

January 30, 2024

Tuesday-30

10a Bible Study
11a Chair Exercise
1p Duplicate Bridge
1p Shanghai
6p Poker Night
6:30p Hand & Foot

Wednesday-31

10a Fitness
1p Canasta
1p Hand & foot
1p Sewing Group
6:30p Shanghai
6:45p Night BUNCO

GETAWAY TRIP

Thursday-01

10a Getaway Sign Up
10a Walk Aerobics
11a Chair Exercise
1p Asian Mahjong
1p Bridge
1p Poker
6p Int Line Dancing
6p Mexican Train

Friday-02

10a Fitness
1p Rummy Q
2p Art Group
3p Beg. Line Dance
6:30p Shanghai
7p Belles Movie Night

Saturday-03

Bereavement
1- 3 PM

Sunday-04

Clubhouse Closed

Monday - 05

All Activities Canceled

Bereavement
12 PM

Belles Friday Night Lite Movie

February 2nd @ 7pm

Margot
Robbie

Ryan
Gosling

She's everything.
He's just Ken.

Barbie

A promotional image for the movie Barbie. It shows Barbie (Margot Robbie) and Ken (Ryan Gosling) sitting in a pink convertible car. Barbie is in the driver's seat, wearing a pink and white plaid dress and sunglasses on her head. Ken is in the passenger seat, wearing a green and white striped shirt. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds.

This film is a Tour de Force look at the Barbie of yesterday. It takes Barbie out of "Make Believe" into the real world.

This Block Buster has several Academy Award nominations! We hope you can join us for a night of movie magic!

New clubhouse hours beginning Jan 16th



CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Sunday... Clubhouse Closed

Monday... 11a to 6p

Tuesday... 10a to 9p

Wednesday... 10a to 9p

Thursday... 10a to 9p

Friday... 10a to 9p

Saturday... 10a to 6p

Attention BellaVita Residents,

Mulch sign up has been Extended!!

RusticScapes will be providing backyard mulching services in the coming weeks, starting in mid to late January. If you are interested in this service, please visit the clubhouse to sign-up!

RusticScapes will be offering two types of mulch:

Black Mulch, priced at \$70.00 per cubic yard (plus tax)

Brown Mulch, priced at \$60.00 per cubic yard (plus tax).

Sign up will end Wednesday, Jan 31st

This is a great opportunity to spruce up your backyard, so don't miss out on this offer!

(these prices will increase after Front yard mulching has begun, so sign up now!)



Journey to Joy

BellaVita Widow's Group

1st Tuesday of every month

6:30pm in the Annex

More information call Marjorie at 832-640-6587

We will hold before ourselves the promise of a renewed and joyful life.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

Tired of lugging all of those Christmas decorations back into the attic? Ready to scale down Halloween Easter and Christmas décor? Unhappy with those token gifts? Just moved in and brought too much stuff?

WE ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD GOODS; POTS/PANS, CHINA, SILVERWARE, PICTURES, ART OBJECTS, LAMPS, GLASSES, PLANT STANDS, PURSES, JEWELRY, ETC., AND OF COURSE ALL THAT CHRISTMAS STUFF.

CONTRIBUTE TO 2024 TREASURE BOX BENEFITING THE MILITARY MOMS AND WIVES OF BRAZORIA COUNTY

(Our troops and veterans)

2516 S. Venice

Call: Carolyn Beeson
@ 346-432-2335



Board of Directors Election News

(submitted by Elections Committee)

A reminder:

Willingness to Serve forms are due in the clubhouse next week,

Tuesday, February 6th, at 5 P.M

For homeowners who are willing to stand for election to the
Board of Directors.

There are 2 open positions on the Board of Directors.

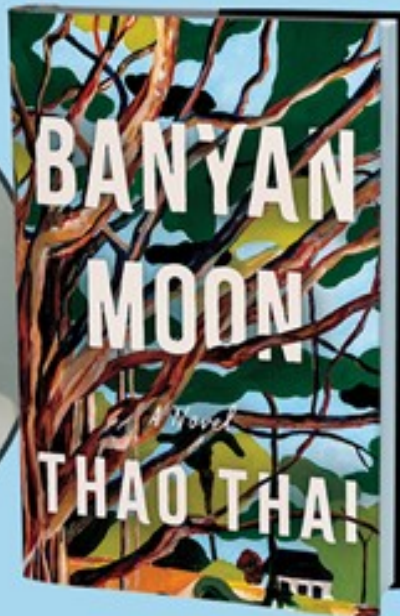
If you personally do not want to serve on the Board, consider
encouraging friends and neighbors who would represent the
homeowners in this leadership role.



BellaVita Book Club

You're invited! Join us at our upcoming Book Club gathering on February 8th at 1 pm in the Annex. The February selection for the Bella Vita Book Club is *Banyan Moon* by Thao Thai. Everyone is welcome to come discuss this family saga set in Florida.

Gerry Bartle



BellaVita D'Arte

*Attention All Artists and Crafters
and the BellaVita Community*



It time for the annual BelleVita D'Arte.

Saturday, February 10th, from 1:30 pm—3:30 pm

What is BellaVite D'Arte? It is the time when our talented Artists and Crafters display their "treasures" at our afternoon of appreciation.

From 1:30 to 3:30 we will display their works for our community to see and appreciate.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

*If you want to display your arts or crafts, please, call
Carolyn Beeson at 346-432-2335*



Hosted by the Men's Club
Sunday, February 11th at 4:30pm



This is a FREE Event!

Sign up begins January 30th at the Clubhouse

Hotdogs, Chips, Assorted Snacks, Drinks

Football Squares

Enjoy the Game on the

Big Screen!





TEC &
Men's Club

**Mardi
Gras
dance**

February 17, 2024

7-10 pm

**Tickets \$20
available**

@ front desk

Resident:

1/22 - 2/10

Non-resident:

2/12 - 2/16

Dinner & drinks



DINING OUT



CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL®

Recipes from Around Our Family Table

Hey everyone, due to the extreme weather the BellaVita Diners had to cancel Dining out in January.

We will be dining at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Monday, February 19th at 6:00 P.M.

You can find the restaurant at 502 West Bay Area BLVD.

Sign up for this outing will be available at the front desk on February 14th.

If you sign up and are unable to attend, please contact Jo Farris to cancel your reservation. 281-619-0245 or 281-464-2969.

We hope to see you there!

Good Food Good Friends Happy People





Let's Getaway



Hey there BellaVita!

Are you ready for a day of adventure, friends, and fun?
Then come along with us on a trip to Saint Arnold's Brewery!

Wednesday, February 21st

We're leaving from the clubhouse at 10:30 am on February 21st,
We'll grab lunch at 11:30 am (make sure to bring payment for the meal), and then we'll start the
tour of the brewery.

Just a heads up, closed-toe shoes are a must for the tour.

Sign up for this event will be Thursday, February 1st, at 10 am in the clubhouse.

Costs \$15.00!

If you miss sign up, don't worry, just contact Patsy Womack at 281-744-0830

Join us and be a part of an exciting event! We hope to see you there!



Rose Award Nomination



Its time to consider a nomination for the ROSE Award 2023 that will be presented at the annual homeowners meeting in March 2024. ROSE is an acronym for Recognition Of Serving Extraordinarily. The ROSE is the highest form of recognition given by the BellaVita HOA to an individual for an idea/solution/project that directly benefits the entire BellaVita community and/or community life. These efforts are viewed as being "above and beyond" the normal service of homeowners. The following are past recipients of the ROSE Award:

Don Jensen, 2014
Ron Lauve, 2015
Charles Parham and Gene Riddell, 2016
Fritz Ring and Ruth Southard, 2017
Diane Nicolas, 2018
Linda Kuhn, 2019
No Award 2020
Lark Billick 2021
Daniel Koons 2022

By **February 23, 2024**, Homeowners may submit nominations to the Clubhouse. ROSE Award information and nomination forms are available on the BV website under the Awards Committee tab or pick up forms at the front desk. Thank you for your participation in this volunteer recognition program.

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Comm. Chair





Janet O'Connor,

The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q4 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter, Janet O'Connor**. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Janet and Rick O'Connor moved to Bellavita in 2019. They were so impressed with the appearance of the neighborhood. Everything looked so maintained. After Janet retired from the Dickinson ISD, they moved to Lake Livingston where they lived for 15 yrs. Moving to Bellavita, placed them closer to their son and daughter who live in the Clear Lake area with their families, including 4 grandsons.

Due to Janet's interest in gardening and wanting to be a part of maintaining the beauty of Bellavita, she became a member of the HOA Grounds committee. In 2023, after a winter freeze and then summer drought, Janet stepped up to Chair the HOA Grounds Committee. No challenge was too large, as she worked with her committee to start the restoration and new planting of plants, shrubs, and flowers to bring the grounds of Bellavita back to life.

Janet along with the committee has surveyed the areas around the clubhouse and lake including replanting many of the dying shrubs. One can find Janet during the day working at the entrance of Bellavita, in the flower beds in front of the clubhouse, around the annex or transplanting something that would do better in another location. Janet's attention to detail has brought attention to the life expectancy of plants approx. 20 yrs. She has identified plants that are reaching their lifespan and adding new fresher plants. Janet takes her responsibilities very seriously. She took it upon herself to read the 30+ pages of the Rusticscapes contract and found that many items in the contract were not being completed. Due to her research, Janet has developed a strong partnership with the management of Rusticscapes and Urban Forestry.

Janet is a true asset to the Grounds Committee and Bellavita. She always adds a little extra care. Janet takes pride in the Bellavita grounds as if they were her own yard. As well as gardening, she likes crafts and cooking. Works with the Flag teams, also. Janet has done an incredible job in all her volunteer efforts. Thank you Janet O'Connor for all your hard work. Please congratulate Janet on her outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Committee Chair

Celebration of Life



In Loving Memory of Robert Paterno

Due to inclement weather, the Celebration of Life for Robert Paterno has been rescheduled for February 3rd at 1:00 PM. Those interested in attending are kindly requested to contact 281-464-3150 or notify a clubhouse attendant during their visit.

Please note that if you have already registered, there is no need to do so again.

Sign up for this service will end January 30th.

In Loving Memory



Visitation

Monday, February 5, 2024

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Forest Park South Funeral Home

Reception Service

Monday, February 5, 2024

12:00 PM

Club Bella Vita

Martha Sue Kula

August 13, 1942. - January 25, 2024

Martha Sue Kula, age 81, of Pearland, Texas passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024, following a seven-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Cleburne, Texas, August 13, 1942. Raised in Fort Worth, Texas, the second of three daughters born to Verna and Frank Walraven.

Martha moved to Houston with her first husband and children in 1966. After their divorce, she met George Kula at a 'Singles Only' bible study group at Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, early in 1972. George and Martha married October 20, 1972, then the 'Happy Life' began, and this past October celebrated 51 years of marriage. They attended church at Sugar Creek for 20+ years and are currently members at Sagemont Church in Houston.

Martha was an avid cook. Cooking was her passion at home, with family, at work, at BellaVita functions, at church and wherever food was needed. She prepared Thanksgiving meals for the dealers at the Alvin Antique Mall for several years.

Martha was a Master Basket Weaver and sold her baskets through the various antique shops they were in. She was a gifted seamstress, quilter, crochet artist and crafter. Martha loved to entertain and hosted many parties. She enjoyed the activities at Bella Vita including the Tea Parties, New Years Parties, Cancer Walks and being involved in the Belles, Bunco group and sewing club.

Professionally, Martha was a banker for 25 years before retiring from Wells Fargo Bank as a Vice President of Private Banking. George and Martha were also antique dealers at the Alvin Antique Mall.

Martha's passion was her family and extended family, she took a lot of joy in trying out new recipes at the holidays and celebrations and was famous in our family for her 'Martha's Tried and Tested Cookbook' which we all treasure. She is predeceased by her parents Verna and Frank Walraven. She is survived by her husband George Kula; children Tammy Mikeska (Guy), Renee Tesarek (Bill), Terri Kula, David Bomar (Laura); grandchildren Brian Mikeska (Elizabeth), Michelle Tesarek, Allison Dingle (Jacob), Zachary Tesarek, Rachel Cherniack; great-grandchildren Kyle Breen, Evelyn Mikeska, Grayson, Adeline and Ryleigh Dingle; sisters Joyce Lowery (Milton), and Frankie Sisk, and their children and families.

The family is grateful for the loving care Martha received the past two weeks at the Lakehouse on Dixie Farm Road and for Magnolia Hospice Care.

A visitation for Martha will be held Monday, February 5, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Forest Park South Funeral Home, 12650 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland, TX 77584. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with Dr Denny Autrey officiating. The memorial service will be followed by a Reception at 12:00 pm at Club Bella Vita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle (just off Scarsdale), Pearland, Texas 77581.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Martha's name may be directed to MD Anderson Pancreatic Cancer Research.

Martha's legacy will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.





Remember When—Part 1

A little house with three bedrooms,
One bathroom and one car on the street.
A mower that you had to push
To make the grass look neat.

In the kitchen on the wall
We only had one phone,
And no need for recording things,
Someone was always home.

We only had a living room
Where we would congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime
In the kitchen where we ate.

We had no need for family rooms
Or extra rooms to dine.
When meeting as a family
Those two rooms would work out fine.

We only had one TV set
And channels maybe two,
But always there was one of them
With something worth the view.

For snacks we had potato chips
That tasted like a chip.
And if you wanted flavor
There was Lipton's onion dip.

Store-bought snacks were rare because
My mother liked to cook
And nothing can compare to snacks
In Betty Crocker's book.

Weekends were for family trips
Or staying home to play.
We all did things together --
Even go to church to pray.

When we did our weekend trips
Depending on the weather,

No one stayed at home because
We liked to be together.

Sometimes we would separate
To do things on our own, But we knew
where the others were
Without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies
With your favorite movie star,
And nothing can compare
To watching movies in your car.

Then there were the picnics
At the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees
And never need a reason.

Get a baseball game together
With all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball --
And no game video.

Remember when the doctor
Used to be the family friend,
And didn't need insurance
Or a lawyer to defend?

The way that he took care of you
Or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived
To do the best for you.

Remember going to the store
And shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it
You used your own money?

Nothing that you had to swipe
Or punch in some amount,
And remember when the cashier
person Had to really count?



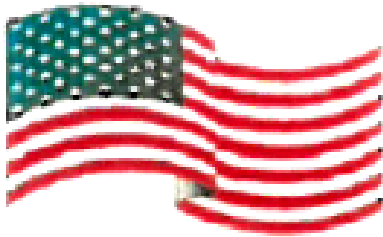
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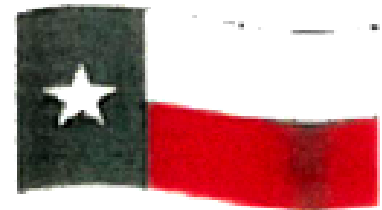
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**Flags of BellaVita
2024 Enrollment**



Flags of BellaVita will fly for the NATIONAL FLAG HOLIDAYS

Print Name: _____

Print Address: _____

Enrollment Fees:

\$25.00 for the first US Flag

\$15.00 each additional flag

Number of flags requested CURB:

US _____ TEXAS _____

Number of flags LAKE:

US _____ TEXAS _____

Date _____

Amount \$ _____

*** ALL PAYMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15TH 2024 ***

NOTE: Please make your check payable to BellaVita Men's Club

Please leave your check and completed form by May 2024, at the Clubhouse or mail to:

**Flags of BellaVita
1548 North Riviera Circle
Pearland, Tx 77581**



**We could use your help.
All BellaVita residents
are invited to volunteer
for the Flag Teams.**

I would like to know more about Volunteering for the Flag Teams.

Yes _____ Phone Number _____

Duplicate Bridge is a partnership game played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Interested players may reserve a spot by calling Lyle Ganucheau in advance.

Bridge Scores

January 23rd,

Howell Movement

1st Linda Aaron – Carolyn Beeson

2nd Helen Fargo – Nancy Hudson

3rd Mary Ellen Henry – Jean Foltz

January 25,

North/South

1st Sandy Pollard – Jean Foltz

2nd Russell Pryor – Ann Sharp

East/West

1st Carol Dyson – Mary Ellen Henry

2nd Joyce Garner – Lyle Ganucheau



Doors & Paint

Your HOA dues include having your front door maintained every 2 yrs. as needed. This means the door will be lightly sanded and a coat of spar varnish will be applied. A new weather strip on the bottom of the door is included, if needed. This will help to protect your door. However, if you postpone or do not request having your door serviced and it requires having your door refinished, the HOA will only cover a portion of the cost to refinish and replace the weather strip. The HOA will pay a maximum of \$210.00 (the cost to the HOA for regular maintenance plus a 2nd coat of varnish). You will be responsible for the remaining cost of the door service. Please note if there is a homeowner cost, it will be more than previous years as well. It is your responsibility to call and have it serviced every 2 years.

Please come by the Clubhouse or call at 281-464-3150 to be put on the list for 2024. The doors are serviced March through September.



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Deadline for newsletter entries and articles is Monday at NOON.

No Exceptions.

Please send entries and articles to all clubhouse personnel.

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CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Sunday... Clubhouse Closed

Monday... 11a to 6p

Tuesday... 10a to 9p

Wednesday... 10a to 9p

Thursday... 10a to 9p

Friday... 10a to 9p

Saturday... 10a to 6p

BellaVita Front Desk will provide the following Fax, Notary and Copy services for personal use for home owners.

At this time there will be **NO** charge for 10 pages. After 10 pages, there will be a charge of 10 cents per sheet.

- Long distance faxes -
- Sending local Faxes – NO International faxes
- Receiving Faxes
- Notary services are free **by appointment only**. Notary services are for residents only. Please make appointment at the front desk. **Notary services are currently unavailable.**
- Scanning to email
- Copy Services

The **Copy Center** copying guidelines for the BellaVita HOA Board, Board Committees/Clubs and Organization Officers are at no charge as follows:

- Maximum of 25 pages – immediate copying
- Maximum of 400 pages – 24 hour copying
- Over 400 pages – one week copying
- Any specialty services (stapling, binding, hole punching, etc.) are the responsibility of the requester.
- **All copies are black and white on white paper only.**
- All specialty papers are to be provide by the requester.

Monthly Meetings

1st
Wed.

6:15p Belles Meeting
6:30p Men's Meeting

6:30p TEC Meeting

2nd
Wed.

3rd
Wed.

6:30p Travel Meeting

4th
Wed.

3:00p Board Meeting

Beg Line Dancing
Friday at 3pm
Intermediate Line Dance
Thursday 6 pm



Location: ballroom @ the clubhouse

Cardio Line Dancing
Saturday @ 11am
Monday @ 2pm

We meet: Monday @ 11AM, Wednesday @ 10AM and Friday @ 10AM in the ballroom.
See you there!

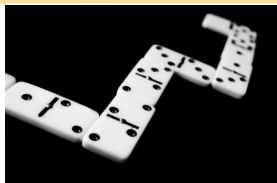
FITNESS



Hand & Foot

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Wednesdays @ 1pm
in the Annex.

Please call Linda Mulholand



Mexican Train
Thursdays @ 6pm
in the Annex



Art Group meets Fridays at 2:00pm in the Arts & Craft room

MAH-JONG

Thursdays at 1PM for Asian Mahjong
in the Annex.

Rummikub

Fridays @ the Annex 1:00 PM
Lots of fun! Good brain exercise!
Come join us!

DAY BUNCO

Second Wednesday of every Month

At 12:45 in the Annex

\$5.00 to Play

Night Bunco

Jan 31st at 6:45p
in the Clubhouse



Walk Aerobics

Thursdays and Saturday @ 10AM—Ballroom

Shanghai

Monday & Tuesdays at 1PM and Wednesday & Friday at 6:30 pm IN THE ANNEX. Singles and couples are welcome. There are no partners in Shanghai. Please call Charlotte Goza 713-819-1881 to indicate your interest, and let her know if you already know how to play.



POKER

Monday & Thursday at 1pm. Tuesdays at 6pm.
Held in the Art Room

Book Groups



The Book Review Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Annex.

Need Canasta Players

Wednesday at 1pm
in the annex



Sewing Group

Every Wednesday 1-3 pm in the Arts & Crafts Room. Join Us!

Sew - Crochet - Knit - Helping Hands





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Animal Control- City of Pearland- 281-652-1970

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