

ARGRAculture

October 2006



2006 Fall Dance Dates

October 14
November 18
December 9

New Location for Dances

Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Hall
1320 5th. Avenue N.W.

Please remember
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Hall
is a Non-Smoking Facility

ARGRA Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering at the October 14th dance, please contact Darrel Reid our Fundraising Director at: fundraising@argra.org. There are always a few spots that Darrel needs to fill.

Out with the Old... *in with the New?*



Your new executive consists of the following: Front Row (L-R) Del Stevenson (Vice President), Lorrie Murphy (Rodeo Director), Heather Murray (President), Pierre Cadieux (Trustee). Back Row (L-R) Darrel Reid (Fundraising), Alec Masee (Secretary), Brent Zuber (Treasurer), Judy Munson (Communications), Greg Holsworth (Sponsorship), Jason Baker (Membership)

AGM... that's all we ever hear about these days (or that seems to be the communications lately). You will all be glad to know that the AGM is over with and the new executive is in place. This was the final year to implement the changes that were made to the by-laws from last year, and now the key executive roles rotate on a two year basis with only half of the positions coming up for elections each year.

The biggest change this year has been the

change of location for the dances. The new venue of the Hillhurst/Sunnyside Community Centre has presented a few new challenges for our Fundraising Director (Darrel Reid), from where to put the bars, where is coat check going, liquor tickets, admissions... and the list goes on. Many thanks to those who helped, and we hope everyone is enjoying the new space. So, bring your friends, and come enjoy the October 14 dance. See you all there!





**Sponsor the 2007
Bud Light
Canadian Rockies
International Rodeo**

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor to one of western Canada's largest GBLT events and promote your company to over 4000 rodeo weekend attendees, please contact the ARGRA Sponsorship Director, Greg Holsworth, via email at sponsorship@argra.org. Sponsorship packages start from as little as \$300.

**Rodeo Committee
Next Meeting**

Tuesday October 17th @ 7 pm
Old "Y" Boardroom
223 12th Avenue S.W.



Members At Large

In any association, you will probably hear the term "Member At Large", and though a valid term for executive positions, this is not quite the case here. For some time now, I've always thought our newsletter needed a bit of something more than the usual reports of what's going on, so why not take a look at our members.

Have you ever been to an event by yourself, didn't know anyone, and then someone comes up, introduces them self and introduces you to others? This month I want to introduce someone who does just that.. finds those who he doesn't recognize and makes them feel welcome. Many of you have probably met, talked to, and probably even know him.. Tony Yip.

Tony has been coming to ARGRA events for years, and has always felt that it is important

to make new people feel welcome and that they have a good time and enjoy coming to an ARGRA event. Tony recalls going to events where he didn't have a good time, all because no one made him feel welcome. For Tony, being a part of ARGRA is being part of diverse group where you can meet people outside of the bar scene, it's social, you get to meet people from all over and people do come from all over to take in our events. Additionally, the "eye candy" is always nice.

I asked Tony what he thought about being a member of ARGRA and the value of having a membership. ARGRA membership provides great value, from member pricing at the dance and rodeo, to the discounts with various businesses, and other optional activities all make the membership a great value. ARGRA is doing a great job with the events and functions that it provides, it provides a place where we can feel free to be ourselves, or as Tony puts it an "Ahh ha" moment, here is a place where I fit.

Do you know of someone who makes a difference within ARGRA and should be recognized as a "Member At Large"? Submit your ideas and suggestions to secretary@argra.org, we'd love to hear from you.

Rodeo from the Rodeo Director's Perspective

The rodeo takes 10 months of planning by a team of committed individuals. Some of these individuals have been involved for years and the others are just starting their involvement.

The toughest part is getting ready. There is a lot of work to do to put on a rodeo but they know what to do. It is like leading a horse to water: once its there it knows what to do. I mainly keep the committee informed. Once the rodeo starts it is not difficult at all. It pretty much runs on auto pilot thanks to all the rodeo directors and their teams from previous years.

I became involved with ARGRA because I like the western lifestyle and its family values. I also like the respect ARGRA has for it's members and what it has done for the community.

*Lorrie Murphy
Rodeo Director 2006/2007*

Sponsorship Director

Planning for the 2007 Bud Light Canadian Rockies International Rodeo has already started! And part of the success we enjoy in hosting one of western Canada's largest GBLT events is due to our wonderful sponsors – and there are many of them to thank.

Our sponsors continuing support helps sustain our organization and helps keep all of our event prices as affordable as we can possibly make them. By supporting our sponsors, you are in fact supporting ARGRA. You can see who our sponsors are just by looking at this newsletter – look for the sponsors' thank you page.

I would like to thank those who have helped me this past year in the realm of sponsorship: Jamie Cumberland (Buckle Sponsorship), Jason Baker (Advertising), Shane Anderson (Web), David Biggar (Graphics) my mentors, Judy Munson (President Emeritus) and Lorrie Murphy (Rodeo Director), and most importantly my husband, TJ MacDonald – your help and assistance was most-assuredly appreciated.

Greg Holsworth

Sponsorship Director 2007

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NEXT DANCE OCTOBER 14TH HILLHURST/SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY HALL 1320 5TH. AVENUE N.W.

DOORS 7:30

COUNTRY MUSIC TILL 10:00

HOT MIX TILL CLOSE

OVER 18 *Policy*

Due to our liquor license anyone under the age of 18 will not be allowed into the ARGRA dances. This includes the monthly dances as well as the CRIR Entertainment and dance Friday night, Saturday night dinner and dance, Sunday night awards and dance. All ages are welcome to attend the rodeo Saturday and Sunday. If you look like you may not be 18, then you will need to produce a picture I.D. Thanks for helping us enforce our liquor license obligations.

