

Bare Facts

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Memo From The Board

The by-laws of the Lake Edun Foundation direct that the board of directors is responsible for all activities of the foundation, whether at the lake or not. It is the board who passes on renewals of membership, discipline when needed, membership dues and such minor things as Return to Edun.

Most of the members of the LEF do not know the members who serve on the board of directors. Many over the years only knew the name of the president of the board because as part of the president's job description they were to supply comments in this newsletter and communicate with the members when at the activities of LEF.

Occasionally a board member would supply a story or report on some naturist activity or their personal "I had a first time" experience. Many of the board members served in almost an anonymous state! Some served in silence for personal reasons. Others served in silence because they just don't like limelight in any intensity!

This month starts a new term for the new board of directors. "Memo From the Board" will take the place of "The Presidents Corner" it will contain comments and items from all of the board members edited into one article. It will be a forum to report on the activities of the board of directors. Hopefully this will allow all to participate in each month's issue of "The Bare Facts".

Many of you have served on the board in the past. This board wishes to thank you for your work and willingness to help keep the Lake Edun Foundation moving forward. This board hopes to be able to continue the work started many years ago, even before there was a place called Lake Edun. Several challenges need to be overcome. New plans need to be detailed and put into motion. Those who serve this year will carry on a proud tradition of service and leadership to do our part in preserving our heritage and insuring our future.

Party At Truck Henge

After the relocated Libertarian event last summer to Truck Henge, the LEF board entered into discussions with the owner to host a party there this winter. It is a wonderful site and they have a great home they will share with Eduners.

With cold weather keeping most Eduners dressed, it will be great to have this opportunity to share our warm friendship.

Mark your calendar now for this LEF members-only event which will include a pot luck. Additional plans and directions will be included in the January issue of *Bare Facts*.

Don't forget to make your tax deductible donation to the Lake Edun Foundation

Second Annual Naked Plays

The director for the second annual production of our Naked Plays, Jon Lothenore, reports that several of the actors who made the event possible last year have contacted him about appearing in our plays again this year.

Our production last year in the Black Box Theater of the Topeka Performing Arts Center was truly a ground breaking event. It was the first time in about 25 years since any Topeka stage had seen nudity and it was, by far, the most nudity ever on stage in this community. Everyone involved with the production, but especially the director and actors, deserve our appreciation for the trail they helped blaze.

This year, we have a new crop of original one-act plays. Each deals with issues of body acceptance. Like last year, the winner will be selected by the audience. We are gratified to learn that the box office of the theater has already been contacted several times by people wanting to know when the plays are scheduled.

Last year, as word spread about the quality of plays, our audience grew. The final performance played to a full house of people who came despite a heavy downpour.

We anticipate our performances this year will enjoy an even greater audience. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss it. If you wish to see last year's plays again, you may order a DVD of the performances. See the last page of this newsletter for an order form.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact us. Actors should expect tryouts to be held in mid-February. Watch for the announcement.

In the event anyone doubts the impact of our effort, it is interesting to note that this year, the Topeka Civic Theater is staging *The Full Monty*. One wonders if they would have planned this or if the community would have accepted it prior to our effort.

Items We Need

- ! Tops for trash cans
- ! Non-motorized boats
- ! Chipper/shredder we can use about once a month

DON'T FORGET

Activities designated HN are sponsored by Heartland Naturists

Dec 9; Sat; 4-6; Board of Directors

Dec 9; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Dec 16; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Jan 13; Sat; 3-5; Board of Directors

Jan 13; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

Jan 19; Fri; 8-10; HN Swim

Jan 20; Sat; 6-12; Truck Henge Party (Members only)

Jan 27; Sat; 6-8; Sauna

March 30 & 31; Fri & Sat; Second Annual Naked Plays

April 6 & 7; Fri & Sat; Second Annual Naked Plays

Don't Miss All The Fun

We have been scratching our heads for quite some time to come up with some way to get together over the winter, other than at the sauna. Well, have we got something for you. From the good idea department comes the following:

Beth called Webb the other day and asked Webb if he knew of any Eduners within the Topeka Area who might be interested in signing up to be on a 'call me if we're doing something' list.

She was considering the possibility there might be other Eduners in the Topeka Area who are facing the winter blahs, and can hardly bear to wait for next summer to get together. With this in mind, she's wondering if she were to get people together for, say a mini-snack pot luck at one of the Saturday Saunas, or going out for a beer and some cheap eats around Topeka, would you be interested in joining in the fun?.

SO, if you are interested, you need to call Lake Edun at 785-478-2276. Leave your name, number, and a brief message saying you want to be added to the Lake Edun Winter Social Phone list. Alternatively, you may email us at benude@lakeedun.com

THEN, don't be surprised when you get a call some afternoon from Beth saying, "Hey! We're going to ..."

You know it might not only be the perfect opportunity to have some fun, but also a really good time to invite those really cool friends of yours that may be considering joining us at the Lake this summer, but would be a little more comfortable meeting in a clothed gathering first.

If there is someone in another city interested in organizing similar events, let us know and we will put the word out.

An Eternal Triangle?

The head of the Loveland Arts Commission stepped down last week as the city council considers a plan to take more oversight of the arts commission. The proposal comes amid controversy about a piece of art called, 'Triangle.'

The work shows two nude people holding up a third naked person. It is placed in the middle of a roundabout on the east side of Loveland.

"I believe there is a minority of people that are bound and determined that whatever method, whatever is necessary, they're going to have this thing, not moved, but removed," the former chair of the arts commission said.

"It should be placed where people make a choice to go see it, not some place where everybody is driving by has to see it," said the leader of a group that opposes the sculpture's placement.

Opponents claim that the city has other commissions that answer to the city council. They say they simply want the same for the arts commission.

Opponents of the sculpture said they are hopeful that the city council's consideration of the proposal will eventually lead to a move for the 'Triangle.'

Supporters of the artwork said they're afraid a move could hurt Loveland's reputation as a place for serious art displays.

Aluminum Proceeds

Thanks to everyone who helped us with our aluminum collection. Many Eduners save their aluminum at home and bring it periodically to our special place. A few weeks ago, John took our considerable collection to the recycling center and received over \$100 for our efforts.

This is an easy way for all Eduners to help. While the effort doesn't seem to pay enough to make it worth while individually, our collective effort certainly is effective.

Remember! Save your aluminum and bring it to our special place next time you visit.

Breast Feeding Causes Incident on Airline

A commuter airline has publicly responded to the incident in which a passenger was asked to leave one of its flights after she refused to cover up while breast-feeding. But the response contains incorrect information, according to the passenger who was booted.

In its response, the airline says that the flight attendant who ordered a passenger off a flight departing from the Burlington Airport acted contrary to company expectations and was disciplined.

The airline claimed that the captain of the flight apologized to the passenger and her family and "immediately requested that they be re-boarded for their flight," which the family refused.

However, the passenger said that is untrue. She said the airline "never offered" her to get back on the plane. "I would have jumped at the opportunity," she said.

The breast feeding incident occurred after a three hour delay, when the child's mother began to breast-feed her 22-month-old daughter as they prepared for take off. A flight attendant allegedly handed her a blanket and told her to cover up. When she declined, the attendant allegedly told her she was offending her, and had her removed from the plane.

The airline spokesman stated, "To clarify our policy, we firmly support a mother's right to breast feed a child. We understand that air travel presents particular difficulties to nursing passengers. Moreover, while blankets are available, we do not expect (and will not in the future request) that nursing mothers use a blanket to cover their child while nursing."

The family has filed a charge against the airlines with the Vermont Human Rights Commission this month because breast-feeding is protected under Vermont's Public Accommodations Law.

The Predicament

I am a Christian, and the only thing I have been told by other Christians is that in our "fallen state," (after Adam and Eve) we are now prone to lust and sinful desires which is not the pure state we used to be in before the fall. I still go to resorts though and just put any lustful thoughts aside that occur anyway, even during clothed society encounters.

Good for you.

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The Naturalist Naturist

By Biology Bill

(Reprinted from the December, 2001 issue of Bare Facts.)

Well, it's now the beginning of December, and we're between Thanksgiving and Christmas, so it's time to talk our favorite game bird: turkey.

Random turkey fact #1: We think of turkey being the traditional main course at Thanksgiving, and today it most certainly is. We think of Pilgrims (although they weren't called that until ~200 years later) and Indians sitting down to a big meal of turkey in Massachusetts Bay in 1621, but they probably didn't actually have any turkey. The principal surviving written account of the event indicates that they ate "fowl," which is more likely to mean duck. Turkeys no doubt lived in the area, but like cranberries, stuffing and pumpkin pie, they probably weren't on the menu on the first Thanksgiving.

Now some about the biology of turkeys. Nearly everybody knows that the males and females have different coloration – females have duller colors and no throat wattle. The coloration on males is to impress the ladies, and the strutting courtship displays may allow the wiley hunter to sneak into range. Turkeys are non-territorial, polygynous birds (males mate with more than one female). After mating, females go off to nest with no help from the males. Nests are shallow depressions scratched into the ground, and eggs take up to 4 weeks to hatch. Like baby ducks, newly hatched turkeys are ready to go and leave the nest almost right away. Male young stay in the flock with their mother until fall when they leave to hang out with other males, although females may stay together until the next spring. Turkeys are grown up at 1 year old, although they might not mate until they are 2 or 3. They can live up to 10-12 years, but 5 years is considered old.

Turkey fun fact #2: At the turn of the 20th century, turkey populations declined tremendously because of hunting and habitat loss. The conversion of most of the eastern United States to farmland removed much of the forests that turkeys preferred. Populations have since increased dramatically following regrowth of the eastern forests and stocking programs, and turkeys are again a popular game bird.

Turkeys live in a variety of habitats from mature forests, open woodlands to farm areas. During the non-breeding season, birds forage in flocks on the ground for acorns, seeds, some leaves, salamanders, worms, snails, and insects. Adults and poults are eaten by raccoons, foxes, and bobcats. Nests may be attacked by raccoons, opossums, skunks, foxes, snakes, and rodents.

While we think about turkeys as forest birds, living in oak forests, they also live in pine-juniper forests in the southwest. Turkeys now live in all 50 states plus parts of Mexico and Canada.

So, while you snack on the holiday wishbone, remember what you know about wild turkeys. They're now a fairly common sight across much of the United States, and a fun bird to watch. Gobble gobble!

Thank You, Millie Bengele

(Reprinted from the June, 2002 issue of Bare Facts.)

We, living in the heartland of America, should extend our sincere appreciation to Millie Bengele and the City Fathers of Amherst, Ohio. It seems that Millie recently noticed an increasing number of nudes and near-nudes appearing on the covers of various main-stream magazines. Being the concerned citizen she is, Millie marched straight down to city hall and registered her complaint! As Millie says, "We're part of the problem if we don't fight it."

Now, Millie and Amherst's City Fathers do not suggest "nudity" as most people perceive it is on display. In fact, when describing a body building magazine she saw, Millie concedes, "His body was turned, so you couldn't see his genitals, but he was stark naked." She goes on to ask, "Now, why, as a woman out shopping, do I have to look at that stuff?"

Millie raises a good question: Why must we be subjected to offensive images when we are in a public place? Perhaps we must first understand what is an "offensive image." That which a culture finds offensive varies depending on the culture and the era. We in the 21st Century United States are not offended by graphic violence on television or the movies; we do not take offense at capital punishment when there are scores of documented cases of innocent people being convicted of a crime; we are not offended with a system that turns good cops bad in a manic desire to catch "drug dealers." However, Millie is offended by a photograph of a male artfully posing nude on the cover of a body building magazine.

In Tibet, the faithful are offended if a visitor were to step on an ant; American Indians were offended by the White Man's wasteful slaughter of thousands of Buffalo but during the summer, the Indian hunted them naked; ancient Greeks and Romans made and displayed publicly statues of naked young men in the prime of their life. Today, these statues are considered great art and were probably very similar to the picture that offended Millie.

If that which offends is so subjective, can we really restrict everything that might offend someone? Both of my children were born naked. I believe this is pretty standard for all babies. Some, who consider philosophical questions, refer to mankind in a "state of nature." This is to explore how we act and react when otherwise unencumbered by "laws" or "society." I believe most anthropologists think mankind existed naked when in a state of nature.

If nakedness is both our natural state and the way God made us, I am offended by pictures of textiled people – people who publicly scorn both their own creator and the state of nature in which all mankind once lived. If our elected representatives are inclined to protect us from "offensive pictures," I hope they will cause those showing textiled people to be taken off the shelf. Until that happens, I am glad that Millie has taken the glare of national and international ridicule off of Kansas, if even for a brief time.

The Predicament

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The idea that we are “prone to lust and sinful desire” is Satan speaking, trying to convince us that doing good is difficult or impossible, while doing evil is our natural state. What a terrible thing to be spoken from the lips of those dedicated to telling God’s truths. This is simply neither Biblical nor reality.

We are, in fact, prone to doing good. To get ourselves to do evil, most of us have to tell ourselves a lie, a fantasy, or put our faith in a lie told by another. And guess who helps us with those lies? Guess who is the father of lies, who told the first lie to Adam and Eve? God’s creation IS good.

It’s easy to see. Consider how many people it takes to provide the thing you eat and wear every day, to give you heat, light, transport, to give you good work to enable you to help others every day, and to provide all the social and other systems that support us. Every one of us is doing God’s will, showing God’s love through work every hour of every day. Very few evil acts are ever committed compared to this torrent of good that God works through His humanity every day. How could that be true if we are all so prone to evil?

Only the devil’s unrealities lead us to evil. So, are our bodies really sex objects as fundamentalists of all breeds would have us believe? Does the sight of a nude woman make a man go crazy? Think dark thoughts? Have an excuse for rape?

One can go to any AANR nudist facility, any TNS recognized beach or venue in the US or Canada, any INF-FNI recognized venue in the World and see good being done. Lust and sinful desires fade against God’s wholesome reality of how people really look and function. We see people of all ages respecting each other for the real person they are, not for some phony costume designed to lie about who they are. We see the map of their lives, having borne children, wounds from many sorts of wars, written in their bodies. What truth.

Then go back to a church and look at all the preening peacocks, including the minister, all dressed up in clothing designed to make a statement about anything but who we really are. Actually, I think all costumes and fantasies can be fun if they are not taken seriously. All we need to do is learn to laugh at ourselves and recognize the lie as just “make believe,” like on Mr. Rogers. That dumps the devil.

How can we get people to stop taking their costumes seriously, to stop giving credence to the lies costumes tell, and to use costumes and fantasy to enhance our lives? Nudism is one answer. One or two visits and the truth is painfully, hilariously, obvious. Fantasy is fun as long as we keep God’s reality firmly in mind. Nudism does just that.

All IMHO, of course.

[Let the truth be told! A posting taken from a Christian nudist chat group. Ed.]

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