

## Tuesday-18

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

## Wednesday-19

- 10a Fitness
- 1p Sewing Group
- 1p Canasta
- 3p Beg Line Dance**
- 6:30p Travel Group
- 6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker

## Thursday-20

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

## Friday-21

- 12:45 Birthday Cake**
- 1p Rummykub
- 2p Art Group
- 6:30p Shanghai
- 7p Dance Party**

## Saturday-22

- 8a Garage Sale**
- 9a Spring Guided Nature Reserve Tour**
- 10a Fitness

## Sunday-23

Clubhouse Closed

## Monday-24

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

# April 18, 2023

## NATURE RESERVE

Please join us at the Ameno platform  
(weather permitting) on  
Saturday, April 22nd  
for the Ribbon Cutting for the  
new sidewalk, wildflower garden and  
the Spring Guided Nature Reserve  
Tour.

The Ribbon Cutting will be from  
8:30-8:45 at the Ameno  
Platform followed by the Spring  
Guided Tour at about 9:00am at the  
West gate (S. Primavera). We will  
have a couple of golf carts to shuttle  
folks from Ameno to the West Gate.

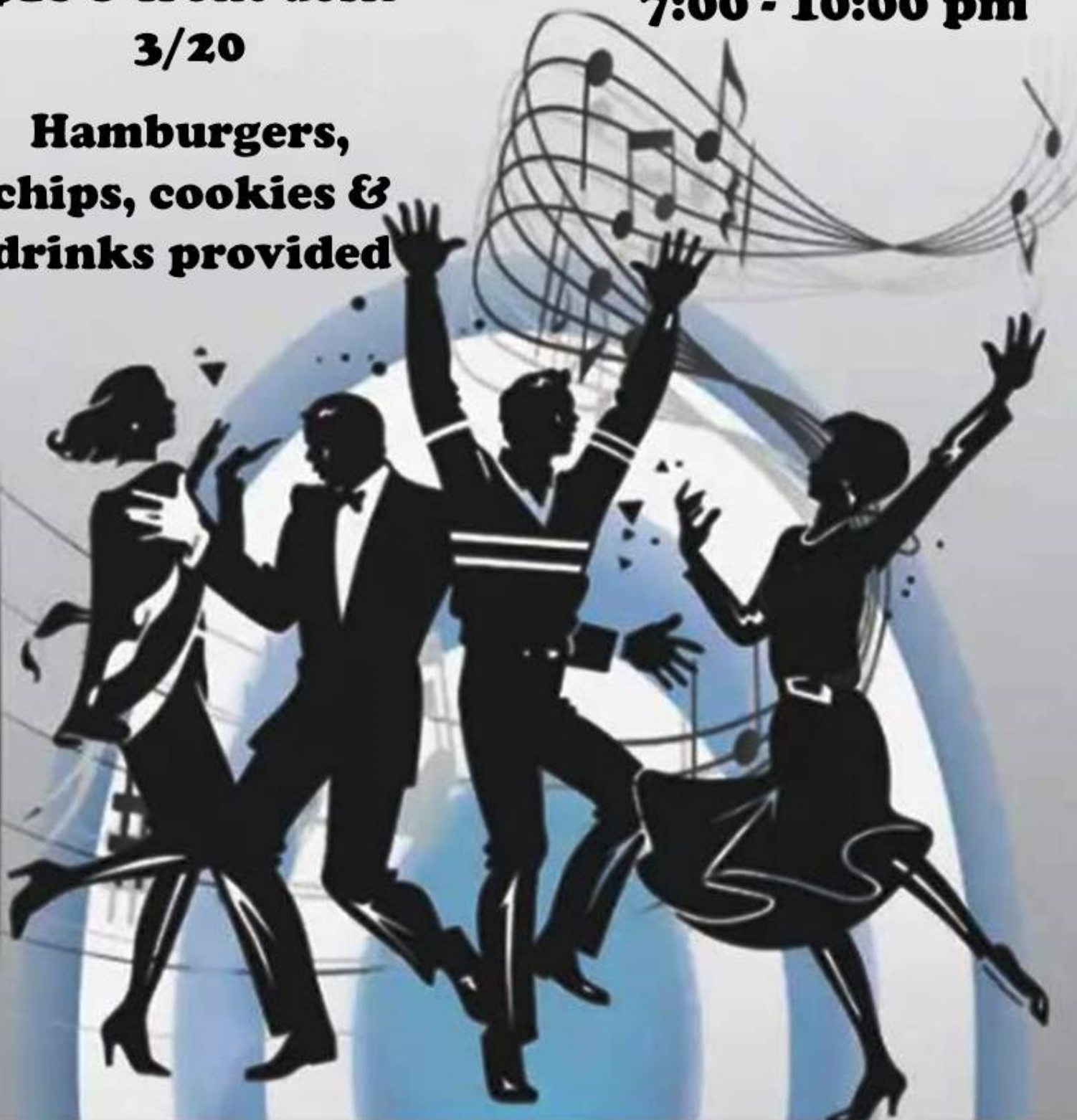


**TEC & Men's Club present:  
"Main Street Band" performing  
60's, 70's, 80's & 90's dance music**

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

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

**Hamburgers,  
chips, cookies &  
drinks provided**





## BellaVita Garage Sale

Saturday

April 22, 2023

8am—1pm

1306 Palermo Dr

2412 Monaldo Dr

1622 Berlino Dr

2428 Alamanni Dr

2516 S Venice Dr

2326 S Venice Dr

2407 W Tuschman Dr

1219 N Riviera Circle

1302 Modena Dr

1601 S Lago Vista Dr

1622 S Primavera

2206 Capri Ct



See the **Spring Nature Reserve Tour** and **Walk in the Woods** schedule for April below. Cyndi Purtee will lead the weekly walks in May.

4/22 - The Spring Nature Reserve Tour, led by Linda Kuhn

4/29 - Walk in the Woods will be led by Pam Quinn

What is the difference between the Saturday Walk in the Woods & the Nature Reserve Tour? The tour is a planned informative walk led by Linda Kuhn or a member of NR Committee. You will learn all about the reserve, the trees, birds, plants, animals & anything else you want to know about our wonderful reserve. Tours are done twice a year, in the spring & fall.

The Saturday Walk in the Woods are casual walks led (mostly) by Cyndi. She says, "It's a weekly walk during which I will point out things I think are cool, such as the bookend trees, puffy mushrooms or the way the sunlight looks on a fallen tree. I noticed that the woods look different every time you walk the trails & I am honored & thrilled to take you with me on a weekly walk in the woods."

ALL TAUGHT BY  
PARAMEDIC  
**KRIS KERN!**



**CANCELLED**

# 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!



A decorative graphic on the left side of the page features several musical staves. The top staff is black with black notes. Below it, there are staves with yellow, blue, and grey notes. A large black treble clef is positioned vertically on the left. Further down, there are staves with orange, green, and blue notes. The bottom staff is red with red notes. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

It's time for "Cabaret"  
choir practice! The  
ballroom is scheduled  
as below, from 7-9 pm  
and the music is here,  
so please mark your  
calendars & let's have  
some fun!

April - 10, 17 & 24  
May - 8, 15, 22 & 29  
June - 12, 19  
June - 23 (dress rehearsal)  
June 24 (concert)

## Blue Ribbons for Child Abuse Prevention Month

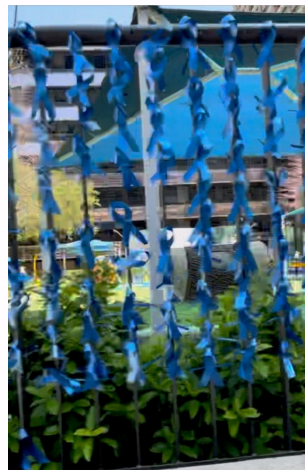
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month at Texas Children's Hospital here in Houston. The hospital places blue ribbons on the fencing all around the hospital to help increase awareness of the 10,000 children in the Houston area who are confirmed victims of abuse each year.

The BellaVita Sewing Group is supporting this effort for the second year by preparing blue ribbons! The daughter of one of our members, Nancy Bouman, is a Child Life Therapist at Texas Children's Hospital and provided this opportunity for our assistance.

The photos below show some of our members working to make as many ribbons as we possibly could and just how the ribbons look on a small section of the hospital fence! This activity emotionally supports the children, the families, and the hospital staff. We wish there was no reason for making the ribbons, but we are more than willing to help increase awareness.



Making the Ribbons



Ribbons on Display at Texas Children's Hospital



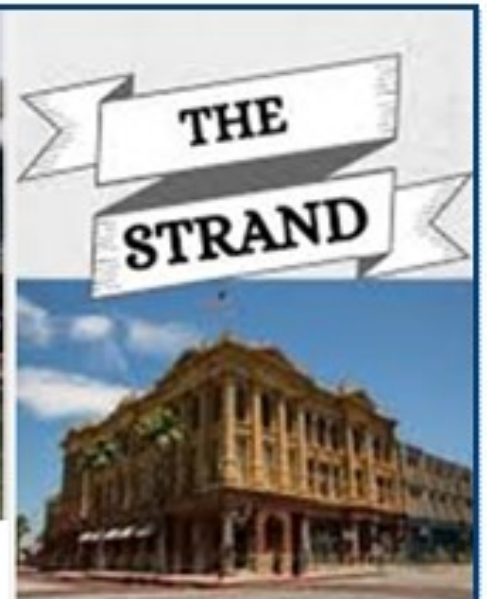
# BIRTHDAY CAKE

## Invitation Only!!

Did you look on the monthly calendar and see "BIRTHDAY Cake" and wondered what it was? Look no further...

In 2023 we will have birthday cake once a month. This is invitation only, but don't worry you will receive an invitation in your birthday month.

If your birthday is in APRIL and you did not receive an invitation please contact the front desk or Carolina at [Carolina.garcia@inframark.com](mailto:Carolina.garcia@inframark.com)



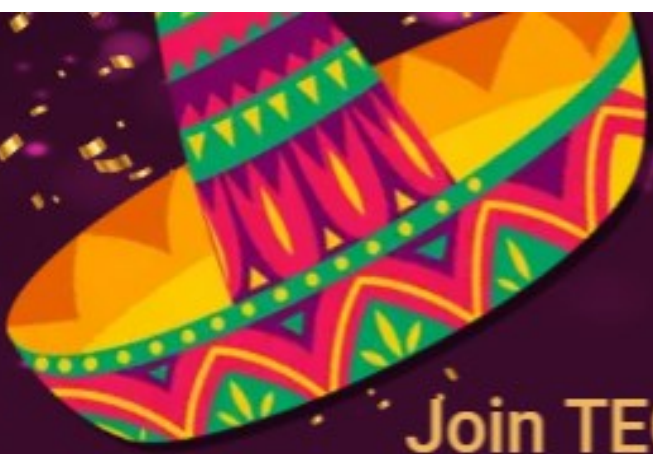
### Getaway to Galveston

Wednesday, April 26th a small bus is available to go to Galveston to shop on The Strand.

Then we'll have lunch at Katie's.

The bus will be here at 9:15 am. Then you can shop till you drop! Call Patsy at 281-744-0830 to reserve a seat for you.





Join TEC for

# CINCO DE MAYO








MAY 05, 2023

6:30 - 10 pm

Tickets \$20

Available @the front desk on  
April 10

Fajitas, Rice, Beans with  
all the trimmings,  
Margaritas and Music!





The Bella Vita book club has chosen two books for the May reading.

**Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver is a long and gritty book about Appalachia and a young man's problems growing up poor there. Some members thought it was a rough read so we are also offering an alternative choice:

**The Lonely Hearts Book Club** by Lucy Gilmore was a book of the month club selection at Barnes & Nobles and will also be discussed at the May meeting.

The book club will meet in the Annex on Thursday, May 11, at 1:00 pm.

As always, everyone is welcome for a lively discussion, led by Gerry Bartlett this month.



# CHILDREN'S POOL HOURS



● All Holidays from 1-6pm

● Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 6 PM

● Children must have visitor wrist bands (see front desk)

● Saturday & Sunday 1 - 6p.m.

● Children in Diapers must wear swimming diapers

Please note: Floats are not permitted in the pool per BellaVita Rules and Regulations, Section 15; L. However, flotation noodles are permitted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY ADULT**



## SNAKE SEASON

It's Snake season again! For the next 4-6 weeks we will start seeing snakes out in the open, in our yards, along the lake and along the clubhouse creek. Why is this happening? The snakes are waking up from winter hibernation, entering into mating season, looking for food and are looking for warm spots to sun. As reptiles they do not have the ability to control their internal temperature so they like to lay on warm rocks or concrete. After about 4-6 weeks, the ambient temperature will begin staying at or above 70 degrees and they will no longer need to sit out in the open to warm themselves.

The majority of the snakes that we will encounter will be non-venomous banded water snakes. The most common and infrequent venomous snakes in BV are: 1) the slender, colorful banded coral snake (they like leaf liter), 2) the tan and brown copperhead (they also like leaf liter), and 3) the dark, chubby water moccasin (will be in areas close to water). Water snakes can look similar to the water moccasin, but a water snake will have a long, tapered tail and vertical stripes on its lower mouth; whereas, a water moccasin has a short stubby tail and no vertical stripes on its mouth. Looking at the shape of the head is the least reliable way to determine if a snake is venomous.

If snakes are in your yard, they are seeking food and/or warmth. They don't just wander around. They use heat sensors in the nasal area to identify food sources, such as mice, rats, baby bunnies, baby opossums, frogs and even birds from time to time. They will also seek out warm spots, such as concrete or porches.

The best way to keep snakes out of your yard is to remove all food sources or things that attract food sources, such as bird seed and dog poop. Spraying your yard or porch with a nontoxic snake repellent (available at Home Depot) can help because some snakes have a very sensitive sense of smell. The best way to get a snake to leave your yard is to spray it with your water hose. Remember you can put yourself at risk of being bitten if you reach in to kill the snake because you are putting yourself within striking range.

**This photo shows a good comparison of the heads of a water snake VS a water moccasin (aka cottonmouth).**





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.

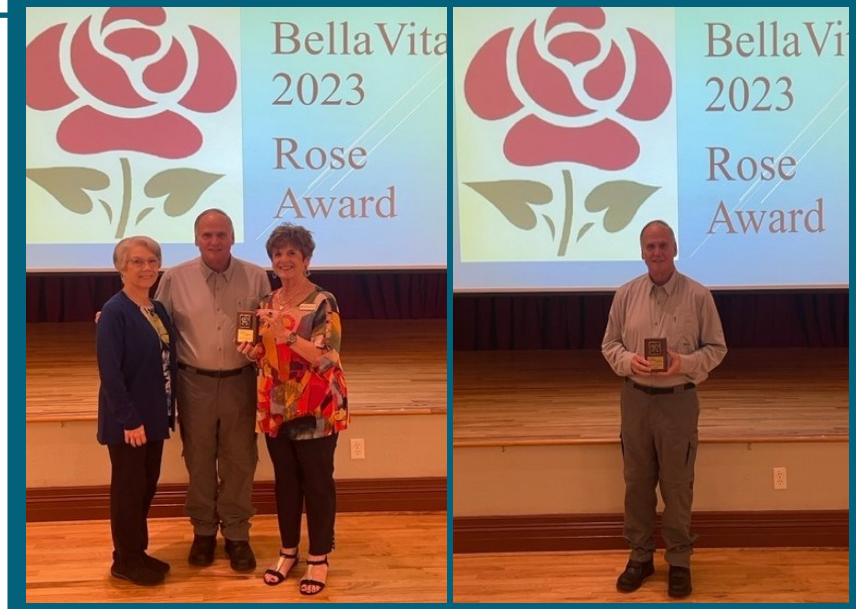
With all of this on his plate, he and Cathy decided it would be fun to teach Country Western dancing recently. As many of us know, it was a big success.

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



**Rusticscapes Landscape Report**  
**BellaVita Community**  
**April 2023**

**Irrigation Report**

January	3	3
February	7	7
March	20	17

**Feb/March Review**

Fertilized Common areas and Front yards with a Pre-emergent (March)

Installed Mulch Jan – March

De-winterized Homes and Common Areas

Started first round of trimming (march) will be completed in April.

Finished biweekly service (Nov – March)

**Aprils Forecast**

Next round of Fertilizer will be applied next month (May)

(Will include an insecticide)

Finish 1<sup>st</sup> round of Trimming

Started Weekly mowing (April – October)



# MORE BASEBALL TRIVIA 2



## What is something that almost nobody knows about baseball??

There are two rules that are never enforced that are still in the rule book that I find humorous and interest.

Rule 3.09 states that players may not fraternize with a member of the opposing team at any time while in uniform. HAHA, Of course we see ball players talking to each other all the time, In between pitches, standing on a base together, and in between outs. Could you imagine how quiet it would be if they obeyed this rule!? There is also no penalty in the rule book if you are caught 'fraternizing' with a player on the opposing team.

Another interesting rule that is never enforced is Rule 8. Something. It states that if there are no outs, a pitcher has 12 seconds to pitch the ball once he receives it back from the catcher or the umpire can call a ball. Given the last few years MLB is trying to come up with ways to speed up the game and speed up pitchers, the 'rule 8' has been there all along. It may need a little tweaking but, why reinvent the wheel!?

## How fast did the pitchers throw during Babe Ruth's era?

There were no radar guns in the days of Babe Ruth. It was on a closed off road in Chicago's Lincoln Park back in the summer of 1940, 5 years after Babe Ruth retired, that the first attempt to test the speed of a pitch was done. Obviously, if it was done on a closed off road in a city park then Bob Feller (The Pitcher) was neither standing on a mound or playing in an official game. With no radar gun, they compared "Rapid Robert's" pitch with a speeding motorcycle. Standing there with a baseball in his right hand, waiting and then momentarily flinching as the Harley Davidson motorcycle with a city policeman roared closer to him.

The Harley motorcycle had a 10-foot head start on Feller's fastball and was doing 86 miles per hour when it flew by, just a few feet to the right of the Indians' ace. At that moment in U.S. history, Feller was just about the most famous ballplayer, certainly the most famous pitcher in the land. Soon after he began pitching for Cleveland, at the age of 18, he was on the cover of *TIME* magazine. Six seasons later, on this summer day in Chicago, Feller was the top fireballer in the game.

"I suppose I wanted to know as badly as everybody else how hard I could throw a baseball," Feller told me decades later. "Since I'd been a little guy, I'd heard people talking about how I was the next Lefty Grove or Walter Johnson."

Seconds after the motorcycle flew past, Feller flung the regulation-size hardball in his right hand. Feller's offering quickly outraced man and machine, ahead by a good three feet when it split the paper bull's-eye target that was held upright by a wooden frame.

"To this day I still don't know how I hit that target on the first try," Feller said. "It was the luckiest thing I've ever done."

A split-second after Feller's offering broke the paper target, the motorcycle obliterated its target. Enough variables were satisfied to calculate the speed of the pitch. Soon afterward, MLB announced that Feller's fastball had been clocked at 104 miles per hour.

It was not until the 1960's that radar guns that the police had used to identify speeding vehicles, were first used to identify the speed of a pitched ball, but the accuracy of the radar guns are hard to prove. Most scouts do not trust the radar guns built into stadiums that post the speed of every single pitch automatically. A good scout will bring his own radar gun, of which the most common type used is called the JUGS gun.



# Texas



K X I E C U G G O I L F I E L D S  
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Lubbock

Almo

El Paso

Lackland

Galveston

Fort Worth

Austin

Gulf Coast

Oil fields

Waco

Air Force

Dallas

Houston

San Antonio



## Bridge Scores

**Tuesday, April 11,**

### North/South

1st David Dommert – Gail McCullah

2nd Connie Harry – Lyle Ganuchau

### East/West

1st Theresa Devereux – Carol Dyson

2nd Joyce Garner – Ann Sharp

**Thursday, April 13,**

### North/South

1st Joyce Wormser – Connie Harry

2nd Linda Aaron – Lyle Ganuchau

### East/West

1st Nancy Hudson – Pam Halloran

2nd Bill Harry – Carol Dyson

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

**Interested players may reserve a spot by calling Lyle**



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**  
**April 26 2023 at**  
**6:45p**

**POKER**

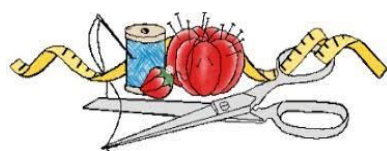
**Monday &**  
**Thursday at 1pm**  
**in the Arts &**  
**Craft Room**

**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**



**Sewing Group**  
**Every Wednesday 1-3 pm**  
**Join Us!**  
**Sew - Crochet - Knit - Helping Hands**





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