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AANR-SW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE July 2024

Greetings!

My name is Dan Hawkins, and I was elected President of the Southwest region of AANR at our convention held June 20-23. I'm sure many of you will recognize me if you see me even if you don't know my name. Over the years, my family and I have been members at Bluebonnet, Armadillo, and Oaklake Trails. We've also visited Wildwood and Star Ranch multiple times. For the past two years, I have served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Convention and Facilities Committee. This year, I took over the Nominations Committee which led me to the office of President.

My wife Jen and I have been married for 25 years. We celebrated our silver anniversary by taking a cruise on the 2024 Big Nude Boat, organized by Bare Necessities Tour and Travel (an affiliated AANR-SW club). We had so much fun that we will be on the 2025 cruise as well.

I've been a nudist all my adult life. I started modeling nude for art classes in the fall of 1984, and I made my first trip to a nudist resort, the old Ponderosa Ranch east of Dallas, in the spring of 1985. I am probably the best-known and busiest male art model in the Dallas area today. In 2001, I was a contestant on the hit ABC gameshow *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* and host Regis Philbin took quite an interest in my nude modeling job. Under my pen name D. H. Jonathan, I am the author of four naturist-related novels.

I want to thank Lucy Heide for her service as President these last two years and for all the work she has done for AANR-SW over the last twenty years. She was awarded the AANR-SW Woman of the Year at the convention based on two separate nominations. Lucy had to leave early because of an unexpected death in her family. Please keep her and all her family in your prayers. Lucy, we love you.

I'd like to welcome Janine S. as our new vice president. She has served on the Board of Directors for two years and remains the chair of our Legislation and Credentials committees. Mark S. returns to the Board, and we are joined for the first time by Bill H. Mark hosts *Star Cast*, the official podcast of Star Ranch, while Bill and his wife Nisey are the hosts of *Love the Skin You're In* podcast. I encourage you to give each show a listen if you haven't already.

As AANR-SW changes leadership, I hope everyone will take out their AANR cards to make sure your membership is current. If your expiration date is approaching, contact your club about renewing or, if you're a direct member, go to <https://my.aanr.com/account/login.aspx> and renew it ahead of time.

I hope everyone has a great July and takes advantage of the hot weather to engage in clothes-free activities. Remember that Nude Recreation Week is July 8 - 14 with International Skinny Dip Day on Saturday, July 13th. There is a Christian Naturist Retreat at Star Ranch from July 14 through 19th. See <https://ntcn242.com/christian-naturist-retreat/> for more info.

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Who Wants to be a Millionaire**



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