

Tuesday-28

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

Wednesday-29

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Sewing Group
- 1p Canasta
- 3p Beg Line Dancing
- 6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker
- 6:45p BUNCO

Thursday-30

- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Poker
- 1p Asian Mahjong
- 6p Int. Line Dance
- 6:30p Mexican Train

Friday-31

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Rummy Q
- 2p Art Group
- 6:30p Shanghai
- 6:30p Fish Fry

Saturday-1

- 9a Walking in the woods
- 10a Walk Aerobics
- 11a Cardio Line Dancing

Sunday-2

Clubhouse Closed

Monday-3

- 11a Fitness
- 1p Shanghai
- 1p Poker
- 2p Cardio Line Dancing
- 6:30p CW Dance Practice

March 28, 2023

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

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



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

BellaVita can vote in Pearland Elections

A Harris County voter would need to request a Harris County ballot by mail.

Harris County would then see that the voter lives in the City of Pearland and forward that ballot by mail request to Brazoria County.

The voter then receives 2 ballots, 1 from Brazoria County, which will include the COP races and 1 from Harris County, which will include any other races for their precinct.

The ballots will need to be returned to their respective County.



LYNDA RUTLEDGE

West With Giraffes
A Novel

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.

The key to
being happy
is knowing you have the power
to choose what to accept
and what to let go.

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"



ALL TAUGHT BY
PARAMEDIC
KRIS KERN!



AED &
CPR
TRAINING

APRIL 22, 2023

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) will present our annual CPR seminar. This year we will also include training for AEDS.

Please mark your calendar and sign up at the front desk for this informative seminar!

**TEC & Men's Club present:
"Main Street Band" performing
60's, 70's, 80's & 90's dance music**

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

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

**Hamburgers,
chips, cookies &
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 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

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 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

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

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

Open the Travel Group tab.

What is the ROSE Award?

ROSE is an acronym for Recognition Of Serving Extraordinarily.

The ROSE Award is the highest award presented by the BellaVita Homeowners Association. It was developed to recognize efforts by a resident who volunteered and contributed significantly to the overall improvement of the community as well as positively impact the quality of life in BellaVita.

Based on the ROSE Award criteria, the Rose Award 2022 recipient, Danny Koons..... He has served on HOA Committees, HOA Clubs, Special Events, HOA Special Projects , as well as many BV club events. With all his volunteer participation the recipient has provided valuable ideas, has helped identify solutions which has benefitted and improved the community. Danny has exhibited a high standard of professionalism, extraordinary efforts above and beyond regular assignments while enhancing the BV community spirit.

Danny and Cathy have lived in BellaVita since 2018. Danny jumped right in after moving to BV and got involved with community activities. Professionally Danny was the Construction Superintendent over capital projects at the Deer Park and Bayport chemical plants. He has brought BellaVita his knowledge and expertise that has benefitted our community in so many ways.

Since moving to BV, Danny has jumped right in by volunteering with the Men's Club activities always visible in setting up, serving food, and doing anything he can to assist with events. In 2021, he joined the Facilities Committee. He is in charge of pool maintenance and since then he checks on the pool and spa frequently. He is a highly respected technical resource for BV. In fall of 2021, Danny did a yeoman's job on the pool rehab. He served as a supervisor for the resurfacing of the pool. He knows how important the pool is to BV residents. With his focus on this project, he ensured that all residents will enjoy the pool and spa. Also, he is a BV Flag Team captain. You would think Danny was busy enough with all these responsibilities/projects but he wanted to give more to our community. Danny ran for the HOA Board and was elected to serve in March 2022.

In addition to all the above, Danny continues to volunteer and brings his expertise to BellaVita.

For the Clubhouse Roof Project, Danny took the lead role in seeking and finding a professional roofer familiar with the type roof for the clubhouse. He worked closely with the roofer to determine the need for repair rather than replacement. The cost of repair was approximately \$30,000 vs. a replacement cost of over \$200,000. What a savings for BellaVita!

Also, Danny is a key member of the Scarsdale Wall Task Team and the field representative for the project. He participated in the identification and selection of the wall contractor.

Some would think this is a full time job, but no, Danny continues to find time to be an instructor at the Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation. He teaches Project Supervision on a part time basis in Deer Park. True volunteerism, always a desire to give back to his community inside and outside of BellaVita.

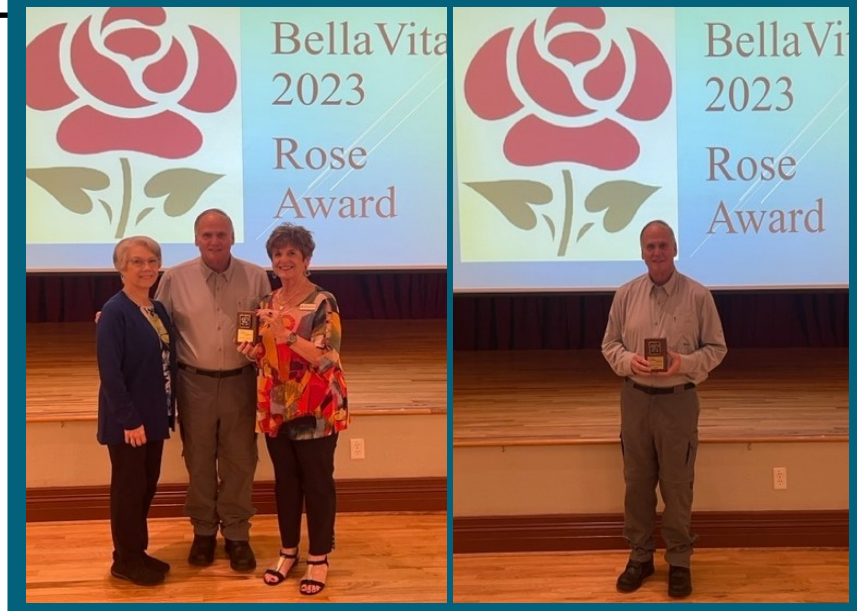
With all of this on his plate, he and Cathy decided it would be fun to teach Country Western dancing recently. As many of us know, it was a big success.

Danny is a man who likes to stay engaged as we can see from his contributions to BellaVita.

He has done an incredible job in all his volunteer efforts. Danny is the true definition of what it means to be a Volunteer who goes above and beyond. He deserves to be among the distinguished and deserving recipients of the ROSE Award.

Please congratulate Danny on his outstanding contributions and recognition as the Annual 2022 ROSE Award Recipient.

Sandra Bornstein
Awards Committee Chair



Recognizing Volunteerism at BellaVita

2022 Achieved 5 yrs. of Volunteering

(Includes Club officer, HOA Board, HOA Chair & Committee, Group Leaders, Block Captains):

Abruzzese, Dottie
Alexander, Nancy
Biard, Sue
Donovan, Barb
Dutschke, Cindy
Hart, Bill
Epperson, Suzanne
Mixon, Melody
O'Connor, Shirley
Simmons, Cindy
Smith, Dallas
Valdez, Anne
Velasquez, Kenneth
Walker, Mary
Wilson, Dennis

2022 Volunteer of the Quarter:

Carolyn Beeson
Danny Koons
Larry Alvarez
Lew & Mary Ann Shuffler



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

A BIT OF BELLAVITA HISTORY . . .

It all started long before there was even a Clubhouse. The “sales office” was in a portable building in the area where the Annex now sits.

The first section to be developed was the few houses on the Marsala Drives to the left of the entrance.

Many of the construction managers were US military Reservists folks who were subject to “call up” at any time. And they did get called up sometimes.

Early on the clubhouse/pool area was developed!

It grew from there. BellaVita got off to a strong start and never slowed down.

The sections to the right (South) of the entrance were started. The other sections grew along with them.

The lake was developed. More houses were built.

BellaVita has since grown into what it is today.

At some point, the ANNEX was built in the location where the original sales office was. It provided space for meeting rooms and who knew what else.

Back to the clubhouse . . .

Before the Annex came along, one of the early BellaVita residents asked permission to share her personal library with the community. She was given permission to display a few books in the (what is now) TV room off the entrance area at the club house. Residents were invited to borrow books.

From there, and as the clubhouse developed, she was given permission to display the (now growing volume of) books on the shelving along the pool-side hallway in the clubhouse.

A bit later, as the construction of the Annex was begun that little **BellaVita Library** had grown enough to earn its very own space **in the Annex!**

And now, these *decades* later, that **BELLAVITA LIBRARY** in the Annex is still alive and well and growing. The residents of BellaVita have embraced it and helped it to grow.

Read On, Bella Vita. Read on . . .

And, by the way, there are now *many* more things for YOU to enjoy . . .

Hardback and paperback fiction

Biographies

History - World, US, State, Local . . .

Classics

Gardening

Cooking

Military

LARGE PRINT

Children (*grandchildren*) books, puzzles and games

Spanish Language

More . . . **come check it out.**



The Annex is open whenever the clubhouse is open until dark

ODDS AND ENDS



No English words end in the letter I except I. Also, none ending in U, V and J except YOU and THOU.

Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on TV.

Boanthropy is the psychological disorder in which patients believe they are a cow.

Camels have three eyelids.

Mosquitos are attracted to people who just ate bananas.

In South Korea, there is an emergency number to report suspected spies (it's 113!)

Cats have more than 100 vocal cords

The world's termites outweigh the world's humans about 10 to 1.

Most toilet paper sold in France is pink.

The Hawaiian alphabet only has 12 letters.

The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

Children tend to grow faster in the spring.

The television was invented two years after the invention of sliced bread.

If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will eventually turn white.

Bullfrogs do not sleep.

A snail breathes through its foot.

April Fools' Day



APRIL
BAMBOOZLE
BEFUDDLE
BEMUSE
BEWILDER
CAPER
DELUDE
DUMBFOUND
DUPE

FARCE
FIRST
HOAX
HOODWINK
JEST
JOKES
LAUGHTER
LEVITY
MALARKEY

MISCHIEF
PRANK
PREPOSTEROUS
SHENANIGANS
SILLY
SURPRISE
TOMFOOLERY
TRICK
WACKY



No Bridge Scores

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.

What can be seen in the middle of "April and March" but can't be seen in the beginning or end of either one?



The letter "r"

When does April come before January?



In the dictionary!



What goes up when April rain comes down?



An umbrella!

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

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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