



# NATURES TALES

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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

## Tidbits from Cally, Natures' Proud Cat!

It was hard to say Good Bye to so many of my Natures Family as they headed back north, but now I have lots of time to siesta during the sunny, hot days! Although I get to be rather lazy at this time of year, I'll still keep you up to date with what is going on at Natures.



- Easter Dinner was our first social event after the majority of the Winter Texans had gone back north. Many thanks to Eric & Kathy and all of their helpers for organizing this dinner.
- It was an entertaining morning watching Dan & Karen's house as it come through the gate backwards and inched its way around the park, through the pull throughs and eventually made its way to lot 132!



*A matter of inches!*



*Congratulations on your new home*

- You know those pretty colored eggs that you see at Easter time? Well, I discovered that the Easter Bunny doesn't bring them. They are made right here at Natures! Thanks Kathy for organizing a fun event, even though I am sad to discover that there isn't an Easter Bunny!
- I was so happy to see Joyce again! She spent a couple of weeks with us while she arranged for her motor home to be replaced with a beautiful travel trailer.
- Many of my Winter Texan family never get to see some of the beautiful summer flowers here. Below is the Jacaranda tree on Lot 2, which is quite stunning when it flowers. A few years ago another Jacaranda was planted on PT1 to replace the big tree that blew over. In time it too will look this spectacular! There are also a number of native trees on the berm that are covered with yellow flowers.

- Poor Dean was a wreck watching as it slowly crept past the corner of his fifth wheel. It was a tight squeeze.



*The Jacaranda on Lot 2*



*Yellow flowers in the trees on the berm*

- As more and more people leave, the various activities grind to a halt - but the RC car racers are still enjoying the track that was put in last summer.
- What a great time we had at our Memorial Day 'picnic' hosted by Dan & Kelley. Tom & Dan braved the heat and cooked delicious hamburgers on the grill. There was an abundance of side dishes and desserts enabling us to enjoy good food, good friends and good conversation!
- Frank's plaque in the Memorial garden faded so a duplicate one was ordered to replace the old one. It has a different type of engraving that is supposed to last indefinitely.

That's all from me! I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer.



### ***Condolences to Bob's Family***

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Bob (Jean - formerly Lot 5).

Bob was one of the first people to come to Natures, working side by side with the original owners, developing and building the resort, helping to clear the land of scrub and cactus, mark where the roads and clubhouse were to be, developing the lots, and building the interior of the clubhouse. Bob was also the first president of the Fun Activities Association, and for many years headed up the recycling program that we continue today.

Not only will he be remembered for all the work that he did in establishing Natures, and getting the Fun Activities Association off to a good start, but also for his great knowledge of the park, his kindness, his cheerful disposition and ready smile for everyone.

To Jean and family, on behalf of your Natures family, we send our sincere condolences at this difficult time.

### ***Condolences to Dave's Family***

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Dave (Judy, Lot 63)

Dave was a lovable, kind, cheerful person, fun to be around, full of spirit and always with a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed as an avid volleyball player calling to Judy to get the ball, and at poker every Saturday as the dealer.

This past season Dave pruned all the trees in our orchard, so as we enjoy the fruit next season we will think of him!

To Judy and family on behalf of our Natures family we extend our sincere condolences. You will be in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

## ***Sadness, Hope and Joy***

*(Written by Bill D)*

At Natures Resort during the months of April and May many things are happening. Folks are heading north, some near and some far, far away. There is sadness to realize the last dance for the season has come and gone and that water volleyball, darts, morning exercises and all the other winter activities have come to an end.

For us there is sadness to see folks depart, while for them they have joy heading toward their 'summer homes' with the hope of returning to their 'Texas Home' again for the upcoming winter season.

Natures is a community of 'baby boomers' or earlier and we are generally no longer 'spring chickens'. (Of course there are the select group of 'young sprouts') There is a sadness in realizing that some people are departing for a final time feeling that the long trip is becoming too much for them or that the time has come for them to be closer to their children. Those remaining here will miss them just as they will miss the 'family' they have left behind at Natures Resort.

There is a certain amount of joy with the coming of a brief spring and the spring type weather prior to the heat of the summer arriving with all the attending humidity. For the staff at Natures this is a busy time. This is the season for refurbishing and increased maintenance prior to the new season beginning so there is hope that work for the park will be more easily accomplished with less traffic present.

Some of the permanent residents dislike the hustle and bustle of the winter season, but all the residents, even those who enjoy and participate in many of the winter activities, embrace the change of pace, enjoying the calm, quiet summer atmosphere.

No sadness, hope, or joy, but Natures has a strange effect on guests. New people book for a couple of days and then stay for a couple of weeks, or a month reservation turns into an extended stay with some looking to put down permanent roots with a concrete pad, or perhaps a park model or mobile home. Others are most happy just being located in a 'pull through' for a set amount of time.

Looking ahead to the new season there is hope that the new arrivals will find the same happiness that others found when they came to Natures for the first time. There is a touch of joy in seeing them understand and realize the magic that is at Natures. Listening to folks passing through, they speak of the magic quality here, how neat, clean and tidy the park is and most especially how friendly residents are and how they have been made to feel not only welcome but also a part of the Natures' family.

On a related note, newcomers discover that a normal set up time of one hour may evolve into several hours with all the welcoming visits coming from current residents. Old returning folk may not even be able to get set up during one day for the same reasons.

From an owners perspective, there is the hope that all residents, members and guests have had a happy, successful time at Natures.

In conclusion, there is sadness in seeing all the departures, and knowing that some will not be returning. There is a great deal of joy in observing all the caring, sharing and help given and accepted between one and all. There is also a certain amount of joy in seeing folks who were once here, but left because the wanderlust of visiting other places hit them, return to Natures permanently after their worldly travels.