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**AANR-Florida
President
Joe Rivas**

Welcome to April

This month's Newsletter shows that **we are at the forefront of: Association Growth.** Data presented at our 2026 Midwinter Meeting showed that 16 of our clubs experienced year-to-date membership increases. Four of our clubs—[First Coast Naturists](#), [Hidden Lake Resort](#), [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#), and [Suwannee Valley Resort](#) placed in the top 10 nationally for the largest numeric increases in membership.

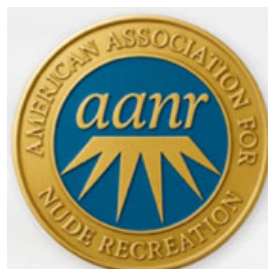
Quality and Opportunity. Winners of AANR's national [Naturist Choice Awards](#) were announced on March 17th. Placing in the top five nationally of their respective categories, and a big congratulations to:

- [Suwannee Valley Resort](#), #1 Favorite Naturist Resort.
- [Cypress Cove](#), #5 Favorite Naturist Resort.
- [First Coast Naturist](#), #4 Favorite Non-landed or Social/Travel Club.
- [Suwanneevalleyresort.com](#), #5 Favorite Naturist Website.

Florida also offers three of the top 10 Favorite Nude In Nature Spots:

- Playalinda Beach ranked fourth.
- Blind Creek Beach ranked fifth, and you will be pleased to know that the Parking Lot has been reopened.
- Haulover Beach ranked sixth.

There is no better place to stay on a vacation or staycation than an AANR Club after a day at one of our world-class clothing-optional beaches that draw guests nationally and internationally.



Advancing Member Priorities. Voters in the Naturist Choice Awards were asked to rate on a scale of 1 to 10 the importance of AANR's outreach efforts. Shown below are the average ratings for the top three priorities and how we assert regional and national leadership in these efforts.

- *Protecting Nudist Rights (9.49).* Our [Gold Seal Certification Program](#) was approved

for use across all seven AANR regions by the national Board of Trustees at their 2026 Midwinter Meeting.

The Gold Seal is a mark of assurance that the club has, shares, and enforces published policies regarding conducting background checks, supervising minors, limiting alcohol consumption, allowing photography only if permitted by the club and with written consent by everyone in the image, prohibiting overt sexual activity, and enacting consequences ranging from club expulsion to membership revocation for violation of these policies.

Thank you to our clubs that have earned the Gold Seal. You will be recognized at our 2026 Regional Assembly. I will continue working with our clubs to achieve the Gold Seal and nationally, with the first region being AANR-West.

A second way that you can support the protection of nudists' rights is by purchasing our [AANR Florida GAT Challenge raffle tickets](#) that start at just \$10 for drawings for two-night stays at [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#) and [Suwannee Valley Resort](#). All proceeds will be used to support our Government Affairs Team activities as they protect and preserve nude recreation. Winners will be announced on International Skinny Dip Day (July 11th). Additional details will follow.

· *Publicly promoting Naturism as an Accepted Community (9.14)*. We are accomplishing this both inside and outside our AANR venues.

The wide array of tournaments, races, and other special events that our clubs provide to members and the public is key to advancing this priority. I saw this firsthand on March 15th while hosting an AANR Membership Table at the Big South Volleyball Tournament at [Lake Como Family Nudist Resort](#). There were many first-time nudists present, and there were many inquiries from prospective members of all ages.

Our Board members are scheduled to attend and host AANR membership tables at several public-facing events this month, including: The 5k White Tail Run at [Hidden Lake Resort](#) on April 18th and Nudie Blues at [Hidden River Resort](#) April 24-26. I also look forward to meeting members from the [Black Naturist Association](#) when they are visiting [Cypress Cove](#) starting April 24th.



Integrating AANR into our professional networks is equally important to advancing this priority. On March 25-28, AANR Executive Director Erich Schuttauf and I hosted an AANR Membership Table and presented on AANR's Gold Seal Program at the World Social Science Association's 68th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We were joined by Ronna Krozy of AANR East and representatives from The Naturist Society

Foundation to lead a Roundtable Discussion regarding opportunities and challenges for social nudism and naturism. Our conversations were enriched by the perspectives of the [American Nude Research Library](#), given by our regional member and their President, Paul LeValley.

· *Advocating for More Places to Go Nude (9.07)*. The work of [Tampa Bay Free Beaches](#) towards establishing Fort DeSoto East as Florida's fifth clothing-optional beach and the support of our members demonstrate the hard work and determination we have to achieve this priority. The Vision of Maryanne Rettig and Jack Clark to have a clothing-optional beach on the Gulf Coast will become a reality.

With thanks to our regional member, Susan Shapiro, for her collaborations, I gained permission from the national leadership of The Naturist Society Foundation (TNSF) to send a letter to the 40 clubs in Florida and five in the Caribbean that are TNSF but not AANR clubs to encourage membership in both organizations.

Successful outcomes from this letter, to be sent this month, are a win-win scenario for both organizations. It provides more venues for nude recreation, supports member recruitment and retention, drives more members to our clubs, which adds to their prosperity, and increases the strength in numbers for legislative matters. Thank you to TNSF for sharing in the belief that a rising tide lifts all boats.



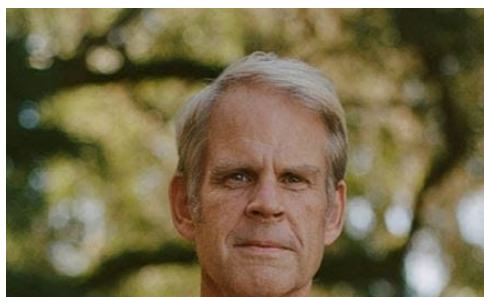
In closing and looking ahead, AANR's national election voting period begins in May with receipt of the Bulletin and continues through June 20th. As regional members, we will be voting on and for following candidates: President (Joe Rives or Linda Weber) and Vice President (Patty Faber or BG Parkes). Mitch London is running uncontested for Secretary/Treasurer as is Ralph Collinson for our Regional Trustee. AANR's Ruling Documents clearly emphasize democratic processes. I hope that you will express your voice and vote in this important election.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavors and please keep in touch.

Yours Naturally,

Joe

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Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

[WSSA \(World Social Science Association\)](#)

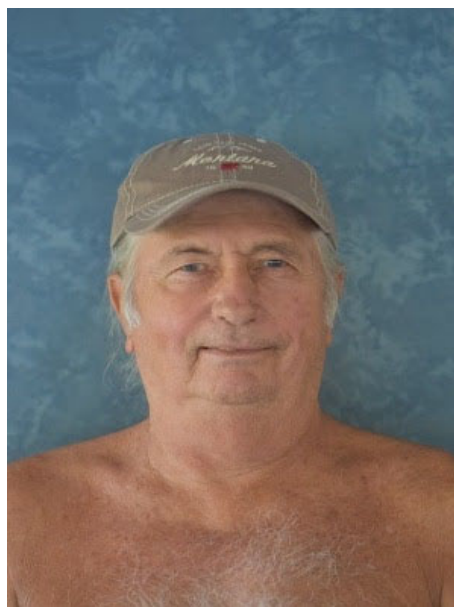
Deepest thanks to Tom Stark, AANR West President, and Larry Gould.

Presently, I am attending the World Social Sciences Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, along with Joe Rives, AANR Florida President, and leaders from the AANR West Region. Representatives of the Naturist Society are also attending.

The WSSA conference draws hundreds of participants from a variety of fields, ranging from academia to law, economics, and others who have prepared papers for presentation and discussion. We appreciated being joined online by AANR leaders, including President Linda Weber, Paul Levalley of AANR Florida, Ronna Krozzy of AANR East, and Cyndi Tendick of AANR West.

Joe and I presented AANR's experience with recent efforts to restrict alcohol and nudity in the presence of minors, to introduce aspects of innovative Gold Seal certification for businesses, and lessons learned.

Larry discussed the evolution of legal standards. This opportunity to present AANR as a voice with expertise to share on the subject of nudity and the law was an important part of advocacy for nude recreation.



Ralph Collinson
AANR-Florida Region Trustee

Trustee's Corner April 2026

Spring has arrived, and the weather is perfect for visiting all the affiliated AANR clubs in Florida. In addition, all of the clothing-optional beaches are open, and Blind Creek Beach's Parking lot and new bathrooms are finally open. So, you no longer must take a long walk to get to the nude beach.

For those of you who usually participate in AANR-Florida's Summer Meeting, the dates have been changed this year to Friday, July 24 and Saturday July 25 at Lake Como Family Nudist Resort in Lutz, Florida. As usual, you will be able to join us in person or on Zoom. We hope to be able to expand the activities at this summer's meeting to make it more entertaining for those who attend in person. Keep watching the newsletter for further information.

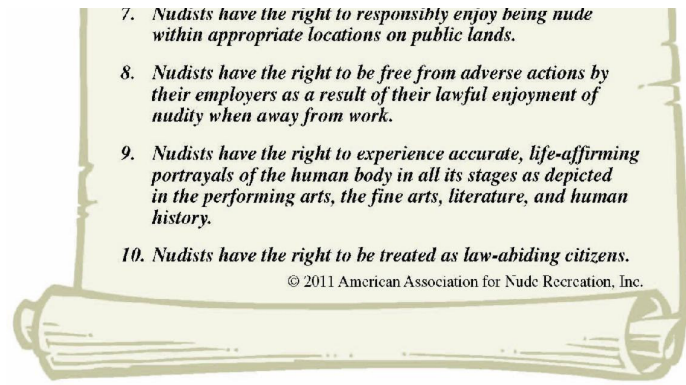
If you have any nudist friends who are not receiving the Monthly Florida Region's Newsletter, please let them know about it and encourage them to send me their email at ralph.collinson@aanr-florida.org. You don't have to be an AANR member to receive the regional newsletter; however, we hope that it will encourage you to join AANR once you read an issue or two. Our biggest focus is protecting nudist rights in Florida. We are the only region that has a full-time lobbyist to monitor what is happening statewide. Over the summer months we will be raising funds through a couple of raffles to support GAT. The first raffle for a two-night stay at a Lake Como and Suwannee Valley Resorts and it is currently up and running. Further information is available in this month's newsletter. Please purchase a few raffle tickets and support Florida GAT.

In closing I have some sad news, my long-time friend and Free Beach Activist Marvin Frandsen has passed. Marvin was a key player protecting and advocating for clothing-optional beaches in Florida. Although he was not an attorney, he wrote some of the finest legal documents regarding the right to be nude in appropriate locations. In addition, to being a beach advocate, Marvin sat on the AANR-Florida Board for several years when I was president and was always a strong supporter of AANR. He will be sadly missed as both a friend and as a leader.

The Nudists' Bill of Rights

As law-abiding citizens who are friends of nudism, including many members of the American Association for Nude Recreation, we proudly affirm that we have and are entitled to exercise the following rights. These are self-evident and based on the Constitutions of the United States and Canada, the laws of those countries, and their court rulings.

1. *Nudists have the right to hold their values and beliefs.*
2. *Nudists have the right to petition and be heard by their governments.*
3. *Nudists have the right to responsibly enjoy nudity within their homes and on private property.*
4. *Nudists have the right to exercise decision-making in the upbringing of their families in a manner consistent with their beliefs and without interference from others.*
5. *Nudists have the right to assemble in the nude within appropriate settings.*
6. *Nudists have the right to decisions about what constitutes acceptable nudity to be made free from considerations of age, gender, marital status, religious beliefs, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.*



[The AANR Florida GAT Challenge](#)

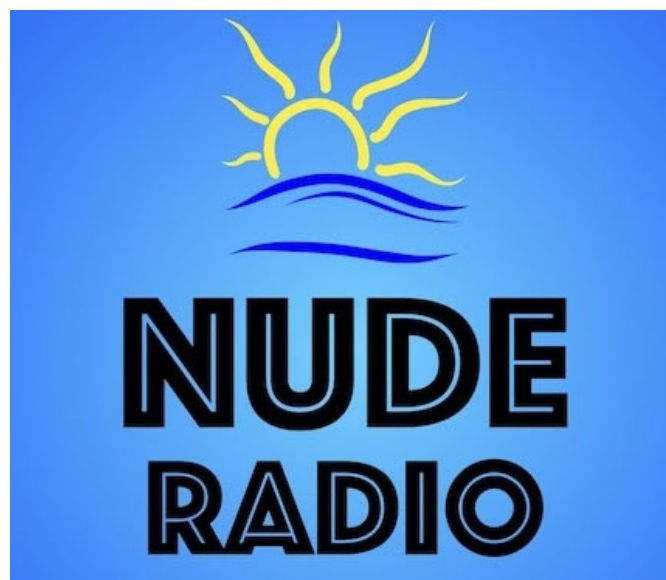
AANR exists to protect, promote, provide, and preserve nude recreation by:

- Protecting nudists and naturists from policies at the local, state, and federal levels that interfere with the right to enjoy clothing-free recreation in appropriate settings.
- Promoting nude recreation by educating government leaders, employers, and the public.
 - Providing support services and community to our members.
- Preserving the financial viability, integrity, and strength of the AANR organization.

It is also the mission of AANR-Florida to be an advocate for our rights. As stated in the Nudists' Bill of Rights, we have the right to hold our values and beliefs; to responsibly enjoy nudity in the company of our family and friends. Nudists are law-abiding citizens and have the right to be treated as such.

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[AANR Florida GAT Challenge](#)





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**Music Will Fill the Air at [Hidden River Resort's](#)
25th NUDIE BLUES ANNIVERSARY
April 24-26, 2026**

For nearly 25 years, Hidden River Resort has filled the country air with the sound of live music with their annual Nudie Blues event. This year's event will be held on **April 24-26, 2026**.

This year's Saturday night entertainment is one of our favorites, "Billy Barren and the Never Again Band".

This will be a fun-filled musical event on stage and under the stars, with some classic rock and easy listening and dancing music that will keep you in the groove.

In addition to live music, the Nudie Blues provides for a fun-filled nude weekend with full facilities and a tent
Camping, skinny dipping at the pool, nude sunbathing on sandy beaches, playing field games like cornhole, guided nature trail walks, campfires, cookouts, and hanging out with some pretty great folks.

If you haven't been before, find out what makes Hidden River Resort a very special place to visit.

For more information and to make your reservation for this fun-filled weekend, call Billie at **912.843.2603**.



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