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President's Message

First of all I want to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to serve as your President another term. The past two years have been filled with many ups and downs but in the end I do think we have reached a turning point for LARC in the energy of our activities, stability and clarity of our business, and growth in our membership. I look at these next two years as a time to build on these critical elements and set LARC in a long term pathway towards enabling and insuring the accessibility and growth of positive nude recreation in the Northwest, not only for our growing membership but for everyone in this neck of the woods.

Something I think most of us take for granted is the vital role our Board members play in directing the future of LARC. The nude recreation business is much different today that it was, say ten years ago, even five years ago. I believe much of this has to do with the global eyeballs that have been focused on social nudity. Things like the Internet and Facebook have provided us the first hand opportunity to provide positive information about social and recreation nudity to millions of people worldwide. Also in recognition of these ever increasing global eyeballs, AANR has stepped up their marketing outreach on the positive benefits that the many clubs and resorts under their umbrella are currently providing. They are making significant headway in the quest to bring positive social and recreational nudity to the mainstream of society. Your continued membership in AANR helps support this very important effort. Not a week goes by anymore without something fun and/or positive being written about social or recreational nudity in the many periodicals and publications throughout the world. Consequently more business demands, yes we are a business, for recreational and hospitality services are being placed on clubs like ours. The Board has to be keenly aware of this in their decisions and actions to maintain LARC as one of the leaders in clothing optional recreation in the Northwest. They do a very admirable job in this capacity and I appreciate all their dedicated work.

I say this in hopes of planting a seed in some of you to step up into the leadership of LARC by taking a more active role in our activities, attending Board meetings, writing articles for our newsletter, or providing your voice to the Board on the many issues that arise throughout the year. The weeks leading up to the annual General Membership Meeting when elections are to take place are always filled with a bit of anxiety as to who will enter their name for election to one of the upcoming Board seats to be filled. I would like to see interested LARC members start to consider themselves as candidates for a particular board seat now and not wait until next year. Yes you can do this and your interest would be welcomed. I think this is even more critical for the President's chair in two years. I would certainly welcome any members who may be interested in running for LARC President to start shadowing me and discussing with me the role of the LARC Presidency. By doing this, the opportunity for increasing a greater confidence and consistency in leadership would be fostered when the gavel is turned over. I am sure all the current Board members feel the same.

As I said in the beginning of this message, I believe we have reached a turning point for LARC in the energy of our activities, stability and clarity of our business, and growth in our membership. As we bring this season to a close I would like us all to reflect and focus on all the fun times we had this past year, the continual development and uniqueness of this park, and the many new and wonderful friendships that have developed and grown during this past season. These are the things that provide us with the words and positive messages to relay to persons interested in learning more about LARC and recreational nudity in general. You are all the ambassadors and marketing voices for LARC on the local level and for social and recreational nudity on the global level. Let's all start doing now what we can to attract new members and make next season even better and more fun for all of us.

Keith S.



2011 Halloween Party

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Okay, maybe we didn't have any of those characters at the party, but we DID have football players, cavemen, jesters, devils, evil sorcerers, zombies, spiders, nuns in the "family way" and even pigs in a blanket! It seemed like characters from childhood stories and historical figures were the main costumes this year. We had some fantastic decorations in the tent and thank you to the decorating committee for making our tent the creepy place it was! Thank you Steve T. for being our She-Devil dee-jay. You did a great job playing 80's music interspersed with the more ghoulish Halloween songs, and keeping us laughing and teasing you because your costume was constantly falling down and exposing your not-so-womanly chest!

Of course, the costume contest was the highlight of the evening, and the winners are as follows:

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| Best Costumed Woman: | Lucy M.—Cavewoman |
| Best Costumed Man: | Steve T.—She-Devil |
| Best Costumed Couple: | Mike R. & Mary R.—The Big Boobs |
| Best Overall Costume | Renee H.—Night Stalker |



Bits & Pieces



Our yard sale on September 24 generated \$230.00 for LARC, which meant our members purchased 23 tables! Thanks to all who participated and hopefully, some of you made some money! Just to let you all know, if there is to be a yard sale in 2012, someone else will have to run it, because Lori is taking a break!

Did you know our membership is up to 137 people? This is an all-time high for LARC, so we should all be happy we still have a growing club! It's nice that a lot of our new members are younger, and will hopefully bring new, fresh ideas for events and get-togethers.

Thank you everyone who showed up at the last coffee and donut morning at Ken & Debra's lot on October 23. There was very tasty pumpkin and banana bread and sausage links. Ken and Debra were real happy to entertain so many of us, and all who showed up were welcomed with a warm fire, a cool, crisp morning and stimulating conversation!

Our tent-down work party went very well this year, and thank you to everyone who helped take the tent down, clean the panels and stow them away at Mike & Astrid's house. It's sad to be at the end of the season again, but all good things must come to an end, right? Naaah, the maintenance crew still have fun during the winter by digging ourselves out of the snow, removing the heavy snow from trailers and sheds on other lots, plowing the road so we can get out of the resort and singing karaoke or enjoying dinner at someone's home for the evening. But we are also waiting for the start of the new season because we always miss our friends and neighbors during the winter.

The LARC Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 10 in Conway at the Sons of Norway building. LARC has an alcohol license, so the membership can bring their own alcoholic beverages if they so desire. Also, the limit on the gift exchange is \$20.00. Put this event on your calendar so you don't forget! We will be sending a flyer to everyone with more information as the date draws nearer. So, whoever is in charge of the Christmas party this year **REMEMBER TO GIVE JESS ALL THE DETAILS REGARDING THE PARTY SO HE CAN SEND OUT AN ACCURATE FLYER!!!**

October/November/December Birthdays

October: 10/01 Jean H; 10/06 Dave K.; 10/09 Renee H; 10/16 Jerry W; 10/17 Pamela M;
10/22 William R; 10/25 Dianne K; 10/28 Glenn Y

November: 11/01 Randy K; 11/04 Matt L; 11/06 Jack E; 11/08 Dean T & Mary K; 11/13 Dennis W;
11/22 Jess D; 11/28 Alice A; 11/30 Ivan K

December: 12/07 Laurel T; 12/12 Connie N; 12/13 David H; 12/16 Ken S; 12/18 Paul T; 12/19 Diane C;
12/21 Phil C; 12/27 Janice B; 12/28 Penny K; 12/29 Mike R; 12/31 Glenn Y



The New AMERICAN (& Canadian) Christmas! by Pamela M.



As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- Merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor.

This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes, there is! It's time to think outside the box, people.

Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, and wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper? Everyone -- yes, EVERYONE gets their hair cut, and women like their nails to be pretty. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or nail salon or barber?

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates. How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?



Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down wads of dough on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like their driveway sealed, or lawn mowed in the summer, or have the driveway plowed thru the winter?

There are hundreds of owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. If your gift recipient isn't into going to fancy eateries, what about a half dozen breakfast or lunch certificates at a local family-owned restaurant, local bistro or small-town bakery?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local maid service for a day. How about a massage?

Do your Christmas shopping at a local bazaar or craft show and buy from these talented Americans, who have created something unique right here in America. (Our member Margaret A. makes crafty things for Christmas bazaars every year!) Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre?



Remember folks, this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open and making our great country strong again. See, we CAN easily help America's economy if we just buy local products and services!!!