



NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

We are Thankful

We all have so many things for which we are thankful, but here at Natures when we are asked what we are thankful for, our immediate response is "We are thankful for our wonderful volunteers".

Natures is blessed with an amazing volunteering spirit which sets us apart from other clubs, resorts and parks.

Although this is evident through-out the year, once again it was brought to the forefront as preparations were made for Thanksgiving. Dan & Kelley volunteered to host the event. They asked for helpers for the various aspects of the meal, and people volunteered. There were people who chopped up vegetables the night before Thanksgiving, others came to the clubhouse on Thanksgiving morning to decorate for Thanksgiving. People volunteered to cook the turkeys. Still others stepped forward to prepare the potatoes, gravy and dressing. There were people to carve the turkeys, and more people to serve the meat and potatoes.

Added to the turkey, potatoes and stuffing was an amazing selection of side dishes and desserts that everyone attending the meal brought, so we all had a delicious, well organized meal. But the volunteering wasn't over! After the meal people came forward to help with the clean up, and putting the decorations away for next year.

A huge thank you to Dan and Kelley who were busy in the clubhouse the entire day, and to all the volunteers who stepped forward to make Thanksgiving a special day.

Tidbits from Cally, Natures Proud Cat!

Our new season is in full swing, and things are hopping around here! It is so nice to have my family back again!



- All kinds of yummy smells were wafting from the clubhouse kitchen as the first of the Saturday morning breakfasts got under way. All the breakfast chefs do an amazing job, and provide a huge tasty meal which is a great way to start the weekend. Thanks to all our chefs and helpers. All profits from the breakfasts go to the Fun Association to provide more activities and entertainment for us.
- The Blood Mobile comes to Natures three times during the season. At the first blood drive we had 25 people who signed up to donate their life saving blood. 23 were able to donate and with two 'double reds' a total of 25 units were collected. The next drive will be on January 8th. Please consider donating. Many thanks to Ken who organizes the drives and to Laurie who gave everyone a bag of candy.
- Beer and Brats was a huge success in spite of the weather not cooperating! There was a good selection of beer and wine from all over the country. A special thank you to our chefs who braved the cold to cook the brats.

Thanks also to Ken & Janet who organized the event and to the bartenders and helpers, all of whom made this a fun and successful afternoon.

- At Beer & Brats, the day before Veterans Day, our veterans were recognized. We thank you for your service.
- Thanks to the organization by Sue & Rainy, we had another very successful garage sale. Thank you to everyone who donated items that they no longer wanted or needed. Thanks also to everyone who helped move items from the shed to the clubhouse and then from the clubhouse to Monte Cristo Road as well as those who helped to sort and price the items. Total sales amounted to \$1,578.68 which will be used for more fun activities for all of us.

That's all from me. If you are not here yet, you're missing loads of fun and we are missing you!



A Time of Giving

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us once again. We have a number of wonderful Christmas activities scheduled: A Santa Clause Parade, a gift exchange which is always full of laughs, Cheese and Wine on Christmas evening and a delicious meal on Christmas day. For us this is a fun time of the year.

Monte Alto

For others this is a difficult time of the year. Many families struggle to put a special meal on the table for Christmas day, and the children have few, if any, Christmas gifts. This

is a time when we are able to help at least some of these families. As we have done in the past, we will again be sponsoring a number of families in the Monte Alto area.

There will be a list of the families together with the names of their children and gift requests in the three ring binder on the shelf below the bulletin boards in the clubhouse. If you wish to be a part of Natures' outreach program, you can sign up for a specific child or gift. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items as well as toiletries all of which Santa Clause and his helpers will deliver to the families a couple of days before Christmas. Cash donations are also welcome to cover any of the gifts not spoken for.

Days for Girls

We will continue to support Days for Girls by making components that provide girls and women with reusable feminine hygiene products that go into kits that will be distributed around the world. The kits, which also contain a wash cloth, panties and soap, are assembled in a pretty bag that girls can confidently carry to school. On the first Friday of every month we have a Days for Girls workshop in Crafters Corner. All are welcome to come to the workshops and help with many non-sewing jobs as well as the kit assembly process.

Once again raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt will be sold (starting in January) to raise funds to purchase wash cloths, soap and panties as well as the fabric to make the components. Of course monetary donation are always welcome too!

Palm Valley Animal Shelter and Paws.

Additionally we continue to collect towels, pillows, blankets and rugs for Palm Valley Animal Shelter and Paws.

We thank our Natures Family for their giving spirit.

December Special Events:

Additional information for the special events can be found on the bulletin boards next to the dance floor as well as on the electronic activities board on the west wall of the clubhouse.

- 1st** Christmas Decorating in the Clubhouse
- 1st** Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Please sign up
- 5th** Santa Clause Parade 3:00 p.m. followed by Happy Hour 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- 6th** Fall BBQ. 6:00 p.m. Please sign up. Open Mic/Karaoke 7:00 p.m.
- 7th** Days for Girls Workshop
- 8th** Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Dance 7:00 p.m. Renaissance Rockers
- 9th** Birthday Cake & Ice Cream 6:30 p.m.
- 13th** Dance Party with DJ Cassandra 7 p.m.
- 15th** Members Meeting 9:00 a.m. If you are at Natures you are a member and are encouraged to attend the meeting to see what activities the Fun Association has in store for you. Complimentary coffee and donut.
- 16th** Dance 7:00 p.m. Wally Garza and the Texas Breed
- 20th** Christmas Gift Exchange 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd** Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Please sign up
- 24th** Wine & Cheese 7:00 p.m.
- 25th** Christmas Dinner
- 29th** Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Please sign up
- 31st** New Year's Eve Dance 7:00 p.m.
Tony Perez Band
- January 1st** New Year's Levee

Weekly Schedule:

Check the Impromptu Bulletin Board next to the stairs in the pool area for additional information on weekly activities.

Monday:

- 8:00 a.m. (Golf) outside park)
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:30 a.m. Advance Exercise Class
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Country Club Dance Night
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em
- 7:00 p.m. Country Club Dance

Tuesday:

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 3:45 p.m. N.U.D.E. Wii Bowling
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Wednesday

- 8:00 a.m. Golf (outside park)
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:30 a.m. Advance Exercise Class
- 2:00 a.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Sandy's
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Veggie Joe
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Friday:

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Exercise
- 9:30 a.m. Advance Exercise Class
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 6:15 p.m. Bingo
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Saturday:

- 10:00 a.m. Texas Hold'em
- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Darts
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

Sunday:

- 2:00 p.m. Petanque
- 2:00 p.m. Water Volleyball
- 7:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em