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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

A Farewell to Frank

We were delighted that Frank's nephews, Dave and Ralph, and niece, Celeste, were able to be with us for Frank's Celebration of Life.



Frank's Family (& Misty) at the Celebration of Life

Prior to the Celebration, a special area with stamped cement surrounded by plants plus two large pots with roses was created in the Memorial Garden for Frank. A large plaque with Frank's name and "Gone from Natures, but not from our hearts" was set into the cement.

There was a huge turnout for the Celebration, and many people shared stories and memories of Frank. Fifty white balloons (biodegradable) were released into the air to symbolize Frank's spirit rising up into the heavens.

After the Irish blessing everyone moved into the clubhouse for snacks and a time of sharing and meeting Frank's family.

Rest in peace Frank. You will always be missed, but never be forgotten.

Renaissance Feast & Knighting.

Rebecca and her team did an amazing job of building up the enthusiasm for this 'new to Natures' event.

The clubhouse was converted into a castle with stone walls, stained glass windows, draw bridges and a fire breathing dragon bursting forth from its crate on the stage. Long 'wooden' tables were adorned with period goblets, dishes and eating utensils, and high in the air hung over 40 banners representing those who would be knighted.

After a feast which included 'shrunken turkey legs' Queen Doris, voted in by many coin votes, presided over the remainder of the evening from her throne on the stage.

Between various events that included blindfolded Maypole dancers, jousting, very distressed maidens, knights & a ghoul, and musical goblets, people were brought forward to bow before their queen as they were knighted.

Merlina and her three wizards did a terrific job of creating this fun evening and keeping everything flowing. Many others also helped by creating props, decorating (which entailed many, many trips up and down ladders), cooking and doing the clean up afterwards.

Our thanks go to Rebecca for her organizational skills, enthusiasm, imagination, creativity, and the months of work she put into this fun evening. Thanks also to all of her helpers who spent many, many hours working to make this such a success. And a special thanks to Willis for his patience and tolerance!

Hopefully your home is now back to normal - at least until next year!

Tidbits from the Spirit of Speckles!

What a time we have been having! I was afraid that Merlina and the Three Wizards would be scary, but they were so much fun! Misty will tell you all about that!



- I have some exciting news. I want to introduce you to Cally, Natures Resort's proud new cat. Cally was born at the Biker Bar, but three months ago she was rescued and brought to Natures. Since her arrival I have been training her to take over my job. Although I will miss you and I love it here, I miss Frank too much, and I want to go hang out with him. Please be kind to Cally, and don't be too critical if she makes a few spelling mistakes. She's very young, but she is smart and will learn. And, remember, DON'T FEED HER. Writing this column is only going to be her part time volunteer job. Cally is a working cat, and her job is to catch mice. Misty will make sure that she doesn't go hungry, but if you feed her she will become fat and lazy and you will have mice in your homes!



Cally, Natures Resort's New Cat!

- Once again "Breakfast in a Bag" was a huge success. It's amazing to think that the best omelet is one boiled in a freezer bag! If you have never experienced this, plan to sign up for next year's Breakfast in a Bag. Thanks to Jim & Judy and all their helpers!
- Trying to get a raise out of people, Dean (Doris) & Richard (Karen) smoked a hog's head and brought it to the hot dog roast one Friday night. Instead of the expected reaction, people were lining up for some of the very tasty meat! Thanks guys! Can we do it again some time?
- Thank you to everyone who was willing to donate blood at our last blood drive. We had 19 members who signed up and 17 members gave 19 units of blood. You are our life saving Heroes!
- Joyce & Laurie had another successful fund raiser for the Fun Association at their Tuesday Tasters! As usual both the food and the company was great! Thanks for a great lunch!
- Pete & Becky have downsized - so that they can upsize! Their 5th wheel is gone and they are currently living in their smaller travel trailer. This is just a temporary situation. Their exciting news is that they are buying a new mobile which they hope will be ready in a few weeks.
- Big Bill bought a 1928 Model A. It is going to lead the Mardi Gras Parade!

That's all from me. You won't be hearing from me again as this is my final column, but Frank and I will be keeping an eye on you!

Thank you for the purrrrrfect time that we have had together over the past 8 years.



February Special Events

3rd CPR & AED class

3rd Street Party (This date may be changed if the weather does not cooperate!)

7th Superbowl Party Hosted by Laurie

8th Mardi Gras /FITS Kick-off parade.
3 p.m. Big Bill will lead the parade in his 1928 Model A Dress up or dress down and join the parade.

9th - 21st Fun In The Sun

9th Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Hosted by Tamara

14th Valentine's Video Hosted by Frank & Ruthi

14th Valentine's Dance 7:00 p.m. Music by The Coins. Hosted by Terry & Ken

22nd Box Social hosted by Jim & Judy

22nd Dance. 7:00 p.m. Music by Ruthi. Hosted by Mark & Patty

Fun In The Sun Schedule

9th	9 -noon 1-4 p.m.	Petanque Petanque
10th	9-noon 1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Petanque Petanque Mexican Train
11th	9-noon 1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Shuffleboard Shuffleboard Mexican Train
12th	9-noon 1-4 p.m.	Horseshoes Pickle Ball
13th	1-4 p.m.	Raft Races
14th	9-noon 1-4 p.m.	Volleyball Volleyball
15th	9-4 p.m.	Golf
16th	1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Wii Bowling Dominoes
17	9-noon 1-4 p.m.	Ladder Golf Bottle Bob
18	9-noon 1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Corn Hole Corn Hole Billiards

19	9-noon 1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Noodle Derby Noodle Derby Bingo
20	9-noon 1-4 p.m. 6-10 p.m.	Texas Hold'em Texas Hold'em Darts
21	9-noon 1-4 p.m.	Blind Golf Cart Race Red Hot Barbeque Awards

Weekly Activities

Belly Dance Lessons: 7:00 p.m. Thursday

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Card Room

Bingo: 6:15 p.m. Signup begins
7:00 p.m. Bingo starts

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd and 4th
Saturday & 3rd Sunday.

Bridge: 11:00 a.m. Monday

Campfire: 5:00 p.m. Friday Bring your own hotdogs etc and something to drink.

Cards: 10:00 a.m. Saturday
7:00 p.m. Every Day

Crafting: 1:00 p.m. Friday. Pool Hall

Country Club Dance Practice:
7:00 p.m. Monday

Darts: 7:00 p.m. Saturday

Exercise: 9:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday

Happy Hour: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

Ladies Day: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the
month.

Mexican Train: 6:45 p.m. Wednesday

Petanque: 1:00 p.m. Every Day

Pickle Ball: 9:00 a.m. Every Day

Water Aerobics: 1:00 p.m. Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Water Volleyball: 2:00 p.m. Every day

Wii Bowling: 3:45 p.m. Tuesday

Yoga (Advanced): 10:00 a.m. Thursday

Yoga (Beginner): 10:00 a.m. Tuesday