

ARGRAculture

October 2007

Ride 'em in the Rockies

2007 Fall Dance Dates

October 20, 2007

November 17, 2007

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

ARGRA Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering
at the October 20th dance, please contact
Ross Scarrett our Fundraising Director at
fundraising@argra.org. There are always a few
spots that Ross needs to fill.



Your New Executive



The annual general meeting for the Alberta Rockies Gay Rodeo Association was held on September 10, and thank you to all of the members who turned out to take part. This association could and would not be the association it is without your support.

One of the highlights for the AGM was the election of new officers to the board. I would like to welcome back Heather Murray as our President for a second term, Darrel Reid taking on the role of Sponsorship Director, Lorrie Murphy as our Rodeo Director (she is

Back row: Pierre Cadieux, Judy Munson, Darrel Reid, Alec Masee, Brent Zuber, Ross Scarrett. Front row: Heather Murray, Rob Sommers, Lorrie Murphy. Missing: Billy Loiselle. (photo courtesy of GayCalgary & Edmonton)

already forecasting sunshine for 2008). A big welcome to our new members to the executive, Rob Somers as your new Vice-President, Ross Scarrett as the new Fundraising Director, and Billy Loiselle as the new Membership Director.

At this time, I would also like to take this



Rodeo Committee *meetings*

Future meeting dates were set for the Old 'Y' at 7:00 pm as follows:

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Thursday, November 22, 2007

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Reminder *Membership Survey*

There is still time to send in your survey, as we would appreciate your feedback. Surveys were included in the last edition of ARGRAculture. Completed forms can be either mailed or emailed to the membership director.



Your New Executive (continued)

opportunity to thank Del Stevenson and Jason Baker for all of their contributions to the executive last year. Del has been involved with ARGRA for many years not only on the executive, but also on the rodeo committee and even as Rodeo Director for multiple years. Jason joined the board last year taking on the newly created position of Membership

Director, and had been involved with the rodeo committee for many years as well. Thank you both for all of your great work and dedication to ARGRA.

Remember, your executive is there for you the members, so feel free to talk to any of us about YOUR association.

A Letter from the Fundraising Director

Howdy Members, my name is Ross Scarrett and I am the Fundraising Director for ARGRA. I have been involved with ARGRA in one or another ways for many years. I started with volunteering at dances, usually bartending. After being a volunteer at the dances, I thought it was time to get more involved. I was last years Volunteer Coordinator for the dances and rodeo. It was hard work, but it did pay off when it came to the rodeo, my very first gay rodeo also. After taking a little time off during the summer, I decided I wanted to be involved at a larger scale, and was nominated for Fundraising Director, which I hold today. I look forward to seeing you at the dances and rodeo this year, and say "Howdy" when you see me. We



have some fun things planned this year and look forward to everyone enjoying them.

Ross

ARGRA Fundraising Director

2007-2009

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ARGRAculture is produced 5 times a year as a communications to the membership.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can reach any of the executive via their contact information at the back of the newsletter.

A Letter from the Vice President

I'd just like to introduce myself – my name is Rob and I am your new ARGRA Vice President!

While I have been going to the rodeo here in Calgary for a long time as a spectator, a few years ago I decided to try my hand at competing. At first it was one or two events, but now the more I get involved the more I want to do! Over the last two years I have traveled to more than 20 rodeos all over the US and Canada and truly enjoyed them all. More than competing, I think the best part is meeting incredible people from all over – many of them have become good friends. If you ever get the chance to go to any of the other 19 rodeos around North America – do it! It's a great way to meet people, learn new skills if you're competing, and see different places you might not otherwise get to.

After seeing so many different rodeos, one of the things you find out is how truly unique, special and just plain fun our rodeo is here in Calgary. For this reason, I wanted to get involved and help our rodeo maintain and grow its already great reputation. One of the biggest things that make ours very successful is YOU – our members and volunteers! Internationally our rodeo is held up as an example as how volunteers can make or break



a rodeo. Thank you to all those that have helped in the past! I encourage you to get involved – at the monthly dances or at the rodeo itself.

I'm always open to questions or comments – just give me a holler!

I'll see you around over the next couple years and looking forward to the rodeo next year! YEEEHAW!!

Rob
ARGRA Vice President
2007-2009

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GHOSTS OF RODEOS PAST
OCTOBER 20, 2007

**CHILLING GAMES OF CHANCE
ALL NIGHT LONG, WITH A
"MIDNIGHT BUFFET"
TO TANTALIZE!**

**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES
COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL**

MEMBERS \$6, NON-MEMBERS \$10!

Where: Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta
Doors open at 7:30pm, Memberships are available for purchase.

ARGRA Titled Sponsors: BUD LIGHT, Anheuser-Busch, etc.
ARGRA Platinum Sponsors: etc.
ARGRA Gold Sponsors: etc.

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.