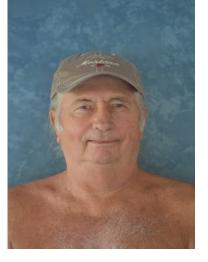
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President

Ralph Collinson

President's Corner November 2023

Fall is in full gear and while many resorts up north are closing the Florida AANR resorts are just moving into high gear. The humidity is low and the temperature is still very nice for swimming and hot tubbing at resorts statewide. Check out your favorite resort for special holiday events in November and December and enjoy the freedom. I understand that there have been some closures at Parking Lot 5 at Apollo so that the Park Service can repair the walkway and that the road to Lot 13 at Playalinda has also been closed on occasion to clear sand and debris from the roadway. Check the Canaveral National Seashores webpage for up-to-date information and act accordingly.

AANR-Florida will be holding it's Winter Meeting at Cypress Cove Resort on January 12 & 13, 2024. Please plan on joining us and participating in the open house and the meeting, we value the input of our members. I hope to e able to publish the agenda for the meeting in the December Newsletter.

AANR-Florida's Government Affair's Team is already gearing up to track proposed legislation in the 2024 legislative session. Legislative Committees are beginning to meet and drafting proposed bills which we are watching closely to make sure that there are no surprises and that we have time to offer alternatives to the sponsors to ensure that nude recreation in Florida is not impacted. AANR-Florida is the only region in AANR that employes a full-time political consultant in Tallahassee. Ramon Maury is a nudist and he has been working with AANR-Florida and the BEACHES Foundation for many years doing a great job of keeping us out of harm's way.



Erich Schuttauf

Executive Director

As this report is being prepared, AANR and AANR Florida are working diligently to address legislation that is "in the pipeline" for the 2024 Florida legislative season.

AANR resorts/industry recognized in proposed legislation!... One key development that we already know about is the reappearance of a bill to regulate nudity where licensed massage is provided. Last year, with considerable help from AANR Florida Government Affairs professional Ramon Maury who worked with me, nudists narrowly stopped the bill during its late stages. The version proposed for the next session shows more promise and improvement. It is written to include a provision, which we helped to draft, for a massage that takes place within AANR resorts and clubs.

That is good news... tempered with the knowledge that a lot can, and probably will, change as the bill progresses.

Wisconsin. Meanwhile, AANR is working elsewhere to preserve important nudist rights. As you may know, the state of Wisconsin is currently considering two bills (four if you count the Assembly and Senate companions of each). The bills would prohibit a parent from bringing their minor child to a "public" event where nudity takes place, as well as change legal standards to prohibit "intentional" nudity, rather than "indecent" behavior as the law now reads. AANR and AANR Midwest region dues are funding an experienced professional, including officially registering our positions with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission as required by law. Hearings have been held in which AANR members who are residents of the state have testified.

The bills were initially triggered in response to World Naked Bike Ride events that took place in Madison and Milwaukee but involved many issues. These include matters of parental rights, the rights of those in the entertainment industry, First Amendment protections, and much more that would become a significant problem if the bills became model legislation that spread to other states. While it may be occurring many "states away" from Florida it is nonetheless a critical topic requiring response.

AANR Board Online

Reminder about the upcoming online meeting...

AANR Clubs and Members are welcome to attend the online meeting of the AANR Board next Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern (Florida) time. A copy of the agenda including the order of reports, appears below.

The following link will take participants to the Zoom session where the meeting will be aired:

Here is the Zoom link:

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Happy November!

Joan Harris, AANR Interim Trustee

Hopefully, all of you who celebrate Halloween had a fun and safe weekend. The Paradise Lakes community celebrated with a huge golf cart parade. The decorations were quite impressive!

In October I attended the annual Nude-a-Palooza music festival at Cypress Cove. The event raises money for breast cancer research and over the years has donated more than \$330,000. The day was very well attended and extremely well-coordinated. Many people work tirelessly to make the event a success, both in terms of fundraising and a great day for attendees. A big thank you to all who worked so hard!

As always, clubs across Florida are participating in events for the benefit of their communities and neighbors. In Pasco County, the Neighborhood Associations of Paradise Lakes club (NAPL) holds monthly potlucks and collects items for the Sunrise Pasco Women's shelter. This month we are also sponsoring a Food Drive for Helping Hands food pantry and a Blood Drive.

The Pasco Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) group collects items for Sunrise each month. Nudists know how to be good neighbors.

It is difficult to reconcile all the political and cultural upheaval and senseless violence in the world right now, with the thought of entering into what is traditionally a joyful and celebratory season. I hope all of you are able to spend time with those who are important to you and to find peace and comfort. And to have some fun!

Our northern friends have begun to return for the season.

WELCOME BACK! It is great to have you all here again.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!





AANR EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2023 ART RAFFLE

Incorporated in August of 2002, the Education Foundation has completed the past two decades supporting the naturist community through scholarships and grants thanks to the generosity of the AANR community and others.

In 2021, the Board established an annual art raffle to continue supporting the objectives set 20 years ago. Funds raised through the raffle enabled, in part, the award of four scholarships and two youth camp grants.

The Board is pleased to present the 2023 artwork.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Created by your fellow nudists, the artwork will be delivered in time to make a wonderful Christmas Season gift!

100% of the raffle proceeds go to the Education Foundation so please be generous.

Our thanks to the artists who have donated the works including the special painting by the AANR MidWest Cedar Trails Kids Kamp participants, ERBCO Gallery, T. Boyd, and Henry Yeun!

We appreciate the efforts of the EF Board members including David Levine, Margie Cantlon, Bob Roche, and Jessica Harpin

The Raffle is now available through December 3, 2023.

So click the link, buy raffle tickets, and support the Education Foundation



Wreaths Across America Day

December 16, 2023



Every year since 2008, Congress has proclaimed a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day.

This year, Wreaths Across America Day will take place on December 16, 2023.

On that day, more than 2 million Veterans' Wreaths will be placed across Local, National, and Military Cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites. Our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 3,700+ locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea,

and

abroad.

Anyone who wants to offer a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy can purchase a wreath for \$17. It is a win-win for both our heroes as well as for AANR because your donation will provide a wreath to a Veterans Cemetery and AANR will receive \$5 per wreath back. We also invite you to volunteer at a wreath-laying ceremony to assist in saying veteran names aloud and thanking them for their service,

so we Never Forget to keep their memory living on.

If you are interested, please contact me at 813-300-4088 by sending me a text with your name and location and I will call you back with information.

Please note that when going online to order it will come up under Oviedo, FL

for it is the closest Veterans Cemetery to the AANR Home Office.

Scan the QR code on the bottom right with your smartphone camera to make a donation online or visit the website <u>wreathsacrossamerica.org</u> and scroll down the page to see the heading How We Teach and click on Find a Specific Group. Then type in AANR and it will come up for you to choose where you would like your wreath(s) placed.

However, you can use the drop-down menu to change the

locations of your wreaths by finding your location and selecting it on the menu.

Last year we had a great start raising money. My goal this year is to sell a minimum of 1,500 wreaths, for each of which we will receive \$5 back.

This money will help our AANR Government Affairs team protect our Nudist Rights by lobbying with elected leaders to prevent or alter any bills or situations that could cause our lifestyle harm.

With your kind donation, you can honor veterans and help fellow nudists.

Yours Sincerely,

BG

IMPORTANT Date:

November 28, 2023

The cutoff date for 2023 Wreath Orders

PLEASE NOTE: According to Wreaths Across America, their wreaths are placed primarily on the graves of Christians because some religions do not engage in such practices. The AANR Board of Trustees wants to assure everyone that we participate in this venture as just one expression of our dedication to veterans.

AANR supports veterans of all faiths. Our respect for the men and women who represent our nation in the armed forces is universal, with no religious or spiritual bounds.



SUNSPORT GARDENS

November 2023 NEWSLETTER

We always look forward to November as the month when Sunsport's friends from the North begin to return. It is wonderful to be with you all again. Lots is happening this month at Sunsport.

November events at Sunsport include the First Friday Community Drum Circle on November 3 at 9:00 p.m., water aerobics on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 a.m., pickleball daily at 9:00 a.m., and petanque in the afternoon.

The traditional Thanksgiving Community Pot Luck Dinner is at 5:30 pm in the pavilion on Thanksgiving Day. The Thanksgiving Dinner is the first opportunity of the season for our community to get together. On the sheet in the office please describe what dish you plan to bring to the Thanksgiving Pot Luck.

Sunsport Gardens is ending smoking and vaping in all common areas, tent sites, and accommodations. This is supportive of Sunsport's values of promoting a healthful, environmentally sensitive, and natural environment. Since 2001, Sunsport has been the leader among naturist resorts in promoting these values. These values are consistent with the values of the early naturist groups in Germany and the United States. They are also consistent with the policies of other health-oriented organizations such as hospitals and schools which do not allow smoking on their campuses.

Sunsport has moved steadily toward its goals. In 2001, Sunsport banned smoking in all buildings. Next, smoking was eliminated in the swimming pool, and hot tub area. Then smoking was relegated to several small smoking areas. The smoking area in the spot where the gazebo is now located was abandoned since smoke was entering the restaurant deck. Recently, the most used smoking area had become a gathering place for excessive drinking and noise.

Sunsport has promoted its values in other ways as well. The restaurant and snack bar offer healthful options including vegetarian meals. (A new "Healthy Choice" menu will soon be displayed on a whiteboard outside Sunsport's snack bar.) Pesticides and herbicides are not permitted at Sunsport with noxious and invasive species controlled in other more traditional ways. There are beautiful nature trails through the jungle. Roadways are not paved. There are many varieties of tropical fruits and herbs. Sunsport has chosen not to have a bar or sell alcoholic beverages. Bodywash without questionable additives is provided in the showers.

Since its founding in 1965, Sunsport has always welcomed diversity, never discriminating based on race, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or disabling conditions.

As a reminder, rates for memberships and site, accommodations, and storage rentals will increase by 5% beginning November 1st. Daily ground fees will be raised \$5 to \$30 for affiliated people (Those include people with current AANR, TNSF, FCN, FQN, INF, or Bare Oaks memberships.), \$35 for unaffiliated people, \$15 for young adults aged 18-30 with current student IDs, and \$15 for drum circle evenings between 5 pm and 10 pm. People under age 18 continue to be free.

This is necessary since Sunsport has been hit hard by the inflation this year. There has been a dramatic increase in the cost of maintenance supplies, utilities, insurance, almost everything. Also, Florida law requires that all employees be paid at least \$15 per hour by 2026. The Sunsport Board has decided to raise employee wages by \$1 per hour each year until the \$15 per hour is reached. Sunsport's wonderful and capable staff certainly deserves the raises.

Amanda Henderson is Sunsport's new Activities Coordinator. She is eager to receive ideas for activities. Contact her if you wish to use Sunsport facilities such as the pavilion. Amanda will be posting activity schedules. You can reach Amanda at 561-584-3644 or lovelybones2243@gmail.com.

Sunsport now has a YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@SunsportGardens. The channel will include videos showcasing all the interesting sights and experiences of visiting Sunsport and the philosophy and history of naturism.

A beautiful new brochure entitled Florida Nakations has been produced. Sunsport is one of two naturist resorts listed, with a link to Sunsport's website. The brochure will be available at Florida's Welcome Centers. Copies can be picked up in Sunsport's office.

The Midwinter Naturist Festival will take place at Sunsport February 15-20, over Presidents' Day long weekend. The Festival schedule is now on the website along with the registration form. The Festival is Sunsport's largest event of the year with over 200 workshops and activities. Jelaine Lombardi will talk and sign her book, an intimate memoir entitled, Running Around Naked. Evenings include always popular live performances by Armand and Angelina, Faerie Elaine Silver, and others plus movies and drum circles. If you are flying in, book your flight early.

With a little cooler weather, November is always a great month at Sunsport.

NEWSLETTER

Eden News

Highlights

Upcoming Events

Happy Thanksgiving

A great, American tradition is to celebrate Thanksgiving. A day of thanks for another year nearly over and a new year on the horizon, and here at Eden RV Resort we have plenty to be 'thankful' for. The park is filling up for a another WONDERFUL Florida winter and this season is the first that we have a freshly refurbished pool, a solid TIKI shelter for those rare, but oh-so cold TIKI nights, and our park beautification projects are really showing their flowery colors.



Of course no Thanksgiving is complete without friends and family. So as has been our tradition for many years, we will be hosting our Thanksgiving Potluck at 5:00pm on November 23rd in the Eden Clubhouse (sign up sheets will be posted from November 1st through the 22nd). Beverages and sides, like butter or bread, are also needed. So get creative and help us enjoy this night in any way you can.

If you aren't able to cook something for the feast, do not let that hinder you. We welcome all on this day to enjoy the resort and efforts of our neighbors.





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