

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

President's Message

There is lots of activity at the Ranch! Rental cabins are getting some much-needed repairs and are being spruced up in preparation for the summer season. The pickleball court repairs are underway but we are waiting for a window of dry days and warm temperatures to get that finished up. The maintenance team is working on the indoor pool room to get that back up and running. Dead trees in the camping area are being removed. You may have seen me out by the pool raking leaves as a start to getting the outdoor pool in shape for Spring. We have a couple of brave souls who have been doing a weekly cold plunge in the pool. They recommend it! I hope it catches on. The Chili cook off and pie auction was a huge success! In an unexpected twist there was a substantial bid to give the auctioneer a pie in the face! This weekend was Mardi Gras! I understand there will be more genuine NOLA King Cakes and beads galore. I am glad we have people coming for the festivities despite the rainy weather. It is warm and cozy inside and the food promises to be fantastic!

The 5K race will be upon us before we know it. We will have work days on March 2nd and 16th. If you can help, we would love to have you! Since there is a work day on March 16th, the Board Meeting will slide to Sunday the 17th. Watch for information on volunteering for the race as well that should be coming out soon.

The solar eclipse will be happening on April 8th. If you have never seen a solar eclipse, it is quite a spectacular event. We will have 99.6% of the sun's disc will be covered here at Star Ranch, and you can be 100% uncovered! You might want to make plans to be here early and stay late as traffic will be backed up from here to Fredericksburg.

Star Ranch will be the host for the AANR SW Summer Convention that will take place from June 20th to the 23rd. It is always great to host them and I hope you will all come out and check out the proceedings.

Hope to see you all soon!

Crystal

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From the Council

The new year is starting off right – we had a new activity on January 13th – a JAM Session. Peter G had some fellow musicians come out to the Ranch, and along with our own musical masters, they put on quite a show for everyone. So-much-so, that it ran into our impromptu Soup Potluck!! Conversations indicate this will be a recurring activity. Watch the Newsletter and webpage for upcoming Jam's! We also had a Sahnoan Downs Trifecta winner!! Congratulations to Bob R!!

The last weekend of January was our annual Chili Contest, and Pie Contest and Auction. There was a record of 9 Chili Cooks, and the weather matched the contest – it was chilly!! Still the concoctions warmed the insides at our Chili Potluck. DA retained his title with his award-winning recipe!! Compliments to all the Chefs.



The Pie Contest had a record number of entries as well! We had 13 pies to judge – from Fresh Strawberry to Captain Morgan Pumpkin!!! Our winner, with her German Chocolate Pecan entry was Melody T (It was delicious.) Second Place was Rob D with his Chocolate Irish Dream Pie, and Third Place was Nancy R with the Fresh Strawberry. The Pie Auction, following the Chili Potluck, was loads of fun!! “Dollar

Bill” B. started something with his bid for a pie, ONLY IF IT WAS THROWN IN OUR AUCTIONEER’s FACE – Pete T!!! Well, Pete, being the thrower inner he is, agreed, and lots of folks jumped in on the bidding Not to be outdone, Lisa T wanted Pete to buy the pie, so. . . being as accommodating as we could be, another bidding war was started to throw the remainder of the Ice Box Pie in Lisa’s face!!!! After all was said and done, \$4600 was raised from the Pie Auction. The proceeds were donated to the Indoor Pool/Hot Tub Fund.

February is not letting up on the fun! February 3rd was our Mardi Gras Celebration with a Golf Cart Parade, Bead Tossing, decorations, a Cajun Themed Potluck, and a Dance. Brad brought King Cakes from Louisiana (Brad claims it is the best King Cake ever.)

February 10th is our Valentine Dinner-Dance. Pete T has a fabulous Menu for the dinner. Our 2024 King and Queen of Hearts will be elected at the Dance. If you missed out on the dinner, come join us for the dance. The Council Meeting will be held at 10:00.



February 11 – SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY!! Bring a snack to share and your favorite Beverage.

Because of the Valentine Dinner/Dance, the Sahnoan Downs Horse Races and Karaoke has been moved to February 17th. The Races start at 7PM with Karaoke at 8PM. The Trifecta Pot will start to build again! Come join in the fun!!!

February 18 – DAYTONA 500 WATCH PARTY!! Again, bring a snack to share and your own Beverage. The Race starts at 1:30PM – be sure to get there a little early to ensure a good seat!!!

February 24th – Make Your Own Pizza Night. A member has a pizza oven that will bake a pizza in 3 minutes. All the crusts will be provided with a variety of toppings. Feel free to bring any topping you would like to put out for others to use. The festivities begin at 6PM in Tara Hall, followed by Music and Games.



March 2024 is dedicated to the 5K Race with Work Days on 2nd and 15th with the Race on March 23rd..



MARDI GRAS Star Ranch Style will never be the same!! Decorating Tara Hall started early Friday evening, thanks to Derek and his tubs full of decorations! That carried over into the Friday Night Meet & Greet with a counter full of snacks and a room full of laughter and chatter. Saturday morning continued with the festive breakfast of Mardi Gras colored themed pancakes!! While it was a little slow getting decorated carts for the parade, members went ALL OUT!! We had over 10 decorated carts (some with music) parading around the grounds armed with hundreds of decorative beads to toss to those lucky folks who came out to watch! There was time after the parade for everyone to carry their aromatic specialty dishes to Tara Hall for our Potluck! Colorful dishes like Red Beans and Rice, Cajun Mac & Cheese, tasty cornbread, Dirty Rice, Cabbage casserole, King Cake Bread Pudding, and everything in between added to the joyous comradery! After everyone had feasted, there were prizes for all kinds of categories, such as furthest traveled, most grandkids, and most beads. It was apparent Mr T had nothing on those who caught the beads!!

It was a fun-filled day, closing late into the evening with background music and folks sharing stories of the day's activities, past celebrations, and tall tales that could be challenged.

Everyone agreed the taste of New Orleans Mardi Gras had come to Star Ranch!



**The next Board of Directors
meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, February 17, @
10am @ Tara Hall**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, February 16, 2024
TIME: 6:00pm
WHERE: Scales' Cafe, 1606 HWY 290,
 McDade, TX



February, March, & April Birthdays

February	
2/1	Debra C
2/1	Bill C
2/2	Michael I
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Paul S
2/8	Irenen I
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/13	Brian K
2/18	Jason S
2/18	Bonnie M
2/19	Paulo G
2/23	Elbert S
2/23	Jennifer R
2/23	Matthew D
2/24	Chris H
2/24	Timothy Q
2/26	Tracy G

March	
3/3	Brittney H
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	Amy F
3/8	Ellen M
3/9	Richard M
3/9	Angela S
3/9	Larry C
3/9	Pat L
3/10	Fred B
3/11	Greg C
3/11	Craig Mc
3/11	Becky K
3/13	Sarah J
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/13	William B
3/15	Kate M
3/15	Eric G
3/16	Lori M
3/16	Jack W
3/17	Robert F
3/17	Larry S
3/20	Paula L
3/20	Ray M
3/21	Lara L
3/22	Jesus T
3/29	JoLynn B
3/30	James S
3/31	Bruce R

April	
4/1	San Juanita H
4/1	Randy S
4/3	April R
4/3	Alvin J. Jr G
4/4	Mark W
4/5	Phil C
4/12	Lucienne N
4/12	Pixie Mc
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Marta M
4/14	Nancy D
4/15	Ian W
4/18	John S
4/19	Betty N
4/24	Tim S
4/27	Judith M
4/28	David W
4/28	Melissa S
4/29	Roy E
4/30	Len H
4/30	Charles N
4/30	Katharina W

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - [Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Friday, February 9

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, February 10

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

6:00pm Sweetheart Dinner - Tara Hall

8:00pm Sweetheart Dance

Sunday, February 11

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

5:00pm Super Bowl LVIII watch party

Monday, February 12 & Tuesday, February 13

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, February 16

6:00pm Birthday Dinner

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, February 17

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am COG Board of Directors

7:00pm The 16th Running at Sahnoan Downs

8:00pm KARAOKE in Tara Hall!

Sunday, February 18

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

1:30pm 66th Daytona 500 Watch Party

Monday, February 19 & Tuesday, February 20

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, February 23

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, February 24

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm PIZZA NIGHT!

8:00pm Music in Tara Hall

Sunday, February 25

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, February 26 & Tuesday, February 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 1

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 2

WORK DAY!

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 3

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, March 4 & Tuesday, March 5

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, March 6

12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests

Friday, March 8

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 9

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

1:00pm RC Boat Races

7:00pm The 17th Running at Sahnoan Downs

8:00pm DJ Dance - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 10

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, March 11 & Tuesday, March 12

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 15

6:00pm Birthday Dinner

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 16

WORK DAY!

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 17

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

10:00am COG Board of Directors

Monday, March 18 & Tuesday, March 19

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 22

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 23

27th annual Bare Buns 5k Fun Run

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 24

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

Monday, March 25 & Tuesday, March 26

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, March 29

7:00pm Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 30

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize - Tara Hall

Sunday, March 31

8:30am Breakfast in Margie's Nekkid Cafe / Tara Hall

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Mike & Linda G
David Mc & Pete T

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General Manager	Linda McC
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	Bruce R
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Thoughts

**Bill B
Kathy M**

And

**Joe W
Sandy C**

Prayers

Classified Ads

The Board recently approved the reinstatement of ads in the Sahnoan Star, our monthly newsletter.

Please send your finished ad as a .jpeg file to Jennifer at jkm8765@gmail.com

Ad rates are as follows:

Full page ad—\$80

1/2 page ad—\$60

1/4 page ad—\$40

Business card ad—\$25

The Sahnoans at Star Ranch is a family-oriented nudist community/club that has been in operation since 1957. Dedicated to maintaining a wholesome and safe environment for the enjoyment of nudist activities, the Club is a member in good standing of the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and AANR-Southwest. You have received this Newsletter because you are either a member of the club or you have opted-in on our website. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive future editions.

**The next Council meeting
is scheduled for
Saturday, February 10,
at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

Note from the Editor

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. If you have an idea or submission for the newsletter, please email me at jkm8765@gmail.com. Jennifer M.

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