

May 16, 2023

Tuesday-16

- 10a Bible Study
- 11a Chair Exercise
- 1p Duplicate Bridge
- 1p Shanghai
- 6p Poker Night
- 6p Water Aerobics
- 6:30p Hands & Foot
- Journey to Joy

Wednesday-17

- 8:30p Water Aerobics
- 10a Fitness
- 1p Sewing Group
- 1p Canasta
- 1p Hands & Foot
- 6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker

Thursday-18

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

Friday-19

- 8:30p Water Aerobics
- 10a Fitness
- 1p Rummikub
- 2p Art Group
- 3p Beg Line Dancing
- 6:30p Shanghai

Saturday-20

- 9a Walking in the woods
- Private Party

Sunday-21

Clubhouse Closed

Monday-22

- 8:30a Water Aerobics
- 11a Fitness
- 1p Shanghai
- 1p Poker
- 2p Cardio Line Dancing
- 6p Water Aerobics
- 7p Choir

Quilts of Honor

The BellaVita Sewing Group recently presented patriotic quilts to two of our BellaVita Veterans. It is a great honor for our members to have the opportunity to say "Thank You for Your Service" with these special quilts.

The photos below show these two veterans receiving their quilts.
Congratulations!



Martin Muniz, US Army
Vietnam 1968-1969



Ruben Castillo, US Navy
1961-1964

Travel Group Cancelled for the month of May!

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!

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April - 10, 17 & 24

May - 8, 15, 22 & 29

June - 5, 19

June - 23 (dress rehearsal)

June 24 (concert)

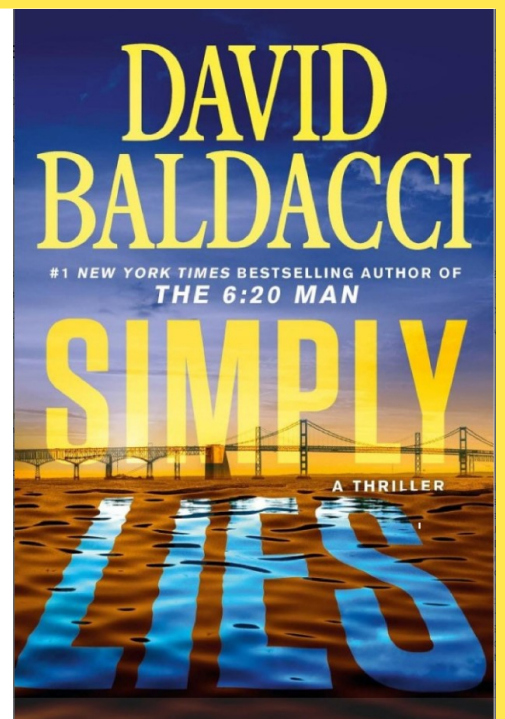




The June selection for the Bella Vita book club will be ***Simply Lies***, the latest thriller by David Baldacci. A single mother is not only a murder suspect, she is also on the run from a vengeful ex and the mob. Join us for the discussion of this fast-paced mystery on Thursday, June 8, in the Annex.

We've also picked the book for July since its a long one--***Great Circle*** is a fictionalized biography of one of the first female pilots, Marian Graves, who attempted to circumnavigate the globe. This fascinating history brings to life the story of a woman determined to learn to fly against all odds. The best-seller will be discussed at the July meeting. Join us!

Gerry Bartlett





Pearland Animal Shelter



The Belles will be sponsoring a collection for Pearland Animal Shelter during the month of May and June. Our BellaVita residents have always been very generous for this worthy cause and we hope this year will be no exception.

<u>They especially need:</u>	<u>Also need:</u>	
Kitten and Puppy food	Leashes	Towels
Dog and Cat food	Dog collars	Dog beds
The cheap non-clumping clay cat litter	Animal shampoo	Dog & Cat treats
	Aluminum Food Bowls	Toys

There will be collection boxes by the front desk and a list of items that the Animal Shelter would really appreciate. The Animal Shelter may also have Bunnies, Birds and other species at any given time.

Monetary donations are also appreciated, please make checks payable to: "The BellaVita Belles" and write Pearland Animal Shelter in the memo section of the check. At the end of the collection, the Belles will write a check for all of the monetary donations to the Animal Shelter. We will deliver all of the donations to the Animal Shelter in July.

We are also planning to have a photo competition that you can submit pictures of your pets, for a small fee. We will add the information for this in the next Newsletter.

We thank you for your participation and look forward to giving our local Animal Shelter a helping hand, as we have done for the past several years. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Genie Dunnage 281-481-3289 or Cindy Simmons 281-484-9900



ATTENTION

NO PETS



INSIDE CLUBHOUSE OR POOL AREA

Thank You

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

Pool Rules

- All BV Homeowners/Residents or other authorized user must observe pool signage of rules and hours of operations. Pool gates must remain locked always no propping open of the gate. Scheduled pool classes have priority during reserved times.
- No lifeguard on duty. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK!
- Emergency phone is in the pool area over by the drinking fountain. When emergency phone is activated, its connects directly to 911 Emergency Operator
- Visitors and children using pool and/or pool area must be accompanied by a BV Homeowner/Resident using the pool and/or area. No more than 10 visitors per household unless approved from Clubhouse Manager. At least one adult per 3 children under the age of 12 is required.
- Showers are recommended before entering the pool.
- No glass items permitted in the pool or spa area. BV Homeowners/Residents and guest are required to clean up their area when finished.
- No diving, jumping, running or horse playing is permitted. No climbing, sitting or jumping from any water feature in the pool areas is allowed.
- All BV Homeowners/Residents or guest who do not follow the rules may be subject to loss of pool area privileges.
- If feces are found in the pool, any resident should. 1) Advise everyone in the pool that the water is contaminated, and the pool must be vacated. 2) Notify staff if available 3) If not available put closed sign on pool and call manager .
- Flotation devices are not permitted at anytime. Flotation noodles are acceptable.
- No reserving of chairs or lounges. One chair or lounge per person
- Proper bathing attire only. No cutoff or frayed attire permitted.
- During a thunderstorm the pool will be closed.
- No pets in pool or deck area.

Blue Ribbons for Child Abuse Prevention Month

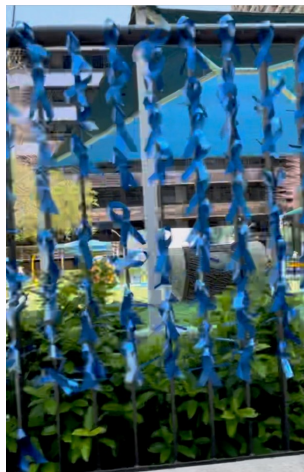
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month at Texas Children's Hospital here in Houston. The hospital places blue ribbons on the fencing all around the hospital to help increase awareness of the 10,000 children in the Houston area who are confirmed victims of abuse each year.

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



	1937 COST	OF LIVING	
<u>LIVING</u>		<u>FOOD (CON'D)</u>	
NEW HOME	\$3,900	SPRING CHICKENS	20c per pound
AVERAGE INCOME	\$1,731 per year	WEINERS	8c per pound
NEW CAR	\$860	HOT CROSS BUNS	16c per dozen
HARVARD UNIV. TUITION	\$420/yr.	ORANGES	25c per 14
AVERAGE RENT	\$27 per month	SUGAR	49c per 10 pounds
MOVIE TICKET	25c each	LETTUCE	7c per head
GASOLINE	10c per gallon	KETCHUP	9c per bottle
U S POSTAL STAMP	3c each	APPLESAUCE	20c per 3 cans
LIFEBUOY SOAP	17c per 3 bars	PEANUTBUTTER	23c per qt.
<u>FOOD</u>		SPINACH	5c per pound
GRANULATED SUGAR	59c per 10 pounds	HAM	27c per can
VITAMIN D MILK	42c per gallon	MACAROONS	27c per pound
GROUND COFFEE	39c per pound	MIXED NUTS	19c per pound
WHITE BREAD	9c per loaf	PORK AND BEANS	5c per can
HAMBURGER MEAT	12c per pound		
CUP OF COFFEE	5c per cup	<u>MISC.</u>	
ICE CREAM CONE	5c each	TOILET TISSUE	9c per 2 rolls
HERSHEY BAR	5c each	TOOTHPASTE	27c per tube
BACON	41c per pound	SUNTAN LOTION	25c per 8 ounce
KELLOGGS CORN FLAKES	8c per 8 ounces		
	\$1.49	<u>APPLIANCES</u>	
CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP	20c per 3 cans	REFRIGERATOR	\$99-145
WINE	89c per fifth	STOVE	\$62
GIN OR RYE	\$1.10 per quart	TOASTER	\$10
PEPSI COLA	5c per 12 ounces	CLOTHES WASHER	\$60
OREO COOKIES	10c per package	ELECRIC FLAT IRON	\$2
POTATOES	18c per 10 pounds	6 TUBE RADIO	\$29
BANANAS	19c for 4 pounds	MOVIE PROJECTOR	\$4
EGGS	18c per dozen		
PRIME STEAK	22c per pound		
CABBAGE	3c per pound		
WISC. CHEESE	23c per pound	GOLD	\$34.85 per ounce
CAT FISH	28c per pound	SILVER	45c per ounce
PORK LOIN ROAST	15c per pound		

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 litter), 2) the tan and brown copperhead (they also like leaf litter), 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).



BellaVita Community

April 2023

Irrigation Report

April Received: 29 Completed 29

Aprils Review

FUNCTION	APR
TURF GRASS	
30" Push Mowing/Edging/Line Trimming/Clean-up	4
TURF GRASS FERTILIZATION, INSECT & WEED CONTROL	
Round One plus pre-emergent	
Round Two plus insecticide	
Round Three plus fungicide	
Fire Ant Control & and as needed	
Herbicide Hard Services	1
SHRUBS, BEDS, GROUNDCOVERS	
Hand Weeding	4
Shrub Pruning (Tip Pruning only)	1
BED FERTILICATION	
Fertilization	
SITE SUPERVISOR	4
MULCH	
Brown Hardwood	

Seasonal Color Installed in Common areas

Started trimming – due to weather will finish trimming in by mid May

May Forecast

Next round of Fertilizer will be applied this month (Will include an insecticide)

HAND & FOOT

We are forming a new group to play Hand & Foot on Tuesday evening at 6:30PM and again on Wednesday at 1PM. Hand & Foot is more fun when you have an even number of players.



If you have questions, please call Linda Mulholand at 713-309-5998.

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.

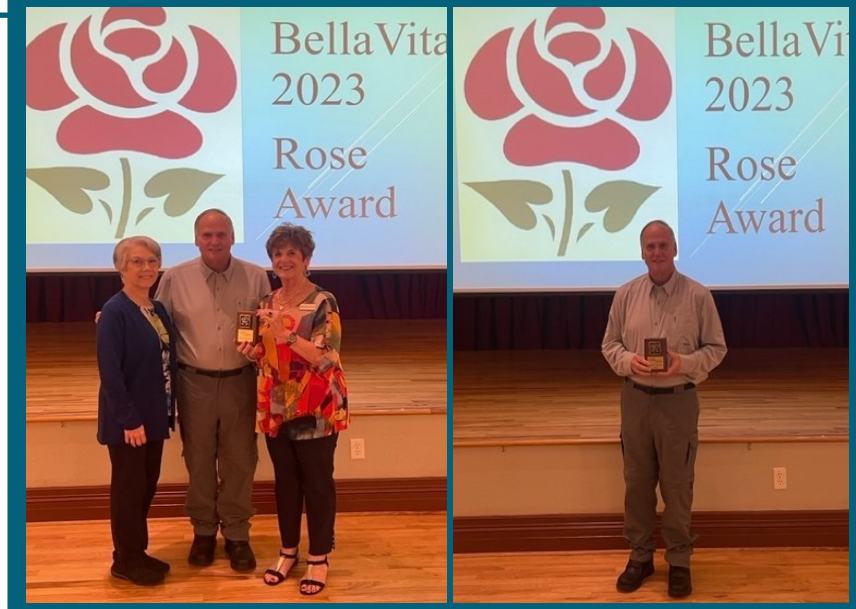
With all of this on his plate, he and Cathy decided it would be fun to teach Country Western dancing recently. As many of us know, it was a big success.

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



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Bridge Scores

Tuesday, May 9,

North/South

1st Lyle Ganucheau – Connie Harry

2nd Phyllis Chaney – Gary Wood

East/West

1st Joyce Garner – Ann Sharp

2nd Linda Aaron – Rosemary Grimmet

Thursday, May 11,

North/South

1st Phyllis Chaney – Sandy Pollard

2nd Claire Zimmerman – Jean Foltz

East/West

1st Bill Harry – Carol Dyson

2nd Ada Pryor – Russell Pryor

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 & 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



Monthly Meetings

1st
Wed.

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

6:30p TEC Meeting

2nd
Wed.

3rd
Wed.

6:30p Travel Meeting
Cancelled

3:00p Board Meeting

4th
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 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.

**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®



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

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.

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

Walk Aerobics Thursdays and Saturday @
10AM

POKER

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

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

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

Hands & Foot Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.
Please call Linda Mulholand
Must have partner



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

DAY BUNCO

Second Wednesday of every Month

At 12:45 @ the Clubhouse

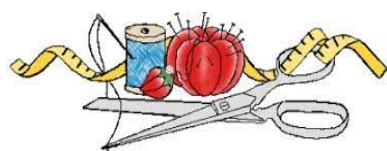
\$5.00 to Play



Night Bunco is
May 31st 2023 at
6:45p

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.

Wednesday at
1pm
in the annex



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





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