



# NATURES TALES

www.naturesresorttexas.com  
naturesresort@gmail.com  
April, 2018

10201 Monte Cristo Road  
Edcouch, TX 78538  
956-262-4014

LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

---

## *Another Season Draws to a Close*

The end of the season is suddenly upon us. How quickly it flew by! Although it was a season plagued by dreadful weather, it was still a season filled with many activities and a variety of events, all of which made for a fun-filled winter.

Once again the Fun Association Board did an amazing job of planning, scheduling, and promoting the events. Because they do their job so well, we are able to enjoy ourselves, giving little thought to the many hours, days and weeks that they put into ensuring that we all have a fun time. As this season comes to an end, they are already working on the 2018-2019 season! We are so grateful to the board for all that they do so that we can enjoy ourselves.

Many others have also given of themselves to make sure that we have fun. Every event has a host and a number of helpers. Every activity has a coordinator to ensure that the weekly activities run smoothly. The numbers of people involved in this way is almost mind boggling. Without this army of people Natures would not have such an amazing variety of fun. We are grateful to each and every one of these wonderful volunteers.

We also have people in the park who want to help out, but prefer to stay quietly in the background. The best example of this is our librarian. One hardly ever sees him working in the library, yet the shelves are always tidy and the books that have been read are returned to the shelves. There are many other 'jobs' that are done quietly

without any fuss or fanfare, but all these things help to keep Natures clean, tidy, looking good and a fun place to be. These people play an important part in making Natures what it is, and we are grateful to all of them for giving of themselves.

Some people are not physically able to be active in hosting, coordinating or doing work behind the scenes. Yet they too are important to Natures. They encourage others by their positive attitude and they welcome people visiting Natures for the first time. We are grateful to these people too for their friendly, cheerful personalities that set the tone for others to follow.

The owners are very aware that without the amazing volunteering spirit of Natures, without all the help, and without all the good people that comprise our Natures Family, Natures would not be the special place that it is. As a small token of their appreciation and gratitude, 11 years ago the owners gave a dinner for everyone at Natures. Over the years this has grown into an annual full evening with dinner and a dance, but the intent is the same. We, the owners, truly do appreciate everyone at Natures. We appreciate all your help, ideas and encouragement. We are grateful to you, and thank you for making Natures your full time home, your winter home, your vacation destination or your place to visit whenever you are able to get away.

We extend a very grateful and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our Natures' Family. For those who are traveling, we wish you safety on the roads and a wonderful summer. We look forward to your return next season.

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

What a super busy month we have had! How is one little cat supposed to cover all the special activities we had? I'll do my best, so here goes:



- Sue & Rainy and all their helpers had an enormous task carting all the items to the clubhouse for the Spring Garage Sale, and then sorting them and marking them. Then after a very successful sale day in the clubhouse all the remaining items were taken out to Monte Cristo Road for the outside sale. Many thanks to everyone who helped, who donated items and who bought items. The combined effort totaled \$1,632.35 which will be used to fund other activities. What a great job!
  - We had another successful blood drive, the last of the season. 22 people signed up, there were no deferrals, and three people gave double reds, making a total of 25 units of life saving blood. When one of the donors was thanked he said "I just sat there!" Perhaps think about that for next year, and consider joining the blood drives next season. Thanks to Ken who organizes the blood drives and everyone who signed up to donate.
  - Natures Family Video was once again enjoyed by many. Photos set to music showing members of our Natures family as children, going on to adulthood. A few were easy to recognize, but most took a while
- before we knew who they were. Thank you Ruthi for putting this together for us.
- Another Days For Girls workshop was a busy afternoon for all who came to help with this outreach program. Many thanks to Pam and her crew for turning a workday into a fun time of helping others.
  - Dr. Lin, a well known dermatologist in the valley, again came to Natures to talk to us about various forms of skin cancer and how to recognize it. His past talks have been instrumental in members of our Natures family recognizing suspect areas on their skin, thereby getting early treatment before it spread. We are grateful to him for taking the time to visit with us.
  - The Spring Craft Fair was a successful event, and again reminded us of what talent we have within the park. Thanks to Jay and Lee for organizing the event and to all the vendors who gave us the opportunity to purchase beautiful and unique gifts.
  - Did you see how amazing the clubhouse looked for the Appreciation Dinner and Dance? Cat and her helpers did an amazing job with the wall and hanging decorations and Phyllis and her helper provided beautiful fresh flower arrangements for the tables. Many other people were involved in ensuring that the evening went smoothly. Richard was at the top of the totem pole overseeing everything, but many others were involved in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. A big thank you to everyone who

contributed to make this a fun evening for everyone.

- Bushriders Dave Band provided a great mix of music for an enjoyable evening of dancing. Many thanks to Tamara for hosting the event, and to all her helpers for making this a fun evening.
- The annual Variety Show was a huge hit. What talent we have here at Natures! Many thanks to Pete who organized the event, to Steve who handled the electronic equipment,



and to all the performers who give us a wonderful evening of good entertainment.

- After enjoying the beautiful quilts hanging in the clubhouse for the past two months, it was time to take them down. Many thanks to those who shared these works of art with us, as well as those who hung them and took them down.

- Our Saturday morning breakfasts have come to an end for this season. All the chefs did a great job, and we're looking forward to their return next season!
- Tony served us a tasty Mexican lunch - Guisada en Salada Papa Aros, with desserts made by Sue, Lot 124 and Brenda Lot 231. Another very successful fund raiser for the Fun Association. Many thanks to our chefs and their helpers!



It has been a great season, but now it is time for many of our family to leave us as they travel to their homes up north, or set out on their summer travel adventures. I'm going to miss all of you and wish you safe travels and a purrrrrfectly wonderful summer.

That's all from me!

