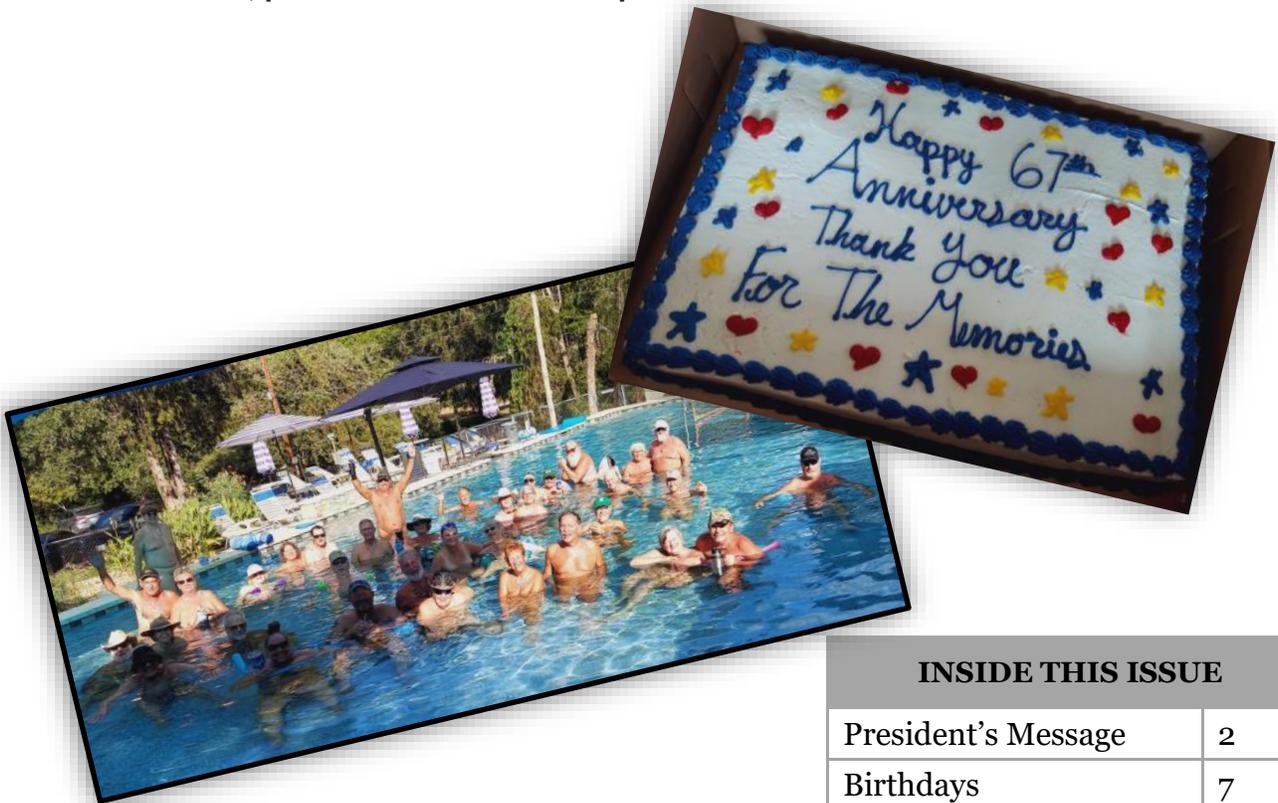


# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*

## Another year gone by...

Thanks to all the members (and a few visitors) who came out two weeks ago for the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of “our little slice of heaven”. The day started off with the usual Board meeting, followed by some spirited water volleyball, and then Pete T took the prize in the Jello shot contest. Later we took a pic of some of the attendees, but a few were taking naps. As always, the folks at Star really know how to POTLUCK – Oh, my, so much food. Thanks to all the cooks. Then Nancy R brought out the “birthday cake” and Crystal W gave the President’s Anniversary Greeting. At The All Requests Dance, DJ Mike Love had folks on the floor with the most “requested” eclectic dance mix in recent history. If you missed this event, please come out next September!



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Have you ever wondered what is there to do at Star Ranch when the weather turns cooler? Here are some of the Fall & Winter activities that are planned:

*Karaoke*

*Rock Painting*

**HALLOWEEN DANCE  
& COSTUME CONTEST**

*Octoberfest*

*Film Festival*

**POTLUCKS**

*Hayride*

**SAHNOAN DOWNS**

**INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB**

*New Year's Eve*

*Progressive Dinner & Dance*

Activities continued

# Pie Contest & Auction

Chili Cook-off

Christmas Cookie Contest

Cowboy Campfire

WHITE ELEPHANT

GIFT EXCHANGE

And many more...

## President's Message

Well, the days are getting shorter, and the pool is getting cooler. There is a chill in the air in the morning, but it feels good after a long hot summer. I hope you will come out to enjoy the changing of the seasons at the Ranch as we have much to look forward to. The Chilly Cheeks race also heralds the end of summer. Thank you in advance for all those who show up to volunteer every year and for the new people who are getting into the swing of race day. The weather should be beautiful, and we can't wait to see what Jason paints himself as this time. Keep an eye out for announcements about what we need help with.

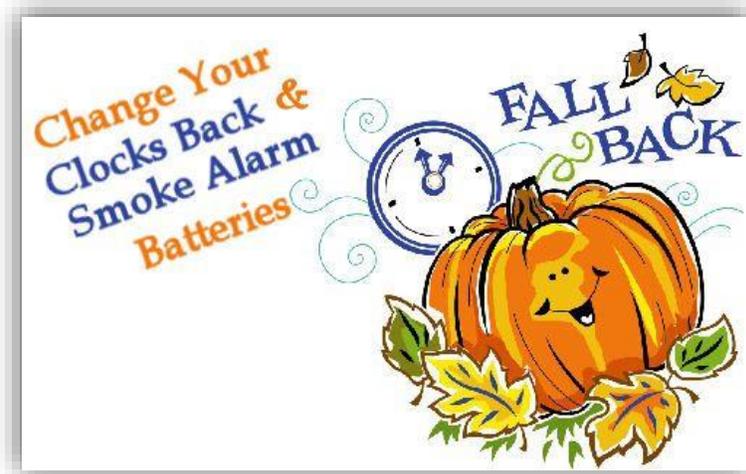
We have new residents moving in and more folks who are seeking out RV sites and cabins to work on during the cooler months. Our winter regulars will also be returning and we can't wait to get caught up with them. We are putting together a list of all the sites available so look for that soon. Every site occupied goes a long way in ensuring the long-term health and survival of our little paradise. We look forward to the holiday activities here, as there is always great food and a chance to hang out with everybody.

The Board is actively working on finding a new GM. Please watch your emails for information that will be coming out soon regarding progress. We have lots of things to talk about at the October Board meeting. If you have never attended a meeting, this is the one to attend to give input and participate in the decision-making process for choosing a GM, planning for a new hall and other issues that you may want to comment on. I look forward to your input.

Crystal

# Noteworthy!

\*\*\*Beginning Saturday November 2, breakfast will be at Margie's Nekkid Café at Tara Hall  
\*\*\*New winter hours 9:30am—11am\*\*\*



## ATTENTION ALL COOKS

We are looking for someone or many someones who would like to help cook breakfast on the weekends at Tara Hall in the winter. We are all volunteers and we all need help getting the meals cooked and served and cleaning up. You get to work with great people, meet new guests and members, plus you get to eat free!

If interested please contact:

Nancy @ [nancyredoutey@gmail.com](mailto:nancyredoutey@gmail.com)

Jean @ [jeanmarx1954@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmarx1954@gmail.com)

Linda at the office 512 273-2257 or come into the office.

We would like to have as many volunteers cook as possible so that not any one person is responsible for every weekend and you would be able to pick your weekends, so please call or visit one of us so that we may talk about a schedule. We love volunteers. Also, if you would like to help with cleaning or helping in other areas, please let us know.

Thank you,

Linda

# Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along

On Saturday, December 7, 2024, at or around sundown, Star Ranch will host a Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along in the park area between Tara Hall and the BBQ trailer, roughly the same area as last year's Cowboy Campfire and Cook-Out.

We will have holiday sing-along music, provided by however many guitar pickers want to play. If you've always wanted to get up in front of a bunch of your friends and neighbors, play your guitar and sing, this is your chance! It's Christmas songs that everybody knows and will sing along with. What could be more fun!?

The Star Ranch Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along will also feature the debut performance of the Nude Ukes, a group of questionable characters who have decided to play ukuleles and sing in public for the first time! What could go wrong . . . right?

This event is a collaboration of a bunch of people who are willing to devote their time and effort to make sure everyone has a good time. Like last year, the food committee has graciously agreed to provide food for cooking/eating on or around the fire. The menu has not been finalized, but when it is, you'll be advised either in this newsletter or by whatever other means is most effective. The Fire-Wise committee will be assuring that our fire presents no danger to us or to Star Ranch property. The maintenance staff, with a little help from their friends, will be preparing the fire site, building the fire and providing water hoses and fire extinguishers as needed for our safety.

As always, we are grateful to the Star Ranch Board of Directors for allowing us to provide this unique and fun event.

If you are interested in joining the guitar players on stage, we would love to have you. Same goes for ukulele players. Both groups have already begun working on Christmas songs. You don't have to be a professional musician to participate. In fact, you don't even have to play the guitar or ukulele to participate. How about harmonica? Banjo? Tambourine? Piano? Kazoo? Whatever you play, we'll make it work. Any and all levels of players are welcome. We're just going to play and sing and have lots of fun.

If you're ready to jump in, contact Larry S. for more information.



Cowboy Campfire 2023

## The “Nude Ukes” are Here!



Yes, unlike most rumors at Star Ranch, this one is true! There is among us a group of members who get together periodically to learn and play the ukulele. These folks have formed a group they call the “Nude Ukes”.

The group formed after one of the members shared a link to a meeting of the Austin Ukulele Society, in which 150 or so ukulele players were gathered in a large room to play one of Neil Diamond’s biggest hits, “Sweet Caroline”. At the end of the song, everyone in the room joined in whooping and hollering, clapping and laughing, and generally celebrating having a great time playing music. The enthusiasm of that group, and the obvious joy they all experienced in playing this diminutive instrument, led to the formation of the “Nude Ukes” at Star Ranch. Here’s the link to that video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwde7-Wn\\_Aw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwde7-Wn_Aw)

The “Nude Ukes” includes players who are brand new to the ukulele and some who have a bit more experience. There’s not a professional ukulelist to be found, but there is a lot of fun to be had. As you can see from the video below, we are already enjoying playing with the Austin Ukulele Society.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BorZ\\_IzEqZs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BorZ_IzEqZs)

In the near term, the plan is to practice frequently and diligently between now and December, with the goal of joining the guitar players on December 7 for the Star Ranch **Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along**. In the meantime, anyone who is interested is welcome to join in and become a member of the “Nude Ukes”. If you don’t already own a ukulele, we will help you find one. If you don’t know how to play, we will help you learn. We guarantee you’ll have a smile on your face!

Contact Larry S. for more information.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, October 18, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Reba's, 185 W. Austin St. Giddings, TX

[click here for directions from Star Ranch](#)

[click here for menu](#)



## October, November, & December Birthdays

October	
10/3	Cynthia M
10/3	Glenn G
10/7	Donna B
10/7	Cody H
10/8	Stephanie M
10/8	Catherine N
10/8	Bill G
10/10	Brad F
10/14	Michelle L
10/14	Lottie H
10/15	Teresa R
10/15	Laura G
10/15	Patrick L
10/17	Gregory S
10/19	Ethel M
10/19	Heather K
10/24	Robert D
10/26	Mike G
10/29	Charles Y
10/29	Jason A
10/29	Steve O
10/29	Ronald F

November	
11/1	Catherine R
11/1	Russell S
11/3	Mike Ke
11/3	Dominique D
11/3	Kirby G
11/4	Amanda D
11/4	Bill P
11/4	Carolyn C
11/8	Rhum M
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Rebecca O
11/12	Jennifer B
11/12	Lynn D
11/16	Lisa F
11/17	Gopal A
11/18	Adam W
11/19	Mike A
11/21	Sabrina B
11/21	Peter G
11/25	Ann S
11/28	Heather M
11/30	David P

December	
12/2	Courtney N
12/4	"Stormy" H
12/5	Russell N
12/8	JT
12/10	Byron M
12/12	Bill B
12/12	Terry P
12/13	Brian W
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis L
12/17	Paul "Red" P
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Christopher D
12/19	Scott F
12/19	Elizabeth D
12/20	Jeffrey B
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Connie T
12/21	Richard G
12/22	Regina B
12/22	Gwen W G
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Barbara S
12/28	Judy Mc

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

<p><b>Friday, October 4</b> 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 26</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Pickleball 10:00am Rock Painting 10:00am Decorate Hall for Halloween 2:00pm Snacks @ Pool 3:00pm Cornhole 6:00pm Halloween Potluck 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJ Captain Jack 9:00pm Halloween Costume Judging</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 5</b> CHILLY CHEEKS 5K 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 1:00pm Burgers @ Nekkid Parrot 1:00pm Chilly Cheeks 5K STARTS 2:00pm Water Volleyball 3:00pm Sand Volleyball 6:00pm Open Grill - BYOF 8:00pm Music @ the Pool</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 27</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 6</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Golf Cart Rodeo Championship</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 1</b> 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 11</b> 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 2</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 2:00pm Snacks @ Pool 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 12</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting 12:00pm Molkky 2:00pm Golf Cart Rodeo Championship 2:00pm Snacks @ Pool 6:00pm Octoberfest Potluck 7:00pm The 24th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJs CM &amp; Jody</p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 3</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 13</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 6</b> 12:00pm Fire Siren &amp; Horn Tests</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 18</b> 6:00pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet 8:00pm FILM FESTIVAL</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 8</b> 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>
<p><b>Saturday, October 19</b> 8:00am Pickleball Tournament (tentative) 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors 12:00pm Water Volleyball 2:00pm Snacks @ Pool 4:00pm Washers</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 9</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting 3:00pm Molkky 7:00pm The 25th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJs CM &amp; Jody</p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 20</b> 8:30am Poolside breakfast at the Nekkid Parrot</p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 10</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe</p>
<p><b>Friday, October 25</b> 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 15</b> 6:00pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Meet &amp; Greet</p>
	<p><b>Saturday, November 16</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am COG Board of Directors 12:00pm Pickleball 2:00pm Blind Volleyball 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, November 17</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe</p>

**Nudist Golden Rule**  
**Respect others.**  
Rich Dorociak  
(oh, and always bring a towel)

<b>Thursday, November 21</b> 1:00pm Thanksgiving Potluck	<b>Sunday, December 15</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
<b>Friday, November 22</b> 7:00pm Meet & Greet	<b>Friday, December 20</b> 6:00pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Meet & Greet
<b>Saturday, November 23</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am Pickleball 10:00am Rock Painting - Tara Hall 1:00pm Boat Races @ Pool 6:00pm Thanksgiving Leftovers Potluck 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall	<b>Saturday, December 21</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am COG Board of Directors 6:00pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall
<b>Sunday, November 24</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	<b>Sunday, December 22</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
<b>Friday, November 29</b> 7:00pm Meet & Greet	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b> 1:00pm Christmas Potluck
<b>Saturday, November 30</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am Pickleball 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall	<b>Friday, December 27</b> 7:00pm Meet & Greet
<b>Sunday, December 1</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	<b>Saturday, December 28</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 8:00pm Music in Tara Hall
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b> 12:00pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	<b>Sunday, December 29</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
<b>Friday, December 6</b> 7:00pm Meet & Greet	<b>Tuesday, December 31</b> 5:00pm NYE Progressive Dinner 8:00pm New Year's Eve Dance
<b>Saturday, December 7</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am Decorate Tara Hall 2:00pm Pick a Window/Door 5:00pm Cowboy Campfire 6:00pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall	
<b>Sunday, December 8</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	
<b>Friday, December 13</b> 7:00pm Meet & Greet	
<b>Saturday, December 14</b> 9:30am-11am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting 1:00pm Annual Christmas Cookie Contest 3:00pm Molky 4:00pm Hayride 6:00pm Christmas Dinner Potluck 6:00pm Window/Door Winners announced 7:00pm Wreath Auction 8:00pm KARAOKE with KJs CM & Jody 8:00pm White Elephant Gift Exchange	

# Mark's Musings

## Separation Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

If you are like me, something just seems a bit off when Sandi and I are not at the Ranch. We were there Friday before last and left Saturday morning. Family was in town this weekend which kept us away. I understand life gets in the way occasionally, but it sure makes me a grumpy person. I enjoyed the Horns game that we watched last weekend and took my step daughter's fiancé to the shooting range yesterday which is always fun.

However, not checking in with the Star Ranch breakfast crew for two weeks sucks. Knowing that fall is here and the days are getting cooler means only one thing to me: pool time is about to be gone. No pickle ball for two weeks, nothing about that fact is a positive.

Knowing the Ranch hosted a work day in which I didn't do my part leaves me feeling inadequate and undeserving at best. I know the race is upon us which for me seems like an open house. I will attempt to overcome my introvert tendencies in hope of chatting up the visitors.

Most nude resorts consider Labor Day the end of the season. The events are no longer scheduled, the visitors go away and the residents have the place to themselves. For you newbies, that does not happen at Star Ranch. I am sure you have noticed Gail, Nancy, Kate and crew trying to line up breakfast help. That is because they have a desire to continue to serve breakfast through the winter season. We will pile into Margie's Nekkid Café and enjoy the cook's choice. We pull the robes out of the closet and head to the club house. You need the robe for the ride, you sure don't need it in the club house as we typically have a fire running hot. For those of you shaking your head, breakfast was available all winter last year.

We talk often about Star being about relationships. The winter is where we truly test that theory. How many of you are engaged enough to show up for Karaoke when the temp is 10 degrees? Bob and Nancy will be there, Mike and Jennifer will be there, Tim and Collene will be there, Kate and Jason will be there and of course Patrick will be there. Jody and CM will be there, Bill and Brenda will be there, Bill and Julie will be there. Pete and Lisa will be there. Paul and Barbra will be there.

Who are we going to add to the winter breakfast crew this year?

Thanks for all you do.

Mark S

# This & That

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, October 19, 2024 @ 10am @ Tara Hall

Listen to "StarCast", the Official Podcast of the Star Ranch Nudist Club  
on these podcast platforms



**WELCOME**  
new members

**Richard W & Sherry L  
Clint & Pauline**



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 Mike & Linda G  
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 Rhum C

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Housekeeping	Mo V

*Thoughts  
 And  
 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](mailto: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, October 12, 2024 at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

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**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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.