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Ric Franklin-Sewell, Editor

# BigHorn Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for the Membership of the Nevada Gay Rodeo

## Letter from the President

**Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell,  
NGRA President 2011-2012**



Members:

I'm very excited about the months ahead! This month, many of us were at the World Gay Rodeo Finals. It was an excellent event; I was honored to serve as checklist trustee and to assist in some future planning discussions related to Finals.

I hope all NGRA members will also come out on October 22 to celebrate the life of Randy Meadows, a.k.a. Kandice Kane, Miss NGRA 2008 1st Runner Up, at 9 p.m. at Crews'N. In November, our Mr. and Miss NGRA, Chris Reynolds and Taylor Trash, will head to convention to compete for the International title. At convention, Miss NGRA 2010, Kimberli Foxx, will step down from her year as Miss IGRA 2011. Let me be the first to say to all of them: Congratulations to all of you on a successful year.

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*Through the months of October, November and December 2011 the BigHorn Gazette will be published **MID MONTH** due to event scheduling and the holidays! We are sorry for any inconvenience.*

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## President Continued...

In December, our four outstanding candidates for 2012 Royalty - Sabel D'zyre and Mormonizer (for Miss NGRA), Jason Jewel and Curtiss Lewis (for Mr. NGRA) - will compete for the titles. There are some amazing things planned for the weekend of December 10, so be sure to hang out in Vegas before heading off for the holidays.

Once we get through the holiday season, we'll be fast on the road to BigHorn Rodeo 15. There's much, much more going on. Check this newsletter each month and our e-mails for all the details.

Hey y'all, it takes a village to raise a rodeo and to help our community. We can use the help of anyone who wants to step up!



*Miss and Mr. NGRA 2011, Taylor Trash and Chris Reynolds, riding in the 2011 Las Vegas Pride Parade.*



*Mr. and Miss NGRA 2011 with the 2012 Royalty Team Candidates. L to R Curtiss Lewis, Taylor Trash, Chris Reynolds, Mormonizer and Jason Jewel (not pictured Sabel D'zyre).*



# OUT WEST AT THE CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY

## October 23, 2011 – Patricia Nell Warren

Patricia Nell Warren, author of *The Front Runner* discusses her latest anthology, *My West* in the Jewell Box Theatre at the Clark County Library in Las Vegas at 2:30 PM



## February 12, 2012 – Beyond Brokeback

A staged reading of essays, poetry and music of *Beyond Brokeback* inspired by *Brokeback Mountain*, written by Members of the Ultimate Brokeback Forum, conceived and adapted for the stage by Gregory Hinton with original music by Shawn Kirchner.

## May 19, 2012 – Pride in the Saddle: the History of Gay Rodeo

A talk about the origins of gay rodeo in Nevada accompanied by an exhibition of gay rodeo photographs by Blake Little, with a survey of original rodeo posters, programs and rulebooks of Nevada Gay Rodeo.

## September 15, 2012 – Two Spirits

A screening of the powerful and acclaimed PBS documentary *Two Spirits* about the life and death of a Navajo transgender teen followed with a Q & A with director Lydia Nibley and Two Spirit native scholar, Wesley Thomas.



**NGRA & Charlie's Las Vegas Proudly Present**

**The 2012 NGRA Royalty Contest Weekend**  
December 9-11, 2011  
Charlie's  
5012 Arville Street #4 Las Vegas, NV

*Celebrating 20YRS of Rodeo Royalty in Southern Nevada!*

Friday Dec. 9	Candidate Meet-N-Greet 6pm-9pm "Royally-In-Review" Show 8:30pm-9pm
Saturday Dec. 10	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Royalty Contest Extravaganza 9pm
Sunday Dec. 11	Congratulations Brunch 11am-2pm "Meet the 2012 Team" Beer Bust 4pm-7pm

Proceeds From the Weekend Will Benefit the NGRA and BigHorn 15

The NGRA logo is a blue shield with a white star and the text "Nevada Gay Rodeo Association". To the right is a large, ornate, silver-colored crown with a central jewel and intricate detailing.



## IGRA Convention and Royalty Contest

November 9-13, 2011

San Diego, CA

Hilton San Diego, Mission Valley

<http://convention.sandiegorodeo.org>

**NGRA is still looking for Alternate Delegates  
for Convention.**

**If interested please contact  
Shaun Franklin-Sewell [president@ngra.com](mailto:president@ngra.com)**

**or**

**Guy Puglisi [trustee@ngra.com](mailto:trustee@ngra.com)**



*From the bottom of my heart I want to say thank  
you to NGRA and its membership for the support  
and love you have shown me during my reign as  
Miss International Gay Rodeo Association 2011.*

*Love Always*

*Kimberli Foxx*

# GOOD LUCK!

**Mr. and Miss NGRA 2011, Chris Reynolds and Taylor Trash,  
As You Head to San Diego to Compete in the  
2012 IGRA Royalty Contest!**

**The Membership of NGRA is VERY Proud of You Both!**





# The Life Group LA

*Show Up Your Day*

## POZ Life Weekend Seminar

*in the Las Vegas Area*

A Free Healing and Transformational Weekend Workshop  
For People with HIV or AIDS and Their Loved Ones

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**November brings a great lineup of amazing presenters and topics:**

Drug Treatment Options, Decisions, Relationships, Sex and Intimacy, Clinical Trial, Art Therapy,  
Drug Interactions with Natural Products & HIV Drugs, Meditation for  
Women, Adolescence, Complementary Therapy, HIV and Aging,  
Support Groups and so much more!

### **Pre-Registration is Required**

Log onto [www.TheLifeGroupLA.org](http://www.TheLifeGroupLA.org)  
for our online registration form or call  
Sunnie Rose at 888-208-8081

**Our Next POZ Life Seminar**

**Saturday and Sunday  
November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
in the Las Vegas area**

The POZ Life Seminar is  
a re-affirming experience  
you will never forget!



Register  
NOW!



Visit us at [www.TheLifeGroupLA.org](http://www.TheLifeGroupLA.org)

# October & November 2011

<b>October</b>			19	20	21	22 Kandice Kane Memorial Show Crews' N 8pm
<b>23</b> 2012 Candidate Meet n Greet Charlie's 4pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>30</b>	31 					
<b>November</b>		1	2 Candidates Cowboys and Indians Show Charlie's 8-10pm	3 Rodeo Planning Committee The Center 6:30	4	5 Men of Charlie's Contest 9pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 USO Show Charlie's 10pm
<b>IGRA Royalty Contest and Convention</b>						
<b>13</b>	14	15	16 December Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19 Poz LifeWeekend Seminar
<b>20</b> Candidate Meet n Greet Fun Hog Ranch Time TBD Rod						