

ARGRAculture

December 2007



Wasn't it a Party!



RODEO DIRECTOR DINES WITH POPE



ARGRA CONVENTION DELEGATES

ON THE RECENT TRIP TO CONVENTION IN Kansas City, our very own Lorrie Murphy had the opportunity to be blessed with an evening meal with the Pope. Along with fellow delegates while going for the evening meal at the Buca di Beppo an authentic Italian restaurant that offers

flavorful Italian dining, traditions of food, friendship, hospitality all in the spirit of Italian culture. Lorrie was graced to have the head chair while we all enjoyed our meal in fellowship with the Pope, the perfect way to end a long day of being on the convention floor.



RODEO DIRECTOR, LORRIE



BILLY AND KEVIN

AND THE WINNER IS...

RAY O. (TRUSTEE CHAIR)
PRESENTING ROB S. WITH
THE TRUSTEE'S AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE.



THE FIRST AWARD GOES TO A CONTESTANT who started competing in June 2002 at the 9th Annual Canadian Rockies International Rodeo in Calgary. He won his first buckle – in fact won 2 buckles for the first time – in Chute Dogging and Steer Decorating, this year in Phoenix. He is teased a lot because it doesn't matter where we go; he always seems to end up with the hottest guy. Most of us just shake our head and say, "That Bitch." The first Trustees Award for excellence in sportsmanship goes to a member of Team Money Pennies – Rob Somers.

This Is Your Party!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIRST OF ALL, LET ME GET UP ON THE table top, do a little dance and tip my hat (although you deserve a little STRIP TEASE!) to all 401 members who make ARGRA what it is. We need to drink together, raise our glasses, look around the room and say "F*CK YEAH!"

Imagine 400 of your closest friends "drinking and smoking and running around...just a bunch of regular Jezebel's!" (*Steel Magnolias*)

When you're looking around the room, keep an eye out for the new faces. In 2007, ARGRA had 136 NEW people join the association! That's phenomenal! Why would that many people want to play with us? ARGRA has the BEST and BIGGEST

TOYS!!! That's why they wanna play!!! And it makes me proud to say "they keep on coming back!"

Take another look around and you'll see the people who taught ARGRA how to party! LET'S DO A SHOT for each of the members that have stayed with ARGRA since conception in 1991.

#5 Bruce C./#13 Doug M./#24 Darcy O./
#25 Shane P./#38 Blake M. /
#40 Gordon A./ #60 John E.

If we're being honest (after 5 shots I think we all might start to be a little too honest) most of us can't even fathom being in a relationship for 15 years. Some of our members realized in 1992 that ARGRA will be their only love. When that love lasts for 15 years, we need to

pay tribute and raise our glasses to that commitment!

#64 Jean St. L./#76 Colleen H./ #79 Lewis S./#82 Robert R./#89 Henry J.

We have so many people who need to be celebrated. Fortunately, we know how to party and we don't need a reason. But isn't the thought of an impromptu table dance and a little strip tease enough to make you want to bring your friends and tell them...

"THIS IS MY PARTY!"

Tipping my hat and unbuttoning my shirt,
Billy Loiselle
Membership Director 2007-2008

HOWDY FROM FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WOW, THE YEAR IS OFF TO A GREAT start. I would like to start saying a big THANK YOU to our Volunteers. We couldn't do it without you. Of course to you, our supporters that come out and have fun at the events. Our last dance November 17 was the Uniform Ball and from the pictures you can see, a good time had by all. Prizes went out to the most original uniforms that came through the gates.

UPCOMING DANCES:

CHRISTMAS DOWN HOME

December 8th 2007.

Dinner and Dance

\$20 Members \$25 Non-Members

Cocktails: 6:30PM

Dinner: 7:00PM

Dance: 8:30PM

A Fabulous Silent Auction Extravaganza. Viewing for the Christmas Auction all evening. Bidding closes at 11:00. Please be prepared to pay for and pick up your items immediately following. Tickets available at Money-Pennies, The Calgary Eagle, Priape, or the VISA Line 403 938 7329 Dance alone starts 8:30PM \$6 Members \$10 Non-Members, both include the delicious late night buffet. Last day to purchase the tickets for Dinner will be December 5th 2007. Join us this evening for a little Christmas Cheer and celebrate the holiday season country style.

KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH,

Holstein Hop, The Sequel

January 12th 2008

Doors open 8:00PM

\$6 Members \$10 Non-Members

Late night buffet

Prizes for the best themed outfits.

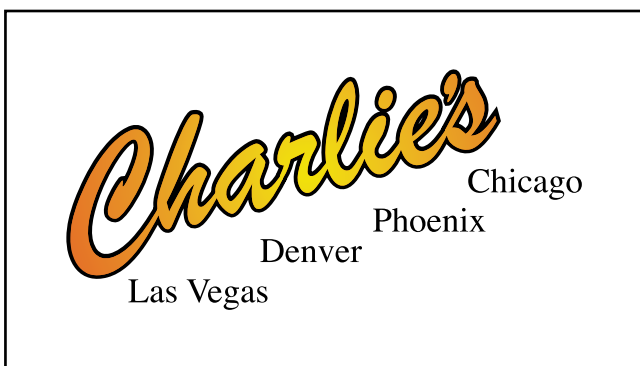
Come one, come all.

More information on dances and date is on our website www.ARGRA.org check it out if you haven't been there for a while.

If you would like to volunteer at upcoming events please contact myself at volunteers@argra.org. Your help is welcomed and appreciated.

Ross Scarrett

Fundraising Director



RODEO CLINIC

Would you like to learn to steer ride, chute dog, or calf rope?

LET US KNOW ! ARGRA is planning a rough stock clinic and we need to know if YOU are interested. All events will be taught from beginner to advanced levels. For information or more details call or email Tammy H. at: bedkamp@telus.net or 901-1737


SPONSORSHIP

Join a growing number of businesses who have discovered the benefits of Sponsorship at ARGRA!

We can tailor a sponsorship package to meet your individual business needs. Whether you are looking for print advertising, brand exposure, an opportunity to show your wares... ARGRA's got you covered.

Contact Darrel Reid our Sponsorship Director. He and his team will expose your business to the world!
sponsorship@argra.org
or call Darrel @ 720-0687 (day or eve)

November Dance – Uniform Night



ARGRA
DANCE'S 07-08

- September 22, 2007
- October 20, 2007
- November 17, 2007
- December 8, 2007
- January 12, 2008
- February 16, 2008
- March 15, 2008
- April 26, 2008
- May 31, 2008
- CRIR June 27-29, 2008

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ARGRA Halloween





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Need that special gift for someone, how about that special treat for yourself. Maybe a weekend away at a B&B. Get buff for the Rodeo. We've got it all at our Christmas Action.

Horse and Hound Bed and Breakfast, Coutts Crossing, AB
Friday/Saturday night stay, has 3 guest rooms and stable and kennel facilities.
Not valid July/August 2008.
Value \$200.00

Calgary Opera pair of tickets value \$162

Calgary Philharmonic pair of tickets a value \$180

Alberta Ballet 2 tickets to Dangerous Liaisons Feb/08 \$140

Theatre Calgary pair of tickets to 'Our Town' Jan 08 \$105

Dancers Studio West, tickets

Willow Park Wines 2 bottles of wine

Axis Art Gallery, Tim Houie painting value \$300-500

Art House tattoo, gift to \$200 certificate.

Lisa Hendricks – Art Buckle - \$100

Spruce Meadows - Gift certificate

Spruce meadows, riding jacket valued over \$250

Newport Grill (Inn on Lake Bonavista) value \$150

Mario's East Side Restaurant value \$50.00

Carvers Restaurant (Sheraton) \$75.00

Heavens Fitness 1 month membership \$125

Talisman Centre 1 month membership value \$200

Worlds Health Club 3 month membership with 1 hr fitness consultation and one session with a personal trainer value \$300.00

University of Calgary Fitness Center 3 month membership, all access, gym, track, skating oval, pool and climbing wall value \$200.00

Friends of Film, Bronze roman soldier statue, value \$100.00

Friends of Film, Crew jacket and T shirt from the film Tideland Regina 2006.

DVD of Shanghai Nights.

Kensington Wine Shop, gift certificate

Livingston Cavell Gifts, gift certificate value \$50.00

Trail Appliances – Henkle Sommelier set value \$125

Salon 512 gift basket value \$100.00

2 Hitman tickets

And much more



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CHRISTMAS

Down Home

December 8th 2007

Entertainment, Dinner, Dance &
Silent Auction Extravaganza!



Cocktails 6:30, Dinner at 7:00, Dance starts at 8:30

Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings! \$20 members \$25 non-members
Tickets available at Money-Pennies, The Calgary Eagle, Priape or Visa line 403.938.7329

Last day to purchase your ticket December 5th. Dance only - admission: \$6 members - \$10 non-members
Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community hall, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alberta



THANKYOU

Thanks to our sponsors for the door prizes and giveaways:

BUD LIGHT – October Halloween Dance for the beads, lights & t-shirts

GIBSONS – November Uniform Dance for the playing cards and poker chips

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.