

## Tuesday-21

- 10a Bible Study
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Shanghai
- 6p Poker Night

## Wednesday-22

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Sewing Group
- 1p Canasta
- 6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker
- 7pm **BY ANNUAL  
HOA MEETING**

## Thursday-23

- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Poker
- 1p Asian Mahjong
- 6:30p Mexican Train
- 6:30p **PEARLAND  
FORUM**

## Friday-24

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Rummy Q
- 2p Art Group
- 3p Beg Line Dance
- 6:30p Shanghai

## Saturday-25

- 9a Nature Reserve  
Walk
- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Cardio Line  
Dancing

## Sunday-26

**Clubhouse Closed**

## Monday-27

- 11a Fitness
- 1p Shanghai
- 1p Poker
- 2p Cardio Line  
Dancing

# March 21, 2023



BELLAVITA

# ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023 - 7PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

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## **Election Update – Vote Count**

(Submitted by Elections Committee)



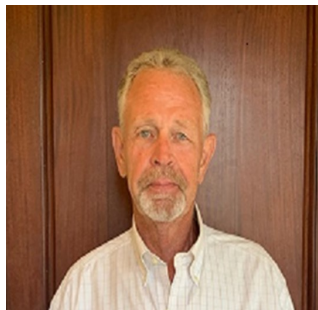
The Elections Committee met to count the ballots for the HOA Board of Directors election following the ballot verification by Inframark. The unofficial results are as follows:

**Fred Fargo**



**106**

**Dallas Smith**



**196**

**Mary Walker**



**176**

**Dallas Smith and Mary Walker will take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting, March 22, 2023.**

Thank you to all homeowners who participated in this important event.

**BELLAVITA RESIDENTS PLEASE BE INVOLVED AND BE AT THE**  
**PEARLAND CANDIDATE ELECTION FORUM MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:30PM**  
**TO BE HELD IN THE BELLAVITA BALLROOM**

**WE NEED EVERYONE IN BELLAVITA TO MAKE IT A POINT TO ATTEND THIS VERY  
IMPORTANT FORUM TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT TO OUR  
MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 THURSDAY AND YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WRITE YOUR  
OWN QUESTION THAT WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE CANDIDATES TO ANSWER**

**WE WILL HAVE ALL THE PEARLAND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES  
FOR POSITION 3 AND POSITION 7 PLUS MAYOR KEVIN COLE  
CANDIDATE FOR PEARLAND MAYOR - HONORABLE KEVIN COLE**

**PEARLAND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

**POSITION 3**

- ALEX KAMKAR – (I)**
- JAI DAGGETT**

**POSITION 7**

- RUSHI PATEL**
- ANTONIO JOHNSON**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK - REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**PLEASE REFER ANY QUESTIONS TO  
LARK BILLICK - COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: LARKBILLICK@YAHOO.COM**

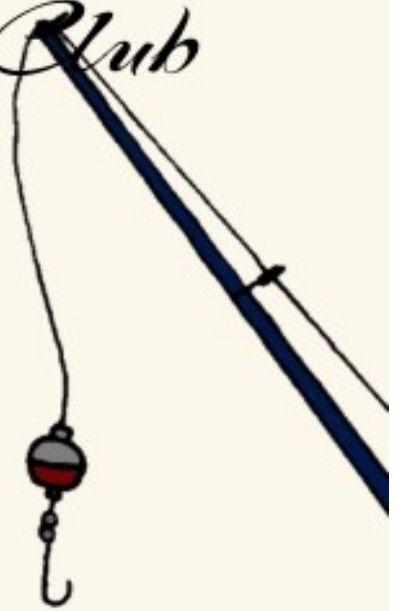


# FISH FRY DINNER

*Sponsored by the Men's Club*



**Live Guitar  
Music  
by Andrew**



## **MENU:**

**FRIED CATFISH, GREEN BEANS, RED  
POTATOES, HOMEMADE COLESLAW,  
AND ADULT BEVERAGES**

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023  
6:30PM**

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**TICKETS ARE \$15.00 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT  
THE CLUBHOUSE**





## **The Next Getaway is April 15th to Burton, TX.**

We are going to the Cotton Gin Festival and hopefully see some wild flowers along the way. The cost of the trip will be \$10.

If time allows, we may have lunch at Must Be Heaven Sandwich Shoppe in Brenham. You will be responsible for the cost of your lunch.

Leaving BellaVita at 8 am and returning around 4 pm-ish.

**Sign-up will be Wednesday, March 29th at 10 am in the Bellavita Clubhouse Lobby.**

For more information please contact: Patsy at 281-744-0830



In almost every corner of Texas, cotton has influenced our history. In Burton, halfway between Houston & Austin on Hwy 290, sits the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin, the Oldest Operating Cotton Gin in America. Our surrounding fields may no longer be white with cotton bolls, but we still preserve that history for future generations. Step back in time with us at the 34th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival, Sat. April 15th, 2023.

This gem of a small town Texas festival is FREE & family friendly. It features a parade, music, contests, games, arts, crafts, food, drink, & antique tractor pull & engine show & classic cars on display.

Tours of the Gin structure will start lining up at 12 pm

Join in the fun & watch Texas history come alive at the 34th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival, Sat. April 15th, 2023 at the Texas Cotton Gin Museum, in Burton. For more information visit [www.texascottonginmuseum.org](http://www.texascottonginmuseum.org)



BellaVita Belles Present

# Confetti

A Tea for Ladies

SATURDAY

15  
APR

Club BellaVita  
1548 N. Riviera Circle  
Pearland, TX

1  
PM

*Tickets:* \$18.

*Info:* **Light Lunch**  
**Hilarious Entertainment**  
For ladies age 12 and up  
Doors open at 12:45 P.M.  
For questions, contact:  
Carolyn Alvarez  
(281 543-1865) or  
cbablue29@yahoo.com



Dr. Jon Comedy  
"Laughter is the world's greatest medicine"

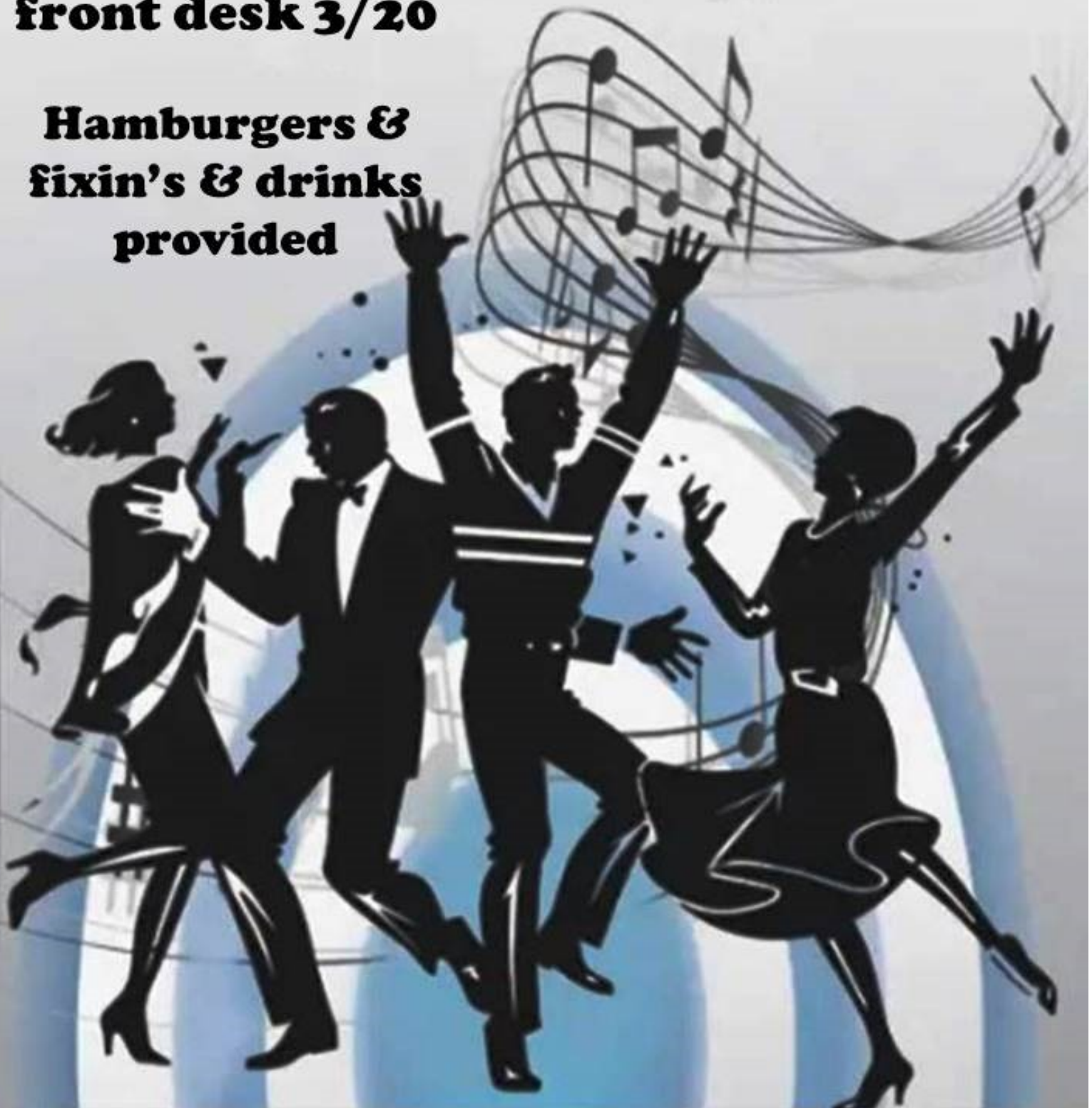


# **TEC & Men's Club present: Main Street Dance Party**

**Tickets  
available \$18 @  
front desk 3/20**

**April 21, 2023  
7:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Hamburgers &  
fixin's & drinks  
provided**







# Bella Vita Travel Group

**Announcing four fabulous trips to kick off the Bella Vita Travel Group,  
in order of occurrence:**

**May 22-May 28, 2023, 5 NIGHTS**

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? Tour the Cincinnati Underground Caverns, the Creation Museum and the Ark in Williamstown, Kentucky, the Ohio River riverboat Dinner Cruise.

For more details see the flier below.

For questions or to register Contact: [Ginger@vleetravel.com](mailto:Ginger@vleetravel.com) 713-3920114 <http://www.VLeeTravel.com>

**September 20-29, 2023 10 DAYS**

YELLOWSTONE, MT. RUSHMORE, GRAND TETONS

For more details see the flier below.

For questions or to register contact Mickey McDaniel at VIP Travel, 281-489-1905,

[www.4mcdaniel@comcast.net](http://www.4mcdaniel@comcast.net)

**October 6-13, 2023, Seven Nights**

FALL COLOR CRUISE ON THE QUEEN MARY 2 FROM QUEBEC CITY TO NEW YORK CITY

Optional 2 night stay in the Big Apple including a Broadway Show

For more details see the flier below.

For questions or to register Contact: [Ginger@vleetravel.com](mailto:Ginger@vleetravel.com) 713-3920114 <http://www.VLeeTravel.com>

**January 19-26, 2024, Eight days, 13 meals**

TOUR COSTA RICA WITH 3 OVERNIGHT STAYS IN SAN JOSE, ARENAL, AND MANUEL ANTONIO

For more details see the flier below.

For questions or to register contact Mickey McDaniel at VIP Travel, 281-489-1905, [4mcdaniel@comcast.net](mailto:4mcdaniel@comcast.net)

**FOR MORE DETAILS, FIND THE FLIERS FOR EACH TRIP AT :**

www.club-bellavita.org      username: bellavita      password: rose

**Open the Travel Group tab.**



## LIVING LARGE IN THE LIBRARY

It is happening again. Your friendly neighborhood library is *growing!*

That's right. Most of the shelves are bursting at the seams. Some things have had to be moved to different shelves. The Large Print section has completely outgrown its own cabinet and is spilling over into the one to its right.

Some authors books have been given their own space on neighboring shelves. Even the bottom shelves on most of the cabinets are now home to various selections.

No! This is NOT a complaint! It is a *compliment* to the residents of Bella Vita who continue to use the library! Whether you are borrowing or donating things – books, movies, music, magazines, etc. – your use of the Bella Vita Library is the driving force behind its growth.

**In short . . . THANK YOU!**

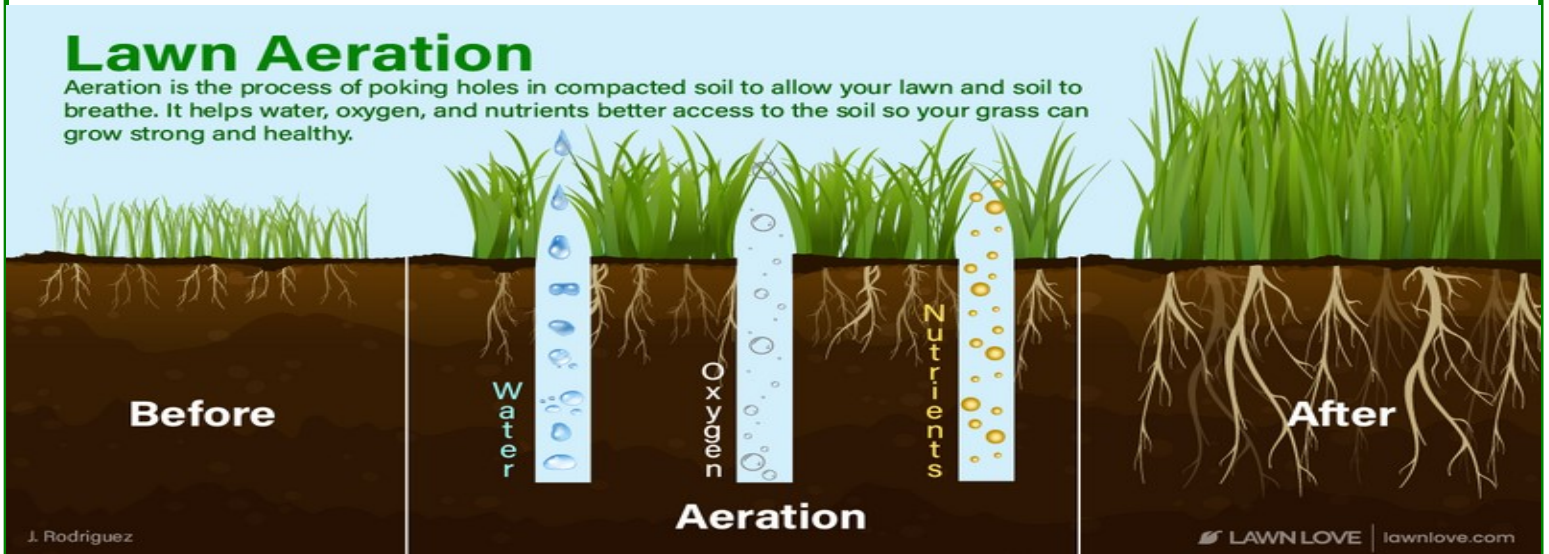
**Read on, Bella Vita! Read on !!!**

## WHY AERATING HELPS LAWNS

Grass roots need air, water and nutrients to grow thick, deep and strong. When soil becomes compacted, even slightly, it inhibits the flow of the essentials that support thicker, healthier turf growth. A layer of compacted soil just 1/4 to 1/2 inches thick can make a significant difference in the health and beauty of your lawn. Aeration creates holes down into the soil to alleviate compaction so air, water and nutrients can reach grass roots.

### Lawn Aeration

Aeration is the process of poking holes in compacted soil to allow your lawn and soil to breathe. It helps water, oxygen, and nutrients better access to the soil so your grass can grow strong and healthy.



LYNDA RUTLEDGE

AUTHOR OF PAITH ASSIS DOBRIKO'S LAST GARAGE SALE

# West With Giraffes

The April selection for the BellaVita Book Group will be **West With Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge.

This exciting book was based on the true story of how two giraffes were moved from Africa, landed at New York harbor then across the United States to the San Diego zoo in the 1930s. There is suspense and even a bit of romance in this exciting tale.

Join us on Thursday, April 13, at 1 pm in the Annex. Lauren Moore will lead the discussion of this great story.

Happy March Birthdays





# **BellaVita**

## **Garage Sale**

Save the date: April 22, 2023.  
More information coming soon.

**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!!**

### **GARAGE SALE COMING UP**

**THE TREASURE BOX BENEFITS OUR TROUPS AND VETERANS! WE WILL PRICE, DISPLAY AND SELL YOUR "PRECIOUS" TREASURES TO BENEFIT OUR CHARITY. WHY PAY \$20, CART ALL THAT STUFF OUT TO THE CURB, SIT OUT IN THE HOT SUN FOR THE MINISCULE RETURN YOU GET? OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND POCKET BOOKS AND LET US DO THE HARD WORK!**

**WE ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD GOODS (POTS/PANS, CHINA, SILVERWARE, PICTURES, ART OBJECTS, LAMPS, GLASSES, PLANT STANDS, PURSES, JEWELRY, ETC.)**

**Call: Carolyn Beeson**

**2516 S. Venice (New Address)**

**346-432-2335 or 281-612-2781**

The Awards Committee would like to announce **Q1 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter, Rita Hedges and Nancy Bouman**. The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual(s) for BV community service.

BellaVita Awards committee as well as the BV Sewing Group would like to recognize the notable sewing duo, Rita Hedges and Nancy Bouman. Rita and her husband, Dave, moved to BellaVita March 2013. Before retirement she was a radiology technologist. Nancy and her husband, Bernie, moved to Bellavita in 2016 from Plain City, Ohio to be closer to their daughter in Pearland. Nancy was a computer programmer at Kent State University.



Rita and Nancy have the love and passion for their craft which makes them the experts that they are. Both are very active in the sewing group. One of their special projects is the Veterans Patriotic Quilts, which is extremely rewarding for them as well as the entire sewing group. They keep the group on track with new ideas that advance their sewing skills. Nancy is responsible for purchasing all the needed supplies. After joining the sewing group in 2019, Rita taught the group to quilt. She is a long arm quilter and quilted the majority of the Veterans quilts. Each quilt takes Rita between 3-4 hours to quilt. If the quilts were sent out to be quilted, the average cost would be \$200-\$250 each. Since Rita joined the group, there have been 50 Patriotic Quilts completed. These have been presented at the Veterans meetings as well as in homes when a Veteran is unable to attend the meeting. As Sewing Group leaders, they provide new project ideas, encouragement and enthusiasm.

Many in BellaVita may not know all the great work the sewing group does for charitable causes. I would like to take the opportunity to share with you all their special projects:

- Patriotic quilts for BV residents that have served in the Military
- Stuffed Animals for children in hospitals and at Christmas; stockings for newborns for photos and baby booties
- Dresses for children in the Philippines and Mexico, working with Crossroads Church
- Walker bags for Veterans
- Special projects for Texas Children's Hospital: Denim Water bottles, Heart shaped pillows for heart patients, ribbons for Child Abuse Week
- Cat hammocks for cats being transported by rescue organizations

Nancy stresses that you don't need to sew to be a member of this group, there are many projects that don't require sewing, and everyone is welcome. The sewing group has grown and they believe that it is because of volunteers like Rita and Nancy.

With all their time and effort spent with the sewing group, they are also involved in other BV groups.

Nancy has been a member of the Communications Committee for the past 6 yrs. She has chaired the BellaView for the past 3 yrs. BellaView is organized to show not only longtime residents but new residents to the different groups/activities available to all in BellaVita. In 2023, 73 different groups and organizations were represented. In their spare time, they love to be with family. Nancy and Bernie like to travel and rent a house so that everyone can be together. Rita enjoys swimming, dancing and was involved in the fitness group before covid. She also makes prayer blankets for her church. Rita is an active member of the BellaVita choir.

Rita and Nancy have done an incredible job in all their volunteer efforts. Thank you for all your hard work. Please congratulate Rita and Nancy on their outstanding contributions and recognition as Volunteers of the Quarter.

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Committee Chair





## **DID YOU KNOW??**

**Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee**

**Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins can**

**It's impossible to hum while holding your nose**

**Octopuses have three hearts**

**People used to say "prunes" instead of "cheese" when having their pictures taken**

**In the Philippines, McDonald's serves spaghetti**

**Lobsters taste with their feet**

**The movie Titanic that was released in 1997 cost over \$200 million. The actual cost to build the Titanic was \$7.5 Million.**

**Before toilet paper was invented, Americans used to use corn cobs**

**The Empire State Building has its own ZIP code**

**Blue whale tongues can weigh as much as an elephant**

**The shortest war in history lasted 38 minutes**

**The Statue of Liberty used to be a lighthouse**

**The U.S. treasury once printed \$100,000 bills**

**The letter Q doesn't appear in any state name**

**The last letter added to the alphabet was actually "J".**

**Animals that lay eggs do not have belly buttons**

**There is a McDonalds in every continent except Antarctica.**

# SPRING WORD SEARCH

O K J G H P Z F V X Y Z  
G I S R U W B B O O T S  
A T Y A B L U E B I R D  
E E U S G A R D E N T H  
A H U S W Y W B K M U K  
P X U K Q B L O S S O M  
M G L M S J B A R T R C  
J U R R B A N E R A G R  
A P F A V R W E W F S L  
T D R I Q O E V S K V U  
U L I N L L G L C T R G  
L D A F F O D I L N V R  
I V U E P J H O J A C E  
P W I Q N C M U D O Q E  
S E E D S B S Q C X Q N



BLOSSOM  
BLUEBIRD  
BOOTS  
CHICKS  
DAFFODIL  
FLOWERS

GARDEN  
GRASS  
GREEN  
KITE  
MUD  
NEST

RAIN  
SEEDS  
TULIPS  
UMBRELLA  
WARM





## Bridge Scores

**Tuesday, March 14,**

### North/South

1st Joyce Garner – Ann Sharp

2nd Mary Ellen Henry – Pat Molloy

### East/West

1st Jan McMillan – Judi Davis

2nd Pam Halloran- Carolyn Beeson

**Thursday, March 16,**

### North/South

1st Phyllis Chaney– Jean Foltz

2nd Nina Martin – Mary Ellen Henry

### East/West

1st Marion McKernon – Carol Dyson

2nd Joyce Wormser – Claire Zimmerman

**Duplicate Bridge is a partnership game played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

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



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 have gone up from previous years as well. It is your responsibility to call and have it serviced every 2 years. Please call or come by the Clubhouse at 281-464-3150 before October and get on the schedule. The doors are serviced March through October.

## 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](mailto:Shannon.boogades@inframark.com) & [Carolina.garcia@inframark.com](mailto:Carolina.garcia@inframark.com)

## Nature Reserve Walk in the Woods

Every Saturday



(weather permitting) at 9am



Meet at the Ameno Platform (no sign up required)

Wear walking boots/shoes (trails may be muddy)

Walking sticks are recommended as trails are uneven & rustic

Est walk time: 30 - 60 min

Questions: Call Cyndi Purtee @  
713.594.5352



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 10cents 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.

# 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

3:00p Board Meeting

4th  
Wed.



**Beg Line Dancing  
Friday at 3pm  
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!

**FITNESS®**

**Walk Aerobics**

**Thursdays and Saturday  
@ 10AM**



**Mexican Train  
Thursdays @ 6:30pm  
in the Annex**



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

**ASIAN MAH-JONGG**

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

**Shanghai**

Come and join us on Monday 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!**



*Night Bunco is  
March 29 2023 at  
6:45p*

**POKER**

**Monday &  
Thursday at 1pm  
in the Arts &  
Craft Room**

**Texas Hold'em Poker  
Wednesday at 6pm in  
the Arts & Craft Room**

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.

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

**Wednesday at  
1pm  
in the annex**





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

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Frontier- City of Pearland-281-652-1600

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