

VILLA NEWS

Living at The Villa is a Real Picnic By Renee Shea

July is national picnic month. I'm not sure who decided that, or why they chose the hottest month of the year to sit outside and eat foods that are supposed to be kept cold, but someone did. So I say, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

We're fortunate at The Villa to have a lovely wood deck just outside our dining room. Job has rebuilt it for our enjoyment this season, and Patty O'Leary and Barb Caito have spent countless hours planting pretty flowers to adorn it. Other residents have added hummingbird feeders to attract our fine feathered friends.

The furniture on the deck is very comfy. The surrounding trees, sounds of nature and beautiful sky above all add to the enjoyment of lounging on the deck.

In this month when we are reminded of our inalienable right to pursue happiness, why not do just that and enjoy some time on The Villa deck? You can ask your server to bring your meal out there for you, transforming your lunch or dinner into a picnic. Or, you can go outside after a meal and just meditate on nature, read a book, enjoy each others' company, or play a game of cards.

The fresh air, chirping crickets, and rustling leaves will give you a whole new outlook on life, and you will feel better for having spent some time out there. You might even make a new friend or two as more people decide to join in the camaraderie.

Speaking of friends, why not invite one or two to come visit you at The Villa? They can enjoy a nice meal with you and then you can sit on the deck and have a great conversation. If those friends decide to make our community their new home, you get a hefty \$1,000.00 off your next month's rent. Let me make that perfectly clear: that's a thousand clams per person who moves in because you invited them to do so.

Now that's what I call the pursuit of happiness.