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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Any day is a good day to be nude, and we should have the right to do so without fear of reprisal. I was reading the AANR Principles on the backside of my AANR membership card and it became very clear just how much I subscribe to the words in my everyday life. It reinforces my belief that nude recreation is a good thing. It reads:

PRINCIPLES

We recognize...

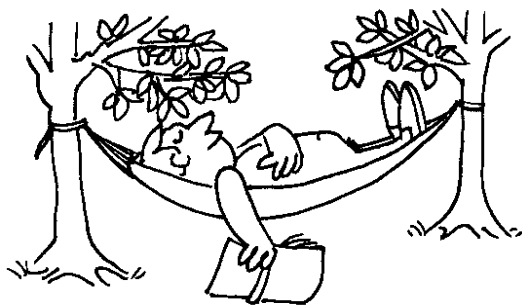
the essential wholesomeness of the human body and that life is enhanced by the naturalness of social nudity. From exercise to relaxation, physical health and mental well being are enriched through social nude recreation. We have the right to practice social nudity in appropriate settings, provided we do not infringe on the rights of others.

If you have read any general publication articles or blogs on nude recreation lately, many still seem to have a leaning towards the nudist colony mentality, human exploitation and the close alignment with sex and nudity. It serves only to reinforce the fallacies preached by non-nudists and disagree with the AANR principles. We practicing nudists know the realities of positive nudism and can easily read through the nonsense. But we are few and they are many and the majority opinion, right or wrong, usually prevails. This points to the fragile hold we have on our beliefs and principles as practicing nudists. If we honestly believe that social nudity is beneficial to our lives, then we should say it and live it. To do the opposite will add to the unspoken credibility of the dissenting opinion and possibly in time end our right to practice social nudity in appropriate settings.

I ask all of you, if at all possible, to not hide in the shadows about this issue. I think it is an important enough issue to be put forth in this message. Most of us are of an era that truly believed nudity was taboo and surrounded with guilt and shame. I think to some degree we tend to retreat to that belief when confronted or asked about our participation in social nudity as maybe a knee-jerk

—See President's, p.3

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?



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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

MAY: 8 Michael C., **11** Benjamin W.,
18 Tom B., **19** Robert G., **21** Gary Y.

JUNE: 1 Jay G., **1** Craig P.,
7 Christy M., **16** Cindi M.,
22 Angus V., **24** Daleen G.,
27 Lang S., **30** Steve L.

Highlights of Upcoming Events

—See our Activity Group Web Site for a complete detailed list:

<http://groups.google.ca/group/larc-activities>

May 22-LARC Beautification Day

Starts at 8:00 AM,
Followed by Lunch
Followed by Playtime
Followed by evening Dance
with live music, see p.3

May 28-31-Memorial Day Weekend

Singin' Dancin' and Playin'
(has been compared in years past
to a barrel of monkeys) See Web
Activities Page for detail.

June 11- Happy Hourish 7:00 PM-

BYOB and potluck snacks

June 12- Board Meeting 10:00 AM

June 13- Potluck Lunch 12:30 PM

-General Membership Meeting

Following Lunch 1:30 PM
See Activities Web site
for agenda, etc.

June 26-Breakfast 9:00 AM \$5.00

July 1-5 AANR-NW Convention

There will be fireworks!
See p. 4



From the Editor's Chair-



Not too long ago, I woke up one morning, and went to my computer, and there was some kind of invitation from someone (right now, I don't remember who this "friend" was), to join Facebook.

Then I discovered that what seemed like all my LARC friends were now "Facebook friends!" I was behind the times! Is everyone on Facebook?? Seems like it; and, it may be true; published reports state that Facebook has over 400 million registered users...and counting.

They call this "social networking," but soon I learned that there were some gimmicks or hooks, to keep people attached to the Facebook umbilical cord. They masquerade as Games, Family Trees, sub-groups of all sorts, including political, religious, and commercial businesses. One radio station I listen to seems to have at least a dozen Facebook Pages.

Expressing an interest in almost anything brings up an option to be part of that sub-group, or what we used to call a "fan club". My high school classmates have formed one of these; and that is what can happen when you list your high school on your "profile". I don't want to look to see if my elementary school has such a group!

Betty White, whom I remember watching on TV when I was a CHILD (many many years ago), found out, recently, that a "social network" can be a powerful tool for activists. Saturday Night Live was goaded into having her host a recent telecast. On the show, she said that she had never heard of Facebook until this activist movement rose up. When somebody explained it all to her, she said it sounded like a tremendous "waste of time!"

I had similar thoughts when first introduced to Farmville, Yoville, and whatever else "-ville".

Now there is a backlash (this is America!) against all this "warm-fuzzy" social networking.

Social "Guardians" are now advocating that we quit Facebook for the sake of our "privacy"—as if we have any left!

I guess, we as nudists, should know how little we have anyway! But I do know that traditionally, many of us have not wanted family and friends to know about our "lifestyle" even if that meant only occasionally visiting a "clothing optional" resort.

The people behind Facebook argue that they are only trying to "help". I seem to remember Safeway making the same claim when they introduced their buyer-club Card.

It becomes a source of income when they market a list of people who are interested in, say, Peanut Butter. That may not only interest bakeries, or people who sell school supplies, but maybe even diet plans.

I find it to be funny (or should I say, I "LMAO"), when I hear that engineers at Google are said to be one such group of "quitters".

Are they serious? Is this not a classic case of the pot calling this kettle "black"???

If you use the Google search engine you have given up a lot more privacy than you may imagine. They have gathered so

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reaction. Is social nudity wrong?... no, and we know that. Can we make a difference with the persons who speak of what they do not know about or have experienced?... yes, and we know that too. Times have changed and there are much bigger and more important issues facing us everyday. Social nudism probably should not even rate a blip on the moral radar screen. We are credible living examples of our belief on “the essential wholesomeness of the human body and that life is enhanced by the naturalness of social nudity”. Let’s all do what we can to preserve it.

—Keith

BUSIEST SUMMER EVER!!

We all know that here in the Northwest, we have to plan our *clothing optional* events very carefully, checking all reliable resources and a few psychics to make sure when the sun will be shining.

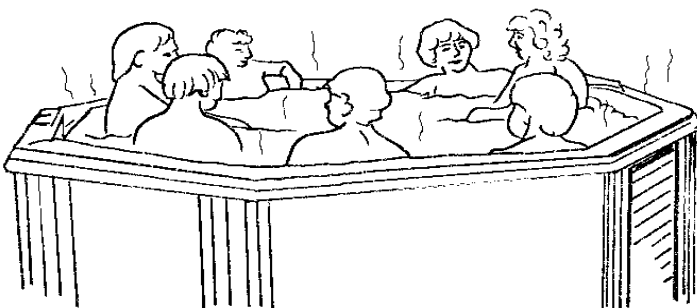
Well, this year it has been determined that the weather will be perfect for our open house and ART SHOW on July 10-11. Gary Y. has been making plans and inviting artists to be here to display their nude art for the event. There will also be a nude model for those who have a dream of being an artist.

One event schedule we do not control is the World Record Skinny Dip, because it is a world wide event. (see below). We also are hosting the AANR-NW Convention this year on the Fourth of July weekend (which seems to usually bring rain, but we digress).

Tom B. assures us that the tea leaves predict good weather for July 31, when the annual Music Festival is scheduled. He also has “the best line up yet” as always.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE WORLD RECORD WAS ESTABLISHED FOR SKINNY-DIPPING?

Your second chance to participate is
July 10, 2010



ANNUAL LARC BEAUTIFICATION DAY

May 22nd

—8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Starting at 8:00 a.m. meet at Lot B-6. Sign up for a chore to do around the park and back to Lot B-6 at 12:00 for a free lunch to reward you for all your great efforts. It's lots of fun and a great way to connect with other members as well as a way to contribute to the park. Bring your favorite tool and join us for a very rewarding day at LARC.

...and when the play/work is done-

**LET'S PARTY DOWN
& CELEBRATE
BEAUTIFICATION DAY
BY EATING, DRINKING
AND DANCING AT THE TENT
TO LIVE MUSIC
WITH
“STEAL THUNDER!!”
SATURDAY, MAY 22
FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.
BEER WILL BE PROVIDED, OR
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
BRING SOME SNACKS TO SHARE
WITH EVERYONE!**



Donations Needed

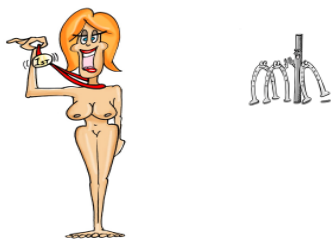
We need donations for our Silent Auction to be held on Saturday July 3rd during Convention. The donation cut off date is **June 19th**. Please contact Margaret, Lot B-6, to donate your items or if you have questions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LARC HOSTS NW REGIONAL CONVENTION

This is a Regional Convention (AANR-NW) so it is very exciting and a great opportunity to show off our club and our membership.

Our Convention, "LARCOLYMPICS", begins June 5th, at 2:00 PM, with a very important Convention Organization Meeting, in the tent, where you can still provide ideas and LAST MINUTE input, plus pick and choose what specific activity you may want to help with. Much of this preliminary work has already been done, so don't think you will be burdened with starting from scratch. Be part of the "final touches" creative team, and become part of what will make this convention a huge success. There are still some spaces on the sign-up lists!

When the delegates arrive, they will be provided with welcoming goodie bags, which will include some custom hand-made items. The Ladies on a LARC will be hosting a VIP reception on Saturday July 3. There will be parades every morning to get the festivities up and running. There will



be the usual contests and convention games, as well as some creative and unique games related to the Greek-games theme. There will be arts and crafts activities. A local winery will be providing wine for sale, and there will also be a beer garden. We will of course have our famous LARC Karaoke, and a dance, and the even more famous LARC Grill serving food. We will have a special silent auction for last minute shoppers looking for a wedding gift, or anyone else who enjoys hunting for that perfect item for themselves. We will have an outdoor wedding-vow-renewal ceremony on July 4th, complete with a reception with wedding cake (and maybe a few gifts from the auction). Any of you who would like to renew your wedding vows, be sure to sign up for this special outdoor, clothing optional event. Then later, the "newly weds" can celebrate their unusual "wedding night" with fireworks!

BLACK TIE AND HEELS DINNER/DANCE

Saturday June 5th 6:00pm

Your choice

**Wild caught
Alaskan King
Salmon**

(or)

New York Steak

served with

Salad, Fresh Vegetables,

Baked Potato, Dinner Roll

ONLY \$10.00

Remember this is a **Prepaid Dinner!**

You need to purchase your dinner's by **Friday, June 4th (noon)**. Please contact me (lot B-10) to purchase your meal tickets. If you order the steak dinner, we will need to know how you would like your steak!

Hope to see you all there!

—Christy M.

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much information about almost everyone, based on individual searches, that any hope of any "privacy" existing any more is a mere illusion.

One radio personality recently reported that he was called to his nine-year-old son's school recently, when he (the son) had gained access to Google on his school librarian's computer and entered "Boobies". How many years, do you suppose that boy will have that search part of his intergalactic profile? Not so many I guess, since undoubtedly, it is now part of the school library's history!

Well, I have made peace with Facebook ("resistance is futile!"), and have a "shill" (Mrs. Jay) responding to all the Farmville, Cityville, Cafeville, Mafiaville, or whatever.

Meanwhile I discovered that I could play *Chess* as one of the online *war* games on Facebook.

Ah, Peace at last!

—Jay Gearon