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Happy November!

The older I get, the faster each year seems to fly by. Our 2026 5K Nude Racing Series is now complete. Keep checking our website, **www.aanr-sw.org**, to know more about the 2027 Nude Racing Series. We should post the schedule soon, once each resort finalizes its calendar.

I wrote the following in last year's November President's Message, and the message is now more important than ever: *November is, of course, the month of Thanksgiving. We should all be thankful for our naturist clubs and resorts, places where we can go to practice nude recreation. We've had a lot of resort closures in the United States over the past couple of years, due mainly to property sales and economics. Several other naturist venues are being threatened both by impending sales and by legislation. It is a sad fact that our naturist privileges can be threatened by poorly written bills targeting adult businesses and/or child predators. The AANR Government Affairs team works tirelessly to identify and oppose such legislation, but that team needs the help of a strong membership. The bulk of AANR's income is from membership dues. When membership declines, the resources to combat poor or harmful legislation*

decreases. We all need to make sure our memberships are current. Check with your club or log onto the AANR website if you are a direct member and renew if your expiration date is anywhere close. You can renew early and stretch out that expiration date. If you know others whose memberships have lapsed, encourage them to renew as soon as possible.

The big news in the naturist world this past month is the announcement that The Naturist Society Foundation will be ceasing operations at the end of 2026. AANR is working with TNSF on this transition, as sad as it is. We all need to realize that what has happened to TNSF could also happen to AANR. We need an increase in membership. Talk to people in your clubs, and if they aren't AANR members, please encourage them to join.

Yes, you get discounts to affiliated clubs by being a member, but that's secondary to supporting the work that AANR and our Government Affairs Team do in monitoring 50 different state legislatures along with the multitude of county and city governments to ensure our naturist privileges.

We will be holding our 2026 AANR-Southwest Mid-Winter Meeting on Saturday, January 23 at Star Ranch Naturist Resort near McDade, Texas. All AANR-Southwest members are invited and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there.

Have a great November, everyone!

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