

AANR-Florida Monthly Newsletter March 2025.

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AANR-Florida

President

Joe Rivas

Greetings and Welcome to March. I thought it fun to start this month's article with some trivia on the month of March before turning to the business of the Board. Did you know that the Peace Corps was established, FDR's "Fear Itself" Speech was given, the Boston Massacre occurred, the Philippines gained independence, and the first Gulf War all started in the month of March.

With regard to the business of the Board, we met last on February 18th. Our meeting began with a review of annual year-end membership totals. Compared to 2023, we had 10 clubs with membership growth during 2024. Please join me in congratulating Bare RV, Cypress Cove, First Coast Naturists, Lake Como, Nautical Nudists, Northeast Florida Naturists, Nude Revolution, Paradise Pines RV Park Condo Association, and Sunsport Gardens on their membership growth.

With February 2025 revenue consistent with February 2024 revenue and the vast array of special activities occurring in March at our clubs and resorts, including those associated with Irish American Heritage Month, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Women's History Month, as well as Madi Gras (Fat Tuesday on the 4th), International Women's Day (the 8th), International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery (the 25th), and International Transgender Day of Visibility (the 31st), our Region is well positioned for growth. This growth can—and will—happen if we all take an active role in helping to recruit new AANR members to enjoy the activities and amenities that family-friendly nude recreation provides.

As such, your Florida Region Board of Directors has Certifying Officers ready to help clubs with membership processing when needed. We also can provide assistance if your club has not yet posted the AANR and AANR-Florida Region's logo and information about the Association on your website. Please let me know how we can help you.

While Erich's report will share information on the very important Government Affairs Team work, I am pleased to let you know that Joan Harris shared a February 11, 2025, News Alert from the Tampa Bay Times, indicating that a committee of Florida lawmakers unanimously advanced a bill to prohibit golf courses, hotels, and more from being built on state park land.

I am also pleased to report that the AANR-Florida Region received a \$3,500 grant from the AANR Education Foundation to update our Economic Impact Study on Nude Recreation in Florida thanks to the work of Regional Trustee Ralph Collinson. This is a powerful tool for legislative advocacy, business cultivation, and community awareness.

It is also a powerful tool, because our methodology will be shared the other AANR regions for their adaption. This sharing coupled with our collective efforts to grow the membership will place the Florida Region as a National Best Practice for the Association.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that Scott and I will be on a cruise for most of March. Vice President Mac Fleck will preside over the March 18th Board meeting and will be a special guest columnist for the April Newsletter.

I look forward to writing again in May. But, as always, please contact me if there are things that I and/or the Board can do for you.

Yours Naturally,

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Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

Arlette Lowery of the AANR staff and I are currently assisting a member who was cited earlier this year for nudity on the Canaveral National Seashore. The citation case has yet to be scheduled on a court docket. When it is, AANR is prepared for discussions with the US Attorney's office, which handles such matters as Canaveral is under federal jurisdiction.

AANR is currently tracking several bills in the Florida state legislature with the potential to impact nudists. Among them: a bill that proposes to modify definitions of pornography. The bill has not yet been scheduled for a hearing in committee.

To date, more than 700 bills within North America have received review by AANR volunteers throughout the seven regions of the Association. Drawing on contacts made with legislators at the National Conference of State Legislatures, AANR has reached out to lawmakers, many of whom hold senior leadership positions, to raise concerns about problem proposals.

The April edition of the AANR Bulletin includes a description of the tools, methods, and process used to identify such bills.

Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

Hope everyone is out enjoying the nice Florida weather. Spring will be blooming in a few days, so it is a great time to visit Florida's resorts and beaches. All resorts are fully open and planning events over the Spring Break period so now is a great time to visit. Apollo Lot 5 and Playalinda Lots 12 & 13 are open as is Haulover Beach. Blind Creek Beach's parking lot is closed for remodeling and new bathrooms are being built; construction is expected to last until September. The beach is still open to visitors; however, parking is limited to the a temporary parking lot. Please do not park on the roadway.

I know that we have a lot of artists in Florida's naturism community. Annually the AANR Education Foundation conducts an art auction to raise funding for the Foundation's grant program. If any artists in Florida are interested in donating a piece of their art to this worthy cause, please get in touch with me at ralph.collinson@aanr.com and I will walk you through the process for donating. In addition the AANR Education Foundation awards annual scholarships to deserving students. If you are interested check out the requirements on the AANR Education Foundation's website (AANR-Ef.com) Deadline for applying is May 1, 2025.

I'm pleased to announce that Tallahassee Naturally is reviving the College Greek Athletic Meet on March 23 (rain date March 30). This is the world's only authentic re-enactment of the Ancient Pentathlon. All ages are welcome, however, victory wreathes are only awarded to college athletes. Competitors get in free. Spectators pay a small fee. Registration starts at 10:00 AM and the competition is at 1:00PM. The event is held at Tallahassee Naturally 692 W. Osprey Lane Monticello, FL. For further information contact tallahassee.naturally.org/greek-athletics.html For free overnight camping call 850-405-7891 to make arrangements.



**The Education Foundation has felt the love of the AANR members and
the Naturist Education Foundation!**

In addition to the three annual

AANR-EF scholarships, we have teamed up together for the second annual \$2,000 joint scholarship between

the AANR-Education Foundation

and the

Naturist Education Foundation

open to all AANR members and those affiliated with the NEF!

Application documents can be found at the website aanr-ef.com.

The deadline for submission is May 1, 2024.

Now it is time to share with your loved ones the availability of these scholarships!

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[Crossed Oaks Haven](#) is hosting it's nude bowling again March 16th. This time the theme is wear your green. We will give out a prize for best single person and one for best couple costume. We will also have something for highest scoring male and female bowlers.

I am not sure that I have all the correct addresses on here but we are trying to catch everyone in a single email.

The bowling will be at Orange Bowl Lanes 10 am until 1 pm. The cost is \$20. We can collect the fee ahead of time via cash app and email you with a lane assignment. Any prepaid amounts are not refundable.

You can email this address or crossedoakshaven@aol.com. The phone number is easier to text if you want a response. You can leave a message also.

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