



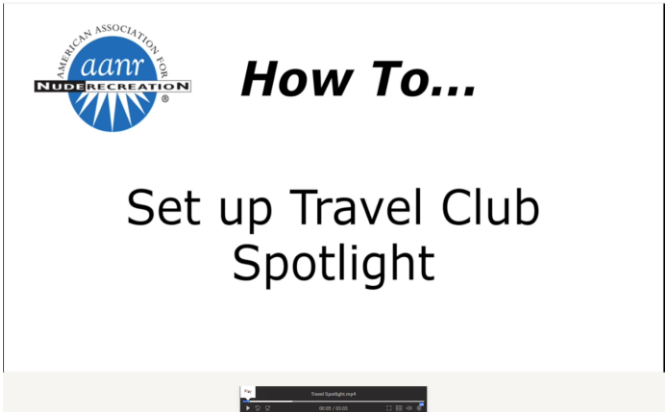
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To: AANR Officers, Trustees, Regions, Committees, Clubs, and Members
From: Erich E. Schuttauf, Esq. Executive Director
Date: July 17, 2023
Re: AANR Executive Director's Report to the AANR Convention

I deeply appreciate the opportunity to join AANR's leadership and members at Solair Recreation League in Woodstock, Connecticut. AANR and I are very grateful for the work of the volunteers at Solair and particularly Ronna Krozzy, AANR's Convention Chair in preparing for this meeting. Thanks for their warm welcome. It is great to be heading back to New England again!

Ongoing Membership, Club Initiatives

AANR "how to" videos help members and clubs learn about Impexium software, and Passport program. Thanks to AANR President Mitch London and Max, beginning in early summer, AANR developed a series of helpful video demonstrations on topics ranging from adding club spotlights to the aanr.com web page, changing one's member profile picture, obtaining past publications such as issues of The Bulletin and more. AANR plans to showcase some of these short videos during the AANR convention. AANR also plans to unveil version 2.0 of the Passport program with a live demonstration.



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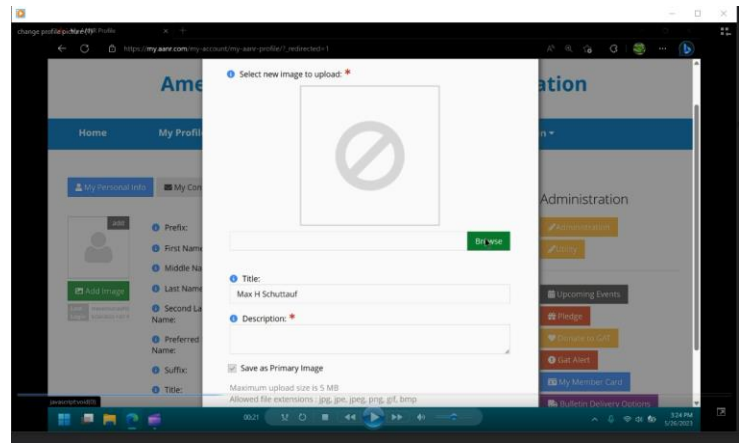
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AANR has continued implementing Impexium, the customer management system that facilitates membership information and sales and empowers club certifying officers to make changes reflecting member preferences, club policies, rosters of membership, and much more. Electronic payment systems via credit card or electronic check are available for convenience, albeit not within Canada at this time. Region, leadership, and committee tools are also features of this system. As of the date of this report, nearly all clubs have taken training in the system; more than one certifying officer may need training on different days.

Another Revised AANR Membership Brochure! Several volunteers within AANR, and particularly Andee Rogers of the WINR Committee and the AANR-Northwest region, have contributed another membership building tool. This rework of “Enjoy Life Naturally” provides basics of the nude recreation experience, as well as the important role AANR performs in protecting what we all enjoy. This adds to the materials developed previously, which were tailored to women’s issues and concerns. Electronic copies of all materials are available for download on AANR.com in the member services area.



Office and Infrastructure Upgrades

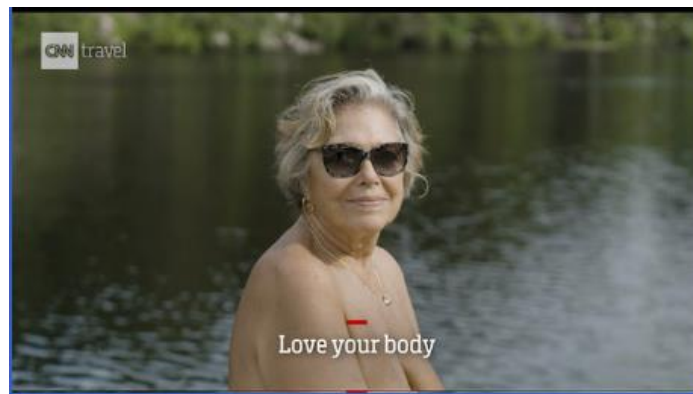
Several months ago the AANR headquarters completed an upgrade of the electrical meters, including better surge protection for equipment against lightning strikes.

Public Relations, Member Relations

AANR Bi-Monthly Zoom Calls Continue.

Well over 100 members often gather online a couple of times per month for sessions in which people from all of North America participate. Sessions begin with a general gathering, then move to “breakout rooms” that include writing, nudism and culture, women’s issues, advocacy, and others. Once per month a special segment “5 Minutes for Advocacy” conveys examples which most convey the work AANR is doing on behalf of members within legislatures, agencies, and the courts. To bolster participation, AANR regularly offers members a small gift/participation incentive to those who call the office the following morning. AANR deeply appreciates Walt Stevens, Karen Lahey, Ronna Krozzy, Richard Dewey, and Linda Webber who do so much to help organize these events.

AANR PR Chair Ronna Krozzy Featured in CNN segment “What to do at a nudist club.”



Congratulations are extended to Ronna for some excellent work with CNN to produce a short, yet effective, clip “Nude Beach Etiquette” which aired online as part of CNN Travel. You may access the 2:33 segment by visiting:

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/travel/2023/07/06/nude-beach-etiquette-newbies-contd-ff-mc-orig.cnn>

AANR 2023 Celebration of Nude Recreation Week and International Skinny Dip Day

Here is brief sampling of events from the week:

<https://www.fox26houston.com/news/emerald-lake-resort-in-porter-celebrates-national-nude-recreation-week-with-events>

<https://theosceolachamber.com/> (Cypress Cove after-hours event with the chamber of commerce)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-nude-day-july-14/?fbclid=IwAR2mlskZLpBk2m2Ywa4VSTByvt2RfdUEXwEcjFN02YJ1AINWwjpsPN4FdH8>

Congrats to AANR W President Cyndi Tendick on an Incredible Story about Shangri-La’s Swim Clinic. Shangri La club in New River, Arizona hosted yet another successful event benefitting the nearby community: a swim clinic where neighboring parents could bring their (swimsuit clad) children for a few hours on special days when residents remained clothed. Swim workshops in the club pool taught even the smallest children basics of water safety. Local news coverage was very positive. See an interview with Cyndi by clicking the Swim Camp video button at <https://www.shangrilaranch.com/>

Feel the Freedom

AANR President Mitch London has been working with HBO Sports...

... on an upcoming segment to appear on the program featuring a variety of events hosted at nudist clubs across North America. The main program is hosted by legend Bryant Gumble. AANR members may read more about this in the July 2023 edition of The Bulletin.

2024 AANR Elections Just Around the Corner.

Please keep in mind that region and AANR-level positions will be available to qualified candidates elected in 2024. It is not too early to consider your respective nominations and campaigns!

Government Affairs and Legal

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) – Indianapolis, 2023.



As this report is being prepared, AANR is making final preparations for the Association's attendance at NCSL in Indianapolis, Indiana, to be held immediately in the week following the AANR convention at Solair. The theme for this year's souvenir pin will feature a happy topless driver and roadster with the aanr.com web address. Thank you to past AANR President Kathy Watzel and current AANR Secretary Treasurer David Levine, who plan to join me in staffing the booth. This year marks the thirtieth (30th) year of consecutive attendance and the 29th year offering a pin to help draw visitors.

Wreaths Across America Program Again to Help Fund GAT Efforts with Thanks to BG Parkes and SVR. Last year saw the successful launch of AANR's participation in the Wreaths Across America, a fitting way to honor veterans and the fallen for their service during the holiday season. Wreaths Across America have expressed their interest in working with AANR so that members will have the option of sponsoring a wreath to be placed on a service member's grave at several national cemeteries. Each wreath sponsored also helps to fund GAT work. Thank you to BG Parkes and the volunteers at Suwannee Valley Resort for their work to make this program possible. More information on ordering a wreath is available at www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/FL0995P

AANR Members, Clubs, Regions, and Staff Work to Help Address Legislation That Could Harm Nudists. AANR's Government Affairs Team tracks 50 state *legislation* including Puerto Rico, plus Canadian provinces, and even *regulatory* bulletins through software subscriptions. In particular AANR thanks AANR Vice President and Government Affairs Chair Tim Mullins, Bob Morton of the AANR SW region with experience of many years, and John Hunter of the Washington, D.C. Bob performs detailed

analysis of possible threats and flags these for GAT's attention. This allows us to spot trends and address legislation in early stages. Below are a few of the examples in which AANR members and clubs *played an integral role* in stopping measures in their respective localities. These are outlined in Tim's Government Affairs report (along with many other discussions of developments):

Arizona – In June, AANR West Region President Cyndi Tendick and GAT volunteer Steve Schubert prepared an urgent call to action with AANR West members... asking their help to stop AZ Senate Bill 1698, which proposed restrictions on “performances” with nudity. AANR distributed President Tendick's message throughout the region, asking members to contact Arizona State Governor Hobbs. AANR is very pleased to report that over 2,000 AANR West members opened their message to learn more, and that many took further action. The collective efforts of nudists and many other groups convinced Governor Hobbs to veto SB 1698 and other measures later that month.

California – When the state budget bill passed including provisions mentioning “nudity” in sexually oriented businesses along with restrictions on such businesses receiving state funds, some highly qualified legal professionals, courtesy of the Swallows club, provided their expert opinion. They have expressed that the law is unlikely to be used against nudist clubs as written and in practice.

Florida – AANR Florida's government affairs professional and state GAT team succeeded in stopping a bill that would regulate nudity and massage. AANR also reviewed state legislation prohibiting performances in the presence of children that appeal to “prurient interests.” AANR helped provide analysis and guidance for what constitutes “prurient” according to US Supreme Court precedents dating to the 1950's.

Idaho – ID HB 314 would have significantly restricted materials containing nudity in public and school libraries and created a civil cause of action against “offending” institutions. After a letter campaign to state legislative leadership secure their assurances to help stop HB 314, the state's governor ultimately stepped in to veto the measure. Special thanks to Steve Nolen and Dave Smith of GAT for their efforts on this one.

Indiana – In addition to attending the NCSL in Indianapolis this August, AANR volunteers are working against several proposed regulations that would add convictions for “public nudity” and “public indecency” to the list of offenses that could lead to delay or denial of professional licenses ranging from cosmetology to behavioral therapy. Volunteers have already agreed to attend an initial public hearing on the proposal(s).

Ohio – AANR reviewed proposed regulations regarding youth summer camp programs.

Texas – AANR SW GAT Chair Bob Morton and I reviewed legislation similar to that proposed in Florida hinging on the term “prurient.”

West Virginia SB 635 – proposed to increase penalties for indecent exposure. Working on the House side, AANR helped stop this bill before it could make its way through by expressing concerns to state leaders that AANR met at previous legislative conferences. AANR included the results of a recent American Bar Association three year study strongly disfavoring increased penalties that “force” plea bargains even from those who are innocent. I also obtained assistance from a national association of criminal defense attorneys to call attention to the bill's problems.

Hawaii Clothes-Free Beaches Still Threatened...

The status of Little Beach on Maui, Hawaii, and Secret Beach on the big island are facing changes in both their short-term and long-term futures. As many of you may know, Little Beach has long been a favorite of nudists and naturists who live on and visit the island. Short term, the beach was closed as state park authorities attempted to address health conditions and restrictions associated with Covid. Now state personnel issue tickets to nude beachgoers, although local groups including the Friends of Little Beach have successfully challenged numerous citations. The state of Hawaii is also proposing to “study” beach conditions, traffic, and usage. There remains a likelihood that data collected would provide fodder for further restrictions.

AANR Helping Members and Clubs in Specific Matters.

Here are some of the specific actions in which Carolyn and I have helped troubleshoot issues for nudists over the past six months. Names and identifying information are redacted for confidentiality reasons. Note that many situations require follow-up over several weeks or months (for this reason, a season such as “Winter 2023” “Spring 2023” or “Early Summer 2023 is indicated; those issues where a new jurisdiction becomes involved (e.g. from criminal to civil court) are given a separate entry below:

Winter 2023:

- Provided analysis of proposed bills to limit “performances” where minors may be present to clubs that could be affected.
- Addressed questions about an antiquated law on the books of a state regulating nudity among “unmarried persons.”
- Assisted a club courting potential buyers and sellers. Provided the results of a university study outlining the strong dollar value of nude tourism.
- Responded to a club concerned about prospective changes to its county’s nudity laws.
- Reviewed potential legalities associated with a new bed & breakfast allowing nudity under only certain circumstances.
- Provided data and support in favor of an International Naturist Federation initiative to obtain recognition of nudity / nudism as a cultural practice embraced by certain nations.
- Provided guidance and possible resources, including case law and information from favorable jurisdictions, to nudist parents seeking adoption.
- Addressed questions related to cameras in clubs... either on buildings or vehicles.
- Addressed questions related to mandatory nudity policies in some clubs.
- Helped brainstorm strategies for responding to issues created by a former employee(s) of a club.
- Participated in monthly Government Affairs Team (GAT) online meetings to frame strategies for dealing with pending legislation.

- Conducted moderated group conversations with members on advocacy topics during twice monthly zoom meetings.
- Addressed questions related to background check procedures.
- Provided information to government affairs professional(s) about nudity-related stories and events that could become an issue in upcoming legislative session(s).
- Addressed questions from a parent whose custodial visitation with minor child was challenged due to visits to a nudist resort.
- Provided in-depth strategy discussion to region leadership and prepared emails to state lawmakers used to help stop bills in two separate states.
- Provided legal guidance to an AANR region in an Internal Affairs matter.
- Conducted discussions with the attorneys and legislative staff who prepared bills pending within a state legislature to explain AANR concerns.
- Addressed questions from a realtor related to potential purchasers / sellers of a nudist club; note that this involved a different club than one mentioned previously above.

Spring 2023

- Addressed questions concerning written permission for minors accompanying visitors to a nudist club within the Midwest.
- Addressed questions about legal pros and cons of mandatory nudity policies. (This occurred in a club different from that in the Winter 2023 discussion.)
- Provided guidance to a club seeking to rent facilities for nude swim events. Addressed various legal issues including contracts, insurance requirements, etc.
- Participated in monthly Government Affairs Team (GAT) online meetings to frame strategies for dealing with pending legislation.
- Conducted moderated group conversations with members on advocacy topics during twice monthly zoom meetings.
- Drafted, then served, correspondence to social media company that suspended account over mere nudity not in violation of company's written policies.
- Provided guidance to a member seeking to enjoy his backyard in the nude.
- Provided guidance, and legal resources, and referral information about obtaining counsel to a parent with minor child whose ex-spouse filed to block visitation to nudist venues.

- Addressed issues and questions related to protection of intellectual property (e.g. copyrights).
- Met personally with a member who AANR and I assisted more than 15 years ago in a criminal investigation of the family's involvement in nudism as an "epilogue"/follow up with what worked well, take-away lessons, thanks.
- Addressed questions of grandparent rights / visitations in a nudist setting.
- Addressed questions concerning visitation / custody with a parent living in a nudist resort over summer vacation.
- Responded to a request from a club concerning basic disability act questions.
- Responded to request for guidance on issues of nudity in photography.
- Responded to an inquiry regarding nudist participation / persecution as a basis for seeking asylum in immigration proceedings
- Communications with an attorney representing an AANR member in child custody proceedings.
- Discussed potential effect of changes to law from recently passed legislation with general manager of a club.

Summer 2023

- Responding to proposed regulations that would delay or deny professional licenses for a variety of occupations if convicted of public indecency or public nudity.
- Discussed preparation of materials to be furnished to lawmakers by the government affairs professional working in that state.
- Responded to request for information on intellectual property (IP) issues in a different region involving different materials from other IP matters discussed above.
- Discussed matters with a club and member involving potential guest comfort and security issues.
- Addressed questions for an attorney concerning nude hiking laws in the US and abroad. Also discussed the legal standards used for applying those laws in a variety of scenarios.
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