From: Decker, Stephen

The big night is fast approaching, and since this is our year for being in town on Thanksgiving, we would like to offer up Hacienda Sanchez (Part Dos) as the venue for after outing food, celebration and a bonfire, but at this point we don't know what the actual outing might be. We're only about a mile from the Eagle Creek Stables, where we've had previous outings (Remember Suzanne's Mom the lush with the Root Beer Schnapps? I for one was shocked! ;-), but I think that's been pretty much been paved over by now.

Other activity ideas are welcome, or we can just make the bonfire the outing. Maybe Al can go wandering in the woods, and the rest of us can go searching for him, sort of like a snipe hunt or a trip to Two Harbors! ;-)

>>-----Original Message-----

From: Al Davis

Subject: Re: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At theNorthStars >>

I am in for the celebration and the bonfire. I am crossing off the outing and the food from my ballot. I refuse to respond to the undignified idea that I would wander around the woods. (Maybe to Pee, but I will bring a 25 foot cord that Tess can tie around my ankle to keep me under control.) >>

Just a thought tho, if it is really necessary that we have food at these events now - a rather new and revolting development (I refer to it as the feminization of Not Loonam Night Not at the Not the North Stars) - and we plan to have a bonfire - and the Eagle Creek Stables are that close - is there a possibility of turning a horse on a spit over the bonfire?????? Has got to be a young one. I hear it tastes a lot like chicken. A large, tough range chicken that has been rode hard.

If the snipe comment was in reference to my service in the US Navy, I will have you know I was in the black shoe Navy, and never worked down with the Snipe.....

-----Original Message-----

From: Suzanne

Subject: Re: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At the North Stars

Well, well, so you had to drag my mom into the mix again! :>) She will be thrilled that she made such a lasting impression! She still talks about the Rootbeer Schnapps! Dan and I will let you know if we can make it... Do we need a sitter for our little snapper? Hope to see all of you! Suzanne

From: Luann

Suzanne, Are you bringing your Mom? I'm sure Dave would be glad to supply the Root Beer Schnapps, that way there would be someone to share it with him.

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> ----- Original message -----

From: Dave

I am likewise in for the festivities, as it is no time to break tradition.

As for the comments from AD, please remember change is inevitable...

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>> First it was Loonam Night at the North Stars (we actually attended the game)!

>> Next it was Loonam Night at the North Stars, and never made it out of

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>> Webster's West bar (but at least we could see the old Met Center across the street where the North Stars played). Then it became Loonam Night not at the North Stars but still went to the bar (anyone remember Bunny's)?

>> After that it became Loonam Night not, not at the North Stars, as the team was sold and moved to Dallas, and we went on a hayride at Eagle Creek Stables (the scene of the infamous Root beer Schnapps incident).

>> Once Eagle Creek Stables became a new housing development the Loonam Night not, not at the North Stars changed venues to being hosted at someone's house. That is when food was first introduced to the event.

>> Coincidence? I think not. Which brings us all too where we are today, food included.

>> Bottom line is it just wouldn't be the same Thanksgiving without the

>> hangover from our annual abuse from the "Night Before"!

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>> See you all there!

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>> (Providing Mr. Decker provides directions for those of you who haven't been >> to the "Hacienda Sanchez part Dos").

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>>Dave

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From:Kristen

> SubjectRE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At the NorthStars >

Coincidentally, the hay ride place has moved a little further out to the Jordan area, just down the road from the Decker spread.....

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Is anyone interested in adding a real activity (aside from overindulging) into the mix?

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And Dave, you forgot the Loonam, Not at the North Stars, At the Minnesota Moose night, which is understandable due to the trauma we put you through. You might want to consider seeing a professional about that.

From: Dave

Subject: RE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At theNorthStars

Geez,

I remember when there was this infamous all powerful "Committee" that made all the decisions for these events. (I don't know when they lost it, or how they lost it, or come to think of it, if they ever really had it). Now we can't even decide on a hay ride or an evening with Emeril?? Somebody please take control over this situation before we end up having a filibuster that will take us into January.

-----Original Message-----From: Velner, Mark Subject: RE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At theNorthStars

New wrinkle, To add another complication for the committee to decide, I believe in recent years children (some small and some not so small) have been allowed to participate at some of the gatherings, more on the food side than on the beverage side, but it likely wont be long on the beverage side if they spend any more time with this group.

Maybe the kids could stay and help the cook? Or would they be allowed/invited on the hay ride with the women?

From: LouAnn

What next ... a sign up sheet for what dish you're bringing to share?

> ----- Original message -----

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I vote for Jordan and then come back to indulge!

FYI...Derek has been trained to "fetch" beers.

That's my boy!

Dan

-----Original Message-----From: Kristen Subject: RE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At the NorthStars Me too, so in the spirit of the Further Feminization of the Loonam Not at the North Stars night I'll make some calls....

Maybe once Suzanne's mom finds out we are going on a hayride she won't be able to stay away!

----- Original message ------

From Al

Having little expertise in the area, should I go shopping for a WOOL skirt? Should I shave my legs, or would they then be too susceptible to the cold? Can we have some chili when we get back from the hayride, or will there only be fruit and cucumber sandwiches?

Kristen, when you make the call to the stable, can you ask them if we will be allowed to bring coolers for our Perrier water? It was really nostalgic to read Dave's reminiscences of throwing food (peanuts) rather than eating food, smoke filled bars where we could be anticipate someone spending the night in a strange bed, and hoping it wasn't owned by the County.

As Ben Franklin once said, "Change is inevitable, but not always enviable."

----- Original message ------

From: Kristen

Subject: RE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily At the NorthStars

We can have chili if you make it, thanks for volunteering!

If you wear a skirt, shaved legs or not, you'll scare the horses. And if they get wind of your earlier plan they're liable to try to kick you, miss, and hit Dave. Then we're going to hear about that every year for the rest of our lives. It might be best if you just stayed back at the house and cooked.

I have a lead on a place that has campfire pits and also serves cool beverages after 7:30 pm but it's not too clear whether you can bring your own or not. About how many people are we expecting this year?

>>> "Broecker, Steve Don't know if you got any responses on the "how many people"

Two here for the hayride and indulgences. Unless of course Al starts wearing skirts to these. I really don't think I want to be on a hay wagon with him crawling around in a skirt. To say nothing for the chili!

-----Original Message-----From: Al Davis Subject: RE: The Night Before Thanksgiving Not Necessarily AttheNorthStars

Twas the night before T-Day and all through the land, the Not Loonam Not at the Not North Stars was again at hand.

Stevie with great wisdom and down on his knees Said come to Casa Sanchez, Oh won't you come please?

The Committee sat silent, Stunned and in awe, An attempt to usurp us! Was all that they saw.

"Food" in the invite, The words just jumped out We can't allow this The Chairman did shout

Now Mike and David, Now Broecker and Dan, We must stand together And act like a man! Now Velner and Steve, And yes you too Finn, If we stick together this time we can win.

Booze, beer and cigars we're having this year, I'm putting my foot down Please may I my Dear?

This is what happens When the committee's ignored We sit in the kitchen Yawning and bored

Where is the drinking Depravity and sin Its the "domesticated" Age we're living in.

Alas the poor Chairman Sullen and beaten And slowed down a bit From the food he had eaten

Jumped in his car And drove out of sight Said Next year will be different On our "Loonam Night"

-----Original Message-----From: Dave Classic AD!!

Dave