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## AANR-Florida President Ralph Collinson

#### President's Corner February 2024

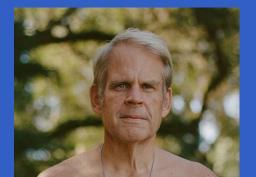
January has flown by. We started the month off with a very successful Winter Meeting at Cypress Cove. On Friday evening we were joined by representatives from the Naturist Action Committee (NAC), the Naturist Education Foundation (NEF), AANR, and BEACHES. This is one of the few times in recent memory that all of these groups have been together in the same location. The spread put out by Cypress Cove exceeded all expectations and I want to thank them for their generous hospitality.

On Saturday the AANR-Florida Board met and passed a budget for 2024. The board also discussed the 2024 contract for our paid lobbyist in Tallahassee which was later finalized in January. I'm pleased to announce that the board has agreed to retain Maury Management for 2024. As many of you realize the Florida Legislature meets between January and March every year. Maury Management has been very active in protecting nudist rights in Florida and it is great that they will be able to continue their efforts on behalf of Florida naturists in 2024.

A lot is going on at Florida's clubs in February. Foremost is AANR's Winter meeting this coming weekend at Lake Como in Lutz, FL. Please plan on attending in person or via Zoom. In addition, SunSport Gardens is conducting the annual Naturist Mid-Winter Festival from February 15-20. This is a great event with hundreds of workshops of interest to naturists nightly entertainment and naturist films. Our other member clubs have events planned every weekend, especially around Valentine's Day so check out their websites for the latest information.

Lake Como Family Nudist Resort and Community in Lutz, FL. is seeking resumes for the position of General Manager/Executive Director. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing all areas of the resort community including, but not limited to motel and cabin rentals, RV site rentals, as well as restaurant, bar, maintenance, and front office responsibilities. The incumbent is the liaison between all staff, management, and the Board of Directors. The ideal candidate will be a nudist with proven General manager experience who possesses or will obtain a Florida CAM License.

Please submit resumes and any questions to: wmoore@lakecomonaturally.com



#### To All Clubs

Election deadline is March 15. New memberships must be submitted by that date to be included in the Voter's List.

### Erich Schuttauf Executive Director

I look forward to visiting Lake Como Club in Lutz, Florida this weekend, February 2-3 for the 2024 Midwinter meeting of the AANR Board of Trustees. Please join us in person or online. Instructions for joining appear below.

#### Bills Recognizing AANR Exemption Working their Way Through Florida Legislature

AANR Florida's Government Affairs Professional continues to assist us with advancing HB 197 and SB 896 in the state legislature. The bills regulate massage therapy while containing a provision allowing nudity within clubs chartered with AANR. The significance of these bills goes well beyond the massage industry, however. It is a critical part of the process of educating lawmakers and judicial officials about nudist issues and the legality of what we enjoy.

#### Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting - Lake Como Club, Florida

We hope that you will plan to join us in person or online on February 2 and 3 for the 2024 Midwinter Meeting of the AANR Board of Trustees to be held at Lake Como Club in Lutz, Florida. A copy of the meeting agenda is available below:

# AANR MEETING SCHEDULE MIDWINTER 2024 LAKE COMO RESORT

For those who cannot make it to Lake Como, below is the Zoom Meeting information.

Join Zoom Meeting

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#### Wisconsin Anti-Nudity Update.

As previously reported here, on Tuesday, January 16, the Wisconsin state *senate* passed SB 477 and 478, two anti-nudity bills that AANR and AANR Midwest have been closely monitoring and working to stop. One changes the standard from requiring *indecent* exposure to mere *intentional* exposure; the other prohibits a parent from bringing their child to an event where persons appear nude, including if they bare buttocks. AANR has redoubled efforts to reach key Assembly members to urge them to vote "No,"

Current and past members in Wisconsin have been sent emails with specific information about how to contact their *certain select* lawmakers. We have also reached many members, in Wisconsin, by district with direct phone calls. This is significant because the professionals assisting AANR note that it is essential that only constituents from lawmakers' districts make contact.



#### February 2024 Column

February is an exciting time at Sunsport with the most activities ever.

The Midwinter Naturist Festival, February 15-20, is Sunsport's and the Naturist Society Foundation's largest event of the year. Sunsport will be full of naturists from all over North America to choose from over 210 scheduled activities. Favorites Armand and Angelina and Faerie Elaine will return. Drum circles, live entertainment, and movies happen each evening, five or six workshops every hour daytime, and trips to clothing-optional beaches on Tuesday. There will also be skin cancer screening available on Saturday. The restaurant will be open for three buffet-style meals daily. You can find the updated full Festival program including a description of each workshop on Sunsport's and the Naturist Society Foundation's websites.

Sunsport members who lead at least two workshops or volunteer to help for at least five hours will have their registration fee waived. Those wishing to volunteer in the restaurant, at the hospitality booth, in the office, checking showers and restrooms, moving chairs, or parking cars should attend a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, at 8 pm in the pavilion.

Anyone registered for the Festival may set up a booth at no charge in Vendor/Practitioner Row as early as 9 am on Wednesday, February 14th. Vendors and practitioners must supply their own tables, chairs, canopies, etc. as desired. These booths help to enrich the Festival experience.

The Just Married duo from France are returning to Sunsport for the first full week in February. They will perform in the pavilion on Tuesday the 6th at 7 pm and by the pool on Friday the 9th at 1 pm. Their singing in English and French was very popular last year.

There will be a Community Drum Circle on Friday, February 2nd and a Super Bowl Watching Party Sunday the 11th in the pavilion.

The Annual Coed Fun Bowl Volleyball Tournament will be on Sunday, February 25th. To register for the volleyball tournament, sign up at the volleyball court any afternoon with a \$5 entry fee. All skill levels are mixed with teams made up of different people each game.

Ongoing activities include Water Aerobics on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 10 am, morning pickleball, and canasta Mondays at 7 pm in the clubhouse, yoga on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon in the pavilion, popular and creative arts and crafts on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the pavilion, movies in the pavilion the last 2 Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, and daily afternoon petangue and volleyball.

Dances include line dancing on Tuesdays at 9:30 am, belly dancing on Thursdays at 10 am, Saturday evening dances at 8 pm, Zumba on Monday the 5th, and (if there are at least 8 people) square dances Thursdays at 8 pm and Wednesday the 14th at 8 pm.

Although Sunsport's legal name is Sunsport Gardens Inc., we use the title Sunsport Gardens Family Naturist Resort. The Family part is important. Six families with children live at Sunsport and others live nearby. But that's not all. Children are welcome at all activities at Sunsport. Our Midwinter Naturist Festival is the only large event sponsored by a national naturist organization that has a full schedule of activities designed to interest children. Sunsport's Family Youth Gathering in July is a wonderful experience for children with parents encouraged to participate with their children. I am proud that Sunsport provides a safe, healthy resort and community for families.

The Winter issue of the Naturist Society Foundation's N Magazine features an article about healthy living at Sunsport.

The office now has a variety of Sunsport Gardens T-shirts available. The shirts have attractive designs by Christopher Vuk.

Reminder: Please use the appropriate containers for throwing out items. Place materials such as clean paper and cardboard in the yellow bins; cans, plastics (except styrofoam, utensils, and bags), juice boxes, and glass and plastic bottles in the blue bins. Place large items such as platforms and furniture near, but not in, the dumpster. Place only bagged garbage and small items in the dumpster.

February is always Sunsport's busiest month of the year. Most camping sites with hook-ups are full as are rental units. However, we always have space for tenting and dry camping. This is a great time to enjoy Sunsport with friends you haven't seen for a while and an opportunity to make new friends.





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2024 special events include: 10-day Volleyball Tournament – March 8-17 Dare to Go Bare 5K Run – April 14 Naked Arts & Music Burn Festival – May 3-5

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