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Our New 60th Anniversary Logo

by Mike W.

We have a winner! Debbie J. has won the competition to create a logo that we will be using

throughout this Anniversary year.

We will be using the logo - pictured above - on everything from banners (at the front gate and in the cafe now) to items to be purchased by our patrons (t-shirts, koozies, tote bags and ball caps). We can add embellishments to fit the need as we have with all of the items we have ordered so far.



Highlights of February at Star Ranch

- ◆ Work Day was rained out but several people stayed & helped pick up brush & hauled it to the burn pile & fixed water leaks.
- ◆ Super Bowl party with plenty of delicious food provided mainly by Melissa S., Dina P., & Mary M.
- ◆ Painted pool deck, had ribbon cutting at new pool.
- ◆ Sweetheart Dinner & Dance
- ◆ Marketing Committee Meeting
- ◆ Board Meeting

Cliff Hall Remembrance

During the Annual Stockholders Meeting on April 29, we'll pause for a few moments to pay tribute to Cliff Hall, who passed away on January 27, 2017. If you have any anecdotes involving Cliff, or any "Cliffisms" which can be included in this memorial, call David P. or Wanda H. (512-273-2453) or email them at dkp@austin.rr.com. Also, we'll have a small display of photos of Cliff and Margie in the Cafe'. If you have any special photos to loan for the day, let David or Wanda know about them also.

A new Pool for a New Era

By Mike W.

Was it really 3PM on February 11th? Were there really almost 60 people at the pool, taking in the sunshine? And more amazing, were there really, at one time, 16 people in the "unheated" pool? All of this is true and more!

They all turned out for the Grand Re-opening of our remodeled pool. After a couple of months of demolition, placing rebar inside and up and over the old structure, inserting plumbing, applying gunite then plaster, adding steps, applying a limestone cap all around, then a nice stone and limestone siding, and finally installing stainless steel hand-rails, the pool was ready for "customers". The weekend before a few hard workers finished the job by painting the surface around the pool.

At 3PM all gathered to hear our leaders extol the virtues of the new pool. Dave M. presented a plaque to our General Manager, Rod M. for his 28 days supervising the workers to create the final masterpiece we now have. Rod then cut the ribbon to formerly open our new pool.

Armadillo punch and cake topped off the ceremony. Then more people tried out the pool. Some, like Pixie, needed a little help, or was it a pull from Melissa S.. Most got in up to their knees before realizing that a few more months will need to pass before they would be ready to take the plunge!

We now have a beautiful centerpiece to begin our 60th



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Star Ranch Joins the "Passport America" Family

by Mike W.

In an effort to attract more RV owners to our property, Star Ranch recently joined *Passport America*, the fastest growing Discount Camping Club in America. *Passport America* currently has participating parks in the US, Canada, & Mexico in which members receive 50% OFF a campground's regular nightly rate. Members can use their Passport America Membership card as many times as they like for the entire term of their membership.

The advantages for Star Ranch are:

1. It helps us rent otherwise unoccupied sites, especially during the winter and during week days in the summer (times determined by management).
2. No joining or membership fees
3. Star Ranch Office will decide when we have space available
4. We keep half of the membership dues for anyone we enroll
5. We are already listed on their website and on their online downloadable guide.

Tell all your RV friends to come visit us now at half-price! If they aren't members, Pixie or Lara can enroll them when they arrive. For more information call Star Ranch or contact *Passport America* at (800) 283-7183 or visit the website at www.camp4less.com. *Passport America* participating park information and updates are available online 24 hours a day!

Thanks to Dave and Nan B. for this great idea!

March Birthdays

Ellen M.	3/8
Yvonne P.	3/9
Mary M.	3/11
Craig M.	3/11
Larry S.	3/17
Howard M.	3/17
Pam H.	3/19
Ray M.	3/20
Lara L.	3/21
Wanda H.	3/23
Lorie C.	3/26
JoLynn B.	3/29
TCC.	3/29
James S.	3/30

April Birthdays

Douglas H-L.O	4/1
Mark W.	4/4
Emily L.	4/4
Herb J.	4/4
Owen T.	4/6
Fred H.	4/13
Nancy D.	4/14
Steve N.	4/19
Carla W.	4/20
Melissa S.	4/28
David W.	4/28
Roy E.	4/29



Kelly E.	5/2
Mike K.	5/3
Robert B.	5/4
Jacob P.	5/4
Michelle G.	5/9
Mary L.	5/10
Ronald C.	5/11
Charles L.	5/18
Ivan M.	5/18
Jack R.	5/27
David M.	5/27
Cleva "Phil"	5/28

5K Race Day Schedule April 8, 2017

Gates Open	8:00 AM
Breakfast	8:30 –9:30 AM (breakfast tacos \$2.50)
Registration	9:00 AM—Noon
1K Race	10:00 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM—12:30 PM (cold sandwiches \$5.00)
Burgers	2:30 PM (\$5.00)
Awards	3:00 PM
Water Volleyball	After Awards
Group Photo	3:30 PM

COME EARLY
STAY LATE

A ~~BIG~~ THANK YOU !

HUGE



to Mike W. & the SAP Committee's hard work of marketing & ordering 60th anniversary gift shop items to sell.



Antonio C.
Libia C.



I am proud to be a resident of Star Ranch. Of course, my wife and I are Gold Members. That's one of the requirements for Board membership, but more than that, the privilege of being a part of the Sahnos and the joy of being here every day cannot be described. I want to work to bring a younger, more diverse group of people here, while still maintaining the friendliness of Star Ranch. I believe this can be done by an extended outreach to a broader demographic.

I would like to see the Sahnos at Star Ranch become the satellite host of the AANR (American Nudist Resource Library) database of nudist magazines and literature.

I appreciate your consideration of my serving on YOUR Board.

Gary H.

My wife and I are residents here at Star Ranch, which is truly Heaven on Earth, in my humble opinion. The work together attitude, small town and family atmospheres here at Star Ranch are what inspire me to offer my skills and experience to help Star Ranch become the most popular nudist get away in the State of Texas.

My work experiences over the years, has given me a strong background in Business management. Working for 2 major international Corporations for over 25 yrs. as a Senior Technician and Workgroup manager where my responsibility was to guide workgroups through problem identification, solutions and monitoring processes, in order to correct issues within Sales and Service departments. These were all achieved by the workgroups, while I was responsible for keeping the group focused on the issues and insuring that best work group practices were followed.

I am currently the operations manager for a small (15 employee) Sales and Service business that covers the central Texas area. My responsibilities include personnel management, coordinating workflow between our office, Sales, Service and delivery personnel. As part of this job, I manage our SQL database, CRM and Quick Books databases, customize our CRM using ASP.NET, as well as create email marketing campaigns and manage our website. I also have various other skills in electronics, hydraulics, pneumatics CNC and PLC programming as well as general construction skills and Facilities maintenance and repair.

But it is the workgroup management skills that I would like to share most with Board. This management style increases participation and productivity through processes that make each person within a group feel a sense of pride and ownership. It's the people who make the difference here at Star Ranch and as the Pride grows so will the membership!

Ken W.



A LOT CAN HAPPEN ON NON-WORK DAYS

We all love our new pool and since it will be the gathering place for many hours of fun and fellowship for years to come, it was time to give the rest of our lounge chairs a desperately needed face lift. Last year 12 of the 32 chairs received all new straps so that means we only had 20 more to re-strap. Sounds easy enough -- but did you know that it takes 540 straps, cut to length and mitered, drilled twice, soaked in hot water, and stretched to do 20 chairs. A daunting task indeed, but not for the volunteers at Star Ranch.

It all started one weekend with the cutting and drilling. Within minutes of setting up on the hall patio, volunteers began to arrive and in no time, the straps were ready for installation. Then on the following cold Saturday morning, bundled up volunteers started showing up at the pool. We even had guests who came to help so within a very short time, the soaking, stretching, and cleaning began and piles of clothes started appearing as the temperature rose. By 4:00 p.m. all the chairs were done!

This project is a great example of how eagerly and enthusiastically Star Ranch comes together. All the volunteers made an incredible contribution of their time and efforts to our community and we are sincerely grateful for your help and friendship.

Thanks to all of you. DA and Debbie

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Texas Independence Day	3 Employee Appreciation Day	4 WORK DAY 8—9 AM Breakfast 12—1 PM Lunch
5 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	6	7	8 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	9	10	11 8:30—10 AM Break- fast Sand Volleyball all day, listen for the bell!
12 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Spring Forward! Daylight Savings Time begins	13	14	15	16	17 6 PM Birth- day Dinner TBD “St. Patty’s Day”	18 8:30—10 AM Break- fast 10 AM Board & Coun- cil Meetings 6 PM Potluck 8 PM St. Patty’s Day Dance
19 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25 8:30—10 AM Break- fast 1 PM Bam-Bam Ball 3 PM Golf Cart Wash Fundraiser
26 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:30–10 AM Breakfast
2 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	3	4	5	6	7	8 5K—See Schedule on Page 2
9 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	10	11	12 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	13	14	15 8:30–10 AM Break- fast 10 AM Board & Council Mtgs
16 Easter 1 PM Potluck	17	18 Taxes Due	19	20	21 San Jacinto Day 6 PM Bday Dinner TBD	22 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Straw Poll
23 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:30–10 AM Break- fast 10 AM Stockholders Meet- ing 2 PM Cake Contest 5:30 PM Cake Auction 6 PM Hot Dog Potluck
30 8:30–10 AM Breakfast						

► May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 National Nurses Day 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Parrothead Weekend 1 PM Bam-Bam Ball
7 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Parrothead Weekend	8	9	10	11	12	13 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Sand Volleyball all day—listen for the bell!! 7:30 PM Bingo
14 Mother's Day 8:30—10 AM Breakfast Free Breakfast for Moms	15	16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board & Council Mtgs 8 PM Karaoke
21 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	22	23	24	25	26	27 Memorial Weekend Games 8:30—10 AM Breakfast 7 PM Margarita Contest 8 PM Dance
28 Memorial Weekend Games 8:30—10 AM Breakfast	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Council Election
4 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	5	6	7	8	9	10 8:30–10 AM Breakfast Sand Volleyball all day— listen for the bell! 2 PM Ice Cream Give Away 8 PM Elvis Impersonator
11 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	12	13	14 6 PM Potluck Music with Phil & Phriends	15	16 6 PM Bday Dinner TBD	17 8:30–10 AM Breakfast 10 AM Board & Council Mtgs 8 PM Sock Hop
18 8:30–10 AM Breakfast	19	20	21	22 AANR SW Con- vention	23 AANR SW Conven- tion	24 AANR SW Convention
25 AANR SW Con- vention	26	27	28	29	30 4th of July Weekend	



by Mike W.

With our newly-remodeled pool now open and receiving rave reviews, we need to do what is necessary to increase the number of "visits" to the Ranch.

As part of the 60th Anniversary Committee's marketing efforts, we now have a posting on **TripAdvisor** - over 4,000 hits so far. New pictures being posted to their site soon. To assist our efforts please go to the Star Ranch listing at www.Tripadvisor.com, take a moment and say something nice about the club.

Three reviews so far; let's get some more!

TripAdvisor says we are now the #1 rated hotel in McDade, TX!!!!

We also have new **60th Anniversary** items ordered for the Ranch store (ball caps, koozies, t-shirts and tote bags) with more to come.

Naturist Activities Could Make You Happier, say scientists from the *Independent World News*

Scientists found that people taking part in naturist activities felt better about themselves, their bodies and their lives overall.

Casting off clothes as well as cares may be the key to happiness and well being, research suggests. Scientists revealed the naked truth after investigating the psychological effects of nudism. They found that people taking part in naturist activities felt better about themselves, their bodies and their lives overall. They more time they spent naked, or partially disrobed, the happier they were.

In the first of a series studies, an online survey found higher levels of contentment & positive body image among those who spent significant amount of time wholly or partially naked in public.

For a long time many people, including health experts, assumed that public nudity was a sign of psychological dysfunction. Doctors thought more research was needed involving a wider range of participants. Most of those taking part in the survey were white, heterosexual & middle-aged.

Naturism may offer a low cost & simple solution to body dissatisfaction.

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Thank you to JT & all of his helpers for giving us a delicious Valentines' Dinner

This Year's Valentine's Dance

by Mike W.

Not your typical Valentine's Dance...

Maybe it was the Armadillo Punch that afternoon or the wine at the Valentine's Dinner, but the crowd seemed a little subdued and small at first, but then Jerry the Valentine's Cupid or Fairy or Elf or whatever showed up! Things got lively then!

I came prepared with a modified playlist (anything with the word Love in the title), but my computer lost all its playlists earlier in the day, so I was winging it.

Having asked for everyone's favorite love song gave me a base to work from - a mixture of the Valentine's classics - Frank Sinatra, Alison Krauss, Tony Bennett, Elvis, Alicia Keys, Michael Buble, etc. But after the Valentine's Cupid and his mate showed up, things amped up a little - Robin Thicke, Katy Perry, Pharrel Williams, Meghan Trainor, Bruno Mars, a few line dances, and, against my wishes, YMCA.

It was no surprise that Jerry and Jeani were named the Valentine's King and Queen. Thanks for waking up the crowd, but that costume...

The tired ones in the crowd left us around 10PM, the rest around 11PM. A fun night, but a short one.