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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... Member of the Year Voting! BigHorn 16 News, Annual Miss CowPatty Competition!!

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NGRA Member of the Year  
Voting continues until  
March 15 th! Vote today!

The NGRA Fundraising Committee & BigHorn 16 Rodeo Planning Committee are always looking for more volunteers! Get involved today!!!

# Celebration of Life For DeShannon Christi Jewel Saturday, March 16, 2013

## FROM THE EDITOR:

It is now March! Where has the time gone? A lot is going on at a rapid pace. The BigHorn 16 Rodeo Planning Committee is hard at work planning the final touches for rodeo May 10-11, 2013 at the renovated Horseman's Park! Read Rodeo Director, Laura Scott's article for more information.

A big CONGRATS to NGRA Honorary Members, The Sin Sity Sisters, on a hugely successful Red Dress Event. Several of our members were out and about representing NGRA.

We had a strong presence at AGRA's Roadrunner Regional Rodeo. They threw one heck of a party at Corona Ranch! A Texas Tradition is next March 15-17, in Houston, TX.

We have many activities planned in March, including our annual Miss Cow Patty contest! We hope to see many of you out there! Remember, this is YOUR association. Get involved today. It's easy to do!! Ask us how...

**-JOEL CASTILLO  
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR**



## Fundraising Committee Report



The 2013 Fundraising Committee is hard at work planning the first quarter. Events have been secured for Charlie's Las Vegas, The Garage, Drink & Drag, and Blue Moon Resort. They are also planning the 2013 Miss Cow Patty Contest (March 9) and Miss Closet Ball & Closet King Contest (April 13).

Miss Cow Patty will be held Saturday, March 9th at Charlie's Las Vegas starting at 10 PM interested people should contact Mr. NGRA 2013, West Fisher or Chris Reynolds through Facebook. This event is a Camp Drag event. Comedy and facial hair rule! As does fun and festive!

Closet Ball will be held Saturday, April 13 at Charlie's Las Vegas starting at 9 PM. This contest is open to men and women to transform into their opposite gender. You will be presented to the audience and panel of judges in your original gender then have one hour to be transformed into opposite gender. You will then be presented again. Bring out that inner Diva, or Stud. Interested people should contact Mr. NGRA 2013, West Fisher or Taylor Trash through Facebook.

If you do not have Facebook, you can reach any member by sending an email to the editor to pass along ([bighorneditor@ngra.com](mailto:bighorneditor@ngra.com)) .



## Storage Work Day

**Saturday March, 30th 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Please come help us get ready for the Rodeo by helping us organize and clean up the NGRA Storage Unit. Many hands make lighter, and faster, work. We need to inventory, clean up, and organize to transport everything we need for BigHorn 16 to Horseman's Park!

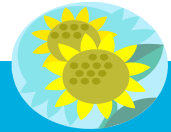
Help us get organized so that we are ready to Rodeo!! To find out more, please contact Jeffrey Neal at [secretary@ngra.com](mailto:secretary@ngra.com) See you there!



The New & Improved  
Horseman's Park



## Sunshine Committee



If you would like to assist with restarting the "Sunshine Committee", please let the Secretary know. This committee would be responsible for welcoming new members by email/mail, remembering birthdays, helping to communicate when events are coming up, and in general staying in contact with the Membership to provide support and communication to the Board when things are happening that affect the membership. Email Jeffrey Neal at [secretary@ngra.com](mailto:secretary@ngra.com) to get involved and find out more!

# The Royalty Roundup

From Mr. NGRA 2013  
WEST FISHER



**MISS  
COW PATTY  
2013**

Beer Bust  
Raffle Prizes  
Live Auction  
Drunken Bears  
Fabulous Contestants!

**NGRA**

**Saturday  
March 9, 2013**  
Beer Bust 9pm, Show 10pm

*Charles*  
Las Vegas

Proceeds Benefit  
NGRA & HighHorn Rodeo 16

# The Royalty Roundup



Dear NGRA Members:

Greetings from your Secretary. I have filled the position for the past three Board terms and have tried to make sure to scribe the meetings and make sure the historical records of our organization are kept in order. It has been an interesting but fun job for me – one that I am happy to say I am running for again in the coming Board term. With your support, I will strive to keep everyone informed and connected to the best of my abilities.

However, it amazes me that after serving the organization in this capacity for three years, there are many of you that I have not met even gotten to know. How can I serve you better if I don't even know you? How can I represent you on the Board if I don't know what you like or dislike about who we are and what we do?

In the coming year I would like to make more of what you consider Membership in NGRA. I intend to send out a short survey so that you can share with me and thus the Board what you think about our activities – the fundraisers, the shows, the communications, and in general what you would like to see in our organization. There is no "I" in Team – but as a representative of you – I need to know what you would like to see happen. I encourage you to engage – to make good your membership. Not just as a way to get discounts at the bar – but to make a mark in the Community around us. To show our support of the things that are happening.

We need you. We need your input. And I want to make sure to give you a voice. Let me know how you think I am doing and what you would like me to do for you.

And as always, we will strive together to bring the Country Western lifestyle to all that we do in Las Vegas and around the rodeo circuit.

Thank you for reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Neal  
NGRA Secretary

NGRA PRESENTS  
**CLOSET BALL 2013**

EPICUROUS CONTESTANTS  
BEER BUST • JELLO SHOTS • DRUNKEN BEARS  
RAFFLES • LIVE AUCTION

**Saturday**  
**April 13, 2013**

Bear Bust 9pm, Show 10pm

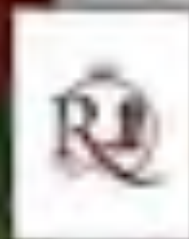
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Proceeds Benefit  
NGRA & Big Horn Rodeo 16


Sabel D'Zyrie Presents...  
A Miss IGRA 2013 Production



drag | Icon



"CHER and Cher Alike"  
celebrating the music of an icon

Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 10:00 PM at   
Beer Bust, Raffles, & Fabulous Entertainment

Proceeds Benefit 2013 IGRA Royalty Team Charity Fundraising

## NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in February:



James Morgan	March 4
Colin Moulton	March 4
John King	March 6
Peter Broughton	March 12
Laurie Banks	March 13
Carlos Garcia	March 16
Kasey Golightly	March 19
Michael Green	March 26
Darren Wernette	March 28

*New NGRA Members*

*Barry Cluff*



### NGRA Elections

Election time is quickly approaching and NGRA needs you! If you have never held a board position with NGRA, this is a great time to consider putting your name in the hat to have a chance to make a difference and play an active part in the decision-making process! Ballots will be going out immediately after the March General Membership Meeting where nominations will officially close. All positions, except Trustee, are up for election. There are four Executive Board positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in addition to four Director positions (formerly Members-at-Large). The terms for President and Treasurer are two years, and all others up for election are one year. To be eligible to run for the executive board, you must have been a member for at least 180 days; to run for a Director position, you must have been a member for 90 days. If you are interested in or considering running for the board, please contact our Election Coordinator, and Trustee, Guy Puglisi at [trustee@ngra.com](mailto:trustee@ngra.com) as soon as possible. Those running for election will need to provide a brief biography with a little personal and/or professional background including any accomplishments or qualifications they wish to share with our membership. If you have any questions about the duties, you can find this information in the NGRA bylaws or feel free to contact Guy or any other current board member. Members who have provided an email address will receive their ballots via email using Survey Monkey. In the event we do not have an email address for you, a ballot will be mailed to you.



**January 2013 NGRA  
Member of the Month:**

**Sabel D' Zyre**



# 2012 NGRA Member of the Year Nominees

Every year, our fabulous Members of the Month are automatically entered as candidates for NGRA Member of the Year. Nominations for other outstanding members are also accepted. The following people are the candidates for NGRA 2012 Member of the Year:

- o Brian Patrick Maley, January 2012 Member of the Month
- o Pam Kazmarek, February 2012 Member of the Month
- o Jim St. Marie (aka Sister Sioux), March 2012 Member of the Month
- o West Fisher, April 2012 Member of the Month
- o Carolyn Jones, May 2012 Member of the Month
- o Barry Jones, May 2012 Member of the Month
- o Guy Puglisi (NGRA Trustee), July 2012 Member of the Month
- o Randy Dallas Grant (aka Mormanizer), August 2012 Member of the Month
- o Joel Castillo (aka Sabel D' Zyre), September 2012 Member of the Month
- o Curtiss Lewis, October 2012 Member of the Month
- o Bill Watkins, November 2012 Member of the Month
- o David Blackwood (aka Taylor Trash), December 2012 Member of the Month
- o Jason Jewell, Mr. NGRA 2012

Look for you ballots via email in the coming weeks! Please remember to vote. Each of these 13 people have given a lot of their time and energy and hear to NGRA this past year. Reward them by congratulating them on their nominations and vote for one of them today. Voting is open until March 15<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced at the March 2013 General Board Meeting.

## BigHorn Rodeo 16 Report

**77 days to Bighorn Rodeo 16 as of this writing and still so much to do. Things are progressing, but this is the point where it moves like the government, SLOWLY, but happy with the progress. We are very happy to have our big sponsors back on board again this year, Bud Light, Rockstar, DIAGEO and, new this year, we are happy to have Gun Oil supporting BigHorn Rodeo. We are still looking for a Buckle/Ribbon Coordinator. If you know anybody with a whole lot of drive, great communication skills, and a passion to help make this rodeo the best ever, please give us a shout out. We continue to need lots of volunteers. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn, has been hard at work getting people signed up, as well as, she has hosted two Volunteer get-togethers at her house. We are so grateful to have her on the committee again this year, but the first time she has done this full time.**

**Our meetings are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. Our meetings in March are the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> at the new location for the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, on Maryland and Charleston.**

**Please go to the Rodeo web site for a full schedule of events, volunteer opportunities, Buckle sponsorship, Entertainment sign up and, heck, anything else related to rodeo. I'm Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.**

**Laura Scott, Rodeo Director**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 NGRA's Mouth Watering Sundays at Charlie's 4-7pm	4	5 Fundraising Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM at Badlands	6	7	8	9 * "Miss Cow Patty Contest" at Charlie's 9pm Beer Bust/10 PM show
10	11 Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting at The Center 6:30 PM	12	13	14	15 TGRA "Texas Tradition" Rodeo Houston, TX Mar. 15-17	16
17	18 NGRA Board & General Membership Meeting at The Center 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22	23 Deadline for all Newsletter submissions
24	25 Rodeo Planning Committee Meeting at The Center 6:30 PM	26	27	28	29	30 *Sabel D'Zyre's "DragIcon" Show at Charlies @ 10PM
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# BIGHORN ROBOES

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**MAY 10 & 11, 2013**

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