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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

## The Amazing Richard

Have you ever stopped to think about how much Richard does for us at Natures Resort? He jokingly says "I can be anywhere at any time", but this is not correct. Richard is everywhere all the time!

Originally Richard was "The Pool Guy". His knowledge of pool maintenance and water balancing is extensive and invaluable. Although Tony handles the daily maintenance of the pools now, Richard was the one who trained him, and he still hovers around to ensure that the water and maintenance meets his standards and that the pool area is clean, tidy and inviting. His knowledge of the pumps and heaters goes way beyond "the pool guy's" duties and this knowledge was instrumental in greatly extending the lives of the original 3 pumps and 3 heaters.

In 'the beginning days' when Natures bought the old backhoe, Richard became the backhoe operator, and he has nursed that old dinosaur, spending many hours on its maintenance and care, so that it is still running today!

Richard also has an extensive and invaluable knowledge of what is under each lot. In the new section everything is standard, but in the old section there are water pipes and electric cables in places one would not expect – yet somehow he seems to know their whereabouts!

Maintenance is definitely an area of Richard's expertise. He has kept company golf carts running well past their prime, and was also instrumental in keeping the old ZTR lawnmower going long past its retirement age. He eventually declared that it was time to get a new one, and then spent days researching which would be the best purchase for Natures' needs.

That's another thing that Richard is so good at: Researching! Whenever something is needed we can depend on Richard to get on the internet and find out all there is to know about an item, and he has never steered us wrong.

When we needed a new front gate, Richard researched gate systems. The new gate had some teething problems, so Richard educated himself on the gate mechanisms, and now seems to have more knowledge than the company from which we bought the gate!



Richard hauling Brush to the Dump

Basically Richard can run everything that needs to be run at Natures! Certainly there are some areas that he will admit "are not his favorites", but he is always willing to jump in and help out regardless of whether it is 'one of his favorites things' or not.

Richard is capable in the office, making out receipts, looking up reservations, checking people in, giving tours, answering the phone etc, and had helped out many times in this area.

In a pinch Richard has been seen with the mop bucket cleaning bathrooms, he has also been seen getting a guest room ready when we have needed a quick change, and no one else was available.



*Helping out in the Office*

He changes electric breakers, empties the brush trailer, makes coffee, puts in and takes out gate codes, is the master of all "fix-it" projects, from water leaks to repacking bearings to "please fix this mop handle"! The list is endless. He is rather like the Energizer Bunny – He just keeps on going!

Yes, Richard is so much more than just "The Pool Guy"! He is the essence of Natures! His loyalty shows in the way that he is always looking out for the best interest of Natures and Natures' residents. He has a great eye for detail, seeing even the little things that need to be done to keep Natures looking good. He is already planning improvements for Natures that will be tackled next summer. Next time you see him, give him a pat on the back and say "Atta Boy". Natures would not be what it is without him!

Richard, you are one awesome guy and we salute you!

### **Condolences**

It is with great sorrow that we inform you that Barb (Ellis, Lot 108) passed away. Barb was a gentle soul who befriended everyone, always had a smile and a cheery 'hello', and somehow made one feel brighter after a conversation with her. Our heartfelt condolences to go Ellis and Barb's family. She will be greatly missed by everyone at Natures.

### **Tidbits from Cally, Natures' Proud Cat**

I'm so excited! My friends are coming back home! I've missed them during the summer.



- What a thing to happen. Julia, Lot 116, fell and broke her wrist. It was a bad break and she had to have plate put in. I hope that it gets better real soon!
- After the success of the last pool party we decided to have another one with music provided once again by DJ Bill! It was great fun in spite of the fact that the rain came and chased us inside!
- What a mess they made! Everything from the card room was taken out and stored in the clubhouse for a number of days while workers stripped the floor, and then painted on a new epoxy finish. Now everything has been put back in the card room and it looks great!
- How awesome! Thanks to Steve (Jan), Natures Resort now has its own weather station! Check it out at:  
<https://www.wunderground.com/q/zmw:78538.1.99999>
- Every day more and more people return so there is more and more activity around here as well as lots of happy 'Welcome Home' hugs!
- Big Bill has been creating again! I don't know what it is called, but it is some sort of unique engine powered vehicle.
- It was great to see 96 year old Ruth, Lot 233, in the pool. She got everyone cheering and laughing and happy for her.
- John, Lot 218, had back surgery. I'm happy to see him up and about, but am

sad to see that only Inky is with him, because Scruffy is now in Doggy Heaven.

- Toni is very happy to have her son, Nick, living at Natures Resort. Nick has his own rig on Lot #41, so stop by and introduce yourselves. Welcome to Natures Nick!
- All these strange people showed up at the clubhouse, but then I realized that they were my friends dressed up for the Halloween Dance! Thanks to Ken & Terry and all their helpers for hosting the event, and to DJ Steve for providing a great mix of music for dancing.
- I am so sad I want to cry! Rebecca and Willis told me that they are leaving Natures because they would like to be closer to their children and new granddaughter. I'm not the only one who is unhappy about this. They are going to be greatly missed by many people, but I wish them well on this next chapter in their lives. Please come back and visit us often!

That's all from me! We're having a purrrfect time here, so come and join us!



### **Upcoming Special Dates**

<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Open Mic Night</b> 7 p.m.
<b>Nov. 5:</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> 8 - 9 a.m. Sign-up necessary
<b>Nov. 7:</b>	<b>Blood Drive.</b> Please consider donating a unit of life saving blood. Sign up in the three ring binder
<b>Nov. 9:</b>	<b>Nick's Celebration of Life</b> 10 a.m.
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day Dance.</b> 7 p.m. Music by DJ Cassandra
<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> 8 - 9 a.m. Sign-up necessary <b>Beer &amp; Brats.</b> 3 p.m. Sign-up

<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>Garage Sale</b> in the Clubhouse
<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>Garage Sale</b> on Monte Cristo Rd.
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Dance</b> 7 p.m. Music by Keys, Strings & Harmony
<b>Nov. 19</b>	First <b>Membership Meeting</b> of the Season. 9 a.m. All are encouraged to attend. Complimentary Coffee & Donut!
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>
<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> 8 - 9 a.m. Sign-up necessary <b>Dance</b> 7 p.m. Music by Wally Garza

### **Weekly Activities:**

Please note: As more of our family return home, additions will be made to the weekly activities. Check the electronic Activities Board in the Clubhouse for up-to-date information.

<b>Daily:</b>	9 am Pickle Ball 2 p.m. Volleyball Petanque
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 Exercise 1 p.m. Hand & Foot 3:45 p.m. Wii Bowling
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 a.m. Exercise 10 a.m. Quilting 1 p.m. Hand & Foot 7 p.m. Country Club Dance Night
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 p.m. Hand & Foot 4–6 p.m. Happy Hour 6:45 p.m. Mexican Train
<b>Thursday</b>	9 a.m. Exercise 1 p.m. Hand & Foot
<b>Friday</b>	9 a.m. Exercise 10 a.m. Crafting in the Corner 1 p.m. Hand & Foot 6 p.m. Campfire 6:45 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. Darts
<b>Saturday</b>	10 a.m. Texas Hold'em