

# March 8, 2022

#### Tuesday-8

10a Bible Study1 I a Chair Exercise1 p Duplicate Bridge1 p Shanghai6 p Poker Night

#### Wednesday-9

10a Fitness
12:45p BUNCO
1p Sewing Group
1p Canasta
1p Poker
3:30p Beg Line Dance
5p Ballots due at
Clubhouse
7p TEC MTG

#### Thursday-10

10a Walk Aerobics
11a Chair Exercise
1p Duplicate Bridge
1p Asian MahJong
1p Poker
1p Book Group
6p Int. Line Dancing
6:30p Mexican Train

#### I Friday- II

10a Fitness 1p Rummikub 2p Art Group 6:30p Shanghai

#### Saturday-12

10a Walk Aerobics 11a Cardio Line Dance

#### Sunday-13 Clubhouse Closed



#### Monday-14

l Ia Fitness Ip American Mahjong Ip Poker

Ip Poker 2p Cardio Line Dancing



# Ballots Due This Wednesday, March 9, 5pm



Be sure to place your ballot in the Ballot Box in the Clubhouse before 5pm on Wednesday, March 9.

#### **Election Update – Counting the ballots**

This Friday (March 11) the Elections Committee will count the ballots for the election of the new HOA Board of Directors.

The process is as follows:

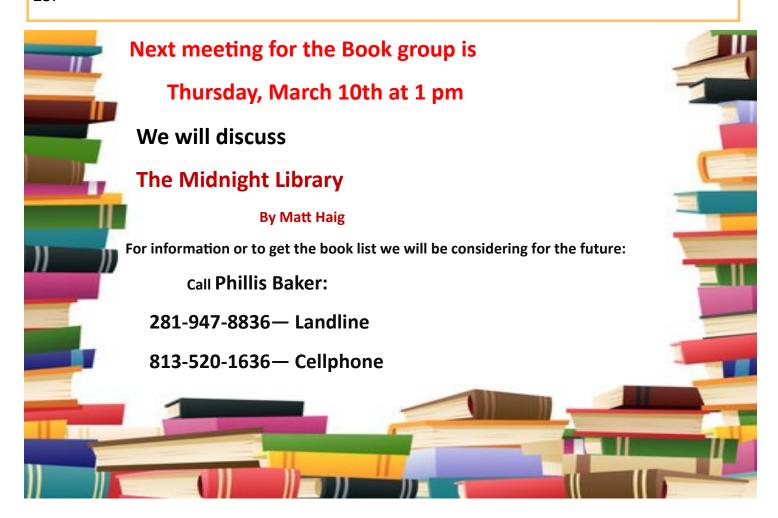
Once the ballot box is opened, Inframark will validate each ballot. That means they check that the ballot is signed, the address is accurate, and there is only one vote per household. Ballots that are not signed or contain more than three choices are voided. If more than one ballot is submitted from the same household, all ballots from that household are void. The Chair of the Elections Committee observes this activity.

Every member of the Elections committee has a tally sheet and marks the votes as Inframark reads the selections. The count must match.

This year one candidate withdrew AFTER the ballot was printed. According to the Texas Election Code, all votes on the ballots must be counted.

Once the ballot count is complete, candidates are notified, and the results are posted.

The new Board members take office at the end of the annual meeting on Wednesday, March 23.



# **BellaVita Veterans Organization**

The BellaVita Veterans Organization will meet on March 16th.

#### **Our MISSION:**

Our current information to our membership on local, state, and national veterans programs, military issues, and related events.

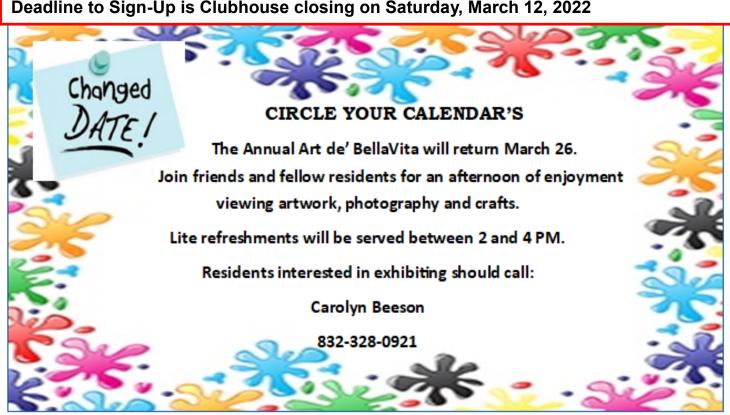
Membership in the BellaVita Veterans Organization is open to all BellaVita residents who are veterans who have served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force or U.S. Coast Guard.

We are planning a major effort to tap our team and VA resources to be able to communicate the many new benefits underway from the Veterans Administration. All the approximately 135 BellaVita Veterans, their spouses, and widows at BellaVita will be getting invitations to our meeting on March 16<sup>th.</sup>

#### In the past;

- year a BellaVita Veteran's wife was able to replace a Medicare Supplement policy with
- Champ VA ... saving over \$400 per month.
  - A BellaVita Widow learned she was eligible for a Harris County property tax
- exemption.
- A BellaVita Vietnam veteran's exposure to Agent Orange meant his recent heart issue qualified for a 100% Disabled rating.

Deadline to Sign-Up is Clubhouse closing on Saturday, March 12, 2022









This year we will be gathering children's books and filled Easter eggs and donating them, along with bunnies from our BV Sewing Group, to disadvantaged children of our area. Our goal is to deliver 150 filled Easter bags to Christian Helping Hands and Lawhon Elementary School by March 31st for distribution.

During the month of March, donations of new or like new children's books (appropriate for ages birth - 10) and fillable plastic eggs can be placed in the collection box at the BV Clubhouse.

We can make bulk purchases of children's books at a very good price, so if you would like to make a monetary donation, cash or checks can be dropped off at the clubhouse front desk. Please make checks payable to **BellaVita Belles**.

Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful Easter project,

Barbara Moore and Linda Wolf, Co-chairs.

## WHAT ? ? ?



Perhaps you have noticed some weird stuff going on at your **Bella Vita Library**. There have been some things moving around.

And what is going on in that room to the left of the signin desk? Media Room? What's that all about?

These weird things are actually just works-in-progress for what will ultimately be the *actual* Bella Vita Library's **Media Room!** There will be movies, music, magazines and more.

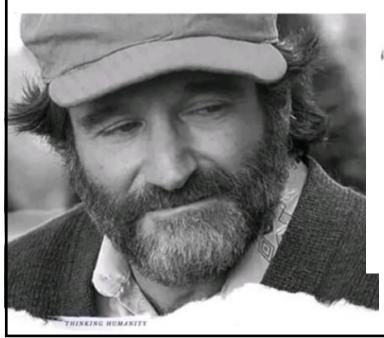


You are certainly welcome and encouraged to have a look around. Borrow whatever is there now. And keep checking back as cabinets get installed, things get added and rearranged and . . . well, just keep checking back.





Read / Listen / View / USE your Bella Vita Library.



"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle
you know nothing about.

Be kind. Always."

Robin Williams

### Q1 2022 Volunteer of the Quarter

The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q1 2022 Volunteer of the Quarter, Carolyn Beeson.** The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Carolyn and her husband (deceased) moved to Bellavita in 2011, after prompted by a friend to come live in friendly community. Carolyn spent her 30 year career in Human Resources Management before she retired. Since Carolyn's husband was in the military, they moved around to many places including Saudi. Carolyn enjoys living near her family. She has a son who is a Lt. Colonel in the Marines, a daughter and 3 grandsons who live in Clear Lake.



Carolyn is very involved in Bellavita. While in Saudi, she became editor of an underground newsletter. She put those skills to good use after moving to Bellavita. She became editor of the Bellavita Quarterly Newsletter which was mailed to homes. This was a major coordination effort. Since 2013, she has served on several HOA committees Grounds, Communications, and Newcomers. Honoring her military family, Carolyn volunteers on the Flag Team. She has served as President (2017) and Vice President (2015) for the Belles. Also co-chaired the Belles Tea.

She has been a Block Captain since 2018.

Carolyn volunteers as the Movie Night previewer and promoter by offering the community recent movies on the big screen at the Clubhouse with Popcorn! Carolyn is very active with TEC events as well as starring in several Bellavita Theater Productions, 4+ plays. If you have seen any of the BV Plays, you know she throws herself into her characters. She would be considered a "Character Actor". Broadway may come calling!

Carolyn is most famous for the annual Treasure Box for the past 5 yrs. She works throughout the year with her awesome assistant, Genie Dunnage and committee team members. She offers her garage as the official storage unit as well as Genie's to keep all donations for the October Sale at Mistletoe Market. Without her campaigning for donations throughout the year, Bellavita would not be able to meet the large donation contributions each year for the Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. Annually, the Treasure Box raises approx. \$2500 for this organization.

As well as so involved with BV volunteering, she makes time to play bridge and gardening. But one of her favorite things to do is walking her little dog, Flash, around the neighborhood visiting with BV residents. Flash is as well-known as Carolyn, even had a cameo role in the last BV play!

Carolyn has done an incredible job in all her volunteer efforts. Thank you Carolyn Beeson for all your hard work. Please congratulate Carolyn on her outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein

Awards Committee Chair

# **B**ellaVita Shining Star Award

The BV HOA Awards Committee's most important responsibility is to recognize residents. The Committee established a unique recognition program in 2021, BV Shining Star Award. This award recognizes residents who have made extra special contributions for the community that go above and beyond their normal volunteer responsibilities. In 2021, the Committee recognized several residents who made the Covid shutdown in 2020 more tolerable by keeping the Bellavita spirit alive.

Now the Committee would like to recognize

Connie Harry and Don Smith

for their extra special contribution in supporting all BV residents:

BV Residents Help Flush Water Fees Down the Drain The Pearland City Council decided last night to **NOT** go forward with a storm water

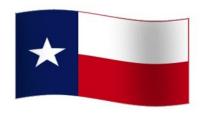
When you see the yard signs "Honk your Horn" as well as thanking Connie and Don when you see them in the neighborhood.



HOA Awards Committee Sandra Bornstein, Chair



## Flags Of BellaVita 2022 Enrollment



Flags of BellaVita will fly for the Remaining 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:	USTEXAS
Number of flags LAKE:	US TEXAS
Date	Amount \$

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

Please leave your check and completed form 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 Flags Project.

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	Yes	<b>Phone Number</b>		

#### **NOTE TO RESIDENTS:**

We have had a couple of instances where checks were dated incorrectly (i.e., 2020 and 2021) or the amount of the check was incorrect, and an attempt was made to alter the amount for purchase of tickets. The bank will not take outdated or altered checks for deposit. In addition, all checks taken at the desk must be made payable to "BellaVita."

When this mistake is discovered, a staff member will contact you for replacement of the check for the corrections. If you have been notified either by phone or e-mail, please make arrangements as soon as possible to replace the check or bring cash to cover the amount.

Our clubs work extremely hard to bring us top notch and fun entertainment and they are entitled to receive the amount for all tickets sold.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Your HOA dues include having your front door maintained every 2 yrs. 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 have gone up from previous years as well. It is your responsibility to call and have it serviced every 2 years. Please call Jerry Marshburn at 281-998-7709 or come by or contact the Clubhouse at 281-464-3150 before October and get on the schedule. The doors are serviced March through October.





#### 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.)

CONTRIBUTE TO 2022 TREASURE BOX BENEFITING THE MILITARY MOMS AND WIVES OF BRAZORIA COUNTY (Our troops and veterans)



Call: Carolyn Beeson or Genie Dunnage 346-432-2335 281-481-3289



#### **HEARD ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?**

If you are a fan of **audio books**, your Bella Vita Library would like your input. There is about to be some expansion of the collection!

Please let us know what kind of audio books you'd like to find there!

Your preferences can be emailed to <u>bellavitalibrary@gmail.com</u> – OR – dropped off at the black cabinet at the entry to the BV Library.

Thanks and be prepared to "listen up"!



# Rusticscapes Landscape report Bellavita Community March 2022

#### **Irrigation Report**

Received: 13

Completed: 11

Pending: 2

#### **February Review**

Completed all Mulching of front yards and common areas.

#### **March plans**

We will be fertilizing end of March beginning of April.

Seasonal will be installed this month.

Post Emergent will be sprayed this month.

#### **Any other information for Homeowners**

We will be watching the weather but should have everyone De- winterized towards the end of the month.

# St. Patrick's Day drink



#### Gaelic Grasshopper

#### Ingredients

1.5 oz Kerrygold Irish Cream Liqueur

1 oz Teeling Irish whiskey

.5 oz Creme de Cacao

.5 oz Brancamenta

#### Instructions

Shake lightly and strain over crushed ice. Garnish with mint and shaved chocolate.

By Pam Wiznitzer at Seamstress in New York City.



# March 13, 2022



# Daylight savings time

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Wed Mostly Cloudy 3/9	63° 45°	▲ 10%
Thu 3/10 Mostly Sunny	74°  56°	<b>▶</b> 0%

# Weather

Fri Showers	58° 35°	<b>60%</b>	
Sat Sunny	60° 39°	<b>▶</b> 0%	
Sun 3/13 Mostly Sunny	67° 55°	<b>▶</b> 0%	
Mon Partly Cloudy	75° 53°	▲ 10%	



Tuesday, March 1, Bridge

#### North/South

1<sup>st</sup> Pam Halloran – Wilbur Smith2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Garner – Jean Foltz

#### East/West

1<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Beeson – Nancy Hudson2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Dyson – Helen Fargo

Thursday, March 3,

#### North/South

1<sup>st</sup> Rhonda Bryant – Sandy Pollard
 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Combs – Mary Ellen Henry

#### East/West

1<sup>st</sup> Helen Franklin – Margo Green2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Harry – Joyce Wormser

Duplicate Bridge is played on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons. Players may sign up by calling Lyle Ganucheau in advance.

Party Bridge has been Cancelled.

#### Reminder

Assessments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. After the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$25 late fee will be incurred.





# BellaVita Magnetic NAME BADGE

The Belles are selling name badges for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a name badge please leave a check at the front desk payables to "BellaVita Belles."



Please remember to bring your trash/recycle bins in on non-trash pick-up days.

Please tell your Guests and Vendors Do NOT Tailgate. The entrance gates are monitored by camera



# **Newsletter Information**

- Deadline for newsletter entries
   articles is Monday at Noon,
   No Exceptions
- \* Please send entries & articles to Shannon and Carolina at Shannon.boogades@inframark.com & Carolina.garcia@inframark.com



Beg Line Dancing Wednesday at 3:30p Intermediate Line Dance Thursday 6 pm



Cardio Line Dancing Monday @ 2pm Saturday at 11am

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

Walking Aerobics
Thursdays and Saturday
@ 10AM

## FITNESS



Thursday @ 6:30pm in the Annex

#### American Mah-Jongg

Come and join us on Monday at 1pm in the Annex.

Art Group

friday, at 2pm in the Art, & Craft

#### **ASIAN MAH-JONGG**

Come and join us on Thursdays at 1PM in the Annex.

#### DAY BUNCO

Second Wednesday of every Month

At 12:45 @ the Clubhouse

\$5.00 to Play

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



Níght Bunco Will

Feb. 23, 2022

#### **POKER**

Monday & Thursday at 1pm

Tuesdays at 1PM, FRIDAY AT 6:00 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 please let her know if you already know how to play.



Bible Study

10a on Tuesday



3:00p Board Meeting

Wed.

BellaVita Front Desk will provide the following Fax, Notary and Copy services for home owners. Due to Covid-19 there will be NO Charge at this time up to 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.
- Scanning to email
- Copy Services

The **Copy Center** copying guidelines for the BellaVita HOA Board, Board Committees and 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 provided by the requester.







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

Cable-Comcast-Transfer- 855-307-4896

Lawn Care—Rusticscapes - 832-620-6529

Street Light- Center point- 713-207-2222 Opt.5

#### **HOA Board of Directors**

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