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*"Keeping Our Beaches Bare"*

*B.E.A.C.H.E.S. New Board Member*

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I am a mother of 4, grandmother of 5, a Hospice nurse, land lady, nude model for college students and freelance, travel, photo journalist all part time and flexible schedule allowing me to travel like I do. That would be nice maybe.

Twelve years ago, during December 1989, an event happened that forever changed my life. Some friends had asked me a few different times if I would like to go to a nudist club. Afraid I would be unable to handle it at 49 years old and a body that I'm grateful for since it's healthy and all parts intact, but not proud of it's looks from food additions through my life, I declined. Finally one of my friends invited me to a clothing optional club and I said yes, since I had the option of staying dressed. After dark I quickly removed my clothes by the hot tub and immersed so no one could see me, and to try to get comfortable with the idea. I took to it like a duck in water.

I was an at home undressed woman, raising my 4 children alone. Lived like that until my son became a teenager then decided I better cover up. But never any social nudism. Didn't even know it existed.

Feeling comfortable all most immediately, thinking where I been all my life? Even eventually danced that night without a stitch on, a goal I made for myself earlier in the evening. Well, I knew this life was for me.

So the next time I was invited I enrolled a solo membership. Being a woman alone I didn't want to have to be a guest of someone to be able to attend any club. Shortly after my first



*Marion Hagen took a 12,400 mile solo trip around the USA to attend over 150 naturist events to celebrate her 60th birthday.*

issue of the "Bulletin" from what was then, American Sunbathing Association, ASA. Now called American Association of Nude Recreation, AANR. I read it from cover to cover wanting to learn all about all of it. I joined 5 different clubs or organizations, deciding a couple hundred dollars were worth supporting my cause and become educated in different areas. One of the organizations was "South Florida Free Beaches" since it was the only Beach group I saw and also in the state I live in. A few years later, I started having Nude parties at my home in St. Petersburg for singles. Single folks from SFFB were invited from the membership list and some made the

trip to my home in St. Petersburg. I have continued to have 2 or 3 parties a year for the last 10 years at my home. Also started inviting singles and couples since I had many of both friends. I no longer have the parties as I do a lot of traveling and am busy with other nudist events.

Speaking of travel, I have traveled to well over 150 events at nudist beaches, clubs, cities, parties, Gatherings, etc., around the country and abroad. In fact The Naturist Society issue of June 2001 or 20.4 is an article I wrote on my 12,400 mile solo trip around our wonderful, beautiful USA to celebrate my 60th birthday.

Another wonderful benefit of being so involved with other naturists is the great net working among ourselves. I find they are very interesting, trusting and adventurous folks. Because of these friends I have become a scuba diver, have bulge jumped, experienced tandem sky diving, nude camping and canuding plus many other exciting happenings.

Two and a half years ago I became the Coordinator of The Naturist Society Singles Special Interest Group, or TNS Singles SIG as it is also known. My volunteer time is up for that now.

At this time I am now ready to help all I possibly can to help as a member of the Board Of Directors on the B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation. ✨