

SAHNOAN STAR

Stand Not Between Me and the Sun

From the President:

My message as President has been “Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer!” And you, the members, heard and responded beyond all expectations! We have just had two of the most productive work days EVER! Thank you to all who showed up with gloves, rakes, tools, giant garbage bags and clippers to do HARD LABOR from 9:00AM – 3:00 PM. About 2:00 I drove around to say “Hello!” and “Good job. Thank you” You were hot and tired, but smiling. You knew you had made a difference and you had laid claim to part of Star Ranch as yours! Kudos to Chrystal W for coordinating both work days – an extraordinary effort! On April 9 you have an opportunity to volunteer once more. The 5K race requires LOTS of helpers. If you haven’t signed up, call the office and get your name on the list.

Special thanks to our Fire Safety Committee, led by Tommy S, who has solved many electrical problems on work days and many days following until they made the entire section K (around the pool) safe. In 2011 we watched as the Bastrop Complex Fire burned thousands of acres of land and more than 1500 homes. Two of those homes belonged to Sahnoans. We saw their agony at losing everything they had, and frustration and helplessness. We developed an evacuation plan for Star Ranch and learned ways to mitigate fire danger. We learned that in case of fire we should have a bag with meds, clean underwear, precious photos packed and beside the door. I still have mine. Tommy and his committee are in the process of updating the evacuation plan, working with the Texas Forest Service, EMS, and the McDade Fire Department. I urge all to cooperate and participate in this effort.

During the twenty plus years that I have lived at Star Ranch, I’ve seen more changes than I can remember. Significant ones are:

- Renovation of the outdoor pool and surrounding area
- New surface around the pool
- Water volleyball
- Remodeling of Tara Hall, Margie’s Nekkid Lunch Café and kitchen
- A General Manager position created
- All Council members are elected
- A new more secure gate
- Common areas beautifully maintained and many sites cleaned up
- New Office building

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Host for the AANR national convention in 2021 and many conventions and Business meetings for AANR-SW

Guest kitchen in Tara Hall

Star Ranch books reconciled thanks to Treasurer Dave M. We are in the Black!

Sound system for Tara Hall

New sound system for the outdoor pool to accommodate Karaoke

All of the above projects were accomplished by volunteers who gave of their time, expertise, and donations at auctions.

I have served on the Board of Directors since 2009 except for one year when I was Corporate Secretary (issues shares of stock). Serving on the BoD and Council are also volunteer positions times 10! My term of office ends on April 30 at the annual Shareholders Meeting. Mike W and I opted not to run for another term of two years. Shareholders will elect two new Board members. And we will celebrate the 65th anniversary of Star Ranch in September. I am delighted to see so much excitement and participation in events whether it is work or play! Go out and have fun!

Wanda H.

Work Day Thank You!

I wanted to give a huge shout out to all who helped with projects before, during and after workday. Getting ready for Spring is a major undertaking. So many people took on huge tasks and have just knocked their projects out of the park! The good energy that was invested can be felt in the noticeable improvements! Some of the things you will see are the repaired and painted playground equipment (Pete T.), a beautifully prepared Petanque court (Mark and Sandi S.), new electrical outlets that are safe and beautiful in the camping area (Tommy S. and Mark D.), the pool is all set up and ready to go (Jennifer & Mike W. & JT), repairs at Cabin 3 (Ronnie B., Larry S. & Crystal W.), road work and brush clearing (Joe W. and his mighty Mahindra tractor), serious raking and clearing of the office parking area, game areas and camping sites thanks to an incredible raking crew and race clearing crew (too many to list but you know who you are!). Thank you to the staff (Mike M. & Patrick L.) who kept everything running smoothly and to Jean M. and all who helped with food providing a hot lunch, and keeping everyone hydrated including Mo the Gatorade lady! Thank you to all the new members who participated, you brought the fun factor! Many long-neglected areas have had a major facelift for the season because of you. A special shout out to Steve O. who took on major repairs to the shower drains in the hall. He is a one man wrecking and repair crew! One more thanks to Bruce, who is always there just when you need him sharing his skills. I hope we can all have a breather now and have some fun in the beautiful weather! Please let me know if you see other projects that need attention. Thank you again, it is true that team work makes the dream work and you are so appreciated!

Crystal W.

This & That

From the Council: What an active year 2022 has been, and it is only April! We added 7 new members in March: Jonathan & Christine T, Bill & Brenda B, Brian & Sadalena, and Phil C. Welcome to Star Ranch!!

With input from members (and even visitors,) we have scheduled activities and events for every weekend through June. In April, we have an Easter Egg Hunt, Scavenger Hunt, and Yard Game contests, along with a DJ Dance every Saturday evening starting April 16.

The first weekend in May is our Cinco de Mayo celebration including a Margarita Contest, Salsa Contest (we will need judges,) and Yard Games. On Saturday evening, the Council is providing a Taco Bar for the Mexican-Style Potluck, followed by a Mexican patriotic clothing and accessories DJ Dance celebration. Please check the calendar for the complete schedule.

Election of Council Members is quickly approaching. Six positions need to be filled - two Couple Seats and two Single Seats. The qualifications to serve on the Council are listed in the Constitution (available on the Star Ranch Webpage.) Any Council member (current and/or former) will answer questions as well. A couple of things that are not listed in the Constitution but very necessary are a positive attitude and energy!!!



C.O.G Board of Directors Candidate Bios



My name is Gary Harris. I would like to hold a position on the Star Ranch Board of Directors and contribute to the guidance of Star Ranch growth. My late-wife, Pamela and I had been visiting Star on a regular basis since 2014. We became gold members in 2015 and moved here as permanent residents the beginning of 2016.

I'm a USAF Veteran. After Air Force service, I created and ran my own software consulting business. The Texas Department of Transportation was a main client. After 10 years, I was recruited to join the headquarters team in Austin, where I served for twenty years.

I have had the privilege to serve as the Treasurer for Star Ranch for two years, but I believed that it was time for someone else to have that opportunity. During my tenure I had tried my best to make sure there could be no appearance of or impropriety: no business credit card, not requiring a individual Board member to acquire any personal loans for the Ranch, and two signatures on Ranch checks.

As a representative for Star Ranch, I attended and participated in the August 12 – 16, 2019 American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) National Convention in Worley, Idaho, where I had the opportunity of getting to know several Board members and hear their discussions about AANR goals.

My vision for the future of Star Ranch Nudist Resort is for Star Ranch to grow into the premier nudist community in America. I want to work to bring a younger, more diverse group of people to the Ranch, while still maintaining the friendliness of Star Ranch. I believe this can be done by an extended outreach to a broader demographic. I would like to see the Sahnoans at Star Ranch become the satellite host of the AANR with an American Nudist Resource Library database of nudist magazines and literature.

Having said all of that, I humbly request your vote for my position on the Board. If you have any questions for me, my email is garyharris@hotmail.com.

My name is Bart W. I'm running for a seat on the Board of Directors to contribute to the long term success of Star Ranch. I was first introduced to Star at a 5K and have enjoyed the nature and camaraderie at the ranch. The ranch has provided fun activities, friendships, and peaceful retreat from a busy life in Austin.

Experience I have that will make me a good Board member includes owning a small business, and having served on a number of boards and commissions related to my profession. I have enjoyed helping with food service at the Ranch occasionally, and I recently helped define some accessibility upgrades.

Skills I would bring to the Board include an understanding of building facilities, an interest in building consensus, even-handed disposition, good listening, organization and graphic representation for any building or site planning.

As a Board member I would like to work with others for more efficiency to Ranch operations, brainstorm with members about the future of Star, and put in the planning and due diligence to make those future visions reality. I would like to help prioritize investments that can be made in Ranch assets, like buildings, for long term financial well-being.

Working together, great things can be accomplished to build on the current success of the Ranch.

God Bless You, Carolyn

By David P.

One of our long-time Sahnoans, Carolyn Frerick McCoy, passed away on March 30. Born in Schulenberg, she entered this world deaf. Her numerous siblings guided and nurtured her. Hearing aids were not an option then, and she was unable to complete High School. However, it was a proud day in her life when she earned her GED as an adult.

Her marriage to Sahnoan Jack Frerich produced twins Robin and Neil. They lived in a repurposed school house on Youngs Prairie Rd. Jack home schooled the boys and also told them: "No Drivers License until you become Eagle Scouts." It was another proud moment for Carolyn to be present at that investiture. The boys went into the Army, and when Jack became ill, Carolyn faithfully attended to his needs. After he passed and the twins were away in service, for the first time in her life, Carolyn lived alone.

She continued to come out to the Ranch, and it wasn't long until Former Marine and railroad man Mike McCoy was spotted spending time with Carolyn. He offered her a house on a hill in Washington County, where she could plant trees and manage a large veggy garden---all to her heart's content. Then Mike passed. They had been married 15 years

Twice widowed, Carolyn persevered and found solace with her family in Schulenberg. Ultimately, she returned to the Youngs Prairie property. The old school house had been torn down. She bought a nice travel trailer, once again hoping to dig in the dirt. Alas, she developed liver problems during the second marriage, and Mike was always the attentive caregiver. Recently, however, she was hospitalized. After a couple weeks in hospice, she slipped into eternal rest.

Always caring, always friendly, and always a fine cook, Carolyn demonstrated perseverance as she moved into and out of the adventures which came her way. Now she enters into an eternal relationship with her God, whom she worshipped regularly throughout her time on earth.

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

APRIL BIRTHDAY DINNER

WHEN: Friday, April 15, 2022

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: TBD



April, May, & June Birthdays

April	
<u>4/01</u>	<u>Randy S</u>
<u>4/03</u>	<u>Alvin J. G Jr</u>
<u>4/04</u>	<u>Mark W</u>
<u>4/04</u>	<u>Ron H</u>
<u>4/06</u>	<u>Owen T</u>
<u>4/12</u>	<u>Pixie Mc</u>
<u>4/12</u>	<u>Lucienne N</u>
<u>4/13</u>	<u>Fred H</u>
<u>4/14</u>	<u>Marta M</u>
<u>4/14</u>	<u>Nancy D</u>
<u>4/15</u>	<u>Syrus S</u>
<u>4/23</u>	<u>Stuart G</u>
<u>4/24</u>	<u>Tim S</u>
<u>4/27</u>	<u>Judith M</u>
<u>4/28</u>	<u>David W</u>
<u>4/28</u>	<u>Melissa S</u>
<u>4/29</u>	<u>Roy E</u>
<u>4/30</u>	<u>Kat W</u>

May	
<u>5/02</u>	<u>Kelly E</u>
<u>5/03</u>	<u>Mike K</u>
<u>5/04</u>	<u>Robert</u>
<u>5/06</u>	<u>Brenda B</u>
<u>5/06</u>	<u>Sandy T</u>
<u>5/07</u>	<u>Jeannette T</u>
<u>5/09</u>	<u>Nestor S</u>
<u>5/09</u>	<u>Michelle G</u>
<u>5/10</u>	<u>Mary L</u>
<u>5/10</u>	<u>Bart W</u>
<u>5/11</u>	<u>Ronald C</u>
<u>5/13</u>	<u>Scott B</u>
<u>5/13</u>	<u>Secily S</u>
<u>5/17</u>	<u>Linda B</u>
<u>5/18</u>	<u>Ivan Mc</u>
<u>5/18</u>	<u>Charles L</u>
<u>5/21</u>	<u>Melanie S</u>
<u>5/24</u>	<u>Ruben J</u>
<u>5/27</u>	<u>Dave M</u>
<u>5/30</u>	<u>Linda Mc</u>

June	
<u>6/01</u>	<u>Larry T</u>
<u>6/01</u>	<u>Nathan B</u>
<u>6/01</u>	<u>Sandi S</u>
<u>6/02</u>	<u>Anthony M</u>
<u>6/03</u>	<u>Deborah V</u>
<u>6/07</u>	<u>Tara V</u>
<u>6/09</u>	<u>Destin S</u>
<u>6/12</u>	<u>Debbie J</u>
<u>6/18</u>	<u>Heather C</u>
<u>6/19</u>	<u>Marietta D</u>
<u>6/20</u>	<u>David T</u>
<u>6/21</u>	<u>Kelly R</u>
<u>6/23</u>	<u>Jody J</u>
<u>6/28</u>	<u>Chris A</u>

Tidbits

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, @ 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.

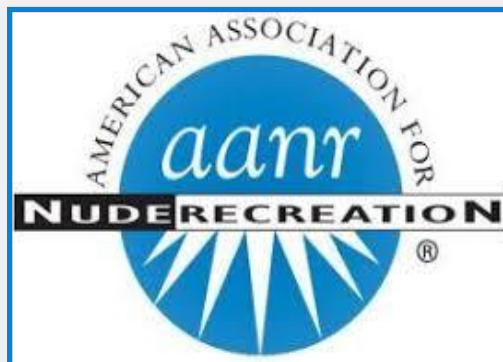
Breakfast at the Pool is starting soon! We are looking for volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday each weekend. If interested, please text Kate at 512-550-0601.



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 this month. 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.

WELCOME
new members

JONATHAN & CHRISTINA T.
WILLIAM & BRENDA B.
BRIAN W & SADELINA D.
STEPHEN & SANDY C.
PHIL C.



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, April 9

Bare Buns 5k Fun Run

2:00pm Live Music @ pool featuring X-Factory

2:00pm Water Volleyball

Sunday, April 10

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

Friday, April 15

6:00pm Birthday Dinner Location TBD

Saturday, April 16

10:00am COG Board of Directors Meeting

3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

8:00pm Dancing and Snacks

Saturday, April 23

2:00pm Scavenger Hunt

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall

Saturday, April 30

10:00am COG Annual Shareholder Meeting

2:00pm Yard Games

6:00pm Stop-n-Socialize in The Hall

Saturday, May 7

CINCO de MAYO at Star Ranch

5:00pm Margarita Contest

6:00pm Salsa Contest

7:00pm Taco Bar

8:00pm A Bailar! (Dance!)

Sunday, May 8

10:00am Sahnoan Council Meeting

Saturday, May 14

2:00pm Corn Hole Contest

8:00pm Dance!

Friday, May 20

6:00pm Birthday Dinner Location TBD

Saturday, May 21

8:30am WORK DAY!

8:00pm Dance

Sunday, May 22

10:00am COG Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 28
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
GARAGE SALE
SILENT AUCTION

9:00am Petanque
9:00am Pickleball
12:00pm Water Volleyball
3:00pm Washers

Sunday, May 29
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

9:00am Petanque
9:00am Pickleball
12:00pm Water Volleyball
3:00pm Washers

STAR RANCH 2022 “BARE BUNS RUN 5K”

Star Ranch has hosted the “Bare Buns Run 5K” in the spring every year since 1997. The event is so popular that it is listed as a “Top Running Race” in Texas by [RunnerClick.com](https://www.runnerclick.com). We generally have 130 to 160 runners in the competition, which is a qualifying race for the AANR-SW 5K Series. Due to the popularity of this event, ANNR-SW asked us to host a second 5K event each year – now named the “Chilly Cheeks 5K Run” and is run in the fall.

Enjoy a rural run through “Star Ranch” in McDade, Texas, 30 minutes east of Austin on US Hwy 290. The course winds its way around pastures and through woodland trails for approximately three kilometers before entering the developed portion of the ranch. The final two kilometers are on the sand and gravel paths connecting the cottages and cabins owned by our members. The race finishes at our gorgeous pool where you can enjoy a light meal off the grill while awaiting race results.

Both of our runs are “clothing optional” meaning wear as much or as little as you like. **All runners must be pre-registered** and we do conduct background checks on all our guests to ensure a safe environment is maintained at all times. At Star Ranch, we pride ourselves on over 64 years of hospitality serving the nudist community of central Texas. Explore the web site for more information on the Ranch and the other activities we host throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you on both Race Days – April 9 and October 8, 2022!

Parking opens at 9:00 AM – the races start at 1:00 PM.



C.O.G. Board of Directors

President	Wanda H
Vice President	Crystal W
Secretary	Jamie M
	Ronnie B
	Mike W
Treasurer	David M

Sahnoan Council

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

Star Ranch Staff

Business Manager	Linda Mc
Front Office	Heather C
	Melissa S
Maintenance	Mike M
	Patrick L
Housekeeping	Jean M
	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, April 10,
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.

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