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It is that favorite time of the year at Star Ranch...the Progressive Dinner!

When? Saturday, December 31st

Where? 5:00 PM—Awesome Appetizers

5:45 PM—Scrumptious Salads

6:30 PM—Mouth-Watering Main Course

7:15 PM—Delicious Desserts

Craig & Linda Mc. Site U3

Larry & Melissa S. Site P2

Wanda H., Grace L., JT Site Tara Hall

Lynn D. Site U5

Please take any contributions to the location of your choice prior to the start of the dinner. Don't forget to come back to Tara Hall for the New Year's Eve Dance at 8:00 PM and the drawing for the Silver Membership.

COOKIE CONTEST

December 3, 2016

Bring your freshly baked cookies to Margie's Café before 2 PM, at which time judging will promptly start.

- * Names of cookies may not be proper names (Wanda's Wonders, David's Delight, etc.)
- * Cookie bars are acceptable
- * Cookies must be homemade
- * Decorated cookies are acceptable
- * Please bring a copy of the recipe

Prizes will be given for 1st Place.

Winners will be announced immediately following the judging.

Star Ranch Office is open from 9 AM to 4 PM Sunday through Saturday for winter hours.

The office will close at noon on December 24th & will be closed all day on December 25th and January 1.



Knock! Knock!

Who's there?

Rudolph.

Rudolph who?

Money is the Rudolph all evil!

REMINDER—please pick up your internet packages in the front office. We have run out of room for our visitors

Council News

On November 19, 2016 the Council of the Sahnoans unanimously passed constitutional amendments that create an entirely member elected Council. There will be no more "Historical Council" positions. In the past Council positions could only be appointed by existing Council members and served without term limitation. In the past Council members could only be removed by other Council members without input from the Sahnoan membership.

Your Council will be comprised of ten positions consisting of couples & individuals but will be subject to an open election process of alternating two year terms by the membership, allowing for full Sahnoan member participation in the governance of Star Ranch (C.O.G.) going forward.

There will soon be copies of the new constitution available through the office. In the meantime, as always, feel free to ask any Council member any questions you may have on the matter.

C.O.G. Operations by Rod M.

Well, winter is around the corner so thought it was time to for me to remind everybody about winterizing your RV or cabin.

Almost every winter someone does not get the water turned off and water lines drained. This can cost thousands of dollars, that is what destroyed the Liles House.

Please don't forget!

Hope everyone has a good holiday season.

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JOIN US AS WE SAY

Farewell

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Good bye

Dick & Peggy on their move to Colorado

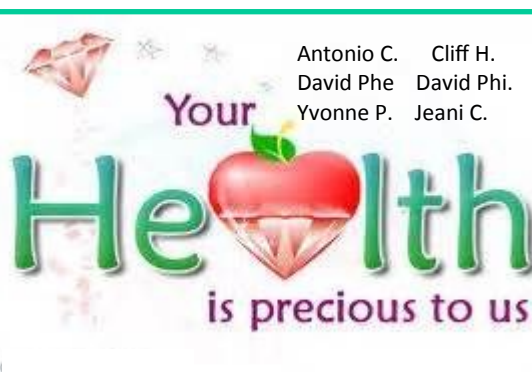
Saturday, December 3, 2016

6 pm potluck & gathering in Tara Hall

(please bring a dish to share)

December Highlights

December will be a busy month at Star Ranch. 2 PM Cookie Contest, 6 PM Potluck & gathering for Dick & Peg on the 3rd. Board & Council meetings on the 10th starting at 10 AM, Paul L & Marty C. wedding 5 PM, wedding potluck 6 PM, Dance at 8 PM. The 14th is the monthly potluck with music by Phil & Phriends. The 17th is decorated site judging at 5:30 PM, potluck at 6 PM, "White Elephant" gift exchange. — you pick a present & it can be taken 3 times. The 3rd person will keep the gift. Maximum \$20 per gift please, specify if the gift is for female or male. Christmas Day potluck at 1 PM in Tara Hall, the club will provide the ham. Last but not least the 31st is the Progressive Dinner (details on front page). New Years Eve Dance at 8 PM along with the Silver Membership drawing.



Did you hear the one about.....

What was the favorite tea of the American Colonists?

Liberty!!!

December Happenings

- 3** 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
- 11:-00 AM Decorate Tara Hall
- 2:00 PM Cookie Contest Judging
- 6:00 PM Dick & Peg Party Potluck
- 10** 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- Council Meeting—Immediately following Board Meeting
- Paul L. & Marty C. Wedding in Tara Hall (see schedule on page 5)
- 14** 6:00 PM Monthly Potluck & Music with Phil & Phriends
- 16** 6:00 PM Birthday Dinner at Asian Delights in Elgin
- 17** 5:30 PM Site Judging
- 6:00 PM Potluck
- 6:30 PM Gift Exchange
- 25 Merry Christmas**
- 31** 5:00 PM Progressive Dinner

January Happenings

- 1 Happy New Year!**
- 7** 8:30 —10 AM Breakfast
- 7:00 PM Bingo
- 14** 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
- Indoor Tournaments
- 20** 6:00 PM Birthday Dinner (Location TBA)
- 21** 8:30—10 AM Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 8:00 PM Disco Dance
- 28** Chili Cook off
- 9:30 begin cooking
- 1:30 judging
- 2 Pie judging
- 5:30 pie auction
- 6:00 potluck

Outdoor Pool

The pool renovation reconstruction officially began November 29th. During the next 4—6 weeks be prepared to have the road at front side of pool blocked. During those times you will have to drive around the tennis court and camo can to get around. When done I am sure all will agree this minor inconvenience will be worth while.

Rod



Chili Contest Rules

January 28, 2017



No ingredient may be precooked or treated in any way prior to the commencement of the official cook off , with the following exceptions: canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, pepper sauce, beverages, broth, beans and grinding and mixing of spices; meat or meat substitute

may be precut or ground but not treated (seasoned in any way); all other ingredients must be chopped or prepared during the setup and cooking periods; you may precook your beans as long as you DO NOT add any spices or treatment while they are being cooked; each contestant will need to provide their own cookware and heating method for the preparation of the chili

Each contestant will be responsible for cleaning all of their own cookware and cooking space; the cooking period will be from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. All samples will be gathered in the same type container (provided by the Sahnoans), no accoutrements will be allowed; the chili MUST be cooked on-site the day of the cook off, out in the open; each contestant will be assigned a number by the scorekeeper and given a container in which their chili will be collected at the time of the official judging. Each contestant should verify that the number on the bottom of the container is the same number assigned to them.

History of the Christmas Stocking

(enlightenme.com)



In most families, it's a long standing tradition to hang Christmas stockings for every member of the family, even pets get their own stockings. These stockings are usually oversized socks that can be personalized with a name, filled with toys, candy & small gifts, often called stocking stuffers. Here is how this tradition got started:

Written records don't really indicate how the tradition of Christmas stockings got started, but there are several legends surrounding this tradition. The most trustworthy legend maintains that Saint Nicholas learned about a poor man who could not afford to pay a dowry for his three daughters, and he was worried about them. Saint Nicholas decided to help the man. He took three bags of gold with him down the chimney of the man's home. Once inside, he found the girls' stockings hanging on the mantelpiece after washing to dry, Saint Nicholas added the gold bags to the stockings and then went about his Christmas Eve rounds. As the story spread, children began hanging their own stockings or putting out shoes, waiting for their own gifts.

Today, many families make their own personalized Christmas stockings so Santa knows which stocking is which. Christmas stockings are traditionally hung on a fireplace mantel, or the Christmas tree.

And that's the history of Christmas stockings!!



FOR SALE

Double Wide Mobile Home
Includes:

- Cover & on concrete slab
- Well insulated
- Drapes & curtains
- 2 refrigerators
- 2 sheds—1 is carpeted & insulated with a cedar closet; one has a gas dryer & water heater



Asking \$32,000

Contact Dick or Peg L. at 512-273-2485

Located at A-1

Bastrop County Holiday Events

Bastrop

River of Lights

Texas Style Ice Skating
Breakfast with Santa
Cookie Decorating
Holiday Homes Tour
Lighted Christmas Parade
Visit Santa at the Sugar Shack

Elgin

Holiday by the Tracks
Hot Cocoa Contest
Santa Sightings
Lighted Christmas Parade
Live Nativity

Check websites for more info:
Bastropchamber.com/events
Elgintxchamber.com

Pie Baking Contest Rules

Pies must be homemade. Crust ONLY can be store bought. Recipe must accompany pie.

- Pies will be judged on Appearance, Texture, Taste, and Presentation
- Judges will choose the winners
- A baker may turn in more than one pie
- After winners announced all pies will be auctioned



C.O.G. Operations

General Manager Rod Mc.
Maintenance Paul O.
Housekeeping Dina P.
Office Pixie Mc.
Lara L.
Rental Cabin Coordinator Deidra F.

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Mike W. & Jennifer M. Phil & Lorraine A.

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Our Residents Voted For...America! by David Phi.



The recent General Election saw record turnouts in Bastrop County, as well as across the country. I was honored to be a Precinct Clerk for Pct. 4021 on November 8. Voting occurred at Faith Lutheran Church in McDade.

355 citizens voted here, which is not surprising. People were lined up before the doors opened at 7 AM, and traffic was steady all day.

I counted 12 Star Ranch residents (or 38%) who cast ballots. A smaller number had voted early. We have 39 adult residents, but 31 of those were on the property Election Day.

Irrespective of for whom our members cast their vote, we were exercising our right to vote, which is a BIG DEAL anywhere.

Voting is similar to jury duty: these are two forms of participation in which everyday citizens make a difference in the life of our fellow citizens. Sometimes voting for a "lesser of two evils" can be as undesirable as serving on a jury, but I have heard more than one judge address the panel about how important their service is to making our court system work. In the 55 years that I have voted in general elections, I have voted for five winners and five losers. The only bragging rights I have for that kind of record is found on the little stickers available at the ballot box saying "I voted." So thank you, fellow residents, for doing your part on November 8 as Americans.

Paul L. & Marty C. Wedding is a clothed event—all are welcome!

Wedding Ceremony 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Potluck 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (please bring a dish)
Dance 8:00 PM to Midnight



Russell N	12/5	Diane S	1/4
Benny Be	12/6	Lorraine A	1/6
JT T	12/8	Teresa S	1/6
Terry P	12/12	Philip A	1/7
Jean M	12/15	Bryan D	1/10
Libia C	12/16	Kathy M	1/10
Travis L	12/16	DA G	1/18
Stephen G	12/17	Thomas M	1/18
Roy F	12/18	Jeani C	1/20
Richard G	12/21	Hal Di	1/22
Tommie N	12/27		
Judy Mc	12/28		
Robbie M	12/28		



We wish you a
Merry Christmas
Staff, Board & Council