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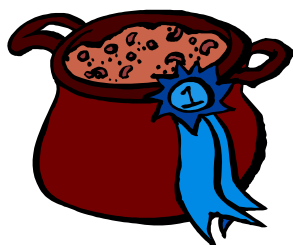
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WE HAD A WINNER!!



THE WINNER OF THE CHILI COOK OFF WAS CHOSEN!
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Presidents Message

As winter approaches and we turn indoors, it gives us time to reflect on what a beautiful summer we had this year at LARC. We enjoyed the welcoming of new members, addition of new lots, building of new decks, many parties and cookouts, the Friday evening wine & cheese campfires, dances and karaoke, a number of delicious breakfasts, and even a spectacular smoked rib dinner for all to feast on. Yes, it was a great summer. Now it is time to begin planning for next year to make it even better.

I think we can all agree that with every new member comes a new energy and this energy is what contributes to new ideas, new projects, new activities, and new fun. I think it even serves to put a new bounce to the energies of long-time members. Each member, current or new, and each member's volunteered help contribute to creating a closer and more positive sense of community among us LARC'ers. Equally important, it serves to create and build more fun recreational activities for us all to enjoy here at LARC. This is what I will be striving for this next year. But I will need everyone's input and help to do this.

In my messages to come I will be laying out the plans and activities that the LARC Board is working on for you. We are approaching this task with a more comprehensive view and with greater participation for all members in mind. As you know, volunteer help is very important to all we do here at LARC. Recognition of all this help is even more important and we will be doing much more in this area. In addition, I think communication is a very important item in the equation toward being successful in

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER: 1 Jean H., **2** Dave B.,
4 Eilene Y., **6** David K., **16** Gerald W.,
17 Pamela B., **25** Dianne K.,
28 Glenn Y.

NOVEMBER: 4 Matt L., **6** Jack E.,
8 Mary K., **13** Dennis W., **14** Bill S.,
14 George W., **22** Jess D., **28** Alice A.,
30 Ivan K.

Highlights of Upcoming Events

—See our Web site for a complete list

OCTOBER—

31- Halloween Party/Dance
Preceded by prep of tent
Starting at 1:00 PM
with OCTOBER FEST
Beer (root) 'n Brats
Dinner at 5:00 PM
PARTY PARTY THEN...
SET CLOCKS BACK!!
AND THEN....

NOVEMBER-

1ST-TENT TAKE DOWN STARTS
AT 9:00 AM
LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS
WHEN PROJECT COMPLETE

KEEP UP-TO-DATE!!

DON'T MISS YOUR COPY OF THE LARC VIEWPOINT NEWSLETTER!

Don't be left out of the loop on all the activities being planned for LARC members. As with many publications, we are moving away from having a printed version. Please update your mail and email information as soon as possible. E-mail or call Astrid at: larc@nwlink.com or (360) 445-6833 to update your information. *This is important!*

From the Editor's Chair—



You know you're in trouble when, while you are receiving driving directions to get you where you want to go, you hear the words, "You can't miss it!"

Such was my experience on Sept 22, when I set out to go to the Western Washington University Info Fair in Bellingham. Several of us had volunteered to be at this Info Fair, representing LARC to the masses of impressionable young minds who attend the university. I had stopped off at Safeway in Mt. Vernon to get some snacks and a map and other provisions for the day's adventure. I knew generally where the campus was, but I wanted to make certain that I knew which exit off I-5, I would want to take, and the streets I would need to use to connect with the campus map I had been provided. The store was out of Bellingham maps, but several cashiers were oh so willing to be of assistance to an ol' guy looking for direction. Of course, they couldn't agree on the details that I wanted, and finally gave me the all too familiar catch phrase.

So, as you might have guessed by now, I got off on a number of unfamiliar side streets, and wound around for 20 minutes or so looking for something that looked like a "campus." As you probably know, Universities exist away beyond anything that looks like the small college campus that I attended, and the words "neighborhood," or "expanse," might be more appropriate.

But I made it to the appropriate parking lot and hiked the half-mile or so to the quad, or fountain area where this Flea Market of Ideas was taking place. This is a carnival of sorts, with booths representing all shades of ideology, religion, politics and lifestyle.

Our table was next to the fountain in the center of things. We had a great location, which gave us a lot of exposure, and a great vantage point to scope out all the other exhibitors. There were those who were for and those who were against most everything you can imagine. Something like the Middle East without weapons.

As you know, Ideas can be dangerous. November marks the 20th anniversary of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, which was not just about holding back the circulation of people, but at least as much about the holding back the circulation of ideas and thought. Seems like a quaint idea today in the era of the Internet. Those were the days when radio broadcasts were "jammed" with noisy counter-broadcasts.

This Info Fair was a celebration perhaps of the whole idea of what a University is: Young people exploring Ideas, Ideologies, and most importantly, the Future; their Future.

So what are we doing there? Obviously we would like to have new members, and the demographics we want to target are the younger-than-Jay set. But are we signing up members by the dozens at such an event? Is it worth the effort for the results we get?

It's a legitimate question. My opinion is, Yes, it is worth it!

I don't happen to believe that new members are the focus or main purpose for our participation at the WWU Info Fair. Our table display emphasized the "Best Campground in Western Washington" designation from Evening Magazine and our hosting this year's Critical Massive. Here we get exposure of a wholly different kind

—See "editor's" p.4

From the London Evening Standard:

Is it unreasonable not to want my girlfriend posing nude for an art class?

As Answered By Esther Walker (female) and Nirpal Dhaliwal (male), whom the paper labels as "sexperts".

Q: My girlfriend wants to pose nude for an art class to make extra cash. I don't want her to do it. Am I being unreasonable?

Esther says...

I've always marveled at how, if given total control over what their girlfriends wear, some men would dress them in skin-tight, low-cut clothes and others would stitch them up like an escapee from an Amish community.

You've obviously never been to a life drawing class. Let me describe the scene. Your girlfriend will be lying on a musty chaise-lounge, which has been draped in a sheet "for texture".

She will be surrounded by perhaps eight old biddies in smocks, Clarks sandals and half-moon glasses, clutching a brace of paintbrushes and feeling pleasantly squiffy after sniffing too hard at an open bottle of white spirit.

Any man at the class will be gay, especially the art teacher. Any woman under the age of 90 will not be a lesbian Shakira look-alike on the hunt for a straight woman to toy with.

I can't really imagine a more un-erotic scene involving a naked body.

If it's not the threat that your girlfriend might meet someone else that's bothering you and what's keeping you awake at night is the mere fact that she will be taking off her clothes and showing herself to strangers in general, then I think you might need to address your issues of possessiveness.

To crouch over your girlfriend like Gollum, not wanting your precious to ever leave the house or accidentally reveal an ankle to the milkman is weird. And I'm sure, deep down, you know it.

Nirpal says...

Most people take bar work or get a Saturday job in Tesco when they need extra cash. Posing nude, in any circumstances, is merely exhibitionism.

And you should test her liberal outlook by telling her that if it's OK for her to bare her body to others, then it's alright for you to look at other people's.

See how she feels when you start hanging out at strip

joints and excuse yourself by returning with a few doodles you made on a paper napkin.

The urge to take your clothes off in front of strangers you have no intention of having sex with is something that only seems to afflict white people. Don't believe me?

Then why is a nudist beach the only place whiter than a Klan meeting? When people in other cultures go naked in public it's because clothes aren't affordable or haven't been invented in their part of the world yet.

Maybe your girlfriend feels a need for shameless pagan abandon. Or maybe she believes that Gok Wan helps "empower" women by persuading them to strike silly poses with their kit off.

Ever since Calendar Girls became a success, a lot of women think that going starkers is some kind of feminist badge of honor - whatever they look like.

From the nude studies I've seen my artist friends make, the people who pose for them are generally flabby and unattractive, with wildly excessive body hair.

If your girlfriend is in this category, her ambition gives you a convenient reason to dump her.

Your objections are valid, but this could be a wake-up call for you to consider what kind of weirdo you've got mixed up with.

Editor's note: This is a journal of "Viewpoints." Rebuttals to any of the above are welcome at jayjoleen@yahoo.com

President's (cont. from page 1)

this endeavor. I have already spoken to many of you personally to get your thoughts and ideas. I encourage each of you to talk to me personally, send me an email or even write me a letter, and give me your thoughts and ideas on what would make LARC even more special to you.

There are two things I would like you each to ponder in the next few weeks and get back to me. One is, what can each of you do to encourage the new membership of at least one new person. The second is, in what way could each of you volunteer, even just a little, to help with the many activities that we do here at LARC. This is how positive and vibrant communities build upon themselves. My friends and fellow LARC'ers, let's all pitch in and make LARC a really special place for all of us to enjoy this coming year.

Talk to you soon.

—Keith

BOO!



For those of you spending your first calendar year with us, it may seem a bit strange to have a costume party at a nudist club; but isn't that what Halloween is all about: being strange? Actually, Halloween happens to be one of our most popular events. It is not to be missed!

LARC's Halloween Extravaganza (Party) is on the Day of Halloween this year, Saturday, October 31st, 2009. You still have a few more days to prepare your costume, so get with the program! There will be prizes in various categories for the most wonderful costumes (Sometimes we wonder about them!).

Come up to the tent around 1:00 PM Saturday afternoon and help us decorate for the evening. We have bins & bins of cool stuff. The LARC Grill will have a warm and hearty OCTOBER FEST (Root beer and Brats) meal for sale at 5:00 pm leaving you lots of time to get ready for the dance. And if you happen to have a devilishly good recipe for some ghoulish goodies to share during the dance we would love to BITE into them.

And sadly, on Sunday morning, we will be taking down the tent for the season. Don't forget to set your clocks *back* (it's FALL) for the 9:00 AM start. The LARC grill will reward all the workers with a nice hot lunch after everything is down. Hope to see you there!

“editor’s” (cont from p.2)—

than we get by just being naked. I have met a number of young couples who have come to LARC just for the Camping, which as you know can lead to other positive experiences. It is, importantly for us, also an opportunity to experience and celebrate the symbiosis between LARC (the club) and LMRR (the place).

When I first joined LARC (the club) it was in a different place and there was a disconnect between the club and the then “owners.” The two seemed to compete for political, and financial loyalty. Well, you know the story: LARC (the club) eventually got divorced from the old place and moved here.

A similar situation seems to be developing in Florida where two club/Place owners have left the membership status of AANR, in the interests of their financial survival (sic). They believe that they can only market themselves as a sexually open party places. This reflects on all of us.

We on the other hand, have a unique club, a unique facility, and a unique relationship between the Club (membership) and the Place. I for one and very grateful for this symbiosis; we support each other. It requires a unique marketing effort. People attracted to the Place (Campground), become exposed to the Lifestyle and to the club, which then builds a membership. The Place supports the Club, and the Club supports the Place.

Rebuttals welcome at jayjoleen@yahoo.com

—Jay Gearon

Chili Cook-Off

Like so many young women, Patti vL. gets much satisfaction from serving up a masterpiece of heart-warming Chili. The annual LARC Chili Cook-off presents an extraordinary challenge with so many chefs and professional chili makers in our midst. After hours of researching recipes from her collection of Cookbooks as well as the Internet, and as the day approached (Part of LARC's annual Birthday Weekend Celebration), she thought she just might have a winning concoction of secret and not so secret ingredients. And sure enough when the smoke cleared and the ballots were all counted up, Dan B. and Donna S., had to step aside and yield to Patti's Blue-Ribbon, Prize winning Kettle of Chili, which the club members all gathered around to enjoy. Oh sure, there were other contests that day, but this reporter can only blush at the thought: Beer Holding Endurance Contest, Chili Pepper Eating, and Whatever goings-on may be depicted in this submitted photo.



Some things are best left to the imagination.....

Awesome Karaoke!

As many of you know, I have not been to or sang at any karaoke shows this year at LARC even though I have been here. My health issues tend to take me down and I just stay up on the hilltop most times. This seasons last Crazy Karaoke show has inspired me to pull myself up once again and get back to singing, which I love to do. Awesome is the first word that popped in my head at the last karaoke show (Crazy Karaoke/September 12) that we did here at LARC this season. I am still not sure what Cassandra and Jack did, but the sound was the best I ever heard and the supportive entertainment was lots of fun. If you weren't there, you missed out on a really good time.

Over the days afterwards, I was still asking Cassandra what they did to make it sound so good. She just kept saying, humbly, that it was the complete package that finally brought it all together. LARC recently purchased new professional quality microphones and video/sound cabling that allowed them to tweak the system to it's maximum performance. She has told me that it can even be better with a few more additions of equipment. Also, some of you may have noticed that Cassandra kept working the sound board every time a singer was up there. She has always told me that as a KDJ (Karaoke DJ), it is her primary job and goal to make the singer sound as best as they can. I think she exceeded this goal that night. Some of you may know that Cassandra and Jack actually do this professionally (www.jcsoundmachine.com) when they go to Texas for the winter. This experience is clear whenever they do our dances and karaoke shows in my opinion. LARC is “Lucky” to have them and I think that they will be a great asset to our music and entertainment program at next year's convention.

Thanks Cassandra and Jack for getting me back on track again and I look forward to singing at LARC's karaoke next season.

—Lucky