

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VENTURE

This old resident of Oak Hammock
Was dubious of my sanity
When I agreed to sign up to work
With Habitat For Humanity

Two most patient Habitat stalwarts
Taught us how to hang Hardie siding
Including how to repair mistakes
In order to avoid backsliding

There was never a single slacker
Among the hardworking bunch
All of us worked continuously
With only a single break for lunch

Kevin Ahmadi was the armorer
Of the Habitat construction set
Shooting most of the siding nails
Almost entirely without regret

We greatly appreciate Mary's
Leadership in planning this venture
And look forward to her leading us
In a new ambitious adventure

Construction sites have many hazards
However we all came out unscathed
After several hours of hard work
All of us were thoroughly sunbathed

It was a broadening exercise
A change from our regular routine
A chance to use skills we did not know
We had and could not have foreseen

Looking forward to the next outing
When we can again work together
Toward helping others fortune-less
While presupposing cooler weather
Gene Ziegler, April 2024