

# SAHNOAN STAR

*Stand Not Between Me and the Sun*



Sweetheart  
Dinner!

## 2025 Sweetheart Dinner

*By reservation only , seating is limited*

*[Sign-up deadline is Friday, February 7th \(click here\)](#)*

*Appetizer- Roasted Butternut Squash Pear Soup*

*Salad- Iceberg Wedge Salad with apple, pecans, tomato, and onion dressed with Honey Mustard*

*Dinner Rolls and Breadsticks*

*Select Your Entrée-*

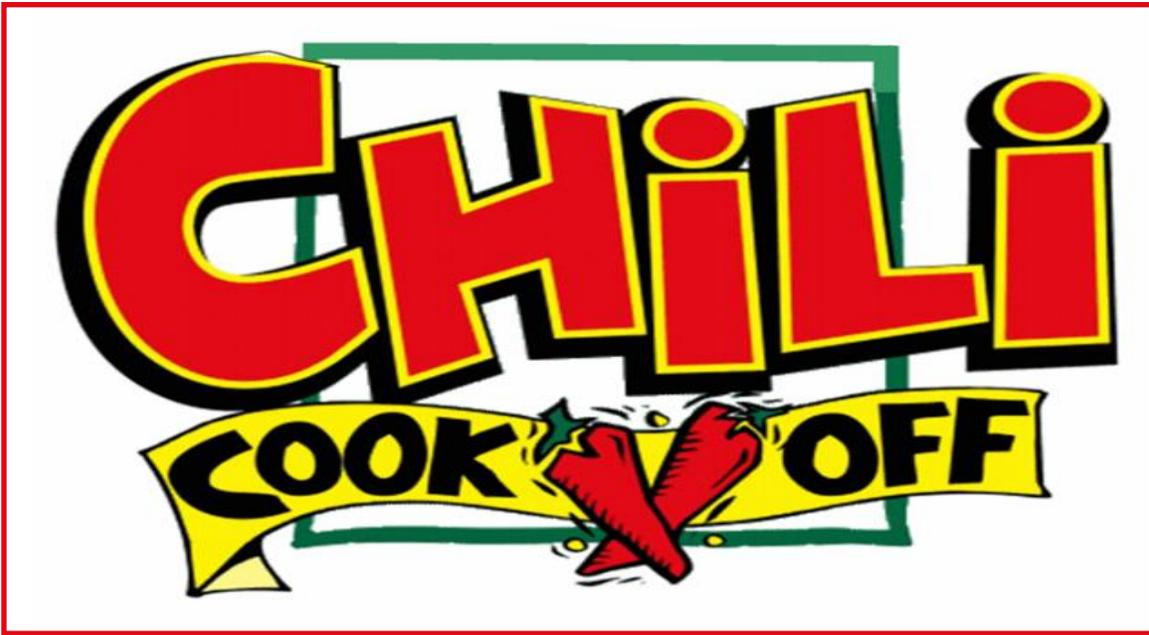
- 1. Center-cut pork chop with mushroom stuffing and sauce, steamed broccoli, and roasted butter potatoes*
- 2. Eggplant Parmesan with fettuccini, fresh red sauce, and grated Italian cheese*

*Dessert- Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce and Vanilla Bean ice-cream*

*\$30 per person*

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The Star Ranch Annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Contest and Auction was held on Saturday, January 25, 2025

<i><u>Chili Cook-off Winners</u></i>	<i><u>Pie Contest</u></i>
<i><u>First Place</u></i> <i>Pete T</i>	<i><u>First Place</u></i> <i>Nancy R</i>
<i><u>Second Place</u></i> <i>Lisa T</i>	<i><u>Second Place</u></i> <i>Pete T</i>
<i><u>Third Place</u></i> <i>Lee</i>	<i><u>Third Place</u></i> <i>Brad F</i>

## President's Message

I wanted to share a couple of stories about how good things happen when we all work together here at Star Ranch.

As the number of members, residents and visitors continues to grow here at the Ranch, it has become challenging at times, especially on busy weekends, to secure a lounge chair to enjoy the sun by our marvelous pool. And with new chairs costing between \$100-\$290 each, simply buying new or replacement chairs can put a real dent in our tight budget. Thankfully, a couple of our wonderful, long-time members saw an opportunity to secure several dozen new loungers through an online auction site. They quickly alerted the office, and a member of our staff was able to win not one, but several lots. The result was 72 quality loungers that were originally sold at Home Depot for under \$200! From there, two of our full-time residents volunteered to hook up their trailers and make 2 trips to Austin (an all-day affair) to pick up our new chairs! Then, to top it off, an anonymous donor stepped up and covered all our costs! The bottom line is that when the weather starts to warm up, you'll notice some new loungers. The others will be held in reserve to replace any of our older chairs as needed. This is a shining example of what we can accomplish when we all work together to make Star Ranch an even more enjoyable place to call home!

I also wanted to say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this past weekend's events in Tara Hall. I'll let a member of the Council fill you in on the details, but between the Pie Auction and the Pie-In-The-Face challenge, we raised about \$6,000! It's a great feeling to know that so many love this place so much, that they are willing to go above and beyond. It makes me proud to serve on the Board of Directors and to be your President.

I will be going on the Bare Necessities Big Nude Boat with a number of others from Star Ranch. Things will still be happening here but it may seem a bit quiet for a couple of weekends. I look forward to seeing you when we return and I hope to bring some sunny Caribbean weather back with us! Spring is right around the corner and we are already preparing for the Bare Buns as the start to the season. We will be having some workdays to get ready and would love to have all the volunteers we can get! Watch the newsletter and the website for those dates. As always, we appreciate all of you and the uniqueness you bring to our little paradise! In the meantime, be safe and stay warm!

Crystal



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY DINNER

**WHEN:** Friday, February 21, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**WHERE:** TBD



# February, March, & April Birthdays

February	
2/2	Michael I
2/3	Amber A
2/6	Gary C
2/8	Kimberly S
2/8	Paul S
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	Matthew D
2/24	Chris H
2/24	Timothy Q
2/26	Tracy G

March	
3/1	Mike O
3/6	Sadelina D
3/8	William R. C
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	Craig M
3/11	Becky K
3/11	Mary M
3/13	Sarah J
3/13	Jackie H
3/13	Katie T
3/15	Kate M
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	Dustin N
4/13	Fred H
4/14	Olga R
4/14	Marta M
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	Kat W

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Saturday, February 1 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 8pm Music and Games in Tara Hall	Friday, February 28 7pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, February 2 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, March 1 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 8pm Music and Games in Tara Hall
Monday, February 3 & Tuesday, February 4 Office Closed	Sunday, March 2 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Wednesday, February 5 12pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests	Monday, March 3 & Tuesday, March 4 Office Closed
Friday, February 7 7pm Meet & Greet	Wednesday, March 5 12pm Fire Siren & Horn Tests
Saturday, February 8 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 3pm Molkky 7pm The 27th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! w/KJs CM & Jody	Friday, March 7 7pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, February 9 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, March 8 5K WORK DAY 9am Work Day 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 2pm RC Boats and Races 8pm Music and Games in Tara Hall
Monday, February 10 & Tuesday, February 11 Office Closed	Sunday, March 9 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am Council Meeting
Friday, February 14 7pm Meet & Greet	Monday, March 10 & Tuesday, March 11 Office Closed
Saturday, February 15 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am COG Board of Directors 2pm Decorate Tara Hall for Valentine's Day 6pm Sweetheart's Dinner 8pm Sweetheart's Dance 9pm Crowning of the King & Queen of Hearts	Friday, March 14 7pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, February 16 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, March 15 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am Sahnoan Council Meeting 3pm Molkky 7pm The 28th Running at Sahnoan Downs 8pm KARAOKE! w/KJs CM & Jody
Monday, February 17 & Tuesday, February 18 Office Closed	Sunday, March 16 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Friday, February 21 6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner TBD 7pm Meet & Greet	Monday, March 17 & Tuesday, March 18 All day Office Closed
Saturday, February 22 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 1pm RC Boat Races @ Pool 2pm Mardi Gras parade 6pm Mardi Gras potluck 8pm Mardi Gras dance	Friday, March 21 6pm Monthly Members Birthday Dinner 7pm Meet & Greet
Sunday, February 23 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe	Saturday, March 22 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10am COG Board of Directors 2pm Ping Pong! 3pm Pool Contest & Darts 8pm Music and Games in Tara Hall
Monday, February 24 & Tuesday, February 25 Office Closed	Sunday, March 23 9am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe

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:

*Card Games*

*Valentine's Sweetheart  
Dinner & Dance*

*Karaoke*

SAHNOAN DOWNS

*Mardi Gras*

MÖLKKY

POTLUCKS

Rock Painting

INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB

# Mark's Musings

## JUST A LITTLE PIE AUCTION

When we schedule events you never really know for certain how things are going to go. Sometimes we have a huge event scheduled and no one shows up for whatever reason. Every now and then all the planets align, and things work out. That was certainly the case this past Saturday. We had the ANNR Southwest mid-winter meeting, a chili cook-off, a pie contest, an auction for said pies and a pie in the face event. A huge thank you to all the cooks (and bidders). Pete won the chili contest, Nancy won the pie contest and the Ranch was the huge winner, raking in over \$6K in donations. You read that correctly, **\$6K** in donations on Saturday night.

On the subject of ANNR it is somewhat embarrassing when we review the club membership numbers and Star Ranch has a total of 30 members. Folks, we have over 500 members, we need to do better. I have written about the benefits of ANNR and will not carry on about it here. Two non-landed clubs in the region mandate ANNR membership to join their groups. It is much easier to do when they have 20 members total. One landed club larger than we are mandates ANNR membership for board members, residents and leaseholders. Members who do not fall into one of those categories are not required to become ANNR members. That obviously has zero bearing on Star Ranch, but it would be nice if more of us saw the benefit of ANNR and became members. You can join through the Star Ranch office or directly on the ANNR website.

The chili cookoff was much more involved than one might think. Participants had to prepare chili on site. As mentioned, the clubhouse was tied up with the ANNR meeting, so the chili folks were assigned to cook at the pool – Chilly, not chili... Many thanks to those that entered. We had 7 entries (from 5 contestants) who all knocked it out of the park. Some had beans, some didn't. Some had cubed chili meat, others had ground meat. Some were thick, others were much thinner and soup-like. How is it I know so much about the chili, I was asked to be a judge. After careful consideration, we made our selections.

The pie auction ROCKED. Mike M and Pete T did a solid job as auctioneers. The bidders came to play. In some cases, we auctioned off whole pies, in other cases we auctioned off slices. In the end, we had folks bidding exclusively by the slice. It was awesome fun.

After dinner, we were evaluating pie face-planting locations. It was decided adjacent to the pool table would not be good. We ended up in the rear corner of the clubhouse. We placed a sheet on the floor as the folks started to get excited. As mentioned last week, Mike W. and I had already committed to take a pie. Sandi was not happy with two pies; she bought four. We needed two more victims. After getting told no several times, I found Bart and Fred. They both agreed to play.

At this point, our auctioneer, Brad, takes the mic and brings each of us up there to begin the bidding. After some friendly marketing from Brad, in which he mentioned things like beards, chest hair and even called Mike W Fabio, we had over 3K in bids from the Star Ranch crowd. Mike W had the highest bid at 2K by himself. Why do you suppose Mike W had the highest bid? The audience really seemed to want to see pie filling in his hair and beard. Now that we have the money taken care of, it is go time.

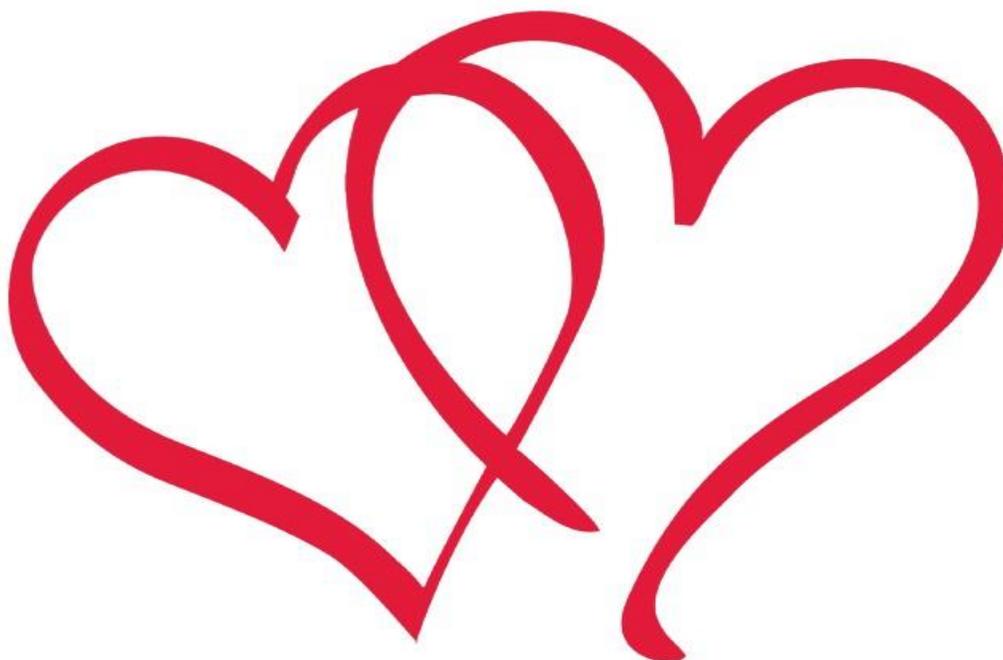
We lead off with Fred, Kat W nails him in the face and the crowd goes wild. Bart is up second and Vickie I. does not disappoint with a perfectly placed pie - right in the face. I am up third and my wife hit me perfectly, with what I will only call a fast pitch softball move that hit me square in my big face. It was at this point, I realize someone was not happy with the initial pie prep. They loaded each pie up with a **ginormous** amount of whipped cream. The number four man was Mike W. Ms Nancy, that shy sweet little lady that does so much for us, was locked and loaded for bear. Nancy had the dressed-up pie as mentioned, but also had a free hand full of whipped cream. She hit Mike with a double shot: pie in one hand and topping in the other.

All the guys were total troopers about it, and no one threatened to beat me as we showered ourselves clean.

All in all, it was a great weekend in which we raised a significant amount of money for the Ranch. Thanks to Fred and Kat, Bart and Vicki, Mike and Nancy and my bride for being good sports.

A special thanks to the members who spent their hard-earned money to the benefit of the Ranch. The entire weekend sure made me proud.

Mark S



# This & That

**Coming Soon! Annual Shareholders Meeting and Board Elections**

**If you or anyone you know, is interested in running for the Board, please get your bio and a headshot to the editor by February 25.**

**It will run in the March and April newsletters.**

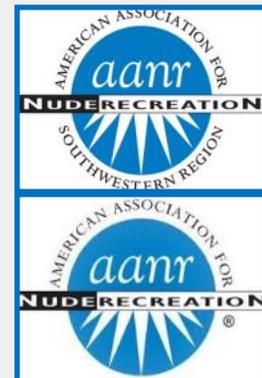
**The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 10am @ Tara Hall**

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



**WELCOME**  
*new members*

**Bri & Fritz  
Julie & Bill M  
Karen & Dennis K**



**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  
Rhum C

**Star Ranch Staff**

General Manager Linda McC  
Tim V  
Front Office Melissa S  
Sandi S  
Maintenance Mike M  
Bruce R  
Housekeeping Mo V

*Thoughts*

**Joe & Pat W**

*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 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 Sunday, March 9, 2025 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](mailto:jkm8765@gmail.com). Jennifer M.