

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

From the President:

As we end one chapter and begin anew, I would like to again say thank you to Mike W. and Wanda H. They have given freely of their time and talents on the board to improve the Ranch and have been amazing mentors and friends. To update you all, in the executive session the Board elected me President and Ronnie B. Vice President. As a new board, we ask for your support and patience as we navigate to set our new directions. My goal in this year where I am serving as President is to be available and approachable, and to consider the opinions of all.



Our main mission for the next month is to get the office fully staffed. We are trying to utilize our skills and abilities in our current and previous work lives to make well informed decisions that will benefit our organization. You have had the opportunity to meet both GM candidates (Linda M. and Kel T.) and I welcome your comments and questions as we try to make that good decision. Secondly, we have set our sights on developing an organized plan to tackle the many maintenance issues. We have some long-standing projects that cannot wait any longer and need to address issues that occur daily as well. I feel so lucky to have members that share their skills and talents in so many areas to keep everything running. I want to ensure we don't ask so much of them that they hate to see us coming. An organized plan may help us to keep from overlapping effort and moving forward without burning everyone out. As we fix and repair our domestic sanctuary, I hope you will also look at the Firewise materials available at <https://www.nfpa.org/> to protect your property. We plan to have a workday soon that will focus on Firewise so we can start building up our volunteer investment.

As we enter the summer season, I am feeling there is a renewed positive energy. I hope you are feeling it too. I am looking forward to the parties, dances, parades, and food! I hope you can enjoy the social aspects that the activities bring which serve to strengthen our connection as a community. I am hoping Mike W.'s regular updates will keep everybody in the loop for all the fun things on the calendar. Looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new!

Crystal W.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

From the President	1
This & That	4
From the Council	5
Birthdays	6
Tidbits	7
Calendar/Upcoming Events	8/9
Classifieds	10
Board/Council/Staff	11

Silent Auction is Coming!

The second not-quite-annual Star Ranch Silent Auction is coming on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, 2022. The proceeds from this auction will go to such exotic expenditures as paying bills, making improvements to and maintaining our beautiful oasis for nature lovers, right here in McDade, Texas.

We already have received some very nice donations for this auction; however, if you have something of value that you believe would make a good auction item, please contact Melissa S. at 512-417-8698, or in the office at 512-273-2257. Melissa is coordinating the auction and will be glad to include your auction-ready items.

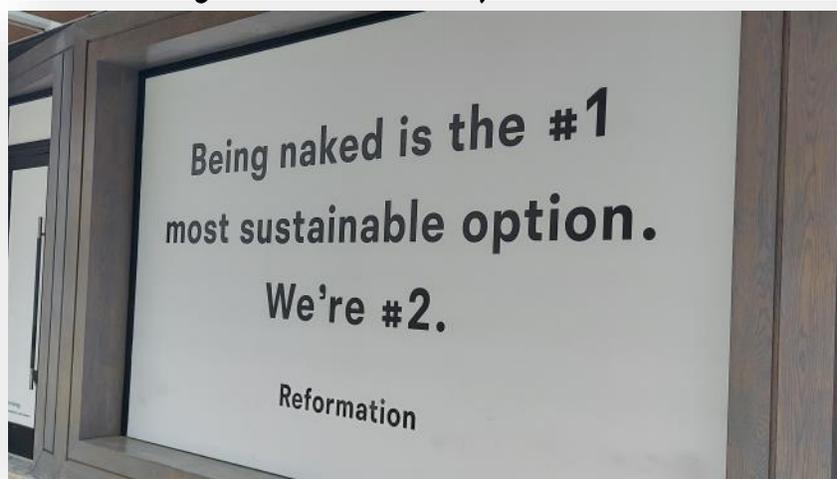
All the silent auction items will be open for viewing in Tara Hall beginning Saturday, May 28. They will be numbered. There will be bid books that have pages corresponding to those numbers. On those pages, you can enter your name and your bid on any item or items you like. Some things will have a minimum bid, but most will not.

On Sunday, May 29, those bid books will be moved to the Nekkid Parrot at the pool. You are free to take a second look at the items in the Hall, then come to the pool to enter your bid.

Our current plan is to end the auction and announce the winners at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not have to be present to win an auction item; however, you will have to pick up your item no later than noon on Monday, May 30. Pickup and pay will be at Tara Hall.

Items not picked up by noon on Monday will not be held for pickup.

When you have to shop for clothes...



Star Ranch Garage Sale

On Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-29, 2022, we will be holding our first (at least in recent memory) Star Ranch Garage Sale. This sale will be held at the outdoor pool area. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Star Ranch general operating fund. We have been and will continue to accept donations for the garage sale up until Friday, May 27.

Nancy Redoutey has graciously volunteered to manage this event. If you would like to donate **sellable** items, please contact Nancy at 512-970-5468.

As talented as Nancy is, there is no way for her to manage this event alone. If you've ever had a garage sale, you know that she will need all the help she can get. Not only does the merchandise need to be transported to the pool and arranged for display, but she will need volunteers to run the sale, take money, etc., over the course of the weekend. The more volunteers she gets, the less time each of them will have to work!

Just one quick reminder: If, as you read this, you are envisioning getting rid of that box of junk in your closet that you've been meaning to take to the dumpster. NOPE! Please limit your donations to clean, functioning items that have current value. And yes, that means you cannot donate your collection of Chevy Chase's "Vacation" VHS (or Betamax) tapes! As fun as they were in the 80's, just nope.

This is going to be a lot of fun (and work). We can't wait to see what shows up. Please call Nancy as soon as you can to volunteer.

BREAKING NEWS—THIS JUST IN...

Smash Daddies, out of Elgin, will be at Star Ranch serving lunch/dinner on Saturday and Sunday for Memorial Day Weekend!! Specific times and menu items will be available soon – watch for Mike's Newsletter Updates for details. In the meantime, visit them at smash-daddies.com.

It will make your mouth water!!!!

This & That



For all our special Moms out there:

Start the pampering early on Mother's Day and enjoy a FREE mimosa with your made to order breakfast by the pool on Sunday! We will also have a non-alcoholic option available.

A Note-Worthy Accomplishment



BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

MAY BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, May 20, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



May, June, & July Birthdays

May	
5/2	Kelly E
5/3	Mike K
5/4	Robert B
5/6	Brenda B
5/9	Nestor S
5/9	Michelle G
5/10	Bart W
5/10	Mary L
5/11	Ronald C
5/13	Secily S
5/13	Scott B
5/17	Linda B
5/18	Ivan Mc
5/18	Charles K
5/21	Melanie S
5/24	Ruben J
5/27	Dave M
5/30	Linda Mc

June	
6/1	Sandi S
6/1	Larry T
6/1	Nathan B
6/2	Anthony M
6/3	Deborah V
6/7	Tara V
6/9	Destin S
6/12	Debbie J
6/18	Heather C
6/19	Marietta D
6/20	David T
6/21	Kelly R
6/23	Jody J
6/28	Chris A
6/29	Dan A

July	
7/1	Mark S
7/1	Susie V
7/4	David S
7/4	Scott T
7/5	Sandra C
7/7	Richard T
7/7	Jim P
7/8	John S
7/10	Melody T
7/11	Marvin K
7/14	Melissa A
7/15	Jana F
7/17	Jim A
7/17	Angie R
7/22	Dick L
7/23	David Mc
7/24	Lorena M
7/25	John M
7/27	Gary A
7/29	Megan M
7/31	Sierran S

Tidbits

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, @ 10am @ Tara Hall



Are you an early riser on Saturdays or Sundays? Why not volunteer at the Nekkid Parrot serving or preparing breakfast! It's a great way to get to know everyone.

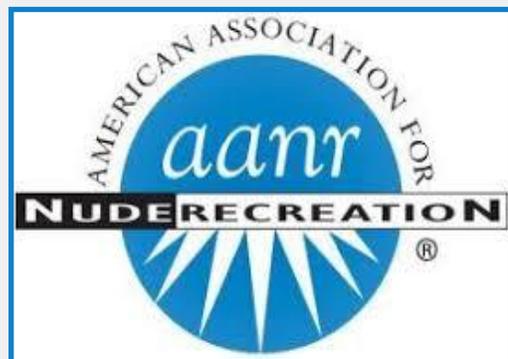
We are looking for volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday each weekend. If interested, please text Kate at 512-550-0601.



Star Ranch members, we will be having a "famous" artist that will be visiting our resort on Sat. May 14th. His name is **Juris Krievins**. You may have seen his feature article in the AANR magazine. He also painted the art on the cover. He will be teaching a class here at 2:00 on May 14th. Please come and join us for lots of fun and check out the magazine article too. Hope to see you there! - Sandi S. ([click here to sign up](#))

WELCOME
new members

Earl H



COMING ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

(As always, check the online calendar for the most current schedule of events and activities)

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

[Click Here For Online Calendars](#)

Friday, May 6

7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social



Saturday, May 7

CINCO de MAYO at Star Ranch

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Margarita Contest @ the pool

3:00pm Salsa Contest

[For contests rules click here](#)

6:00pm Taco Bar

8:00pm A Bailar!



Fiesta Dance: DJs Deborah and Bill - wear Fiesta clothes, hat, etc. dance theme - Oldies and Goodies [requests also appreciated]

Sunday, May 8

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am Sahnnoan Council Meeting

Friday, May 13

7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social

Saturday, May 14

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

11:00am Painting @ the pool ([click here to sign up](#))

2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

4:00pm Corn Hole Contest

8:00pm Dance!

Sunday, May 15

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

Friday, May 20

6:00pm Birthday Dinner

7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social

Saturday, May 21

8:30am WORK DAY!

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

8:00pm Dance

Sunday, May 22

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

10:00am COG Board of Directors

Friday, May 27

7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social

Saturday, May 28

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
GARAGE SALE
SILENT AUCTION**

8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot

9:00am Petanque

9:00am Pickleball



12:00pm Water Volleyball

2:00pm Snacks @ the pool

3:00pm Washers

6:00pm Cornhole Contest

7:00pm Sand Volleyball

8:00pm DJ Dance/Karaoke @ the pool

Sunday, May 29	
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GARAGE SALE SILENT AUCTION 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Petanque 9:00am Pickleball	12:00pm Water Volleyball 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 3:00pm Washers 6:00pm Cornhole Contest 7:00pm Sand Volleyball 8:00pm DJ Dance @ the pool
Friday, June 3 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, June 4	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 9:00am Cart Wash 10:00am Mõlky contest	2:00pm Snacks @ the pool 6:00pm Potluck
Sunday, June 5 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
Thursday, June 9 AANR-SW Convention	
Friday, June 10 AANR-SW Convention 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, June 11	
AANR-SW Convention GRADUATION DAY! 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool	6:00pm Potluck 7:00pm Yearbooks and Stories 8:00pm Sock Hop
Sunday, June 12 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting	
Friday, June 17 6:00pm Birthday Dinner 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, June 18	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am COG Board of Directors 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool	2:00pm BBQ 6:00pm Potluck 7:00pm Can you tell who's the Dad?
Sunday, June 19 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	
Friday, June 24 7:00pm Wine & Cheese Social	
Saturday, June 25	
8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot 10:00am Pickleball 2:00pm Snacks @ the pool	6:00pm Christmas in Summer Potluck 7:00pm Summer Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange
Sunday, June 26 8:30am Breakfast at The Nekkid Parrot	

Democracy In Action

My wife and I have visited Star Ranch several times over the years. We have always driven away having positive thoughts. That being said, it is tough to get a feel for the place until you have some skin in the game. For Sandi and I, that became a reality late last year when we became leaseholders.

I had heard about the council and board relationship. However, I never really gave it much thought. After having studied the bylaws, I remained skeptical. Forgive me, but after 35 years in business, I realize that rarely does reality match the employee handbook or in this case, corporate bylaws.

I am pleased to report Star Ranch does follow their bylaws. As evidence, I would like to summarize my experience:

- Attended monthly board meetings with published financials
- Attended council meetings with scheduled events that actually happen.
- Witnessed my first Shareholder meeting and watched democracy rule as two new board members were elected from a pool of three candidates.

Beyond these very prominent events, I have witnessed volunteers upon volunteers that work tirelessly for Star Ranch. As proof, I offer our showers at the pool. Saturday about 3:00PM, I heard we had a water problem. I reported to the showers and found so many folks in the facilities room it was apparent they didn't need me involved. They had it fixed in minutes and honestly, I do not know the root cause. My point is not that they fixed it but that we had a Saturday problem and the team handled it. I heard zero negativity, complaining or general venting about anything.

While I have your attention, on the subject of volunteers, we could use your help. We have open positions on the council and Kate is always looking for help with her breakfast crew. Can you give us a few hours of your time?

Finally, I want to reiterate how amazing it is to actually be open with scheduled events. Where I come from, ownership viewed their season from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Additionally, 99% of all events were conducted by the membership. Thankfully, we have a council to do that for us. As proof, I offer a Saturday in March. We had 50 folks in the club house for Karaoke with CM and Jody. 50 folks!!! Standing room only.

I can only say, strap in and hold on. We are in for a heck of a ride this year at Star Ranch. As always, I thank you for your time, treasure and expertise. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

Mark S

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

2021 Coleman 34ft travel trailer. Model 285BH. Bunk House style for extra sleeping. Large slide out. Only has 50 miles, never moved from Star Ranch.

Full time stored under carport. Includes TV mounts for both TVs. Like new condition. Clear title.

Bob and Nancy, G1



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Crystal W
Vice President	Ronnie B
Directors:	Jamie M
	Gary H
	Bart W
Treasurer	David M
Corp. Sec.	Wanda H.

Sahnoan Council

Deborah V
 Mark D
 Bob & Nancy R
 CM J
 Mark & Sandi S

Star Ranch Staff

Business Manager	Linda Mc
Front Office	Melissa S
Maintenance	Patrick L
	Nick
Housekeeping	Mo V

Thoughts
Rod Mc,
Pat W,
Debbie J

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

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 Sunday, May 8, at 10:00am.

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. Jennifer M.