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AANR-Florida
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When the Florida Region Board of Directors was seated in June 2024, year-to-date revenue was down 8.6% (\$1,748) from 2023. Similar membership comparisons were also down 6.2% (354 members) during this time. To combat these trends, the new Board established priorities of membership growth (recruitment and retention) and legal protection to sustain the fiscal health and future viability of the Region.

With a strong emphasis on membership growth, active investment oversight, and conservative, mission-driven fiscal management, the data show:

- We are approaching membership stabilization, now only 39 members lower than we were in 2023, despite membership declines in four of the last six years. Demand for memberships is growing stronger. Nine Clubs: Bare RV, Cypress Cove, First Coast Naturists, Lake Como, Nautical Nudists, Nude Revolution, Nudistclubhouse.com, Sunspot Gardens, and United Naturists had membership growth between December 2023 and October 2024.
- Our investment portfolio rate of return is up 11.4% year to date and 25.1% over the last 12 months. These increases are due to outstanding investment strategies recommended to the Board by Lewis Dreblow in his consultations with Edward Jones.
- The Finance Committee has done an excellent job engaging in conservative, mission-driven expenditures. In fact, they were able to fund over \$5,100 in unbudgeted expenses for Hurricane Relief Assistance.

At present, our Government Affairs Team continues to monitor two serious issues during the current Florida Legislation Session.

- There is a Senator who is now the Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee that may introduce legislation banning alcohol sales where children are present and nudity is permitted.
- We are also concerned about issues of insurance access and affordability to our clubs and members after a tumultuous hurricane season.

Our GAT wishes to thank AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf for providing redacted state and national

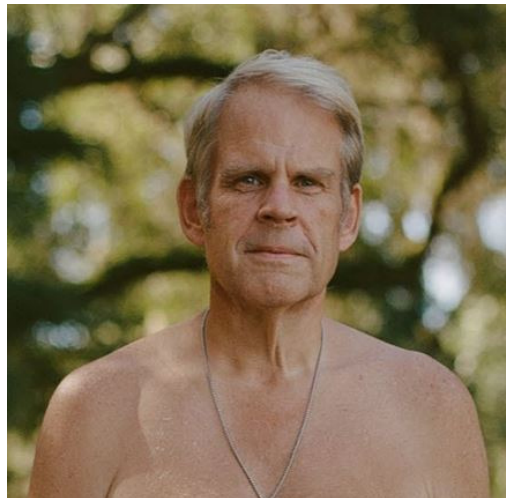
summaries of legal opportunities and challenges that we face in our monthly newsletter. These have been very favorably received by our members.

Finally, our Region held our annual Midwinter Meeting at Suwannee Valley Resort January 11-12, 2025. In addition to the standing business items, the Board committed to the following actions during the next six months to support membership growth, legal protection, and the strength of the Region.

- Updating the Economic Impact Study of Nude Recreation in Florida and sharing the methodology with the regional presidents and trustees.
- Creating a Roving Ambassador Program to have trained Board members help clubs and certifying officers with membership data entry when requested.
- Providing flags that market and brand AANR to the clubs.
- Drafting materials and forms for the creation of an AANR-Florida Educational Foundation to increase revenue streams and decrease reliance on membership dues.
- Developing a Statement of Mutual Expectations so prospective board members understand the duties, responsibilities, and time commitments of serving on the Florida Region Board of Directors.

Together, the actions of our members, clubs, and Board is making a strong Region even stronger.

Yours Naturally,
Joe



Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

This month our office prepared a detailed legal memorandum on behalf of an AANR business. It is currently being denied federal disaster funds on the basis of the nudity allowed at the business. Arlette and I are working closely with the ownership to explain the difference between nudists and adult entertainment. The legislative victories that AANR members have helped the association to attain provide strong grounds for reconsideration of the initial decision.

AANR and its Northwest Region team recently pushed back an attempt by the Oregon Parks division to change the protections (and possibly parameters) for the nude beach at Rooster Rock State Park. Thanks to a very strong turnout for an online session to discuss the proposed change as well as a letter-writing campaign, the Division officially announced it was completely dropping the idea.

AANR's Government Affairs Team (GAT) is currently reviewing pieces of legislation as they are introduced in state legislatures and Canadian provinces. Software searches for keywords identify bills, which are then reviewed by volunteers and staff to gauge their applicability to nudists and likelihood of passage.

AANR's team is already preparing for the National Conference of State Legislatures, scheduled to take place in Boston this year. Past AANR President and professional artist, Kathy Watzel is already working on designing the souvenir pin to be featured this year. The pins draw lawmakers and staff to AANR's booth to discuss important policies.

AANR will have a table on the nude cruise during days at sea. If you are on the high seas, stop by for small souvenir items and giveaways.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

I'm writing this in the midst of a blizzard across most of North Florida. It has been cooler than normal in most of Florida this winter. I was at Suwannee Valley Resort (SVR) for the AANR-Florida Winter Meeting in mid January and stayed dressed for most of the weekend which is very unusual, as the temperature stayed in the low 30's. I want to thank BG, Tom, their staff and members for the great reception we received at SVR. The food was terrific, as usual, and they had a great band on Saturday evening. We also got to baptize their new meeting room that has just been added next to the lodge. It is going to be a great addition to the resort. Please join AANR at their Winter gathering also at SVR on January 31 and February 1. The meetings start promptly

at 10:00AM both days.

The roads at Playalinda are now fully open all the way to parking Lot 13, so hopefully everything will be back to normal. I want to thank all of the beach users for their abiding by the restricted use of the beach over the last several months. To my knowledge there were no user conflicts and nudists and textiles were able to enjoy the seashore without conflicting with each other. I'm not aware of any reported incident or issues which is commendable. I do want to mention that I have received reports of two arrests at the beach in recent weeks. In both cases it involved indecent behavior on the beach which the Park Service will not tolerate. Please support the Park Service Rangers, if you witness indecent behavior when at the beach call the park office and report it. This is the only way we will keep this beach open and safe for family friendly naturism.

Blind Creek Beach has started a major renovation of the parking area. This project will take approximately 6 months to complete and the parking lot has been closed. However, the beach remains open with temporary parking. Your walk to the beach might be a little longer, but, it will be worthwhile the beach is still beautiful.

I want to congratulate Crossed Oaks Haven. Patti and her crew held their January Nude Bowling event in Kissimmee, FL and broke the all time attendance record by hosting over 95 nude bowlers. They run these events quarterly and they have become highly popular. Thanks to Patti and her group for all of the work you do to promote nude recreation in Florida.



Joan Harris
Women in Nude Recreation (WINR)

The Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) Committee has an opening for the position of Chair. This Committee exists to support WINR groups throughout the Florida Region and assist clubs to establish and grow local WINR groups.

The ANNR-Florida Region Committee handbook details the Committee Chair's responsibilities as follows.

Task	Description
Provide support to nudist women	Maintain presence on AANR-FL website and in AANR-FL monthly newsletter

WORK	MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
Connect WINR groups throughout FL	Encourage all WINR groups to contribute to website and newsletter to share practices and information.
Answer inquiries and assist formation of new WINR groups	Personal outreach to clubs to offer assistance.
Provide support to all clubs regarding WINR questions and activities	Ensure that all club managers and personnel know support is offered to all regarding WINR issues, not just WINR members.
Reporting	Submit annual and mid-winter report of activities.
Budget	Prepare and submit an expense budget when requested by the Finance Chair.

Requirements include:

- * AANR-Florida Membership, either direct or through a club
- * An interest in strengthening and enhancing the social nudist experience for women
- * Willingness to complete the tasks listed above

The current Interim Chair held the position of Chair for several years and is retiring from the position in June. She is willing to work with and support the new Chair to provide support and encouragement to get started. This is a rewarding position with the opportunity to introduce new ideas and plans. The Committee is well supported by the Florida Region Officers and Board of Directors. Feel free to contact Joan at joan.harris@aanr-florida.org with any questions you may have about the position.



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