

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

A Message from the President...

Thanks to everyone that made this summer so special, especially in light of the Covid-19 restrictions. The Council planned enough events to keep things interesting, CM kept the food flowing from the Nekkid Parrot Café, and Ken and his staff kept the facility ready for the convention that never came (see us next August).

Lots to do to get the place ready for the AANR convention next year. Please funnel your ideas to the Board (for improvements to the facility) and to the Council (for event ideas). We will need help from everyone to get things done in time.

Please read Ken's article about Margie's Nekkid Café reopening this weekend. See you there!

Mike W.

**NO Board of Directors
meeting for November**

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GM Updates

Number one on many minds this year has been concerns of COVID and its effect on our lives. I was happy to report that we had no cases here at the ranch at the last BOD meeting. In fact, at that time nobody here even knew anyone who had contracted it. Unfortunately, this has changed a little since. We still do not have any cases here at the ranch though there have been some exposures to members. I urge each of you to be tested immediately upon finding out that you have been exposed to someone with the virus. **DO NOT START MIN-GLING WITH OTHERS BEFORE GETTING AND RECEIVING THESE TEST RESULTS!**

Since that BOD meeting and my announcement, we have had one family member of one of our members pass. This was a person who was otherwise healthy until contracting COVID. I personally know of 2 people who recently contracted the virus and are on quarantine with their families at this time, and another who has been exposed and tested negative but still under quarantine for the required 14 days. **I URGE EACH OF YOU TO DO YOUR PART TO KEEP THE RANCH FREE OF THIS VIRUS.** This is obviously out of concern for our members health, but I also worry about fines being levied for spreader events. Our weekend parties would qualify as spreader events if someone were to bring the virus in and spread it. So please be cautious!

TARA HALL

As you all know we have been working to make some changes at Tara Hall. You will now see that 3 of the 4 rooms have been renovated this year and we have also added sinks to the restrooms and split the shower from the guest kitchen area. There is also a new sink and mirror just outside the shower to be used for shaving, fixing hair etc. The new guest kitchen is under construction and hoping to have it completed in the next few weeks.

We will start booking reservations for the Tara Hall rooms beginning November 7th for reservation dates beginning November 13th. The new kitchen will not be ready (I believe), but we should have some accommodations for food.

WEEKEND BREAKFASTS

Beginning November 7th, we will have our standard weekend breakfast menu. We will be able to accommodate a 50% seating capacity. Some of you may have to eat in the hall where we will have our tables rearranged. Get here early enough and you may be able to eat in the café. Once all dining seats in the hall and café are filled, folks will have to wait outside for seats to empty before they can come in and order.

WORKDAY

We have a workday scheduled for the 14th of Novembers. Plenty of work for everyone, so please come join in and help us out. There will be tree removal, cabin clearing, creek clearing, firewood cutting, indoor pool area cleaning to name a few. We will also need some help with lunch, some of which can be prepared at home in advanced and delivered before lunchtime. (More details on lunch coming this week)

Free tacos will be served for volunteer workers as well as a magnificent lunch.

EVERYONE PLEASE STAY SAFE SO THAT WE CAN ALL ENJOY the ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH!

C. O. G., What's That?

by Rob D

To build on the article from last month, which explained the purpose and function of the Council, this month's topic is C. O. G.

When I first became a member I had no idea what C. O. G. was or how it related to the Star Ranch Board.

C. O. G. is the Conference of Olympus Gymnosophical, Inc.

Webster's dictionary defines gymnosophical as "the doctrine of the gymnosophists especially : NUDISM. " How appropriate for us naked loving folk! C. O. G. is the corporation which owns Star Ranch. The corporation's assets, including the buildings, grounds, and finances are managed by the Board of Directors.

The Board is made up of 5 elected directors plus an appointed Treasurer. Board elections are held annually at the shareholder's meeting each April (a more detailed explanation of what it means to be a shareholder is addressed later). Directors serve two year terms. No two or more directors may be immediate family members, i.e., spouses, partners, children, siblings or parents. Immediately after the elections the directors enter an executive session and determine among themselves who will be President, Vice President, and Secretary. There are no term limits. Directors may serve as long as they continue to be re-elected. They must, of course, remain Gold members in good standing to hold office. As is the case with the council, board members are volunteers and receive no compensation for their work.

Prior to the Board election each April, the full membership meets to vote in a straw poll. This is a non-binding vote open to ALL members to allow their voices to be heard on who they would like to serve on the Board. You may be asking yourself why is there a need for a straw poll? This leads us back to the discussion of shareholders.

C. O. G. is wholly owned by its shareholders. Gold members in good standing may purchase a share of ownership of Star Ranch. There are a total of 200 ownership shares. Each "membership" can own one share, so a couple who has a joint membership (i. e., pays one annual membership fee) may purchase one share. The cost per share is \$10. This is *not* stock! There are no dividends and shareholders make no money by owning a share. Since there are a limited number of shares, and there are legal rules about how shares can be re-issued if relinquished by a member, there may or may not be shares available when you want to purchase one. Inquire at the office if you are currently not a shareholder and would like to purchase one. There is a moratorium on share purchases for 60 days prior to the annual shareholders meeting / Board election. A corporate secretary, who is different from the board secretary, manages the issuance of shares and oversees the annual board election.

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Note that only shareholders may vote in the board election. This brings us back to the purpose of the straw poll. Shareholders should take straw poll results into consideration when voting. Moreover, the council *must* take into consideration the straw poll results. The council represents the full membership, and as you may recall from the article published last month, is elected by the full membership. The council also controls 101 of the 200 shares. The council is the majority shareholder to ensure the full membership has strong influence on who will manage Star Ranch in keeping with the founders intent to maintain the Ranch as a family friendly nudist property that serves its like-minded members.

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I hope you have a better understanding of the functions of the council and board, as well as how shareholders use their votes to ensure C. O. G. continues to serve its members. While somewhat convoluted, the checks and balances built into the current structure should make it possible for Star Ranch to continue to thrive as a nudist community. Star Ranch: our happy naked place, or our naked happy place, whichever way you prefer to view it!

Yard of the Month: David & Wanda Close Out A Hot Hot Season

September and October are months for many plants' "second season." Various fruits, veggies and blooms make an appearance before First Frost. The inspiration for this contest came from a veritable riot of color in the D4 yard. Pictured is an 1100 square foot blanket of Butter Daisy (*Melampodium divaricatum*). A reseeding Annual, a couple of handfuls of seeds were spread over a new septic leach field after last frost, and the resulting "forest" greatly exceeds the original site. Invasive? Never! Glowing and spreading and asserting its place in the yard's palette? YES! Complemented by banks of four o'clocks, these blooms promise to return next year for a third exhibition. Come get some seeds. We have millions. Now is not too early to plan for 2021's Contest. Huge yard, sunny yard; small yard, shady yard. All types can be home to wideless varieties. That monthly sign will light up YOUR yard!



A Star Is Born

by Larry S

Many of our members already know that we have a professional musician among our Star Ranch residents. Phil A (and Lorraine) has been a member and resident for many years. He has been a professional guitarist and singer for even longer. At one point in his career, while living in Los Angeles, he sang and played four hours a night, six nights a week. That's quite a performance schedule!

Phil still plays professionally when the opportunity arises. Most recently he has performed at our local McDade winery. The one thing Phil has not done to date is showcase his talent on YouTube; but, that item on his bucket list will soon be checked off.

As many of you also know, we have a professional movie maker among our members. Mark B has extensive experience in producing and directing motion pictures. Since Mark and Phil are now neighbors at Star Ranch, it was inevitable that they put their heads together and decided to make a video of Phil singing and playing one of his original compositions, and put it on YouTube for the world's enjoyment.



That video was created a couple of weeks ago. As you can see from the photo, it takes more than just an iPhone to make a professional quality video. Between Mark's skill and equipment, and Phil's talent, we are going to be in for a real treat. Mark is currently performing the editing magic that makes a rough video into a professional production. When he is done, the video will be uploaded to YouTube.

Who knew we had such talent – on both sides of the camera – right here at Star Ranch!

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

Monthly birthday dinners are suspended until further notice due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

TIME:



November, December & January Birthdays

November	
11/1	Russell S
11/1	Diane H
11/2	Judy L
11/3	Kirby G
11/3	Mike K
11/3	Dominique D
11/4	Carolyn C
11/9	Mace T
11/10	Pexie D
11/12	Lynn D
11/15	Kathryn Mc
11/18	Adam W
11/18	Jordan S
11/19	Mike A
11/25	Ann D
11/25	David/ Monica
11/26	Joel B
11/26	Colton H
11/27	Bill H
11/30	David P

December	
12/2	Courtney M
12/5	Russell N
12/8	J T
12/12	Bill B
12/12	Terry P
12/12	Heather N
12/15	Jean M
12/16	Travis L
12/17	Stephen T. G
12/17	Red P
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Leci D
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Connie T
12/21	Richard G
12/22	Gwen G
12/25	Jane M
12/28	Judy Mc
12/28	Tommie N

January	
1/1	Roslyn F
1/1	Nancy R
1/4	Randy D
1/4	Diane S
1/6	Lorraine A
1/6	Teresa S
1/7	Phil A
1/9	Dennis L
1/9	Ashley T
1/10	Kathy M
1/10	Bryan D
1/12	Kathy C
1/12	Sharon H
1/13	Daniel B
1/14	Bill B
1/18	Eugene G
1/18	Thomas M
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/22	Hal D
1/30	Lisa T

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](#)

Saturday, November 7 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 7:00pm Stop and Socialize
Sunday, November 8 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Saturday, November 14 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 9:00am Work Day 7:00pm Stop and Socialize
Sunday, November 15 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Saturday, November 21 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am BOD Meeting 10:00am Decorate The Hall for Thanksgiving 7:00pm Stop and Socialize
Sunday, November 22 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Thursday, November 26 1:00pm Thanksgiving Lunch 6:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, November 28 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe 10:00am Council Meeting 6:00pm Thanksgiving potluck
Sunday, November 29 8:30am Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe



Saturday, December 5	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
10:00am	Adopt-a-Window/Door
10:00am	Decorate The Hall for Christmas
2:00pm	Christmas Cookie Contest at The Hall
Sunday, December 6	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Saturday, December 12	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Sunday, December 13	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Saturday, December 19	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
9:00am	Adopt-a-window/door and Wreath Auction viewing
10:00am	BOD Meeting
1:00pm	White Elephant Gift Exchange (with kids)
4:00pm	White Elephant Gift Exchange
6:00pm	Hot Dog Bar Dinner
Sunday, December 20	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
10:00am	Winners Announcement
Friday, December 25	
6:00pm	Christmas Day Dinner
1:00pm	Christmas Day Lunch
Saturday, December 26	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
10:00am	Council Meeting
Sunday, December 27	
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
Thursday, December 31	
New Year's Eve party (TBD)	
Progressive Dinner **CANCELLED**	
Friday, January 1, 2021	
1:00pm	New Year's Day Lunch
6:00pm	New Year's Day Dinner



September Volunteer of the Month

Chris H

October Volunteer of the Month

JT

Halloween this year was a little low-key, but it didn't stop the crazies from coming out in costume. The winners (pictured below) were:

Best Male - Jamie M. - not pictured

Best Female - Tonya M.

Best Couple - Curt and Paula L

Scariest - Ron H.

Funniest - Pete and Lisa T.



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Mike W
Vice President	Wanda H
	Mark B
	Ivan Mc
	Crystal M
Treasurer	Gary H
Corp. Secretary	Jamie M

Sahnoan Council

Pete & Lisa T
 Craig & Linda Mc
 Deborah V & Tim S
 Rob & Marietta D
 Bob & Nancy R

Star Ranch Staff

General Manager	Ken W
Treasurer	Gary H
Front Office	Carla W
	Linda M
Maintenance	Mike M
Housekeeping	Jean M
	Kerry A



Farewell

A fond farewell as we bid adieu to Paul and Jeannie O. They have left their residency at the Ranch and are now settled in their new abode. We wish them well in their new place. Oh, and thanks for ALL you did for the Ranch!

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 opt-ed-in on our website. Please let us know of you do not wish to receive future editions.

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 28 at 10:00am.

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.