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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome Back Everyone... The new season has begun and a new spirit of fun and activity has arrived. I am really looking forward to having all of our members back out here at LARC, getting a chance to visit and talk with you, and getting each and everyone of you involved in LARC style recreation which means kick back and relax, eat some good food, dance a lot, sing some karaoke, get some sun on the buns and just play. It was a relatively mild winter so I am hoping it is going to be an exceptionally nice summer, at least I have put my request in for that to the weatherman... did you?

I am real excited about all the activities we have planned every weekend, even if it rains. Cassandra, our Activity Director, has put together a vast line up of casual and fun activities for the whole season. Things like every Friday evening a Welcome Back to LARC Wine & Cheese Potluck by the FirePit is planned so that everybody can informally meet and greet and start the weekend off on a warm welcome. Also a number of Saturday good food activities, dances and karaokes are planned. To keep the fun going through Sunday, we have Fat Bat baseball games, Horseshoes, Trail and Bird Watching Walks, Badminton Games, and Sunday Afternoon Barefootin' Lawn Dances. All very informal and all simple and good fun. If you have an idea for something fun or interesting to do, bring it up and lets do it. Ah, that brings me to communication.

We have implemented the first ever, LARC Member exclusive, Internet based LARC Activities Google Group. Through this group, communication with all LARC members is fast, easy and secure. Going somewhere fun or on a cruise and you want to let all the other LARCers know about it, post it on our Google Group and you will be the envy of LARC. Weekly activity calendar updates, LARC News, weather and national nude news reports, wow, it is all there for you right now and with just a simple click on your computer. Please accept my personal invitation to each and every one to join the LARC Activities Google Group. I encourage you

—See President's, p.3

KARAOKE RETURNS APRIL 17!!



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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

APRIL: 4, Dan B., 4, Cheryl S., 17, Nancy S., 18, Claudia L., 26, Linda L., 28, Gary P., 30, Peri W.

MAY: 8, Michael C., 11, Benjamin W., 18, Tom B., 19, Robert G., 21, Gary Y., 28, Bill F.

Highlights of Upcoming Events

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

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

Friday – April 16 Campfire Wine & Cheese Welcome/ 7p

Saturday –April 17 Big Club Golf / 1 p Karaoke /7p

Sunday – April 18 Chili & Cornbread Potluck Lunch / 12p

Afternoon Sock-Hop / 1 p to 4p

Friday – April 23 Campfire Wine & Cheese Welcome/ 7p

Saturday – April 24 Breakfast /9a

Highway Clean-Up / 10:30a

Fat Bat Baseball - 1 p

Game Night – Guys & Dolls Charades / 7p

Sunday – April 25 LARC Walkers / 10a Horse Shoe Tournament / 1 p

Friday – April 30 Campfire Wine & Cheese Welcome/ 7p

Saturday—May 8 Board Meeting, Lunch Cinco de Mayo Dance

Saturday—May 22 LARC Beautification Day

Friday—May 28 (thru Monday May 31)

“Rain Dance Weekend”

Keith and Cassandra have worked up a constant flow of activities this year, for all of us.

Take advantage of this effort, join the Google Group and jump in and play!!

From the Editor's Chair-



Those of you who are young and firm of body and mind, may wonder why some of us "older" or less "firm" (Did I say “infirm”?) individuals would "dare go bare," and make a "spectacle" of ourselves at a nudist park, such as we have here at LARC. Or for that matter, ANYWHERE!??

When I was younger, I heard these sorts of comments, mostly from those who hadn't themselves ventured out to such an environment. People who routinely wear clothes--"textiles," as they are called--can only speculate. Those of us who have tasted the freedom to go without clothes, have a different attitude, about ourselves and about others.

Now that I am myself getting "older" (maybe even "wiser"), and certainly less firm, I have a better understanding and appreciation for what is really going on.

In some ways, getting older is like going back to childhood and starting over! This manifests in several different areas of life, but what we are concerned with here, is the fact that we have to again learn how to get dressed!

These buttons on shirts, pants, and coats, just don't glide into the buttonholes like they used to. And tying one's shoes is such a chore, I sometimes wish my mother was back in her role as teacher, assistant, and rescuer. In order to GET dressed, I have to sometimes sit, sometimes squat, sometimes stand on one leg, and sometimes lie down on something; then struggle with the various hooks, holes, laces, and assorted fasteners. THEN, I have to figure out a way to get back upright. I'm certain that the people who make industrial fasteners will have a tremendous advantage when they get to be of retirement age. I doubt that they will ever find themselves out in public, with their fly open!

When I go camping at textile-required campgrounds, and have to get dressed in a tent: Oh my!! It is a mad dash indeed, rolling around in there, limbs flailing all about, all to get "presentable" and make it down to the bathhouse, before I myself become the 'lavatory'. This surely must be some kind of punishment for not being at a clothing optional resort or campground in the first place .

Just the thought, when one rises in the morning, of not having to go through all that torture is enough to make people like me sign up for a lifetime membership in a nudist park, ...at the first opportunity.

And there's another aspect; the part I mentioned above about being a "spectacle." Nudists are undoubtedly, the most tolerant people on the face of the earth. Being nude socially changes ones perspective real quick! How can we be judgmental about anybody's BODY? It is a safe place for those of us, who, one might say are less "culturally desirable". If we are desirable at all, it is usually due to our personalities, not our firm bodies.

We have had plenty of space taken up in this newsletter over the years, about the advantages of this lifestyle. But the experience of getting older and "less firm" seals the deal! It means that we can just be ourselves, even with our flies open!

—Jay Gearon

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each and every one to join the LARC Activities GoogleGroup. I encourage you to do so very soon, you won't be sorry you did and you will always be in the know of what's going on at LARC.

On another subject, we have a very important event happening here at LARC in July. The AANR-NW Annual Convention with lots of activities, opportunities to make new friends, and have even more fun things to do. You have probably all heard the old adage, "First Impressions are Lasting Impressions". This is our perfect opportunity to show all the members of the other AANR-NW clubs just how beautiful and special LARC really is and how really cool we LARCers are too. To do this, I suggest a couple of things. First, let's all start doing a little bit of Spring clean-ing of the grounds every time we have a chance. If we do, when July comes we will be looking real good and we didn't have to miss out on any fun times in the process. An hour or two is all it takes. Maybe you can even get together with a few friends and make it a fun clean up party. Be creative and make it fun. Second, on the LARC Cool People part, if you have any cool ideas for workshops and activities or want to lend your big smile and volunteer to help in anyway with the AANR-NW Convention, please let Betty Smith know. She will be happy to hear from you and she can certainly use all your help.

Good things are happening at LARC, tell a friend!

—Keith

New "LARC Activities Group Page"

To improve the communication paths we have at LARC, several of us during the winter put our heads together and came up with a simple, easy, secure, and very efficient communication system. Communication or miscommunication has been a problem for many of you and as a result you have missed out on fun and important things to do here at LARC. I really do want to fix this issue and I truly think this new system will be a huge step in that direction.

Here it is in a nutshell. A LARC Members ONLY exclusive **LARC Activities Google Group** on the Internet. Simple, easy, secure, efficient and FREE! I sent out an email about it and some of you have already signed up. Many have not yet. If you are not familiar with a Group, it is simply a automated instant communication tool that allows all of us to communicate with LARC members with a lot of security. It is not like Facebook or My Space or the others like that... you will not be seen by the world, get numerous request from people you don't know to be your "friends", or have your email address given out to the world. It has been carefully designed by LARC members, administered and managed by LARC members, time tested with positive results at other like resorts, and it is the new way of the world in communication. We have several people here at LARC that can help you get going, just ask.

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

Sign up real soon and let's keep in touch with each other and don't miss another fun activity here at LARC.

—Keith

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 and a way to contribute to the park. Bring your favorite tool and join us for a very rewarding day at LARC.

—Margaret

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 or see Margaret to donate your items or questions. Your support is greatly appreciated.
-Margaret
Lot B-6
360-445-3617



Our satellite WiFi system is designed for "light" use; checking email, web surfing. It's definitely not high-speed or works well downloading large files. Trying to make it something it's not will result in slowing the system for all users and dropped connections. If this system is not fulfilling your needs, it is your responsibility to provide the one that will work with your WiFi lifestyle.

—Mike and Astrid

CONVENTION UPDATE

HIGHLIGHTS GENERAL MEETING

On March 28, LARC members gathered for one of four General Membership Meetings held annually. This time, we needed to discuss and pass some pertinent items in the Constitution and By-Laws so therefore we needed a quorum. One document required 2/3 of all members, which we didn't have, so we'll bring it up again at the next meeting. The matters that we did cover were mostly "housekeeping details" which were settled.

Reports by the committees were extremely encouraging:

Membership: 3 new members last fall. All three were seated at the same table as I was, and it nice to chat briefly before the meeting. Food Service: Great meals planned and if they are as good as last year's, we should see an increase in participation.

Site development: Mike K. described a "new area" has opened up on the west side specifically for camping. No water or power yet, but it will help with the hoards of attendees expected this summer. Events: We will have a HUGELY busy July: *Convention, Skinny Dip, Bare Images, Rockin' the Park* and also the hosting of *Critical Massive*: those Park Guests you'll remember, who celebrate their uniqueness in a unique way. This year, attendance will be up to 1,000 people, so that additional camping space will be essential and welcome.

Convention: plans are coming along well, and will include a "renewal of vows" Ceremony for those married folks who know how romantic a wedding ceremony can be here in our Park. This event within the event promises to be really exquisite. Goodie/welcome bags will include some hand made items (by the Ladies on a LARC Red Hat Society Chapter members) More de-tails will be forthcoming, but be willing to sign up for the various duties that need to be taken care of. There's LOTS to do, but many hands will make it easy and fun.

Members may see specific chairpersons for each activity to volunteer or make any contribution to this club effort. Steve T., and Steve L., for Daytime activities, Dee P., for restroom detail, Jess D., for Parking and Security, Keith S., and Christy M., for Kitchen help, and Alice A., for front office. Let's all give these Chairs lots of support!

We are also looking for persons to conduct Workshops and classes. See Betty S.

Also see Cassandra B. who is overall Activities Chair.

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

Photography... here we had important reminders, that NO photography may be taken without SPECIFIC permission of the subjects... Note, also, someone dashing thru the brush in the background, may ALSO mean that the particular photo CAN-NOT happen. There will be designated photo areas at some of the events and/or designated photographers will be allowed to take pictures. ONLY those persons who do not mind having their photo taken may be the subject of or in a photo... EVER. If in doubt, Astrid will have the membership list and those photography permissions will be noted.

-Pamela B., with contributions from Betty S., Steve L. and Jay G

UNEMPLOYMENT GOES ON FOREVER

- My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. ...Couldn't concentrate.
- Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
- After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
- Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
- Then, I tried being a Chef--figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme..
- Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... I couldn't cut the mustard.
- My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
- I was a ditch-digger for a while, but that was just a fill-in job.
- I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
- Next was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
- I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
- Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
- So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
- After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
- My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.

SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT AND FOUND THAT I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

—Submitted by Pamela B.

MARDI-GRAS IS ALIVE AND WELL IN NW!

LARC members know how to put on a party, especially when we are celebrating the arrival of Spring! The dance on March 27 was well attended and Music Maven Steve T., put on the music that suited the moment: from 60's to the present day. There was lots of gold and flash surrounding and on the dance floor. Some familiar faces we remember from last Fall. Decorations featuring musician silhouettes, and masks of purple, gold, and green with colored lights transforming the newly resurrected tent into a very fancy ballroom. One might think it was New Orleans ambiance brought to the Pacific Northwest.

We danced the night away until nearly midnight, and some retired to the hot tub.

If you missed the festivities, fear not; we have a full schedule ahead with Karaoke, more dances, and other activities as described elsewhere.

—Darlene O.