

# July 11, 2023



## Tuesday- 11

11a Chair Exercise  
1p Duplicate Bridge  
1p Shanghai  
6p Poker Night  
6:30p Water Aerobics  
6:30p Hand & Foot

## Wednesday-12

8a Water Aerobics  
10a Fitness  
**12:45p BUNCO**  
1p Sewing Group  
1p Canasta  
1p Hands & Foot  
6:30p Tx Hold'em Poker  
**6:30p TEC Mtg**

## Thursday-13

10a Walk Aerobics  
11a Chair Exercise  
1p Duplicate Bridge  
1p Poker  
1p Book Group  
1p Asian Mahjong  
6:30p Water Aerobics  
6:30p Mexican Train

## Friday-14

8a Water Aerobics  
10a Fitness  
12:45p Birthday Cake  
1p Rummikub  
2p Art Group  
3p Beg Line Dance  
6:30p Shanghai  
**7:00p Movie Night**

## Saturday-15

10a Walk Aerobics  
11a Cardio Line Dancing

## Sunday-16

**Clubhouse Closed**

## Monday-17

8a Water Aerobics  
11a Fitness  
1p Shanghai  
1p Poker  
2p Cardio Line  
Dancing  
6:30p Water Aerobics  
6:30p CW dance practice  
**DINING OUT**

As you may know, Board Vice President Dallas Smith has resigned as a member of the BellaVita HOA Board. While we are sad to see Dallas leave the Board, we are happy that he and Diane will begin a new chapter in their lives as they relocate near San Antonio.

Dallas has been a voice of reason and a valued participant in Board activities over the 3+ years of his tenure. Dallas is well known for providing assistance to BellaVita residents whenever there is a need.

Dallas will be missed as a Board member, but more importantly, he and Diane will be missed as friends.

Danny Koons will replace Dallas as the Board's Vice President.

We are pleased to announce **Linda Kuhn** has accepted the position of Board member for the remainder of Dallas' term.

Linda has been an outstanding leader of the Nature Reserve committee for many years. She has resigned as the Nature Reserve leader and will assist the committee as they transition into a new era.

Linda's knowledge, expertise and action have been of great value to the Board on issues involving city, county and other governmental agencies during the past couple of years. We are fortunate Linda has agreed to serve in the capacity of board member.

Thank You,  
Don Smith, HOA Board President

*Welcome*



# Andrew Louie Balke

MARCH 15, 1933 – JULY 3, 2023



Andrew Louie (Andy) Balke was born in Goose Creek, Texas on March 15, 1933. He passed away at home in Houston, Texas on July 3, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Jo Preble, his two sons, Stephen Balke and Brian Balke and four grandchildren, Michael Balke, Melissa Balke, Kevin Balke and Jason Balke, as well as Jo's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who all loved and respected him. He was preceded in death by Rita Balke, his wife of 49 years.

Andy, affectionately known by his childhood nickname "Bum," graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, where he distinguished himself as a Texas All-State Player and played in Texas State Championship games in 1951 and 1952. After high school, he played football at Del Mar University and Lamar University.

While serving in the Marine Corps, where he achieved the rank of Sargent, Andy played on the Marine Corps football team. After his service with the Marines, he played briefly for the Detroit Lions, before returning to Lamar University where he finished his bachelor's degree in accounting.

Andy had a very successful career with Texaco/Star Enterprise. He began at the Port Arthur Refinery, and transferred to Baton Rouge in 1967, before construction began on their new 4,400-acre Covenant Refinery. There, he was responsible for procurement and coordination of the materials required for every phase of the construction and continued operation of the plant. After retiring from Texaco, Andy had a second career in the purchasing and contracts department at Jacobs Engineering.

Andy's involvement with football did not end when he no longer played. He shifted his focus to officiating high school and college games. His last one was an Orange Bowl game.

Andy was active in his sons' lives, serving as Indian Guides leader and Assistant Boy Scout leader. Brian and Stephen have fond memories of fishing with their dad, although he may have spent more time "untangling" their lines, than fishing.

Andy was fortunate in his long life to have two loving wives and two loving families. He be missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Andrew's memory may be made to American Heart Association .

BellaVita welcomes its newest Senior residents for one night only this Friday. Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Sally Field and Rita Moreno will grace our stage in Eighty For Brady. Oh, there will be a little “Eye Candy” appearance by Tom Brady. So all you ladies and football fans be sure to come early.

As usual, the stars show up at 7:00.



*Thank You*

THE BELLES, CINDY AND GENIE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE WONDERFUL RESIDENTS OF BELLAVITA WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY TO OUR COLLECTION FOR THE PEARLAND ANIMAL SHELTER THIS YEAR.

WE TOOK THE LAST LOAD OF SUPPLIES TO THE SHELTER LAST THURSDAY THE 7TH OF JULY ALONG WITH A CHECK FOR OVER \$ 1,300.00. THEY WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE DONATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE CHECK.

YOUR RESPONSE THIS YEAR AS ALWAYS WAS JUST OVERWHELMING AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE AT BELLAVITA WHO ALWAYS GIVE SO GENEROUSLY.

THE BELLES, CINDY SIMMONS AND GENIE DUNNAGE





TEC presents:  
Houston DJ Jesse Salinas



and



Line Dancing

**July 22**

**7 – 10 pm**

**Tickets: \$10**

**Resident tickets: June 12-July 8**

**Non-resident tickets: July 10-July 21**

**Snacks & drinks provided**

TEC MASQUERADE

Murder Mystery



AUGUST 5, 2023

7-10 PM

Tickets: \$20 available @ front desk –

residents: July 3 – July 28

non-resident: July 31 – August 4

**DINNER & DRINKS PROVIDED**

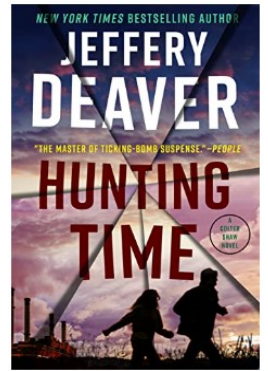
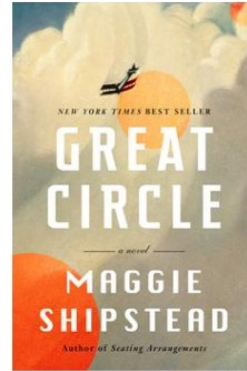


## BellaVita Book Group

The book for July is a long one--**Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead 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.

If you want something shorter to read, the August choice is a great thriller by bestselling author Jeffery Deaver, **Hunting Time**. You won't be able to put that one down. Join us!

Gerry Bartlett



## Belles Dress for Success Annual Donation Event July 8-August 26

In coordination with **Ladies Night In "Summer Fun" July 8**, the Belles will kick off the Dress for Success Donation annual event. Please bring a new or gently used handbag, new pantyhose or new/gently used fashion scarf (no winter scarves) to the event. Adding an item this year, requesting **gently used eyeglasses** (Readers and prescription eyeglasses). After Ladies Night In, donation boxes (handbags, scarves, glasses) will be at the front desk **July 8- August 26**.

Readers: donated to Dress for Success

Prescription glasses: donated to the Lions Club via Walmart Vision Center

In addition to these donations, **Ladies Night In** will have a **Silent Auction** with great items for residents to bid on (bids start very reasonable), so bring cash or checks. The funds from the **Silent Auction** will benefit **Dress for Success**. Please visit [dfshouston.org](http://dfshouston.org) to learn more about their mission:

**Going beyond the Suit:** The agency's objective is to create change by equipping thousands of Houston-area women each year with the resources needed to attain long-term employment and success - ultimately building skilled leaders in our community. We provide professional attire and interview preparation to women ready to enter the workforce .

**Let's have some Summer Fun while supporting Dress for Success and the Lions Club. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to Bellavita Belles. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.**

Sandra Bornstein, Dress for Success Chair





# BACK



# SCHOOL

## Supply Drive

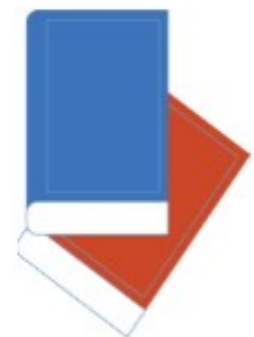
July 1 till Aug.4, 2023

**DROP OF LOCATION:**  
BellaVita Clubhouse

### HELPING KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY!

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DONATIONS NEEDED :

- Backpacks
- Bottle of Glue/Glue Stick
- Eraser
- Scissors
- No.2 pencils
- Ruler
- Pens (Black, Blue, Red)
- Pencil case/box
- Pocket Folder (with brads)
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Pencil Sharpener
- Markers
- Spiral Notebook
- Notebook paper (college rule & wide rule)
- Three-ring Binder
- Composition Book
- Manila Paper
- Construction paper
- Graph Paper



The Awards Committee would like to announce  
**Q2 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter,  
Joe Biard.**

The Volunteer of the Quarter is a program to publicly recognize the efforts of an individual for BV community service.

Joe and Sue Biard moved to Bellavita in 2015, from South Shore Harbor. Their children moved on and they were looking to downsize and get involved in a good community. Before coming to Bellavita, Sue and Joe lived in 18 different places as Joe's work took them many places. They happened to visit Bellavita on the day of the Bella View (showcase of BV activities and clubs) and were able to see all the various activities that our great community has to offer.

In 2022 the Men's Club assumed the flag operation from the Veterans group. Joe took the command of this important project as Flag Team Chairman. This is a major undertaking with over 500 homes (approx. 80% of homes) including 750 flags, 6 flag teams and 6 times per year (all BV volunteers). As well as coordinating flag teams, Joe coordinates sending out flag applications and creating spreadsheets for flag teams, reviewing flags for replacement (approximately 300-400 per year) and he serves as a member on a flag team. There has been a push to get more residents to participate in purchasing flags and participating on the flag teams.

Joe retired after 48 years in Engineering Construction. He has brought his expertise to Bellavita by serving as a member on the HOA Facilities Committee for several years. In 2022, he took on a high priority assignment. He heads up the HOA House Painting and Door Refinishing reoccurring programs. This program rotation occurs every 9 years for house painting and every 2 years for door refinishing. However, this is an annual project as homes come due for painting and door refinishing. He has created spreadsheets for the work and setup communications with the homeowners and front desk to ensure BV homes are kept up to BV high standards.

Just to add a few more important volunteer activities, Joe is an active participant in the Men's Club helping cook, set up, take down, and prepare for many Bellavita events including the TEC, Belles, and New Year's Eve Committee. In his spare time, many would wonder when he has some; he enjoys hunting and his Saturday golf group. With Sue so involved in Bellavita also, as President of TEC, they seem to find some time for traveling. They are looking forward to traveling to Costa Rica with the Bellavita Travel group.

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

Sandra Bornstein, Awards Committee Chair





# POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN



His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel.

He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois.

As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20 year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop eye"). He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas.'

The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea stories.'

Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater.' He honored Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way.

Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations.

WHO didn't love the cartoons??? We watched them religiously ... so funny, so moral... each story had a good ending... wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is???

Who knew he was a real man?? Awesome!!!

# BASEBALL

K P B R I I V Q Z C F P Z W L I O O R P P U C P  
A S G G W R K W G U Y I Q Y K B V D K J Y O U W  
S O K Q J D Y Y M T F N I W N W U P K N T Y C Q  
L B N Y A L V Z I X Y C V W K Z N P U L E D S W  
D X Y P A T U O G U D H N G A V A R W D A G J Z  
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TRIPLE	STEAL	SPITBALL	SINGLE	SHORTSTOP
PITCHER	PINCHRUNNER	PINCHHITTER	KNUCKLEBALL	INNING
HOMEPLATE	HOMERUN	FOUL	FORCEDOUT	FIRSTBASE
FIELDER	DUGOUT	DOUBLE	DINGER	DEFENSE
COUNT	CATCHER	CATCH	BUNT	BATTER
BAT	BALL	BALK	BAG	BACKSTOP



# ATTENTION

## NO PETS



### INSIDE CLUBHOUSE OR POOL AREA

*Thank You*

# CHILDREN'S POOL HOURS



● All Holidays from 1-6pm

● Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 6 PM

● 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.



## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

When finished with umbrellas by the pool, please close them.

The wind will blow them over and take the table with it, therefore we have to replace tables , which are very expensive.



## Bridge Scores

Thursday, July 6,

### North/South

1st Nina Martin – Theresa Deve-  
reux

2nd Jean Foltz – Phyllis Chaney

### East/West

1st Linda Aaron – Ann Sharp

2nd Connie Harry – Lyle Ga-  
nucheau

Tuesday, July 4th,

### NO BRIDGE

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



# Business Hours

MONDAY	11AM to 10PM
TUESDAY	10AM to 10PM
WEDNESDAY	10AM to 10PM
THURSDAY	10AM to 10PM
FRIDAY	10AM to 10PM
SATURDAY	10AM to 6PM
SUNDAY	CLOSED

### Library Hours

Library will open at the same time the Clubhouse opens and will close at dusk. Annex will remain open when meetings and activities are schedule.

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.

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

6:30p TEC Meeting

2nd  
Wed.

3rd  
Wed.

6:30p Travel Meeting

4th  
Wed.

3:00p Board Meeting



**Beg Line Dancing  
Friday at 3pm  
Intermediate Line Dance  
Thursday 6 pm**



**Cardio Line Dancing  
Monday @ 2pm  
Saturday @ 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  
Wednesdays @ 1pm  
Please call Linda Mulholand**



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

**DAY BUNCO**

**Second Wednesday of every Month**

**At 12:45 @ the Clubhouse**

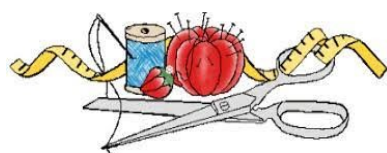
**\$5.00 to Play**



**Night Bunco is July  
28 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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