

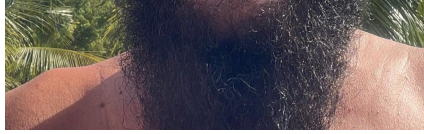
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AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas

Welcome to April's newsletter.

When the Board of Directors was seated in June 2024, we made membership growth and legal protection our top priorities. I am pleased to report, through the collective actions of our members and clubs, annual year-to-date membership revenue is up 2.0%.

With warmer months ahead and a vast array of events at our landed and non-landed clubs, we can and will achieve even more growth. Additionally, there are many ways that each of us can support membership growth.

To support direct membership growth, please share with your current and prospective direct member friends and family that the \$15 discount for two direct members living at the same address has been reinstated by the Office. The discount can be applied at the time of membership registration or renewal by contacting the AANR Office at 407-933-2064 or 800-879-6833.

To support club growth, I am asking that all of our club owners, managers, and Certifying Officers please take a few minutes to complete the [Survey](#) sent to you from the national Dues Modernization and Streamlining Committee as soon as possible. The Survey collects feedback on several key subjects for membership growth, including how AANR can better support data processing needs and barriers and opportunities for achieving 100% Club Status.

With regard to legal protection, Linda Weber and BG Parkes discussed matters related to the current Florida legislative session at our March Board of Directors meeting. I wish to thank Erich Schuttauf for keeping all of our members apprised of legal developments in his monthly contributions to our newsletter.

Finally, did you know that April is National Volunteer Month. So many people in our region give so much of their time, talents, and energies in promoting, providing, preserving, and protecting nude recreation. And this month is a great month to join me in extending your appreciation to all of those wonderful individuals. AANR's unity in purpose and strength in membership is second to none.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

This month I performed legal analysis of several pending bills in state legislatures, especially Florida SB 1180 and HB 757. Both bills would regulate nude images... especially of minors. With the assistance of government professionals at Maury Associates as made possible by AANR, AANR Florida, various regions, clubs, and, especially Suwannee Valley Resort, both bills have been amended to make them less harmful than as they were originally introduced.

Specifically, they now require that images be “lewd” to be unlawful instead of outlawing nude “exhibitions.” The bills now draw upon language from several decades of helpful court cases too. Finally, the bills provide additional exemptions for computer-generated images if they serve a legitimate educational or scientific purpose.

AANR continues to monitor Florida bills for language that would regulate nudity where alcohol is present, again, notably where minors are present. All of the above-referenced proposals would significantly affect the future of nudism in the Sunshine State.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

In March, I was fortunate to visit Blind Creek Beach to survey the disruption caused by the county's improvements to the parking area and the installation of bathrooms. The county does not want you to park on the roadside. They have erected no parking signs and based on what I was told they are ticketing. Parking is available just to the north, which requires an easy 1/2 mile or less walk to Blind Creek Beach. It is well worth the effort. Things should be back to normal by September 2026.

Also went to Playalinda Beach. The road is open to Lot 13. I parked at Lot 12 walked 100 yards north of the Lot 12 ramp and spent a relaxing day. Both lots 12 and 13 were full on a weekday. A great mix of couples and singles. Due to fall storms the beach is a little bit less at high tide, but, still one of the best places to skinny dip in Florida.

I was also able to stop by SunSport Gardens and speak with staff and management. The club is doing very well and wants your business. They had a well-attended memorial for Morley in February and the new management team is planning on continuing Morley's legacy. Visit them soon.



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 on 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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