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## LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

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### ***We Appreciate Our Natures Family!***

On March 28th the owners of Natures Resort hosted the Annual Owners Appreciation Dinner and Dance. This tradition was started by Frank in 2008 when Big Bill & Sandy and Little Bill and Misty became Frank's new partners. As they were taking over the reins, they were inundated with offers of help for which they were most grateful as this made the transition so much easier. As a token of their gratitude for all the help that they received, they organized a dinner for everyone in the park.

A lot of things have changed since those early days, but the amazing volunteering spirit still continues at Natures.

We have a Fun Association Board who work hard to ensure that we always have a great variety of weekly activities and special events. These people spend many hours of their time ensuring that our fun times run smoothly.

But they don't do it on their own. We have a large number of people who host the special events, or coordinate the weekly activities which also takes time and effort on their part.

But these people don't do it on their own either. They are helped by an abundance of people who are willing to

step in and lighten the load by setting up, cleaning up or doing whatever else needs to be done.

This is quite an army of people! They are the people who make it so much fun to be at Natures. Without them we could not have all the activities we have.

In addition to all these volunteers we also have other people who help out in different ways. Some are super handy and will quietly fix something that they see that needs to be fixed. Some will make meals for a sick neighbor, or drive them to the doctor, or walk their dogs when they are incapacitated. Some prefer to be in the background and you may never see what they do - like picking up the Texas Times, re-shelving the books in the library, baking cakes for our birthday celebrations, or writing trivia on the board for us to enjoy. There are others who are not physically able to help, but they too play such an important part by their positive, encouraging and caring attitude, greeting new people, sending cards to people, or giving a hug or fist bump where it is needed.

Every Natures Resort member has had a positive impact on Natures in some way. The owners do not take any of this for granted, and they are so grateful for all that everyone does. It is the people at Natures who have created what Natures is today ... A place that

people want to come to! THIS is why the owners host the Appreciation Dinner and Dance each year!

Our Natures Family is awesome!

### ***Tidbits from Zeus, Natures' Proud Cat!***

We've had a super busy month, with lots of fun and activities!



- The Spring Barbeque fundraiser was a huge success, and added funds to the Fun Association so that we can have even more fun! Many thanks to the organizers, helpers and all who supported the event.
- The weather did not cooperate for our street party - but that didn't stop the party! Instead we had a clubhouse party with games, music and many, many boxes of pizza. Many thanks to the Fun Association for this fun and yummy event!
- The Spring garage sale was an opportunity for many of us to get rid of items that we no longer needed or wanted, as well as an opportunity to buy more things to fill the space that we had just emptied! The end result was lots of money for the Fun Association. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the setup and sales, who donated items and who bought items!
- The Bloodmobile visited us for a third time this season. Many thanks to Ken for organizing these much needed blood drives and to all those who signed up to give blood. There were 19 donors, one of which was a plasma donation.
- Dan has been growing his hair for the past couple of years for Locks for Love and the time had come to cut his ponytail off. To be given the chance to cut his ponytail off, anyone making a donation to Locks for Love was given a ticket - and the lucky person drawn was Helga! Locks for Love will receive the ponytail plus \$400 which was donated.
- Sometimes I really wonder about the games that people play! One of the games at the clubhouse party started off by giving 5 men a pair of frozen solid woman's underwear each, and 5 women a pair of frozen solid men's boxers each. The first man and first woman to get the underwear unfrozen sufficiently to be able to put them on won a beautiful Natures towel! What a hoot!

That's all from me. I wish all my Winter Texan family a safe journey home, and a happy and healthy summer!

