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PRESIDENT PREDICTS MORE IMPROVEMENTS

It has been such a busy season here at LARC that it is hard to believe that it is already coming to an end.

I want to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for a job well done to Phil C., Steve T. and Cassandra B. for their service to the LARC Board and to LARC. If you don't know, these three individuals played major roles in bringing this past seasons awesome activities to you. I enjoyed working with each of them and believe they have definitely raised the bar for our Board, Committee Chairs and new Board members (Fay, Dennis and Jess) to follow.

There were two goals I wanted to accomplish my first year as your LARC President. One was to improve communications and the second was to create more fun activities. I believe, you can be the final judge, whether we accomplished both tasks, and we have certainly learned many lessons along the way. We have explored new ideas and activities with many successes. Now we have the opportunity to apply all these experiences to the coming season. This next year I would like to place greater focus on quality versus quantity in everything we do. Instead of more dances, we need to do better dances. Instead of more food activities, we need to do better food activities. For an example, one of the highlight activities this past year was the Black Ties & Heels Dinner Dance. It was an awesome event and one that we had not done before. We are definitely going to do that one again this coming season but we need to make that event even better in every way. Now that is a challenge!

I believe by putting more emphasis on *quality* over *quantity* we will reduce the potential for activity burnout by not only those who work so hard to put them on but also by each of you who enjoy attending and supporting everything we do here at LARC. I also think it will add the the enjoyment level you all would like to have at our events and that the Board strives to provide.

The Board will be working on these activity ideas and schedules over the winter months. In addition we will be refining the process for all you LARC members to become more involved in activities. You may recall, as addressed at the last General Membership Meeting, we would like to move to a *Hosted* type of scenario for all our major activities. Basically this means that for an event to take place, there would need

—See “President’s” p.4

WHEN DO NUDISTS LIKE TO DRESS UP?



**OCTOBER 30
AT THE LARC GALA
HALLOWEEN PARTY
AND DANCE**

(IN THE BIG WHITE TENT; 7:30 PM)

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER: **1** Jean H., **2** Dave B.,
4 Eilene Y., **6** David K., **9** Robin S.,
16 Gerald W., **17** Pamela B.,
22 William R., **25** Dianne K., **28** Glenn Y.

NOVEMBER: **1** Randy K, **4** Matt L.,
6 Jack E., **8** Tara K., **8** Mary K.,
13 Dennis W., **22** Jess D., **28** Alice A.,
30 Ivan K.

Highlights of Upcoming Events —See our Web site for a complete list

OCTOBER-

The WORD itself brings up memories of costume parties and lots of laughter as we try to scare our friends and relatives with our creative garb and props. Can anyone take all the ghosts and goblins seriously? This is the month of Halloween, and the preparations for the LARC Party and Dance are almost more fun than the event itself.

Saturday, Oct 30—Join us for a Halloween Breakfast, then *Come up to the tent during the day and offer to help decorate.*

*Prepare creative ghoulish snacks to share!
Put on your most awesome costume!
(As nudists we are not limited by our modesty; minimalist costumes are definitely an option!
Prizes for best costume, not the fanciest!)
Dance the night away!*

Sunday, Oct 31—*Be early to help take down the tent for the season. Your reward will be the free lunch feast at noon*

CONGRATULATIONS!

*You have successfully completed another Season at LARC-You are ready for winter!
Reminder—Our traditional Holiday party in December will be in a different location.
You should have received a map by email.
Or see next month's Newsletter!*

From the Editor's Chair-



A recent case of suicide by a college student at Rutgers University generated national attention, partly because it was the fifth suicide by a gay teenager in a three week period. The other reason was the invasion of privacy, apparently perpetrated by his roommate, who set up a video camera to record a homosexual encounter between the student and another male. This encounter was subsequently broadcast on the internet.

The issue of outing another person is one which was covered extensively by mainstream media.

Our focus as nudists has to be one of simple privacy.

Technology races forward, and is becoming more and more invasive. I have already had a few words to say about Facebook, with its own particular costs and risks, but in this case, the invasion takes this issue into the realm of the criminal. Indeed many states (last I checked, it was all but two) have passed laws making it a crime (felony) to secretly photograph people who are both naked and have "a reasonable expectation of privacy." I won't go into a description of the particular body parts specified in these laws (laws have to be specific in order to be enforceable, but in this column I don't have to be!), but it has to do with what people normally cover with underwear.

I am a member of the Naturist Society and I respect them for their advocating the freedom to be nude on public lands, in appropriate settings and situations. But I am also happy to be a member of a private club which has it's own clearly designated "reasonable expectation of privacy."

But whatever the laws are; they offer no absolute protection to us as nudists. Some in law enforcement, for example, are themselves willing to use "surveillance" as a tool, with little or no "due process." Then there are those who "get off" on the sight of naked people, and will go to great lengths to view or photograph them. Years ago I had the opportunity to go to some nude beaches on California. The number of naked people on the beach only slightly higher than the number of people up on the bluff looking down at them (many with binoculars!). Now with video and the small size of video/web cams, it is absolutely impossible for me to say with any certainty that I am not on "film" or some digital media somewhere on the internet, besides what I have posted myself. . How about you?

If you put "nudist" in most any search engine you will see pics of people in nudist environments, both public (beaches), and private (clubs and home backyards). You know full well that these people have never been given an opportunity to give their permission or to sign a waiver.

As a photographer, who has taken many "art" photos (for our art show as an example), and I am sensitive to this issue. I always pay my models at least some token amount (what is known as "consideration" on the release form) so that I own the photos, and have them sign a waiver releasing interest in the results of our photo session.

We as a club have recently gone through the process of tightening our regulation of photography in our park. But how 'bout this for a "Nude Viewpoint:" I think we should add a plank at the bottom of our sign at the front gate, you know the one that warns people that they may encounter people enjoying "nude recreation," with the simple statement "NO CAMERAS--without prior registration and permit."

The policy is already in place, but I believe, the statement clarifies

—See "Editor's" p.3

General meeting and Pizza Feed

As much as everyone LOVES pizza, it wasn't a strong enough of a draw to bring out a quorum of the membership in order to vote on by-laws changes, at the Fall General Membership meeting, but there was other business.

First, the pizza was great and there was plenty of it. Pizza Hut did an awesome job of having hot, wonderful tasting pizza in a quantity sufficient to feed the hoards of members that DID show up. What was YOUR favorite? It was there. Thanks, Christi

Our advertising, web site, word of mouth, media attention, etc., is resulting in NEW MEMBERS! With the highest number of members in history, LARC is not just growing, but thriving.

And the PIZZA???? Those awesome pies were LARC's thank you to the membership. And I heard comments of real appreciation from the members between bites.

Cassandra is stepping back from planning and scheduling ALL activities to focus on other parts that are important, namely the formation of a landless group (with support from AANR) focusing on boating, sail and power. A number of LARC members murmured approval and will "look into it further" but most important for LARC, we have volunteers stepping forward to be involved with future event scheduling, and individual member "hosts" who will chair single events as has been started with the Sunday morning donuts and coffee and the Friday wine and cheese. Claudia has volunteered to chair a talent show and has followed up by asking individuals to consider their own talent parts.

Did I mention the pizza? Next up were the elections, with the first two officers facing no opposition went very quickly. As for the two alternates, the voting was almost as fast, partly because EVERY candidate was someone who would have been great. New officers are shown on the Board block on the front page of this newsletter.

Other business.... money in the bank, recycling going well, new sites being developed, all were checked off the agenda and then an award.....

An award? Yes, our regional AANR-NW convention, held on our grounds in early July, passed over our club newsletter for recognition, but somehow at the NATIONAL AANR convention, our editor's efforts and expertise were recognized as being outstanding. Our LARC photographer had a challenge taking a picture without reflection of our prestigious plaque, so BE SURE you look for it in the office soon.

And Jay, feel free to strut your stuff. You earned that award. BTW, cold pizza after the meeting was great, too.

—Pamela B.

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what is true, and is more comforting for visitors and members. We are not a tourist attraction, even though our grounds may be. Again I say, this does not mean that people will always follow the rules, but it can be a reminder that we are on the alert.

And what are we on the alert for? These small new cams are so small they could be anywhere. One case I read about was a guy who had one on the tip of his shoe so he could take what are known as "upskirt" videos.

One popular method is to stash a cam on or in a duffle/gym bag, and point it toward the "subject" (or one might say "victim")

The voyeurs are taking cues from the terrorists. So now luggage, or gym bags are objects of suspicion, both in public places, and private spaces, such as we have here at LARC. Be alert!

—Jay Gearon 3

LARC PRESENCE FELT AT NUDESTOCK 2010



Part of the gang of L.A.R.C members who went down to Fraternity Snoqualmie in Issaquah to enjoy the music and help build a camaraderie with another landed club.

Our camp was at the top of the hill and we had a great view of the park, overlooking all the tents.

We had the new LARC sign hung up and everyone stopped by to welcome us.

F.S. really pulled out all the stops for us. On Friday night they had a big feed at F.S. President Tom and Caroline's crib. There was so much food that we were enjoying it again at Saturday night's dinner.

Each night they had a bonfire and I must say they can build a fire! Even Steve and Lori were jealous!

On Saturday for the music show, they had 3 bands – the Mary McPage band, the Kim Archer band and Wired. They all put on a great show. And for an added bonus, they also had the "house band" Spicey C'eetoe playing during the intermission between two of the bands. The band was all made up of F.S. member's and let me tell you Donzella can really belt out the songs! I want to give a special applause to a young girl that was in the Spicey C'eetoe band. She is 15 and she plays the drums, and she is phenomenal! We had seen her many times throughout the day and she acted like a normal teen, but when she walked on stage she transformed into a true artist. I think she was the best drummer of all the bands playing.

All of us had a really great time that weekend and it had some of us thinking that we need to set up some small adventures for the entire LARC membership to enjoy. Maybe a field trip to Seattle, or Anacortes to see a show at the casino or to Bellingham to the Mount Baker Theatre for a show?

Thank you Fraternity Snoqualmie for making us feel so welcome and putting on a fabulous event and thanks to the friends and family that joined us that weekend. Nudestock Rocks!

—Jess D.

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Chili Cook-Off 2010

Do we have the definitive answer to the BEST chili? Maybe we do among LARC's famous cooks. Would it be the beef, chicken, turkey, pork or tofu? Would the protein be ground or chopped or chunked? Would the beans be pintos, kidney beans or would there be no beans? How about corn? Tomato? Hot peppers? Mild? Each decision would make a difference in the outcome.

As the clouds began to clear, ten entries were lined up in the big tent while numbered pans were outside in the Chef's tent for tasters. In that manner, no taster had a clue as to which pot of chili was made by whom. Keith's supervision assured necessary and proper anonymity.

Grab a spoon, and a sample or two. Jot down your opinion! Come back to the table and get a couple more samples. Have a saltine or a sip of water between tastes to assure a "clean" palate.

The tiny Dixie cups held only a small mouthful or two, just enough to check the five criteria for evaluation: aroma, color, consistency, taste and aftertaste. Once all chili samples were tasted and evaluated, they were totaled and the top three chilies listed. Turning in our evaluation sheets, we began a time of waiting... hunger pangs and hope vied for the focus for the entrants. Another two dozen were simply ready for lunch!

But we had a delightful distraction while we waited. Cheryl brought huge baskets of prizes and told us to lust after them... yeah, lust for whichever one caught our fancy. We then followed her directions and created two teams of 12, with many onlookers.

Remember the party game to pass the balloon from person to person as a relay race? Beards and short necks did make a difference for one team. Then, for the choice of prizes, each team passed a 3 x 5 index card from person to person sucking to hold it, and blowing it just at the right moment to release it to the next in line. It isn't as easy as one would think, but watching was certainly amusing!

At last the winners were announced. Winners were Denise P., first place, Patti vL. second place, and Dan B., third place. One comment expressed by many was that they were "spicy, but not overly hot" this year, and that was "a good change" over last year. To see the many crock pots so empty after lunch proved that they ALL were outstanding

Thanks to each of the chili cooks, also to the others who brought cornbread, salads and other foods to fill out our lunch. Special thanks must be reserved for Keith whose organization and follow-through made this favorite event a major success, now in its fourth year. Thanks also to the tasters who reaped the benefits of a hearty prize wining lunch. It would not have been a contest without you!

—Pamela B.

-with Lori D.

What kind of dogs do vampires have?

-Bloodhounds.

What does a cannibal get when he comes home late for dinner?

-A cold shoulder.

What do witches put on their hair?

-Scare spray.

What do you get when you cross a vampire with a snowman?

-Frostbite.

Why not invite a vampire to your Halloween party?

-Because he's a pain in the neck.

A GIFT WORTH WAITING FOR



We have a winner! Fay and Dennis won the basket of goodies at our Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off.

Our Red Hat Chapter, Ladies on a LARC, compiled a marvelous assortment of prizes, placed them in a huge wicker basket, wrapped it in cellophane and sold many dozens of tickets for the drawing. It was planned for the convention, however the name drawn was no longer present at that time. The huge gift basket stayed on site and additional tickets were sold.

"Do I dare take off the ribbon?" Fay asked eagerly later. Since the basket was heaped to overflowing, it would have been unwise. Peeking through the cellophane at the top, she spied chocolate covered espresso beans, Hershey's Pot o' Gold candy bars, a huge flower sugar cookie, a book of crossword puzzles, a Frisbee, a stuffed animal with a small bottle clutched to its front, a pot holder, hand made greeting cards, a microwave potato baking bag.

Onlookers would love to have had it opened, but respected Fay's sensible decision, knowing that the unseen contents more than doubled the number of seen items. Rumor has it that the buried treasures in that basket were incredible.

—Pamela B.

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to be host or co-hosts who will coordinate the activity. It is a pretty simple concept, just like you would plan and host a birthday party at home, it would be essentially the same thing. I think by doing it this way we all have the opportunity to bring fresh ideas and new talents to the mix. Wow, just think... new ideas, new talents, new and better events. It will be a win-win for all of us. I am really looking forward to next season already and this one hasn't even ended yet. I hope you are too!

Between now and then, I ask each of you to start thinking about what you can do for LARC, not what LARC can do for you. This is the thinking that will get us to a even better next season. I leave you with this thought... Change is always good, and Better is always well, Better! Together we can make a better LARC.

—Keith