

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun



COUNCIL

COUNCIL ELECTION TOMORROW AT 11AM

The Council will be holding their annual election in Tara Hall tomorrow at 11AM, followed by lunch.

**Come out and throw
your hat in the ring
or vote for your
favorites!**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW! WHAT A WEEKEND!

If you weren't at Star Ranch this past weekend, you missed some great times – good food, fun games, great friends. Oh, how the old friends returned. People we haven't seen in two years! What a wonderful time...

Thanks to all the **Sahnoans** who helped make everything run so smoothly, and especially those who helped prepare the Ranch for the big weekend. The new Food Team rocked!!!

Lots of towels won by members and visitors. Lots of interest in new memberships. Lots and lots of kind words by all.

Wasn't it FUN!

It's raining AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We barely got through the Memorial Day weekend when it came down. Nice day today, but now a frog-chocker. Two drips from our ceiling...oh, well.

We were all set to have almost as big a weekend as the last one, but cancellations are "raining in" with the rain.

We are having trouble keeping up the roads – lots of washouts and puddles.

HELP!

Volunteers needed for the big convention coming in August!

Hospitality Committee – Greet and escort our arriving visitors, need a chair for this one.

Housing Committee – Chair, Ronnie Brown. Survey the membership and find out who has lodging available during the convention. Contact the local motels and RV parks.

Transportation Committee – Provide rides to/from the airport for those flying to Texas and provide rides to/from Elgin motels during the convention. Run a shuttle inside the Ranch to bring people to the Hall. Need a chair for this one as well.

MW

From the “new guy”,

April Showers – May Flowers.

Back in middle school, a friend asked me “If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?” The answer, of course, was “Pilgrims”.

But the age-old adage that encourages us to look at the not so favorable things in life (rain) and understand that they can bring about good (flowers) is something I have thought about and even wrote about quite a bit.

Memorial Day gave tangible proof to our hopes about what recovery from a year of covid could look like at Star Ranch.

We had people. Lots of people. Visitors, guests, site holders... All returned for a Memorial Day celebration that was almost as large and very much more exuberant than those of the giddy, pre-covid years of 2018 and 2019. The crowds around the pool were great. Food purchases were through the roof. Participation in all the games were excellent! And most importantly, people had a good time! One volunteer told me that they were dreading the work that was required to put the weekend on, until they started working, and feeling the ‘vibe’ around the pool, and seeing what it meant to our members and our visitors. “That made it all worth it” they said.

The compliments throughout the weekend were excellent and that is a reflection on the hard work and friendly attitudes of our volunteers and staff. The food team worked extra hard over the weekend to prepare and serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner both Saturday and Sunday. Their work accounted for about 20% of the income from the weekend.

Maintenance spent a lot of time getting the pool in shape and the grounds mowed (between rain showers). Our pool crew had things looking good inside the fence and Kathryn made the water sparkle as always. Our treasurer, Dave M spent a lot of time the week before, repairing a hot tub heater that the rest of us were willing to give up on. Had we been forced to purchase a new heater for the tub, it would have cost us about half our Memorial Day income.

But the successes we saw in the Month of May went far beyond money. As an AANR club, we are an important part of the mission to bring the joy of nude recreation to the people around us. We had at least two amazing moments this month that I know of. The first was a proposal around a picnic table where members and visitors were sharing a meal. The newly engaged couple hopes to return to Star Ranch to share their nuptials later in the year.

The second was a ‘first time’ couple that shared breakthroughs in body acceptance that had haunted them most of their lives. As an observer of this, it really made me think about how the things we do around here, just for fun, can make lasting changes in peoples lives as they experience them alongside us.

I encourage each of you to get out to our events, big or small, meet our guests, become a part of their lives, if just for a moment, and share in the joy of nude social recreation.

See you in June!

MB

Tidbits

Due to the AANR-SW summer convention, the next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 20 @ 10am @ Tara Hall

*David Musgrave and Cathy Seeley
Request the Honor of Your Presence
At Their Wedding
June 26th, Two O'clock in the Afternoon
Star Ranch Pool
Refreshments Provided
*No gifts please**

Reminder—Breakfast
hours are 8:30 to 10,
Saturday and Sunday



Coming to Star Ranch
August 10-16, 2021
the AANR International
Convention!

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

JUNE BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

Monthly birthday dinners are suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



June, July & August Birthdays

June	
6/1	Nathan B
6/1	Larry T
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/7	Tara V
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debbie
6/18	Heather C
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/27	Gail P
6/28	Chris A



July	
7/1	Susie V
7/4	David S
7/5	Rosa
7/7	Shala S
7/8	John S
7/11	Marvin K
7/15	Jana F
7/17	Angie R
7/17	Jim A
7/19	Beth B
7/22	Dick L
7/23	David McG
7/24	Lorena M
7/25	John M
7/29	Megan S
7/31	Sierran S



August	
8/1	Catherine W
8/1	Phyllis Z
8/2	Gary H
8/2	CM J
8/5	Tim H
8/5	Barbara K
8/6	Joe R
8/7	Jennifer M
8/8	Eduardo G
8/14	Timothy V
8/20	Joyce S
8/24	Mike M
8/24	Ardeth S
8/25	Maureen V
8/31	Genie C
8/31	Myrl F S



This & That

Silent Auction

We are hoping to have another silent auction at Star Ranch during Labor Day weekend but need donated items to auction. Now is the time to do some Spring cleaning and donate your items for this fun event. All proceeds will be used for a variety of improvement projects at the ranch.

Like the last auction, we are asking for craft items, art, antiques, decorative items, jewelry, plants, gift baskets, tools, furniture, and other similar items.

NAME THAT TRACTOR!

We love ideas. Now and then we get one that is a little off, but consider the source.

From David Phillips -

"Suggest a contest naming the new tractor. Winner gets a ride in the bucket around the "circle" in front of maintenance building, down to RV row, back in front of Hall. Liability be damned! This is tuff stuff!"

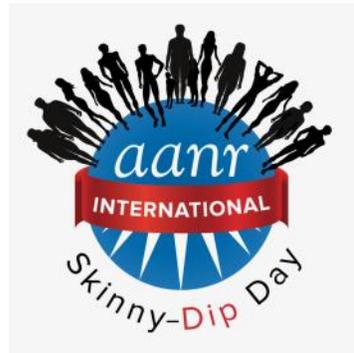
The board agreed, not the ride part, and we are offering a prize for the best name selected. Submit your name(s) to jkm8765@gmail.com by June 14th.

No guaranty that maintenance will use that name...



HELLO!

New Members!



INTERNATIONAL SKINNY DIP DAY (ISDD)

Mark your calendar for one of the cheekiest summer events planned for 2021: International Skinny Dip Day. Skinny- dipping celebrates the natural joy of a carefree swim without cumbersome clothing. Lest you think otherwise, it's truly a wholesome tradition that's been enjoyed by such American patriots as Benjamin Franklin and John Quincy Adams, along with literary luminaries the likes of Henry David Thoreau and Walt Whitman.

To celebrate this rite of summer, last year the American Association for Nude Recreation officially designated the second Saturday in July as **International Skinny Dip Day (ISDD)**. For 2021, International Skinny Dip Day will be observed on **July 10th**.

ISDD serves as the culminating event during **National Nude Recreation Week (July 4-11, 2021)**, an AANR tradition for 44 years. This week-long celebration provides an opportunity for individuals and families to visit clothing-optional clubs affiliated with AANR or The Naturist Society (TNS), and experience firsthand one of the fastest growing trends in both travel and recreation – the **Nakation**□. Many clubs have activities and events planned throughout the week – such as open houses, dance parties, sports tournaments, chili cook-offs, “bare buns fun runs,” health screenings, art shows, and more.

On International Skinny Dip Day, in particular, the textile world is encouraged to join with naturists and free themselves of their clothes and inhibitions by taking a dip au natural in their backyard pool, a secluded spot on a river or lake, at a sanctioned nude beach or at one of AANR's 180 clubs and resorts throughout the U.S., Canada and internationally.



American Association for Nude Recreation Turns 90 in 2021

As the colonial era gave way to a free and independent United States of America, "radical thinkers," including Benjamin Franklin, John Quincy Adams and Henry David Thoreau, publicity lauded the benefits in daily naked walks, or as they were called, "air baths." Other nudists of note included President John Quincy Adams, who regularly bathed nude in the Potomac, as did the much beloved fictional characters of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn who skinny dipped with joy and abandon.

But these so-called radicals continued to remain a very small minority of the population until the dawn of the 20th century brought more formal nudism to America.

Kurt Barthel, acknowledged as the founder of American nudism, was acquainted with other German nudists late in the 1920s and had allowed his name to be used as a local New York contact. On Labor Day of 1929, Kurt led a small group of individuals to a picnic in the buff in the Hudson Mountains near Peekskill, New York, and organized nude recreation in America was born with his dues-paying club, called the "American League for Physical Culture" (ALPC). The first official nudist club opened soon after on June 21, 1930, near Spring Valley in Rockland County, New York. By 1931, ALPC had welcomed over 200 new members and moved to an area near Dover, New Jersey.

In October of **1931**, Ilesley Boone, the ALPC's Executive Secretary replaced Barthel as leader of the ALPC, in the newly renamed American Sunbathing Association. The ASA grew to nearly 50,000 members throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. One last name change occurred in 1995 when the ASA became the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) – to better reflect the activities of its membership.

Happy 90th Birthday, AANR!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

*****ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, June 5

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

11:00am Council Election with Lunch to follow

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, June 6

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, June 12

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am - 2pm Cart Wash

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

6:00pm Open Grill @ the Pool

8:00pm Dance @ the Pool

Sunday, June 13

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Thursday, June 17

5:00pm Wine & Cheese @ the Pool/ANNR SW Meet-n-Greet

Friday, June 18

AANR Southwest Convention

Saturday, June 19

AANR Southwest Convention

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, June 20

AANR Southwest Convention

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am BOD Meeting

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, June 26

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am Council Meeting

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, June 27

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, July 3

Pickleball court open for games
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
9:00am Petanque Tournament @ the Petanque court
10:00am and 2pm Indoor Games
11:00am Concessions @ the Nekkid Parrot
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament @ the Pool
1:00pm Super Soaker battle outside the Pool gate
2:00pm Indoor Games
3:00pm Washers Tournament @ the Washer courts
7:00pm Sand Volleyball @ the Sand Volleyball court
8:00pm Dance @ the Pool

Sunday, July 4

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
9:00am Petanque Tournament @ the Petanque court
10:00am and 2pm Indoor Games
11:00am Concessions @ the Nekkid Parrot
11:00am Cart Parade
12:00pm Water Volleyball Tournament @ the Pool
2:00pm Indoor Games
3:00pm Washers Tournament @ the Washer courts

Saturday, July 10

McDade Watermelon Festival

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool
8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, July 11

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, July 17

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
10:00am BOD Meeting
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool
8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, July 18

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, July 24

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
10:00am Council Meeting
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool
8:00pm Music @ the Pool

Sunday, July 25

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

Saturday, July 31

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot
2:00pm Snacks at the Pool

<p align="center">Sunday, August 1 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 7 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 8 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Monday, August 9 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, August 10 AANR Convention 5:00pm Meet-Greet AANR Intn'l Convention</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, August 11 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, August 12 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Friday, August 13 AANR Convention</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 14 AANR Convention 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 15 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 21 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am BOD Meeting 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 22 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, August 28 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Council Meeting 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, August 29 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks at the Pool</p>

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Thoughts

*For Pam H, Eric G
& Myrle S*

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 your 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, June 26, 2021
 at 10:00am.**

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.