

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



*From all of us at Star Ranch  
Wishing you a Wonderful and Blessed Holiday Season*

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**Star Ranch Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along**

**Rain! Rain! Rain!**

What a welcome relief it is to see precipitation falling on our beautiful land. Unfortunately, rain and wet ground do not work well with the Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along, scheduled for the outdoor stage this coming Saturday night.

So, we are moving the sing-along indoors to Tara Hall. We will still have a fire (in the fireplace), but we won't be roasting hot dogs or melting s'mores. We will have chili hot dogs, Frito pie, and who knows what else the food committee will dream up. We will also have lots of music to enjoy and to sing along with.

The Nude Ukes will kick off the program with a series of Christmas medleys, played exclusively on ukuleles (and a U-Bass), followed by lots of fun Christmas songs played by our guitar pickers (and strummers).

Our plan is to enjoy watching The University of Texas at Austin Longhorns beat the Georgia Bulldogs (sorry Kat!) in the SEC title game, starting at 3:00 p.m., Saturday. As soon as the game is over, the fun will begin with the Nude Ukes and 20+ fun sing-along songs for Christmas.

**BUT, I CAN'T SING!**

Yes, you can. You sing in the shower. You sing in the car. You sing when no one else is around. You sing because it brings joy to your heart. And nothing is more joyful than Christmas songs. Believe it or not, no one else is listening to your singing. They are all singing, too. Even if they did hear you, no one cares. They are too busy worrying about someone hearing them!

I urge you to sing along with all your friends, open you heart and fill it with the sounds of Christmas. You'll be glad you did!

See you Saturday.

Larry S.



Cowboy Campfire 2023

## President's Message

Dear Members,

As I reflect on the holiday season, I can only say that I am incredibly grateful for our Star Ranch family. We rely heavily on the talents of our members and their generosity of spirit. I know if there is a need, someone will step up to help out. We have accomplished so many things around the camp this year. Many of them were big ticket items, the pickleball courts, the handicapped parking, stabilizing the indoor pool area, resurfacing the floor in the Hall and giving the Hall a redo. These things do not just happen. It takes time, energy, perseverance, volunteers and leadership. Thanks to those who took on project management and leadership roles. We also have big plans for the future. We have accomplished all this and maintained a strong financial position. Again, I appreciate the contributions of each and every one of you. Together we can do anything!

I hope you will join us for our planned activities during the holidays. We will leave the light on for you! Stay warm and have a bright holiday season!

Crystal

## Noteworthy!

**\*\*\*Beginning Saturday November 2, breakfast will be at Margie's Nekkid Café at Tara Hall\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Hours are 9am—10am\*\*\***

## Annual Christmas Cookie Contest



**Saturday, January 14th**

**Have you ever been told you  
bake the best cookies ever?**

**Why not put your recipe to the  
test?**

**[For Contest Rules click here.](#)**

**THE SARAN WRAP GAME - COMING SOON TO THE RANCH, January 14th to be exact...**

The Saran Wrap Ball Game is a party game where players take turns unwrapping a ball of plastic wrap while rolling dice to determine who's turn it is. The ball has items wrapped in its layers. Players get to keep the items they unwrap.



This promises to be fun, it's brought to us by none other than Sabrina.

Let's start a new holiday tradition.

January 14th, start time is 2pm.



**Join in the fun at the annual  
Star Ranch White Elephant Gift Exchange**

**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 8:00pm

**Where:** Tara Hall

To participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$20 MAX) for either male, female, or couple.

# *Star Ranch Progressive Dinner*

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

Join us for our annual NYE's traditional Progressive Dinner. This event starts at 5PM, not our usual 6PM.

First, thanks for joining in our fun tradition and for providing a dish or two.

[FOOD SIGN-UP FORM WILL ARRIVE SOON IN BOTH A SPECIAL EMAIL AND TELEGRAM POST - LOOK FOR IT!]

For those who are not familiar with a Progressive Dinner, it is a traveling dinner hosted at someone's home. Each course will last about 45 minutes before moving to the next home.

This year's locations are as follows:

At 5:00pm - Appetizer Course will be hosted by Jo Lynn and Kathy M at site A-1

At 5:45pm - Salad Course will be hosted by Bob and Nancy R. at site G-1

At 6:30pm - Main Course will be hosted at Tara Hall

At 7:15pm - Dessert Course will be hosted by Paul O. at site C-14

We are in need of a few volunteers to assist at the Hall for the Main Course. We will need to meet at the Hall around 6:15. We also need a couple of volunteers to help with cleaning up. You can sign up on the form that is coming.

We have a dance in the Hall at 8:00pm.

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, December 20, 2024  
**TIME:** 6:00pm  
**WHERE:** Napoli's, 103 N. Main St., Elgin  
 (formerly Luigi's)

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



## December, January, & February Birthdays

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	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 Wimer G
12/25	Cristian B
12/26	Nancy R
12/28	Barbara S
12/28	Judy McG

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/2	Kathy G
1/4	Randy D
1/4	Diane S
1/5	Thomas C
1/6	Lorraine A
1/7	John S
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Dennis L
1/10	Rebecca S
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Bryan D
1/12	Kathy C
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/16	Lori M
1/18	Walt R
1/18	DA G
1/19	Amelia B
1/19	Srabant "Sabrina" A
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/21	Rebecca S
1/21	Bennett T
1/23	Colleen Q
1/25	Isaiah R
1/28	Elisa M
1/29	Pauline "Peggy" H
1/30	Lisa T
1/31	Jaqualine T

February	
2/2	Michael I
2/3	Amber A
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Kimberly S
2/8	Paul S
2/8	Irene I
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/11	Dennis M
2/13	JP C
2/13	Brian K
2/18	Jason S
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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Friday, December 6 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Tuesday, December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE Progressive Dinner 5:00-5:45 Appetizers @ A1, JoLynn and Kathy M hosting 5:45-6:30 Salads @ G1, Nancy and Bob R hosting 6:30-7:15 Main Course @ Tara Hall 7:15-8:00 Desserts @ C14, Paul O hosting 8:00 Dance in the New Year at Tara Hall
Saturday, December 7 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10am – 12pm Decorate Tara Hall 2 – 2:30pm Pick a Window/Door 5 – 9pm Christmas Yule Fire and Sing-Along 6 – 8pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall	Wednesday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 12pm Polar Bear Plunge 12 – 1pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests
Sunday, December 8 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	Friday, January 3 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Monday, December 9 & Tuesday, December 10 All day - Office Closed	Saturday, January 4 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
Friday, December 13 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Sunday, January 5 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
Saturday, December 14 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10am – 12pm Sahnoan Council Meeting 1 – 3pm Annual Christmas Cookie Contest 2 – 4pm Christmas Saran-Wrap Ball Game 6 – 8pm Christmas Dinner Potluck 6 – 6:30pm Window/Door Winners announced 7 – 8pm Wreath Auction 8 – 9pm White Elephant Gift Exchange 9pm – 12am KARAOKE with Captain Jack in Tara Hall	Monday, January 6 & Tuesday, January 7 All day - Office Closed
Sunday, December 15 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	Friday, January 10 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Monday, December 16 & Tuesday, December 17 All day - Office Closed	Saturday, January 11 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10am – 12pm Sahnoan Council Meeting
Friday, December 20 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner @ Napoli's 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Sunday, January 12 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
Saturday, December 21 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 1 – 3pm Boat Races @ Pool 6 – 8pm Snacks and Goodies - Tara Hall 7pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall	Monday, January 13 & Tuesday, January 14 All day - Office Closed
Sunday, December 22 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	Friday, January 17 6 – 7pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner—TBD 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Monday, December 23 & Tuesday, December 24 All day - Office Closed	Saturday, January 18 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 10 – 11am COG Board of Directors
Wednesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY All day - OFFICE CLOSED 1 – 3pm Christmas Potluck	Sunday, January 19 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
Friday, December 27 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet	Monday, January 20 & Tuesday, January 21 All day - Office Closed
Saturday, December 28 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 7pm – 12am Music in Tara Hall	Friday, January 24 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, December 29 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe	Saturday, January 25 9am – 2pm CHILI cookoff begins 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe 3 – 7pm PIE Contest begins 5 – 6pm PIE Auction 6pm CHILI Potluck
Monday, December 30 & Tuesday, December 31 All day - Office Closed	Sunday, January 26 9 – 10am Breakfast at Margie's Cafe
	Monday, January 27 & Tuesday, January 28 All day - Office Closed
	Friday, January 31 7 – 11pm Meet & Greet

## Letter to the Editor

[edited for length and content]

### THANKFULNESS

As I sit here reminiscing of the 54 revolutions I've made around the sun, the overwhelming thought I have is that of "Thankfulness". How appropriate is that because in this Thanksgiving season.

Common things to be thankful for are the following: 1. Just the sheer joy of being alive another year – '24 has been a tough year in our family as we have just lost our father and today; I'm thankful to be alive. 2. My health and wellbeing. We realize how lucky we are that we are able to get up and independently move around and take care of ourselves – again, '24 has been a tough year for that as I had to have shoulder surgery and was "winged" for a little while, but thankfully, I'm back to being "lil ol me" and loving life. 3. Our family – so very thankful for my beautiful wife and our children. The death of my father has not been easy, but death is a part of life and I choose life and am thankful for the values he instilled in me to be the father/man I am today. 4. God and Country – this is the cliché pick but must be added because we truly do live in the greatest country on the Earth, because it allows us to worship freely and to vote for the candidate of our choice. 5. My job – I have been blessed with I believe the job/company that was tailored made for me and allows me to be me – all the good and bad – and allows me to help people that need to be physically rehabbed. 6. My friends – I have lots of acquaintances in this world but very few I can call friends. I define a friend as someone I can call and speak openly and freely about anything and not get judged.

I think we can all relate to each and every one of the above topics, but let's talk about another thing that we, here at the Ranch, are all thankful for – NUDITY/NATURISM. I am so very thankful for finally stepping out of my comfort zone and finding other like-minded people that love to be NAKED! Being naked at home has always brought me sense of peace/calm/focus/recentering of self. I mean is there nothing better than taking a shower outside with 100 of your closest friends?? And let's not even discuss naked volleyball, naked crawfish boils, and naked Mardi Gras!

I can tell you all from the bottom of our heart that we are so THANKFUL FOR THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE TAKEN US IN AND MADE US PART OF THEIR FAMILY. The peace and love that has been given to us has been amazing. I truly believe that we see each other's hearts out here – that people are sincere and genuine and feel for each other. Again, THANK YOU so very much for your time and understanding.

The founders wanted major change in their lives and thus, our Happy Place was created. As we just enjoyed Thanksgiving, let's take time to reflect just how thankful we are. Let's be thankful for all our new members that we are getting and listen to their new ideas about ways that may help our Happy Place be a Happier Place!

Peace to you all this Thanksgiving season.

Seymore Hiney

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

SAHNOAN DOWNS

POTLUCKS

WHITE ELEPHANT  
GIFT EXCHANGE

*New Year's Eve  
Progressive Dinner & Dance*

Chili Cook-off

*Valentine's Sweetheart  
Dinner & Dance*

INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB

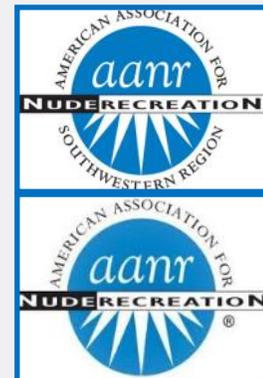
# This & That

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for  
Saturday, January 18, 2025 @ 10am @ Tara Hall

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



**WELCOME**  
new members



**C.O.G. Board of Directors**

President Crystal W  
Vice President Ronnie B  
Directors: Jamie M  
Jean M  
Bart W  
Treasurer Mary L

**Sahnoan Council**

Deborah V  
Bob R  
Mike W & Jennifer M  
Pete T  
Mike & Linda G  
Paul O  
Rhum C

**Star Ranch Staff**

General Manager Linda McC  
Front Office Melissa S  
Sandi S  
Maintenance Mike M  
Bruce R  
Tim V  
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, December 14, 2024 at 10:00am @ Tara Hall**

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

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