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BIGHORN GAZETTE

In this issue... BigHorn Rodeo News, AFAn AIDS Walk, April Events, and so much more!!!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Fellow NGRA members:

My second term as President of our group will be ending on April 30 of this year, and I just want to take a moment to thank the Boards of Directors and the royalty teams since May of 2009 for an exciting, interesting ride.

I have been honored to serve the organization in many positions since I became secretary in 2006. I wish the members of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association all the best in the world, and hope that all of you can continue to promote the western lifestyle, raise money, and have fun together!

Sincerely,

*-Dr. Shaun Franklin-Sewell*

NGRA President, 2007-2009, 2011-2013

Congratulations, Mormanizer!!!  
NGRA 2012 Member of the Year

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

## FROM THE EDITOR:

We are just a little over a month away from NGRA's BigHorn Rodeo 16 and the Rodeo Planning Committee has been hard at work dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's to give us one heck of a rodeo!

A new Board is being elected and taking office in May. Please get more involved with NGRA and help take us to the next level! We have seen a lot of support from our fellow community organizations. Please support their shows also! Thank you SNAPI, Court, & Friends!

Speaking of SNAPI, Miss IGRA 2013, Miss NGRA 2012, Sabel D'Zyre will be doing her 20-year walk as Miss Vegas Gay Pride 1993 on April 27<sup>th</sup> at PRIDE Coronation. Please come and cheer the old gal on.

Feel free to email me at anytime with ideas, letters, photos at [bighorneditor@ngra.com](mailto:bighorneditor@ngra.com).

**-JOEL CASTILLO**  
**BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR**



The New & Improved  
Horseman's Park



## Fundraising Committee Report



NGRA's Annual Closet Ball Competition will be held Saturday, April 13th 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. And join us for Chuck Wagon Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Charlie's, The Garage April 21<sup>st</sup>, and Blue Moon April 27<sup>th</sup>. It is a packed month, but chock-full of fun!!!

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)) .

# The Royalty Roundup

From NGRA Royalty

**SUNDAY APRIL 7th, 4PM**

Join Us For  
**\$5 BBQ**  
**\$5 Beer Bust**  
**Raffles**

HOSTED BY WEST, MR. NGRA 2013  
**MOUTH WATERING**  
**Sunday BBQ & BEER BUST**

**NGRA** Benefiting NGRA & Big Horn Rodeo 16 **Charlie's** Las Vegas

## 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!

# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY ccc

**NGRA PRESENTS**  
**CLOSET BALL 2013**

**BEER BUST  
JELLO SHOTS  
DRUNKEN BEARS  
RAFFLES  
LIVE AUCTION  
FABULOUS CONTEST**

**FEATURING  
MISS CLOSET BALL  
2012  
KIKI BURRELS LAFONTAINE**

**Saturday  
April 13, 2013**  
Beer Bust 9pm, Show 10pm

*What's in your closet?*

**Charles**  
Las Vegas  
Proceeds Benefit  
NGRA & BigHorn Rodeo 16

**APRIL 27th**  
11am - 4pm

**\$25 Day Pass**

Blue Moon Resort  
2651 Westwood Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
89109

No Boots? No Hat? No Problem.

**NGRA**  
PRESENTS THE NEW  
**SPURS & SPEEDOS**

**BEER & DRINKS  
BBQ - HOT COWBOYS**

**BACK AT THE Blue Moon**  
HOTEL FOR MEN - LAS VEGAS

Hosted by West, Mr. NGRA 2013  
Proceeds Benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 16

Happening in our Community...

1487 E Flamingo Rd Las Vegas, NV 89119

THE GARAGE  
LAS VEGAS

**NGRA**  
PRESENTS

**CITY SLICKERS &  
COUNTRY KICKERS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2-5pm  
WITH WEST MR. NGRA 2013  
BEER BUST - RAFFLES - FOOD

Save a horse...

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NGRA AND BIGHORN RODEO 16

# Miss Cow Patty



Congratulations, Bootsy!

## NGRA at the AIDS Walk (Volunteers Needed), Sunday April 14th

The men and women of AFAN are kind enough to let NGRA piggyback off of their fundraising event to raise awareness for our own fundraiser. The AIDS Walk is **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** and AFAN has agreed to let NGRA volunteers stand along the route to hand out rodeo flyers and generally make more people aware of the rodeo. Last year, over 9,000 people participated in the AIDS Walk--that's over 9,000 potential Rodeo attendees. If you are interested in helping NGRA distribute flyers to the walkers, please contact Ken at [NGRAKen@aol.com](mailto:NGRAKen@aol.com). In addition to volunteers for the walk itself, we promised AFAN, we'd help spread the word that they need volunteers, after the event, to help teardown and cleanup. Again, if you want to volunteer for this, please contact Ken and we'll get your information to AFAN. [NGRAKen@aol.com](mailto:NGRAKen@aol.com).

-Ken H.

## Volunteering at Bighorn Rodeo 16

Despite an encouraging start to my search for volunteers for our rodeo, I continue look for more.

The volunteer forms are now on the website, ready for you to fill them in. Here is the link. Please consider helping us have a great rodeo.

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/76aq6nEu3xOd7Q4TcbPZ80e>

21 volunteer forms have been received so far, 7 in the last month. Many thanks to those who have completed their forms so far. Job slots are filling so if you are willing to help please fill in the form and state your preferences now so as to stand the best chance of getting your first choice.

The second volunteer gathering was held in February. It was attended by 9 members of the volunteer team as well as Doug, our assistant rodeo director. Doug spent over an hour answering question from the group as well as outlining the schedule for the rodeo and the new ideas which were being considered. In turn the volunteers forwarded several of their ideas for us to follow up. This meeting also focused on nature of the jobs to be done. This was especially helpful to those who had not volunteered before. The meeting ended with sit-down supper and a further chat about general issues.

The next meeting will be held in early April at a date time yet to be confirmed. So far meetings have been on a Wednesday evening but I am looking for an acceptable alternative time to allow volunteers who cannot make that time a chance to attend.

Finally, if you are able to place a poster advertising the rodeo and asking for volunteers in a place, of work, college or other public place please contact [volunteers@ngra.com](mailto:volunteers@ngra.com) and I shall e-mail you a copy.

Carolyn Jones

Volunteer Coordinator

# NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in April:



- Patrick Schrier
- Jon Wall
- Russell Ervin
- Rick Raymen-Hansen
- Adam Johnson
- Layne "Ling-Ling" Chinen
- Jeffrey Fisher
- Tracy "Mother Loosy" Skinner
- Winsor Cooper
- Bill Watkins
- Matthew Todd
- Louise Adolphus
- Guy "Porkchop" Puglisi

- April 3
- April 3
- April 11
- April 14
- April 15
- April 17
- April 19
- April 21
- April 23
- April 24
- April 25
- April 30
- April 30



## NGRA Member of the Month

**Congratulations:**

**West Fisher**


**Welcome New NGRA Members**

**Efrain Cervantes**

**Juho Cesar Heredia Paz**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 * 2013 Royalty Presents "Mouth Watering" @ Charlie's 4PM	8	9	10	11 SPECIAL MEETING of NGRA at the Center 6:30 PM	12	13 * "Miss Closet Ball" at Charlie's 9PM Show at 10pm
14  AFAN AIDS WALK	15	16	17	18 Fundraising Committee Meeting 630 PM at The Center	19	20
21	22 NGRA Board & General Membership Meeting at The Center 6:30 PM	23 Deadline for all Newsletter submissions	24	25	26 Going County at Flex 9- 11:30PM	27
28	29	30	30			

# BIGHORN ROODEO

## 16



**NGRA... RIDING INTO THE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
**MAY 10 & 11, 2013**

**TWO AWESOME NIGHTS, STARTS AT 4PM**  
**AT HORESMAN'S PARK 5800 E, FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS, NV**

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**LUXOR**  
LAS VEGAS



Captain Morgan

