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AANR-SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2024

Greetings!

April has arrived and people are getting their outdoor areas spruced up and ready for a glorious Spring and Summer season. For many of us, that means not only at our home but also at our campsite at our home club. Spring is a busy month for not only fixing up our homes, making necessary repairs, and adding new items or replacing old, worn-out pieces (it seems like pool noodles are always worn out after one season in the sun – but I like the bright colors the new ones show off standing up in the basket by the pool!). Spring gardening is also a big deal now. I hope you are able to enjoy your yard work and gardening in a nude environment – spending my time in our yard while nude is truly “communing with nature” and I always find a “surprise in the garden” – a flower blooming, a bluebird nest, or something I thought was frozen over the winter but is still alive.

This year, in many parts of our Southwest Region, April is a very exciting month because we will experience a total eclipse of the sun on Monday, April 8th. In Northeast Texas, as well as Arkansas, some people have apparently lost their minds. States of emergency have been declared in several counties, and residents are being warned to stock up on food due to anticipated shortages once the hordes of eclipse watchers arrive. Hotel rooms are going for \$900 (and up) per night, people are renting out spare rooms, RV

sites, and even their pastures to folks who are coming to our area from all over the world. We are also advised to stay off the roads during total darkness time. We have our special glasses ready, but, alas, the Weatherman here is predicting very cloudy skies and maybe even rain. We will see what happens.

Have you received an email regarding the AANR Education Foundation's scholarship offerings this year? This is the Real Deal and if you are interested, don't let the May 1st deadline slip by you. Several years ago, I served on the AANR EF's Board of Directors, so I know the good work they do in helping qualified students with educational expenses. Remember, this is not just for young students – these scholarships are available to all students! Think about folks you may know who could use some help with completing their degree and pass along the information to them.

The AANR Elections will be held in June, so please follow the instructions when the time comes to receive your special Voting Code. Many people in the world wish they had the right to vote to select their leaders – so don't take your right to vote for granted! (Please note that there is not a candidate listed for AANR-SW Trustee. Our current Trustee, Heather Cheney, will remain in that position until a person is duly selected to fill the position. Yes, Heather and anyone else who is qualified to serve as Trustee are eligible to run.)

Elections for AANR-SW Regional leaders will be held on June 21, 2024, during the General Assembly Meeting at Star Ranch during the annual AANR-SW Convention. You will be receiving your official Letter of Invitation to the Convention, along with the Proxy Form, sometime in May (via USPS and email). We all hope very much that you will be able to attend the Convention this year. If you can't make it, your civic engagement may be accomplished by sending in your Proxy form. We cannot conduct official Regional business without a quorum of members being represented by those members in actual attendance and those represented by their proxy. I suspect that next year, everyone will be sufficiently aware of how to process proxies that they may ONLY be sent out via email. However, this year, proxy forms will still be sent both ways. Last year, everyone did a great job of returning the proxies and that was greatly appreciated. Your Letter of Invitation will outline the positions that we will be voting on this year. Contact Nominations Chair, Dan Hawkins, at daniel41@yahoo.com for more information and to make a Nomination for an Honor Award (Man, Woman, Family of the Year).

The AANR-SW 5K Nude Racing Series got off to a tremendous start at Star Ranch last month. Up next, Wildwood Naturist's Resort will host its famous 5K race on April 27th. Thanks to Rick Wall, NRS Coordinator, and ALL the Clubs and Volunteers for making our racing series the success it has become.

Till next time,

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