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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Howdy Everyone:

It's finally started to cool down in Las Vegas. Yee-haw!

Congratulations to Sabel D' Zyre, current Miss NGRA 2012! She competed in the International Gay Rodeo Association Royalty Competition at IGRA Finals, and we are pleased to announce she is Miss IGRA 2013. Her teammate, Curtiss Lewis, also competed. We are equally pleased to announce that Curtiss is Mr. IGRA 2013 Second Runner-Up.

Don't miss the International Gay Rodeo Association Convention in town November 8 - 11. For all the details, visit <http://igra.com/meetings/annual-convention/>. NGRA hosts the IGRA Convention bar crawl on Friday, November 9, welcoming everyone to town - Vegas Style.

See the rest of this newsletter for other events you don't want to miss, and I especially want to invite everyone to the 21st annual NGRA Royalty Competition on December 8, 2012. More details to follow,

Let's Rodeo Y'all,

*Shaun Franklin-Sewell*

NGRA President

*The 2013 NGRA Royalty Competition date  
has been slated for  
Saturday, December 8, 2012  
at Charlie's Las Vegas*

*For information, please contact our 2013  
Royalty Competition Director, Chris  
Reynolds at [bubba4behr@gmail.com](mailto:bubba4behr@gmail.com)*

**The first official Rodeo Planning Committee meeting will be held Monday, November 12, 6:30 at The Center. All are welcome!**



### **FROM THE EDITOR:**

Wow, where has the year gone? It's November already and 2012 will be in the can before we know it. It has been a busy October for many of us. IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals and IGRA 2013 Royalty Competition took place in Dallas, TX. Your 2013 Royalty Team had their last show on October 27<sup>th</sup> with "Haunted Hayride". The 2013 Candidates have kicked into full gear. And we still have 2 months to go in 2012. I hope you all will come out and meet the candidates. BigHorn 16 Rodeo Planning Committee has started meetings and all members are welcome to attend.

Thank you!

**-JOEL CASTILLO  
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR**



## *Fundraising Committee Report*



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2012 Calendar. Please join us as we welcome the IGRA Annual Convention November 8-11, 2012. We will be hosting a Bar Crawl on Friday, November 9, 2012. We are also back at Drink & Drag located downtown in the Neonopolis (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). The good folks at D & D are offering our members free shoe rentals and \$1 games. From 9-10pm, there is a mini-tournament with a handsome bar tab prize available to the winning team! Please contact Justice at Drink & Drag to schedule practice time if you want to edge out the competition! Our candidates have some fun things planned as well so please support them as well.

We have so many things coming up in our community, and are hopeful that our NGRA Membership will show up en masse and help us raise the money we need! We hope to see old and new faces out and about. Every dollar helps! So come join us for some fun!

Our next fundraising meeting is Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 6:30 PM at The Fun Hog Ranch. All are encouraged to attend!

# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION**

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WWW.GLRHF.ORG

October 31, 2012

## **Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation Announces First Paladin Award Dinner**

It is time to dust off your best cowboy and cowgirl duds and attend the 2012 Paladin Award Dinner to support the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™.

This dress up western award dinner will honor one individual or group with the first ever “Paladin” Award. The Paladin term has long been used to recognize the “hero of a cause” and in this case it has a western heritage theme. The winner of the recognition is a closely guarded secret and will be announced at the dinner event, following a presentation of “Pride in the Saddle”, the history of gay rodeo in Nevada.

The Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation™ (GLRHF) was established in 2009 and has federal 501(c)3 status. A portion of your ticket to the dinner is tax deductible. As a charitable organization, the Mission of the GLRHF is to serve the broader community by preserving, maintaining, promoting and communicating the role of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals in the sport of rodeo and the western lifestyle.

This Mission is achieved through private donations, application for grants and hosting educational and cultural events. Funds raised will be used to support projects designed to document and preserve relevant historical events, rodeo training schools, scholarships, lectures, workshops and rodeos, with an emphasis on outreach to the younger rural GLBTQ community.

The Paladin Award is given annually. This year has significance as the inaugural award presentation. The event is happening Sunday November 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas, immediately following the 2012 International Gay Rodeo Association Convention. Individual tickets are \$100.00 and a group rate is available.

More information on the Foundation and the dinner event is available at: [www.glrhf.org](http://www.glrhf.org). Individual, couple or group tickets may be purchased on the IGRA Convention website at [www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com) or by email request to [bhelander@me.com](mailto:bhelander@me.com).

# The Royalty Roundup

From your  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team

## STRAIGHT FROM MR. NGRA'S TRUCK BED

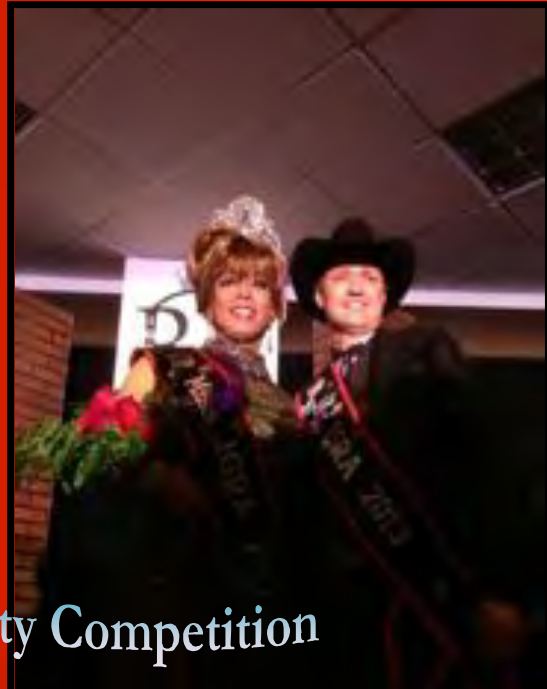
I wanted to personally congratulate Sabel D' Zyre, Miss NGRA 2012 and Mr. Curtiss Lewis, Mr. NGRA 1st Runner-Up for their victories at the 2013 IGRA Royalty Competition taking home Miss IGRA 2013 And Mr. IGRA 2013 2nd runner up titles, respectively.

I am so proud of you both for "bringing it!!!  
From your teammate,

Jason Jewel  
Mr. NGRA 2012  
20th Anniversary Royalty Team



# 2013 IGRA Royalty Competition



2013 IGRA Royalty Competition





NGRA's Haunted Hayride Show



# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



I am very thrilled to be your Rodeo Director again for BigHorn Rodeo 16. I want to thank Douglas Graff for jumping on board with us for this journey as my Assistant Rodeo Director. Doug has years of experience as a Rodeo Director and I am confident he will be a great asset to this rodeo. The days of the rodeo is just one of the big changes we are making this year. As many of you know, the heat was pretty unbearable this past year. So for 2013, we are planning a Friday and Saturday Night Rodeo. The rodeo will start at 4pm, and go into the night. I believe NGRA is the only association to ever have a night rodeo, and it was pretty successful in 2009. The concept of a Friday and Saturday night are new, but from what I have heard from many of the competitors on the circuit, they are very excited. If you are interested in being a part of BigHorn Rodeo 16, please don't hesitate to email either myself or Doug, and please come out to our next Rodeo Planning Committee meeting at the Center.

Rodeo Director - Laura Scott  
[Rodeodirector@ngra.com](mailto:Rodeodirector@ngra.com)

Douglas Graff  
[AssistantRD@ngra.com](mailto:AssistantRD@ngra.com)

Hi. My name is Carolyn and I am the volunteer coordinator for BigHorn Rodeo 16 next May. I'm new to this job and I must ask for your help in finding my feet.

Firstly I must say a big "Thank you" to everyone who helped earlier this year. I met you then and I was amazed at what an enthusiastic and welcoming group of volunteers turned up to help so much.

If you are willing to help me again this year I very much look forward to hearing from you soon so you can attend a small social gathering before Christmas. This will be an opportunity to meet each other again and to meet new volunteers who will regard you as old hands.

If you are reading this and did not volunteer last year but wish you had now you realize what fun it can be, contact me and join the party. [volunteers@ngra.com](mailto:volunteers@ngra.com)

# MEET THE 2013 CANDIDATES!

Short and sweet, I'm Miss Dita B, a simple desert gal trying to make a difference in the world. I have served the LGBT community in Southern Nevada since 1996. My volunteerism has expanded from such great organizations like The Center, SNAPi, The Imperial Court to NGRA. I have been Miss Gay PRIDE Las Vegas, Miss Queen of Hearts and ICPR II Suprema for Reign II of the Imperial Court. I look forward to making new friends and partnerships; promoting the mission of NGRA; and, fundraising in behalf of our wonderful LGBT community. Thank you for your support!



Brian Patrick Maley was raised on a farm in Auburn, IN. Horses were a part of everyday life during his childhood. In 1986, Brian moved across the country to West Hollywood, CA. In 2000, he then relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada to open the Four Seasons Hotel. He has been involved with the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association since 2007 - holding both Member at Large and Board Director positions. He was the Vendor Chair for BigHorn Rodeo 15. In February of 2011, Brian was named Mr, Charlie's for that month. Brian has helped raise money volunteering his time, not only at Rodeo and Mr. Charlie's, but has assisted at SNAPi and AFAN Events. You can order your favorite cocktail from Brian at Charlie's Las Vegas where he bartends....

West was born and raised in a small rustic mountain town east of San Diego called Julian. Known for it's Old West history & lifestyle, West grew up in a ranch & rodeo world. In 2007, West was awarded the prestigious American FFA Degree for his decorated work in livestock, horticultural enterprises, & continuing work with the youth organization teaching and mentoring others. After pursuing agricultural sciences and design in college he wound up in Los Angeles designing sets for film and TV, and eventually the Philippines. While working back in the US on a kid's show in Las Vegas, West discovered the NGRA and was drawn to it instantly. Once he became a permanent resident here he joined the organization in February, 2012, and also competed for and won Men of Charlie's the same month. A few months later West founded Bears Las Vegas, an all-inclusive social group at Charlie's for men (and women) with monthly beer busts, BBQ's, hiking trips, and movie nights. When he's not fulfilling his commitments to the organizations he's at work where he now designs and builds concept retail stores and displays for the malls, casinos, and shows in Las Vegas and when he isn't doing any of that you'll find him in a tent somewhere out under the stars.





International Gay Roadshow Association Convention

# HAPPENS IN LAS VEGAS



## November 8-11, 2012

**Hotel Line:**

Tuscany Suites & Casino 877-887-2261

**Rates:**

WE, TH, SU - \$55.00 / FR and SA \$99.00

Mention "IGRA Convention" for the special rates by 10-09-2012

**Delegate/Alternate Registration Fee:**

\$100.00 / \$125.00 after 10-09-2012

Check our website for more information:  
[www.igra.org/Meetings/annual-convention](http://www.igra.org/Meetings/annual-convention)



# NGRA

PRESENTS

## The Downtown Hoedown at Drink & Drag



Downtown Hoedown  
Bowling Competition 6:00PM  
Get your team of 2 together.  
Winning team wins a Drink & Drag for 2!

**Sunday, November 25th**  
from 7pm-10pm

- ◆ 65 Best Light Beer Brew
- ◆ 50 Bowling
- ◆ Free Music Demos by "M&M" Musicians
- ◆ Raffle Prizes
- ◆ And if you hear "M&M" on \$1,210 you will get the Sunday Drink Special!



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# IGRA CONVENTION BAR CRAWL



ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2012,  
THE THUNDER ROLLS INTO TOWN.



Join Delegates from the  
IGRA Convention on a fun-filled  
bus tour of some of our supporting bars.

**THUNDER-510**

**1 Bus = 3 Bars = A lot of Fun!**

Smart's Tavern at 8:30 PM  
The Big Room - 9:45 - 1:45 AM  
The Garage - 8 PM - 2  
Charley's Las Vegas - 8:30 PM - Midnight  
Includes Wild Whisky Whiskies since  
they look so darn good on Midnight



# NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in November:



Christina Hernandez  
 Lorry King  
 Shaun Franklin-Sewell  
 Boan Jordan  
 Benjamin Avant  
 Jim Bostick  
 Peter Walters  
 Jason Crocetti  
 Max Wells

November 1  
 November 1  
 November 4  
 November 9  
 November 20  
 November 21  
 November 26  
 November 28  
 November 29



**NGRA Member of the Month**  
 Congratulations: Sabel D'Zyre  
 September 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 * Men of Charlie's Contest benefitting NGRA
4	5	6	7	8 IGRA Convention	9 * Bar Crawl	10 * Blown Away Show at Charlie's at 10 PM
11	12 * BigHorn 16 RPC @ The Center 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 * NGRA Board & General Meeting 6:30 @ The Center	20	21	22	23 *Deadline for December Newsletter	24
25 Downtown Hoedown @ Drink & Drag 7-10pm	26	27	28	29	30	

NGRA PRESENTS

# 2013 ROYALTY COMPETITION

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

5:30 PM - 10:00 AM

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:

WESTHOLME, MISS NGRA 1998



NGRA

*Charitas*