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Dick Leverington's 90th Birthday

by Larry S.

Every year about this time, the Sahnoan Council sponsors a genuine Hawaiian luau in Tara Hall. Our dedicated volunteers decorate the hall to look like Waikiki and our volunteer cooks bring all kinds of goodies. We have Hawaiian ham, Hawaiian iced tea, Hawaiian fish, Hawaiian rice, Hawaiian bread, Hawaiian...well, you get the idea.

But this year was a special luau - the likes of which has never been seen at Star Ranch - because we gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of our most highly esteemed members – Dick Leverington. Dick served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he enjoyed a successful career at what is now Rockwell International, he married the prettiest, sweetest girl he'd ever seen, and they raised a family of kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. But most importantly, to us at least, he and Peggy became members of Star Ranch in 1968 and residents in 1990.

Dick served the community as a Council member, a Board member, general manager and volunteer. His volunteer work continues today, even at the young age of 90. He and Peggy make a trip to town every week and fill up their Suburban with all the supplies it takes to keep our community operating. They bring all that back to the ranch, unload it and put it away. This work often goes unnoticed; but we would all notice very quickly if it did not get done.

In honor of his birthday and his service to the nation, his family and our community, Dick received an official proclamation from Governor Gregg Abbot, thanking him for that service and congratulating him on his birthday. He also received birthday wishes from the President and First Lady of the United States. Dick was presented with a Texas state flag that was flown over the state capitol in honor of his birthday.



If you didn't make the luau, please wish Dick a happy birthday the next time you see him. And, how about giving him a hand unloading that Suburban!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of the volunteer cooks. We would not be able to serve a breakfast brunch if it wasn't for you!

Member/Visitor Inappropriate Actions

by Rod M.

I have been questioned as to what procedures to follow if someone is being inappropriate. First line of contact is call the office. I will immediately stop what I am doing and get involved. Second, if I am not available then contact one of our governing bodies, a board member or a council member. Two of them should and can get involved. Any member has the right to politely ask an individual to refrain or stop inappropriate actions. **However, an individual member does not have the right or authority to try and escort someone off the property.** The office has access to background checks which can assist myself, board or council member in what actions should be taken. We have multiple lines of defense to assist and make sure everyone, children and adults, are safe and secure while on Star Ranch property.

A Bunch of SAP's

by Larry S.

At the most recent meeting of the board of directors, there was some discussion regarding the upcoming milestones in the history of Star Ranch. Next April, we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Bare Buns Run. 2017 will also mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of Star Ranch. If all goes as planned, we should have a newly renovated swimming pool to enjoy next year as well.

These milestones call for some serious celebrating. Serious celebrating requires planning. And that brings us to the subject of SAP's. The board authorized the creation of the Star Ranch Sixtieth Anniversary Planning (SAP) Committee. The Board will schedule an organizational meeting of the committee and will elect officers to lead the effort

We are looking for more SAP's to help us plan, organize and pull off the celebration, including the development of marketing and advertising materials, electronic and hardcopy dissemination of information and invitations for members and guests, giveaways and sale items (e.g., coozies, towels, coffee mugs, t-shirts, etc.), events, games, and whatever else we can come up with.

This is a major opportunity for us to let the world know about Star Ranch and invite visitors to enjoy our facilities.

If you would like to be a SAP and help us with this celebration, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Margie's Nekkid Café. You can also let any board member know of your interest.

SPORTS

by Paul O.

On July 23rd six fierce competitors met at the Field of Honor for the running of *"The Annual Gerald Burns Memorial Nudiapolis Speedway Golf Cart Races"*.

The carts were divided into two divisions; gas and electric with each division represented by three fearless drivers. Roy F., Rod M., and Dave W. ran the gas carts and Jerry C, Mary M., and Mike M. ran electrics. After a very hot, very dusty double elimination round with one photo finish Roy F., and Jerry C. stepped victorious to the thunderous cheers and cold beers of an enthusiastic crowd of rabid racing fans. After accepting their prize monies the two victors settled an age old question in a gentlemen's agreement to race the two champions head to head with only honor and bragging rights at stake; gas vs. electric. The air was palpable at the finish as, in another photo finish, the much maligned ELECTRIC bested the crowd favored gas to a mixture of gasps and cheers. There are rumors in the woods of a rematch when next we meet for heart pounding, show stopping, grass track burning, racing competition.

Stay Tuned...

Labor Day 2016

September 3, 4, 5

Friday	6:00 PM	Appetizers to share at outdoor pool
Saturday	9:30—11 AM	Breakfast Brunch
	10 AM	Petanque
	1 PM	Water Volleyball
	5 PM	Washers
	6 PM	Burgers at the Pool
8 PM	Ranch Raiders Band	
Sunday	9:30—11 AM	Breakfast Brunch
	10 AM	Petanque
	1 PM	Water Volleyball
	4 PM	Washers
	6 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Sand Volleyball	
Monday	9:30—11 AM	Breakfast Brunch
	10 AM	Cash Petanque

Wear a suit or wear a shawl,
But the Bride & Groom
will wear nothing at all!
Come to the Pavilion,
August 6, 2016 at 4 PM while
Tyler L. & Heather C.
exchange wedding vows. All
are welcome!

Did you hear
the one
about...the
broken pencil?
Never mind, it's
pointless.

THANKS THANKS THANKS
THANKS THANKS
THANKS THANKS

A yard full of thanks
to Jerry C., David M.
and Mary M. for taking
the time out of their
already busy day to
mow Star Ranch



AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 6 PM Appetizers at outdoor pool	6 9:30-11 AM Breakfast Brunch 4 PM Tyler & Heather Wedding
7 9:30-11 AM- Breakfast Brunch	8	9	10 6 PM Potluck Music by Phil & Phriends	11	12 6 PM Appetizers at outdoor pool	13 9:30-11 AM Breakfast Brunch Road Kill Cook Off 5:30 PM Judging
14 9:30-11 AM- Breakfast Brunch	15	16	17	18	19 6 PM Appetizers at outdoor pool	20 9 10 AM Breakfast Tacos 10 AM Board Mtg. followed by the Council Mtg Ice Cream Contest 2 PM Start Churning 3 PM Judg
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Independence Day Fun and Games

by Larry S.

The Fourth of July is always a fun time at Star Ranch. This year we had a full house, with all our cabins rented and most of the RV slots filled. We had lots of sunshine, warm weather and beautiful surroundings centered on the outdoor pool and pavilions.

An anonymous member donated a bottomless cooler full of beer, the chefs from Margie's Nekkid Café recruited volunteers to grill burgers at the pool on Saturday, we had the traditional hot dog lunch on Sunday, and the weekend was filled with fun and games.

In case you missed it, the winners of our tournaments were:

Saturday

Petanque – Dave M and Larry

Water Volleyball – Ken W, Deborah V, Allen N, Melissa S and Dylan L

Washers – Bill C and Mike M

Sunday

Petanque -- Dave M and Melissa S

Water Volleyball – Roy F, Melissa S, Dylan L, Mike K and Sta

Washers – Bill C and Joe R

Sand Volleyball – Travis L, Tara, Kim, Tim H and Archie

Monday

Cash Petanque – Larry S

An excellent time was had by all. Your next opportunity to play and win will be Labor Day. Don't miss it!

August Birthdays

Bruce D.	8/1
Gary H.	8/2
Shelby K.	8/5
Joe R.	8/6
Jerry C.	8/6
Jennifer M.	8/7
Susan L.	8/11
Lou Ann R.	8/13
Ardeth S.	8/24
Mike M.	8/24
Genie C.	8/31
Myrl S.	8/31

Thank Melissa S., Debbie J., Judy M. for taking charge in cleaning rental cabins while Dina was on vacation.

Cook up your favorite road kill for all to share at the Road Kill Cook Off August 13th. Judging starts at 5:30 PM, potluck at 6 PM

September Birthdays

Jordan S.	9/1
Belinda A.	9/4
Mike M.	9/5
Paul O.	9/5
Crystal W.	9/6
Peggy L.	9/6
Gary C.	9/9
Kim D.	9/10
Nikki L.	9/10
Mike A.	9/11
Dina P.	9/11
Craig B.	9/15
G Mike W.	9/17
Joe W.	9/19
Mike W.	9/25
Arlene M.	9/25
Pat W.	9/28
Bob R.	9/30

You have your grandma's secret ice cream recipe? Arm muscles strengthened? You'll need them both for a chance to win the Ice Cream Contest August 20th. Churning starts at 2 PM with judging at 3 PM

Looking Totally

Fabulous

At 96

Happy Birthday

Millie M.



Don't Forget!!

Appetizers at 6 PM every Friday night at the outdoor pool. Bring your favorite appetizer to share!

Cliff H. Yvonne P.
Antonio C. David Phe.

Sorry to hear that you have been struggling with health problems of late. This message comes with warm thoughts and well wishes for you

Your Sahnoan Family

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Sahnoan Council

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General Manager	Rod Mc.
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Office	Lara L.
	Pixie Mc.
Rental Cabin Coordinator	Deidra F.

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Dick & Peg L.	Abby P.
DA G. & Debbie J.	Roy & Deidra F.
Mike .W. & Jennifer M.	Mike & Jean M.
Jerry & Jenni C.	David & Mary

Hi fellow Sahnoans!

Happy Summer to all!

by David M.

Mary and I were at the pool this past Friday and Saturday night, and it was PERFECT! Warm, but not too warm, nice breeze, fun people, water volleyball, good food, good booze (!), in short, FUN. And that's what it's all about. Star Ranch has had some significant challenges for the past few months, mostly caused by the unusually wet Spring we've had. Because of that, Rod and Paul O. have devoted their lives to repairing our roads! Our gravel budget is out of sight. But you can all get in and out. (Eely road is slated for a MAJOR overhaul soon - stay tuned!) And the greenery is growing the likes of which we have never seen.

We lost our Margie Hall. Mike A. has moved away for medical treatment, although he remains on the Council and hopes to visit frequently. Cliff is having hard times, and I'm sure would appreciate a visit from you. Craig's failing eyesight makes his continued management of Margie's Nekkid Cafe unworkable.

With personnel changes come more challenges. Star Ranch is 59 years old this year, and for these six decades, the club has pretty much operated based upon volunteer contributions. Contributions of labor. This club runs on volunteer help.

I'm often asked "Well, why don't they ,,,,,," ?(you fill in the blanks!). "They" don't exist! They = YOU. EVERYTHING you see is done by volunteers of Star Ranch.

We work HARD to contain costs of operation. Our 2015 labor costs were about 65K. That covers SEVEN employees. You do the math. We keep costs low so that we keep members, and the members appreciate what an amazing value this club is for the benefits provided.

So what am I talking about? We need YOUR help!! In whatever capacity you choose to help out. Mowing has become a big burden this year. Trimming. Cooking. Just picking up branches. Using the dip net in the pool. Sweeping up sand. A million little things that collectively make Star Ranch run. If you see something that needs doing, just take a moment and do it. .

We have so many members that help out, it's dangerous to mention any by name. Some volunteers have just looked around, seen things that needed attention, and done them. Mowing, trimming, painting signs, power washing, and on and on. Why? Because it's really fun to contribute. It makes you feel good! You take a new pride in "OUR" Star Ranch. It's a product of member effort, and the better it is, the more proud we can be.

OK. So do you **HAVE** to help out. No, of course not. Not a requirement for membership. But I can promise you that you will come away from the VOLUNTEER experience with a smile on your face, and with a new sense of pride in YOUR Star Ranch. And probably with some new friends and enhanced status in your club!! Try it!

Rod keeps an ongoing list in the office of unending stuff that needs to be done. Go volunteer. And thanks!!