AANR-Florida Monthly Newsletter March 2023



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AANR-Florida President Ralph Collinson

President's Corner

March 2023

Hope everyone is enjoying the unseasonably nice weather we have had in Florida for most of this winter. With the exception of the cold snap around Christmas, it has been beautiful.

I got the chance to visit SunSport Gardens Family Nudist resort in Loxahatchee, FL in February. I was there for 5 days and the weather was perfect. High 70s to 80 most days with only a brief rain shower. I had a great visit and really enjoyed the pool, hot tub, sauna, hiking trails, and several new garden areas that the club has installed. The new Serenity Garden is a great spot to sit, read, or meditate.

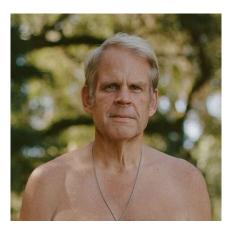
I also had the opportunity to visit Playalinda and Apollo Beaches in February. Apollo is open and operating as usual with naturists enjoying the beach at Parking Lot 5. Playalinda had restrictions due to erosion and damage to the cross-overs to the beach.

The beach access road was closed at Parking Lot 7 and nudists were using the beach from the Lot 8 crossover to the cross-over at Lot 6. This was causing some issues with textiles who had been using these areas in the past and were not willing to share with the clothing-optional crowd.

I'm pleased to report that this situation has been resolved. The Park Service acted responsibly, they did not issue any citations and they quickly worked to restore the cross-over to the beach at Parking Lot 13. The road re-opened at the beginning of March. Please use the beach access at Parking lot 13. The access at 12 is still under repair; however, the Park Service is keeping the parking lot at 12 open for overflow from 13.

I want to thank the Park Service for making this a priority and working to reduce the potential conflict between naturists and textiles. If you have not been to Playalinda it is a terrific spot to enjoy the sun and sea.

The weather will only get better as we move closer to Spring in Florida. All clubs are open, check their calendars for scheduled events. Get out and enjoy the freedom of nude recreation.



Erich Schuttauf Executive Director Florida Report

The Florida Legislative Session convenes next week. AANR and AANR Florida volunteers are reviewing copies of pre-filed bills for those that could impact nude recreation, as well as other important areas such as campground licensing, taxes, fees, and business regulation.

AANR and AANR Florida works closely with Government Affairs professionals in Tallahassee who monitor and respond to such developments as well. Member dues help fund the computerized bill-tracking services that AANR uses as tools in this work.

Since 1931 protecting nudist rights has been part of the Association's core mission. This protection includes work in local, state, and federal courts. In fact, AANR and its predecessor, the American Sunbathing Association, had been to the US Supreme Court in the 1950's and 1980's to protect nudist publishing and nudist parenting rights. Later, AANR's "friend of the court" brief in the case of Erie v. Pap's A.M. helped the court address the constitutional limits of regulating nudity within business establishments. That work is particularly significant as Pasco County currently considers revising its ordinances concerning zoning and sexually oriented businesses.



Joan Harris Liaison Committee Chair

Women in Nude Recreation

Recently I have had several conversations about what WINR is, and why it exists. Women in Nude Recreation (WINR – pronounced winner) is a community within the nudist world of likeminded women affiliated with different AANR regions, and usually a nudist club.

Women have always come together in the world to support each other, and that is true in the world of social nudism also. The group became officially recognized thanks to the work of Sally Dupree in Pasco County, Florida. In 2004 Sally, and her WINR group at the time, held a nudist women's workshop at Lake Como at the AANR annual convention. From there, WINR has spread throughout the AANR world.

Given her own non-nudist upbringing and conventional early adult life, Sally recognized the enormity of that first step into social nudism, especially for women. As an outspoken believer in the benefits of

enjoying social nudism, she determined to help other women find the courage to take that first step.

Sally retired from her WINR role many years ago, but the results of her work continue to stand and to grow. The strongest lasting theme of her work is the idea of nudist women as a community. I've often said that women coming together in support of each other enhances every experience. That belief continues to grow with each WINR meeting and event I attend.

One of the points of the AANR mission statement is "providing support services and community to our members". That is precisely what WINR does.

There are WINR committees in each of the seven AANR regions and many clubs across AANR. There is a wide range of approaches taken by the different groups, ranging from meetings with speakers to recreational activities to family socials. Many of the groups support women's shelters in their area, partnering to help extend the shelter's grant funds through donations and volunteer work. The forms of the groups are as varied as the women involved, but the focus always remains on building a stronger community.

WINR owes a debt of gratitude to Sally for her work in highlighting the amazing experience social nudism is for most women. I am sure she would be pleased to see how her efforts have grown across AANR.

The national AANR Chair for WINR is Andee Rodgers. She meets with all regional chairs to help share ideas and support. She also welcomes input from all WINR groups at <u>andee.rodgers@aanr.com</u>.

If you would like further information on WINR groups in Florida, please contact me. I would love to hear about your group and highlight it in the monthly newsletter.

Joan.harris@aanr-florida.org.



BG Parks AANR-Florida Trustee

Wow has the state of Florida been blessed with gorgeous weather this past February and now leading into March. It is time to get out and support your local resorts and travel clubs visiting approved nudist and clothing-optional places.

Cypress Cove Resort - had a great idea of doing a Women's Event this past weekend, I hope those of you around that area got and visited this. You need to check out their website for upcoming events this month.

They are doing a Full Moon Gathering – on March 7th

Catch and Release Day Fishing Tournament - March 11 Spring Craft Fair is also on - March 11th Trailer Trash Party - March 15th Tenth Annual Spring Pickleball Tournament Weekend – March 17th

Crossed Oaks Haven is hosting a Nude Bowling Night – on April 2nd

Our friends at Crossed Oaks Haven have put together another nude bowling gathering at Orange Bowl Lanes in Kissimmee on April 2, from 10 am to 1 pm. The cost for this event is \$20 for those over 35 years of age, \$10 for 18-35 years, and free for those under 18. Please bring cash for the entry fee and sign in at the table with Crossed Oaks Haven staff. The fee includes the shoe rental and all the games you can bowl.

Those with the highest cumulative score will take possession of the roving Nude Bowling Champion trophy. Available snacks include Popcorn, soft drinks, and chocolate chip cookies. See you at the lanes! For more information reach out to<u>crossedoakshaven@aol.com</u>

Lake Como Resort

21st Annual Nudist Volleyball Tournam

ent – March 10 - 19th this is the Premier Nude Volleyball Event of the South

April 2nd – 29th Annual Dare to Go Bare Run – Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Register on their website 5K run & or 2K walk. **Register by 3/12 and save \$10 if you go online to Lake Como.**

Bay Bares

Think you might kike to pay us a visit? They are now open 7 days a week! There should be someone there daily to open the park, but call ahead on Mon – Thurs to verify. 850-722-0790 They are in Youngstown, FL

If you like to boat and dive investigate Nautical Nudists located in Lutz, FL check them out on Facebook for more information.

NFN – North Florida Naturists will be at Suwannee Valley Resort on March 17th – 19th.

Suwannee Valley Resort

March 10th – 12th – Tom and Friends Birthday Weekend, entertainment all weekend. Come on out and join in the celebration.

March 16th – Goddess Party it's a ladies' day so wear that little black dress and come out and be pampered with other ladies.

March 17th – 19th – St Patrick's Day Party and Prom night on Saturday night

March $24^{th} - 25^{th}$ – Hasher's White Dress – congrats to the bride and groom.

March 30th – April 2nd – SVR 9th Annual Nude Rock Weekend – 12 bands to rock you from Thursday – Sunday.

Sunnier Palms

If you are in the Fort Pierce area make sure to call ahead and stop in and see this little gem. It is a great place to visit.

If any clubs that are having more upcoming events please let me know and I will be glad to promote this for you. Thank you to those that have reached out. Let's remember to remind everyone how important it is to be a part of AANR and support your nudist rights today.

> Have a great month! Naturally, BG



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Click below for the newest Sunsport Gardens newsletter



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Music Rocks the Air at Hidden River Resort

For over 20 years Hidden River Resort has filled the country air with the sound of live music with their annual Nudie Blues event.

This year's event is scheduled for April 28-30, 2023

This fun-filled musical event happens with a Saturday night show on stage and under the stars with some classic rock and easy listening that will keep you in the groove.

In addition, to live music, the Nudie Blues event also provides a fun-filled weekend with full facility and tent camping, skinny dipping at the pool, laying out on secluded beaches of the St. Marys River, field games, nature walks, and just plain hanging out with some pretty good folks.

Find out why people say "...visiting Hidden River Resort is a lot like visiting a state park, but you don't have to wear clothes".

For more information and to get your reservation for this special weekend call **Billie at 912.843.2603.**





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Tickets online per person: \$65 until 3/20 \$75 from 3/21 to 4/30 \$95 at the gate



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ike you, we believe everything is more enjoyable in the nude, whether in the great outdoors with friends or at a resort or club.

In fact, here's your next bucket list item: Go to the library naked!

While on the beautiful grounds of Cypress Cove Nudist Resort, "check out" the American Nudist Research Library.





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