

The Western Sun

News from the Western Region of the American Association for Nude Recreation

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We publish this newsletter every month for our independent members and clubs. We appreciate it being forwarded to club members and other AANR guests as you feel appropriate. Communication is the key to everyone understanding all the things that AANR and AANR-West does for the social nudist movement.

What's New on the Web Site: www.aanrwest.org

The new aanrwest.org web site is constantly being improved as we add new features and news all the time. Check back frequently in the News section to see what is currently happening around the region. Please submit your own news stories (250 words maximum) and we will include them. Let the world know what you are doing!

Feel free to use the comment section to send us your thoughts about the web site and your suggestions for how to improve it.

Meet Your Board

All Board members can be contacted via email at: information@aanrwest.org



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Your Regional Board at Work

November 4 Fall Board Meeting at Shangri-La

Your elected board members met on 11/4 to discuss critical issues affecting the region, to set priorities for 2018, and to approve a budget for the coming year. We thank the of you who came to watch and to participate in the discussions.

- The morning session was devoted to a couple of workshops focused on revising the Scholarship program, reviewing the Kid Summer Camps, and setting priorities for the Membership Marketing committee.
- The **Scholarship** team proposed opening up the annual Scholarships to adults going back to vocational or trade school and to those who may need just a class or two to get a new job skill. Previously the focus was on high schoolers who were going to a 2 or 4-year college only. This also means the eligibility and the judging process needs to be totally re-written. Everyone agreed the applications should be available on-line and not just written-and-mailed as was the case previously. These changes will require some changes in our regional by-laws and procedure manual and so the committee will make a full report with recommendations at the next board meeting in March, so things will stay the same for 2018.
- The Board agreed the **Kids Summer Camp** program needs to continue, even though attendance has dwindled the past few years as the number of teens and pre-teens at the clubs who are interested has dropped. Some clubs still have clusters of kids interested so the camps will be held there. Mountain Air Ranch in Colorado and Glen Eden in California are both considering hosting 4-day Camps next summer. We are encouraging all the clubs to set aside tuition and travel expenses in their budgets to help send their kids and grandkids to these very fun events. More details will be available after the first of the year.
- The Marketing and Public Relations team is looking to expand the number of **trade shows** we attend next year as these have proved to be a great way to educate the public about social nudism. We will again be at the Quartzite RV show in Arizona in January, the LA Travel Show in California in February, the California Parks and Recreation show in March, and the **Earth Fair** in San Diego's **Balboa Park** (the largest free annual Earth Day environmental fair in the world) in April. We also will have information booths at various clubs throughout the year, so members can learn more about what AANR does for them. We are looking into various charity walks in other cities, such as Relay for Life and Avon 39 and board members will be looking into these events in their cities to see if we can get a nearby club to participate. AANR-West will once again be co-sponsoring the Los Angeles World Naked Bike Ride in June, and we hope we can expand our involvement into other WNBR events around the region.
- June will be **Women in Nude Recreation Month** and all clubs are encouraged to add special events or workshops for their women members and guests. Several clubs in the region do women-only workshops on a quarterly basis with very successful results. One club does an afternoon offsite visiting a Korean Spa. We will be sending out suggestions to you in coming months.

During the afternoon session, we reviewed the **Sports program** we began last year by linking the various 5k Runs held at different clubs into a multi-club series with prizes for those who participate in all of the races. We may also expand the Summer Games program, currently held at Olive Dell each year, into a multi-club series that will add volleyball, tennis, and other sports so that a club trophy can be awarded for best overall team.

The Board also agreed to establish a permanent address for the region that will not change every time there is a new president or treasurer. This has been confusing to our insurance carriers and others who want to send us information. We will be announcing this probably in next month's newsletter and correcting our letterhead and business cards to reflect this permanent change.

Finally, the **2018 budget** was negotiated and approved to fund all of these activities (and more). Everyone left the meeting feeling really good about the coming year.

Copies of the minutes of all Board meetings, as well as financial reports, are available to any AANR-West member upon request. Drop is an email at: information@aanrwest.org

The next Board meeting will be held March 3 at Laguna del Sol (see below).

2018 AANR-West Calendar

We currently are working on a combined 2018 calendar that includes all clubs in the eight western states. All clubs please submit your planned events and activities as soon as you have them decided to information@aanrwest.org.

AANR-West has now approved its 2018 calendar of meetings. Please add these to your club schedules so people may attend if they wish:

March 3, 2018 – AANR-West Spring Board Meeting. Laguna del Sol, Wilton, California. Call (916) 687-6550 to make reservations.

August 2-5, 2018 – AANR-West Annual Convention. De Anza Springs, Jacumba, California. Call (619) 766-4301 to make reservations.

August 6-12, 2018 - the AANR International Convention, also De Anza Springs, Jacumba, California. Call (619) 766-4301 to make reservations.

November 3, 2018 – AANR-West Fall Board Meeting, Mira Vista Nudist Resort, Tucson, Arizona. Call (520) 744-2355 for reservations.

Did you Know?

The AANR Participating Business Program

- This is designed to affiliate nudist-friendly businesses, such as Bed and Breakfasts, Motels, etc. who do not have AANR members per se. Like member clubs, they receive a plaque for their front office so that clients know that they adhere to our principles and standards. Think of it like the "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval." Like clubs, they must apply to AANR for affiliation. The cost for a business to belong to AANR is \$300 for the first year and \$200 for each year renewal.
- Also, these businesses can promote their activities by having their literature included at our periodic tradeshow booths. They may also want to donate to one or more of our periodic tradeshow drawings, festival raffles, or the annual GAT auction, for "a free two-night stay at our B&B," for example.

The AANR-West Club Loan Program

- AANR-West clubs may receive one interest-free loan per year, not to exceed \$5,000.00 each. The purpose for this is to assist improving facilities or perhaps acting as seed money for a new project that will attract new members. AANR has its Glen Miller program which similarly can provide interest free loans up to \$10,000 for "100% clubs."

More about the Co-op Advertising Program

In the October 2017 issue (last month), we discussed how Cooperative Advertisement Reimbursement program works. Some additional things perhaps you did not know:

- AANR West chartered 100% clubs may be reimbursed either 50% of the cost of qualified advertising, the amount not to exceed \$400.00 per year per club, or 25%, the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year per club.
- AANR International has a similar program with similar guidelines. By submitting to both, a club could "double dip" and possibly get a rebate for nearly 100% of their cost. Advertising does not need to be in the print media. If a club bought coffee cups with the AANR or AANR West logo, for example, they could be eligible for reimbursement up to a certain dollar amount.

Awards for Man/Woman/Family of the Year

It isn't too early for all the clubs to start thinking about who they may want to nominate for next year's Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Family of the Year. We seek to honor those unsung heroes who go that extra mile all the time but who never seem to get recognized for their efforts. Other awards are handed out for excellence in

Sports, Government Affairs, and Hall of Fame (Lifetime achievement). Deadline for submission is not until next May but we want you to start thinking about this early.

Upcoming from Around the Region

Thank you to the clubs for sending us their monthly promotional events. We have these listed on the Calendar and displayed under News. Please continue to send these to us, and also email us a brief summary of how your event went (number of participants, awards given, highlights, etc.) so we can post these also.

This calendar will be posted on the web site just as soon as we have submissions from most of the clubs, but no later than January 15.

While we appreciate receiving promotional material announcing future club activities, we also want to give each club some space in this newsletter to review their recent events, including photos if possible. This might include weddings, hiking trips, camping weekends, bowling, etc. We want to show the FUN in nude recreation! Limit 250 words, please.

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs November 16-30

These are major events only as each club holds weekly volleyball games and other parties besides those listed. Click the link to find out more information about the event.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event Description</u> | <u>Host Club</u> | <u>Club Link</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 11/17/17 | Leather and Lace Weekend | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
| 11/18/17 | Leather and Lace Weekend | Glen Eden Sun Club | info@gleneden.com |
| 11/18/17 | Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner | River Dippers | tim@norcalexposure.com |
| 11/18/17 | Pajama Party & Dance | Laguna del Sol | office@lagunadelsol.com |
| 11/18/17 | Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance | Mountain Air Ranch | marinfo@trynude.com |
| 11/23/17 | Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
| 11/23/17 | Thanksgiving Day Potluck | Olive Dell Ranch | olivedell1952@gmail.com |
| 11/25/17 | Black & White Dinner & Dance | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
| 11/25/27 | Thanksgiving Without the Dressing | Mira Vista | relax@miravistaresort.com |

Calendar of Major Events at the Clubs December 1-31

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event Description</u> | <u>Host Club</u> | <u>Club Link</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 12/2/17 | DJ Dance | Glen Eden Sun Club | info@gleneden.com |
| 12/2/17 | Holiday Craft Fair | Laguna del Sol | office@lagunadelsol.com |
| 12/9/17 | Christmas/Hanukkah Party | Olympian Club | olympianclub@aol.com |
| 12/9/17 | Christmas Gift Exchange | MiraVista | relax@miravistaresort.com |
| 12/9/17 | Reindeer Games Weekend | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
| 12/10/17 | Gift Exchange | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
| 12/10/17 | Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony | SCNA | scna@socalnaturist.org |
| 12/16/17 | Christmas Potluck | Glen Eden Sun Club | info@gleneden.com |
| 12/16/17 | Ugly Sweater Dance | Laguna del Sol | office@lagunadelsol.com |
| 12/25/17 | Christmas Day Potluck | Olive Dell Ranch | olivedell1952@gmail.com |
| 12/31/17 | New Year's Eve Party | De Anza Springs | stay@deanzasprings.com |
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