

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

*To the entire Star Ranch Family,
We send you Best Wishes for the
Holiday Season.*

*No matter where you are,
Be safe in your travels or visits,
So you can return to the Ranch
Next year!*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year!!!*

From the Board, the Council and the Staff



**Next Board of Directors
meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, December 19,
10am at Tara Hall (limited
attendance due to social
distancing)**

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From the General Manager...

Closing Out Another Great Year

2020 has been a challenge for all of us this year. The ranch has been no different. Our activities were downsized, and many eliminated totally. The financial and mental burdens on both individuals and businesses across the country have been great. Good news is, that we appear to be surviving and have still been available for our members to enjoy the facilities all year. While we only allowed visitors who were guests of members and those renting a cabin or RV site in an effort to keep crowd size down, we were still able to have some fun events this year and everyone appeared to have good times.

Business wise we are pushing through to try and make sure we remain a viable business for years to come. Not only did we endure about \$45,000 in lost revenue as compared to 2019. We also endured a painful property tax hike of a 30% increase. Ouch!!!! So, if your wondering what is going on with the Tara Hall remodel, that should give you a little hint. But we should be back on the remodel sometime in January. We have minimized optional expenses and only concentrated on bills, payroll and mandatory maintenance and repairs for the last month. This will continue into January and by the end of the month we should be able to go gang busters to get Tara Hall's guest kitchen completed.

We currently have 3 winter Texans on site and a 4th may be coming soon. Please help welcome them all when you see them out and about. They will be wearing yellow silicone wrist bands that say "Star Ranch Winter Texan" on them, except for Ron E. who is a member who has come the last 2 years so he can be close to his grandbabies in Austin. They are all great folks!

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas! Stay safe in your travels or just going out and about in town!

Weekend Meals

Due to the low turnout of out weekend breakfasts, I have no option but to eliminate staff from handling these meals until such a time that there is more business. I hate to do this as I feel it is a necessity to have that meal for our overnight guests. I do have a couple options to feed these folks, but my hope is that we can organize a breakfast committee to handle these meals. This will need to be done ASAP as I have nobody for this weekend beginning December 12th.

We are generally only preparing about 8-12 meals a day so it will not be an astronomical task. If you would be interested in heading this up, please call me. I will give you names of folks who may be willing to help. But right now I need someone to organize a schedule of volunteers. Please call me at 512-273-2257.

Thanks,

Ken W.

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I Wish Star Ranch Would...

by Rob D

Star Ranch is fortunate in that it is member owned. Members have a great deal of input into how the ranch is run, and which activities are offered.

You've probably heard during Board meetings, and in general conversation around the Ranch, about how valuable it is when members volunteer to help maintain the property and plan and run events — It is essential to the long-term health of Star Ranch.

Volunteering comes in many forms. We all have our own particular talents and interests. For example, you do NOT want me wielding a chainsaw at any time, but you may benefit from my medical knowledge, organizational skills, willingness to engage in public speaking if needed, or the cooking or baking skills my mother passed along to me. On the other hand, my wife Marietta, is great at embroidery, sewing, taking orders at breakfast, and many other things, but she will tell you she could not bake edible cookies even if her life depended on it!

Many hands make light work. If every member committed to volunteering to do one or two things per year, it would help avoid "burnout" for the very active members we see pitching in at almost every event. Remember, the council plans the calendar, but cannot possibly run every event. It does take a village, or in our case, a rustic nudist ranch full of naked member volunteers to keep the Ranch in good running order.

Some members may not be physically able to participate in heavy labor, but may be able to cut tomatoes. Others may be unable to do physical work, but could, for example, donate items for a Valentine's meal. The sky is the limit for opportunities to volunteer.

In many cases we may not know exactly how a member is volunteering, so we certainly don't want to assume that just because we don't see one of our members visibly and publicly "out there" that they are not doing anything for the Ranch. There are just so many ways a person's talents can be put to good use.

The next time you're at the Ranch, ask yourself what you might be able to do to make our club a better place; what you might be able to do to serve your member friends. Let's make sure Star Ranch continues to be a fun, relaxing oasis for us all to enjoy!

How to discourage volunteers:

-Tell them "the last time we did this we did it differently"

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- Complain that they were a little late, or forgot some part of their task that they had volunteered to do for the first time
- Fail to pitch in and help if you see them struggling (for “bad” extra credit, criticize them for struggling)
- Talk among your friends about how that volunteer didn’t do things the way you would have done them (even if you have never done that task in the past)
- Continually ask the volunteer if maybe we should do things this way, or that way, or any way but the way the volunteer has planned.
- Always find something to ask the volunteer that you expect they either don’t know or don’t have. Be sure to suggest with body language that they screwed up.
- Don’t pitch in to help, after all, they volunteered, let them handle it.
- Assume the volunteer will perform the task at each event, for years to come, and become angry if they don’t.

How to make a volunteer flourish:

- Complement them for helping out
- If you see them struggling, ask what you can do to help
- Be understanding and don’t expect the volunteer to do everything your way, or the way it was done in the past
- Never criticize, only support and help them, when needed
- Thank them for volunteering
- Support them if you see others not doing so and remind others to do the same
- Volunteer to take one of their tasks if you see they are overloaded
- Step in to help during major events; don’t wait to be asked
- Compliment the volunteer when they try new things, even if it didn’t go quite as planned — this is how new and fun events are born!

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Volunteer of the Month – November 2020

As there was no BOD meeting in November, I did not get to announce the Volunteer of the month. So, I am taking this opportunity to do so now. One of our newer members has been volunteering to help in any way we need. He has been helping with all the meals as well as helping maintenance do various tasks around the ranch.

Thank You Patrick L!

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Please stop by the office and pick out a nice pillow or throw that are made by another great volunteer, Marta M.

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN:

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



December, January & February Birthdays

December	
12/2	Courtney M
12/5	Russell N
12/8	James (Jt) 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	Paul (Red) P
12/17	Bruce S
12/19	Elizabeth D
12/20	Pete T
12/21	Connie T
12/21	Richard G
12/22	Gwen Wimer 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 (DA) G
1/18	Thomas M
1/19	Mark D
1/20	Arman Z
1/22	Hal D
1/30	Lisa T

February	
2/1	Bill C
2/1	Debra C
2/4	William H
2/8	Ronnie B
2/9	Ben T
2/13	Brian K
2/17	Jeff N
2/18	Bonnie M
2/18	Ken W
2/18	Jason S
2/20	Elizabeth N. D
2/23	Matthew D

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, 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	Window & Door Winners Announcement
	Friday, December 25
1:00pm	Christmas Day Lunch
6:00pm	Christmas Day Dinner
	Saturday, December 26
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	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
	Saturday, January 2, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Sunday, January 3, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Saturday, January 9, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
10:00am	Council Meeting
	Sunday, January 10, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Saturday, January 16, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
10:00am	BOD Meeting
	Sunday, January 17, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Saturday, January 23, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Sunday, January 24, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Saturday, January 30, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe
	Sunday, January 31, 2021
8:30am	Breakfast at Margie's Nekkid Cafe

Happy New Year!!!

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

Merry Christmas!
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.

STAR RANCH



McDade, Texas

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 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.