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AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas

Welcome to February! This month's Newsletter contains a *reason for celebration* and a *call to action*.

The Florida Midwinter Meeting was held at [Suwannee Valley Resort](#) on January 10, 2026. It is located in Northern Florida, and like all of our clubs and beaches across the region, it defines southern hospitality! In fact, it is that hospitality which makes wholesome nude recreation to be in such high demand.

Our regional year-to-date membership totals for Quarter 3, and with a big THANK YOU, show:

- Sixteen of our clubs experienced year-to-date membership increases, which is *incredible*.
- Four of these clubs—[First Coast Naturists](#), [Hidden Lake Resort](#), [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#) and [Suwannee Valley Resort](#) are in the top 10 nationally for the largest numeric increase in membership, which is *phenomenal*.
- Our Region welcomed 467 new members. This number is 207 members or 80% higher than a 5% growth goal of 260 members and *speaks volumes* to everyone's efforts. Moreover, [Tampa Bay Free Beaches](#) collected over 10,000 signatures supporting a clothing-optional beach on the Gulf Coast of Florida, making it, when opened, the fifth venue for nude recreation and complementing those opportunities available at Apollo, Blind Creek, Haulover, and Playalinda Beaches.

With all of this positive momentum, there are large markets that we can capitalize on to increase our membership. Did you know that there are over 33 million naturists world-wide? And there is no better place to live and/or vacation than our Region of Florida, the Caribbean, and Eastern Mexico.

Individually and collectively, we can—and we will—grow our membership.

- Help us recruit new members by sharing this [new 90-second video](#) that answers many of the questions people have when considering joining AANR. While we all enjoy nude recreation, even your family and friends with the highest levels of self-esteem and body positivity may have self-doubt and/or be embarrassed to ask questions on matters that we take for granted. Our new video is proven to bring peace of mind and the decision to join AANR.
- Help us retain existing members by helping people recall the many benefits of AANR membership. It is a passport to over 180 clubs worldwide and it accords legal protection of our nudist rights. The latter is often invisible to individuals. It is something we have enjoyed for over 90 years. But freedom *is not* free. It is the hard work and determination of the AANR staff and our membership dues that sustains the legality and mainstreaming of nude recreation.

In addition to these efforts, please **contact me**:

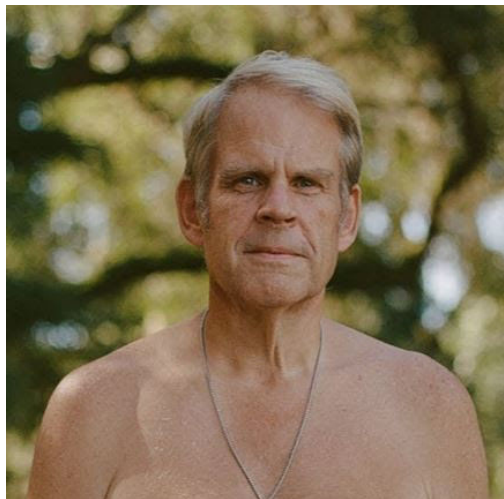
- If you are interested in learning about and/or starting a new non-landed (travel) club to AANR venues, clothing-optional beaches, and other locations. Your Board of Directors has many resources and a support system available to help you be successful.
- If you are coordinating event(s) for your club that welcomes the public, we would like to host an AANR membership and information table. This is a new initiative and personally, I am looking forward to my upcoming attendance during Nudie Blues at [Hidden River Resort](#) and at the Super Ball South Volleyball Event at [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#), in addition to the many more opportunities that you request.
- If you are a Certifying Officer (CO) and need assistance in membership processing, our Board of Directors has a new program and we are here to assist you in your CO duties.
- If you are a beach patron, stay tuned. As the weather warms, Regional Trustee Ralph Collinson and I are committed to hosting membership drives at your locations. Details will be forthcoming.
- If you have ideas on how to attract members of all ages, let me know. Your Board of Directors is a Board of Action, and we are committed to helping the region grow.

Finally, please join me in providing a random act of kindness to staff member(s) and/or volunteer(s) at an AANR club. Being a resident of Cypress Cove and frequent traveler to our destinations, I am always amazed at the long hours, dedication, and service such caring and compassionate people make for enjoyable stays for members and guests.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

AANR looks forward to the 2026 meeting of the AANR Board of Trustees online and in person at Suwannee Valley Resort in White Springs, Florida on Friday February 6th - Saturday February 7th.

As this report reaches your email box, the Florida legislative session has begun. AANR is tracking several bills, including:

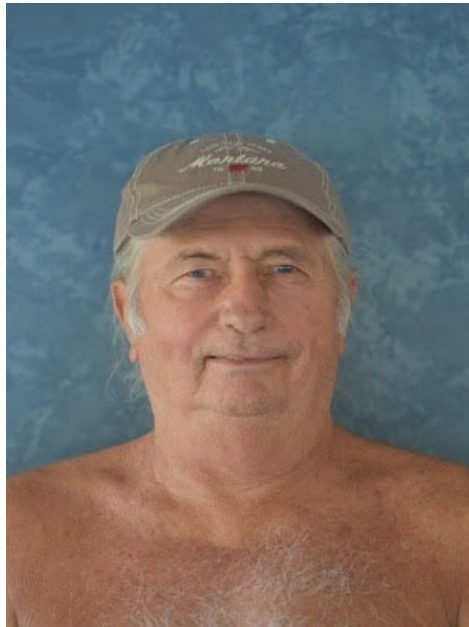
- A bill to regulate the definition of, and location of, public swimming pools (HB 45);
- A bill which revisits the terms and standard for conviction for lewd and lascivious conduct (SB 1742);

Bills affecting grandparents' rights and grandparent visitation (e.g. SB 674 and SB 1150). While the bills do not specifically address nudism, this is an important topic for members.

Topfreedom Case

AANR and I submitted a motion for leave to file a friend of the court (amicus) brief with Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeals in a case in which a woman was cited in the West Palm Beach area for merely being topless. The motion was granted on January 5, 2026 and I had already submitted the brief.

Given that prominent members of Fourth DCA judicial panels in the past have voiced favorable positions on the issue (albeit within dissenting opinions) it is important to remain part of this effort.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

Trustee's Corner February 2026

It has been cooler recently in North Florida; however, all clubs are open statewide and welcoming guests. Many are planning Valentine's Day festivities, so check their websites. I'm going to spend Super Bowl Sunday with my home club, Northeast Florida Naturists (NFN), at their annual Super Bowl Party.

It is always a very popular event for NFN. AANR will hold its winter gathering at [Suwannee Valley Resort \(SVR\)](#) on **February 6 & 7**. All members are welcome to attend; it is a great opportunity to meet the members of the AANR board. Bare Necessities Big Nude Boat leaves Miami on February 9 and will celebrate Valentine's Day at sea. I got engaged on the Big Nude Boat on Valentine's Day in 2009. They return to Miami on Friday, February 20. Meet many naturists from all over the USA at Haulover Beach before and after the cruise.

I found the following post regarding Blind Creek Beach on Facebook recently.

“I stumbled on Blind Creek Beach with my fishing pole, not knowing that it was clothing optional. After entering the beach, I realized nobody had clothes on. I tried fishing for five minutes and then decided to get undressed.

I rolled up my shirt and used it for a headrest and lay on my jeans. I felt like I was doing something wrong, but after a few minutes, it was the most liberating feeling I have ever experienced. Blind Creek is one of the most beautiful beaches I have ever visited. Be grateful for the new parking lot and facilities coming soon.”

The parking lot is now scheduled to reopen in late spring or early summer.

January was a cruel month in some sense.

Walt Zadanoff passed. He was a former member of the Olympian Club in California, former President of the Western Sunbathing Association, American Sunbathing President, and a nudist leader and advocate who was very active in Florida later in life.

He cofounded the Silver Valley Sun Club with his longtime partner and spouse, Torrey Parshall. Walt was very active in AANR-Florida, serving as nominations chair, regional director, vice president, and president.

Lake Como Volleyball Tournament March 6-15, 2026

VOLLEYBALL AND ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Friday 9:00am Open Play

6th 8-11pm To be announced

Saturday 8-8:45am Registration

7th 9:00am 3s Grass - 8 meter lines

8:00pm Soulyard Butt Hut

Sunday 8-8:45am Registration

8th 9:00am 4s Grass

6-10pm Karaoke Butt Hut

Monday 8-8:45am Registration

9th 9:00am Survivor Volleyball Sand

Tuesday 8-8:45am Registration

10th 9:00am Co-ed 3's Grass—8 meter lines

Wednesday 8-8:45am Registration

11th 9:00am Rotating pairs 4s Grass

Thursday **THEME: Under the Sea**

12th 8-8:45am Registration

9:00am Coed 4s Grass

6-10 pm Karaoke Butt Hut

Friday **THEME: Coachella**

13th 8-8:45am Registration

9:00am Ladies Day: A&AA QOC

9:00am Ladies Day: B Division 6's

9:30am Men's Masters

55 and over Division

65 and over Division

4-6:00pm Men's 4's Sand Court—

Rotating Pairs

Super Heros: Villains vs Heros

Body painting or

"ABC" Anything But Clothes Theme

7-10pm 5 Shades of Grey Outside stage Butt Hut

10pm-1 am Tiki DJ's Outside Stage Butt Hut

Saturday **THEME: Wizard of Oz**

14th 8-8:30am C/B/BB/A Registration

8:30am Opening Ceremonies

9:00am Coed 6s Grass Round Robin

9:30am AA Registration

10:00am AA Mens 4's Grass

10:00am AA Women's 4's Grass

9pm-1 am Woods Rave Oz party

8-11 pm 3 Foot Circle Band in ButtHut

Sunday **PLAYOFFS**

15th 10:00am Playoffs C/B/BB/A

0:00am AA Registration

LAKE COMO

24rd Annual
Superbowl
South

10-Day NUDE
Volleyball Tournament



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General Policy Summary

Singles, couples & families are all welcome to Lake Como Family Nudist Resort, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disabling condition.

We are a nudist resort community. Nudity is accepted and expected throughout Lake Como grounds. Weather permitting.

Nudity is required at pool and pool deck, in hot tub and in sauna.

Swimsuits or sexually provocative dress are not allowed anywhere on Lake Como grounds.

Sexually provocative, lewd, rude, or personally demeaning speech or behavior will not be tolerated.

No glass containers are allowed on pool deck, in hot tub enclosure or at the beach.

By Florida Health Code, food and beverages are not allowed in the pool or within four feet of the pool ("wet deck"). However, commercially bottled water in original plastic containers is allowed on the "wet deck", but not in the pool itself. Food and beverages are not allowed in the screened hot tub enclosure.

You must place your towel on any seating area before sitting if you are nude.

Showering with soap is required before using pool or hot tub.

Photography is not permitted except by express approval of Lake Como management and under supervision of Lake Como staff.

Drivers of all vehicles on wheels (cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, skate boards, etc.) should drive with caution and obey 10 mph speed limit everywhere within the resort property.

Carrying a firearm or other deadly weapon on one's person in the resort is prohibited.

THEME DAY/NIGHTS



CAFÉ AND MUNCHIES

Bare Buns Café schedule:

CAFÉ HOURS:

- Sat. 7th: 9am - 9 pm
- Sun. 8th: 9am - 8 pm
- Mon. 9th - Thursday 12th: 11:30am 8:00pm
- Friday 13th 11:30-9pm
- Sat. 14th: 9am - 9 pm
- Sun 15th: 9am - 8 pm

Roger's Courtside Munchies Schedule:

Cash Only

- Sat. 7th—Wed. 11th 7:30 am - 9:00am
- Continental Breakfast (Grab & Go Bag)
- Thur. 12th—Sun. 15th 7:30am -2 pm
- Continental Breakfast/Hot Breakfast/Hot Lunch Variety

Como on the Rocks Courtside Bar

Thursday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm



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