to do maintenance work without inconveniencing people. Summer is our quiet time, and this is when we get the bulk of our maintenance and repairs done.

Some summers, like last summer when we rebuilt the showers and bathrooms and built a new Pool Hall, the projects are exciting and very visible. However, many summers the projects that we tackle are the sort of things that only get noticed when they are NOT done and things start to look run down or get shabby.

This is to be one of those 'not exciting' summers. We are getting a jump start on some of the smaller projects, like thinning out the Bird of Paradise which was doing its best to block the office door. This was a tricky operation as we had to be careful of electric and phone cables in the ground! We chose to do this while our Winter Texan family was still here so that we could share the plants with those who wanted them.

Another project was pressure washing the clubhouse. This is a totally unglamorous job that is never noticed. However, if it were not done the clubhouse would certainly start to look dingy.

When the pool was originally built, a hole was dug, and surplus cement was dumped into it. Over the years the cement started showing above the ground, and it reached the point where it was being hit by the mower blades. It was time to dig the cement up, dig a much bigger hole and bury it where it would never surface again. This is another example of a job that is only noticed if it is not done!

These are just one week's examples of what it takes to keep a resort looking good!

We do have a list of bigger projects that will be accomplished during the summer. We will let you know about them as the summer progresses.