



October 2013 BigHorn Gazette

From your President

Happy October everyone!



I can't believe how quickly time is flying this year. There is so much going on in NGRA, I can barely keep up!

It's World Gay Rodeo Finals season and with it comes our annual reflection. Curtiss and Sabel, thank you for your service to IGRA. It's always exciting for me to hear/announce your names/titles and the fact that you are members of NGRA...but I'll be so glad when you're back home and all ours. J, your skills and talents are endless.

We may not have any contestants attending World Gay Rodeo Finals under the NGRA banner in the arena this year, but we got one hell of a queen competing in the Royalty Competition. Katrina Davenport Jewel (Elephant, as Mandy Barbarell adds) you've stepped up when we needed you with so much grace and dignity. We wish you the best of luck in Ft. Worth. I just hope Texas is ready for a BigHorn whoopin'. Go get'em girl!

And...following right behind Katrina and Chris is another amazing crop of NGRA

Royalty Contestants. They've been working their butts off for weeks already. I can't wait for your candidate show and the competition in November! It's gonna be a doozy.

Recently, I appointed Laura Scott to head up an ad hoc committee on Rodeo Education. NGRA has had some amazing competitors through the years, but our numbers have dwindled as of late. It's my desire to have more rodeo education for our members and their friends, so that we can shine in the arena the same way we have glistened on the Royalty Stage. AND, when Ms. King finally returns to the fold, we'll get busy in the dance world too.

NGRA will be putting together a bid for the IGRA 2015 Convention of members. This will be one more chance for us to show off our community, our spirit and our love for IGRA. If you're interested in helping with the bid or the actual event, just let me know. We'd love to have your help.

Until Next Month,

Douglas Graff
NGRA President
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NGRA Royalty

Fall has entered the air... well at least on the calendar which means we are closing down another year of Rodeo. This thought brings though excitement of the grand finale of the year, World Finals, to be held in Ft. Worth TX. We have a great contingent going to represent NGRA and there is still time to make your plans if you haven't done so. The close of summer also meant it was time for Las Vegas Pride. Over several days, we worked hard as a group to help support this great event here in our city. So many people out on Friday night for the Parade making me very proud for our contingent! And the late afternoon raindrops cleared up to give us a grand evening to show our NGRA proud. The next day saw an even greater contingent of NGRA working the front gates, all this little work, lots of fun and a great fundraiser to help out Big Horn Rodeo!

We hope to see you out as you begin to come in from your pools. Hopefully we'll get to see you at one or more of the great events we'll be having in the coming weeks. See you maybe at Club Metro on the 29th, our Chuck Wagon at Charlie's on October 6 or Boys Night Out on October 12. And don't forget join our Royalty Contestant's as they present a really great event on October 4 at Charlie's. See all the flyers for these events throughout the Newsletter for all the details and times!

On a personal note, for all who helped in any way, I can't thank you enough for helping to make the 4th Annual Katrina's Brunch, "All Among Friends", a success. Over \$1,500 was raised as a benefit for the Sin City Sister's and SNAPi. Thank you so so much!!!!!!

Happy Trails to you!

Chris and Katrina

Mr & Miss NGRA 2013



NGRA Members at the staging area before the Parade



NGRA Members volunteering at the Pride Festival Entrance



Jim, Peter & Johnny Bob



Jacqueline & Janessa



Barry & Jeffrey



Doug & Jeffrey



Gary & Gary



Gary



Johnny Bob



Ken & David



Ken



Rodeo Poster Contest

The Rodeo Planning Committee for BigHorn Rodeo 17 is looking for a winning poster design for our 2014 Event.

- Details: Two Night Rodeo:
Friday May 9 & Saturday May 10, 2014
4 pm – 10 pm (start time may be altered to accommodate contestant numbers)
- Design: We want something that is inviting
Open to a general Las Vegas Community (including families)
Open to Men and Women
Fresh & Exciting
Will work easily with any textual details we need to add
The BigHorn logo can be copied from the NGRA website at www.ngra.com/bighorn-rodeo/.
Other required Logos will also be added to the design to comply with marketing and sponsor contracts.
- Deadline: Saturday, October 12 at Midnight (PST)
Submit your final designs or questions to RodeoDirector@NGRA.com.
- Prize: \$100 Prize to the winning design

Meet the NGRA 2014 Royalty Contestants

Miss NGRA 2014 Contestant - A'Lotta Trash



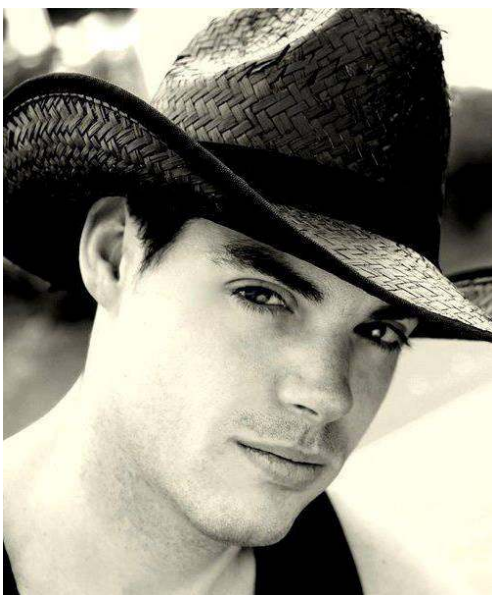
Ryan McPherson AKA A'Lotta Trash was born in Rhein-Phalz, West Germany to military parents. At the age of 12 Ryan began participating heavily in dance, choir and theatre which has helped him greatly in acclimating himself to the entertainment side of the drag world.

A'Lotta was born from a conversation with Taylor Trash about her plans for the Sister's Red Dress event and it was decided on a whim that she would do the event in drag, and A'Lotta has never looked back.

A'Lotta is active in both the NGRA as well as in the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire. She has held the title of Miss Firecracker 2012 as well as is a member of Reign 15 family line as the Topaz Princess.

In her drag career A'Lotta has been proud to be picked as a weekly cast member of the Ginger Grant Show as well as showcasing her talent for the numerous charity events she regularly attends. She also recently worked with LGBT youth in a drag camp to hone their craft, which she feels was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life.

Mr NGRA 2014 Contestants – Jason Metzger

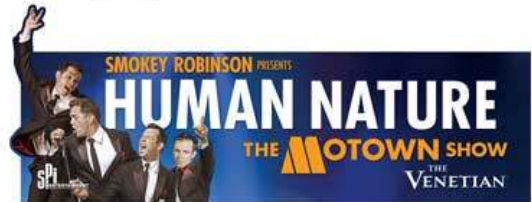
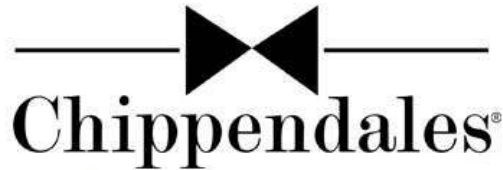


Hi my name is Jason Metzger and I was born in Findlay, Ohio on February 14 1987 to Jack and Deb Metzger. I grew up in the rural farmland outside of Findlay till the age of 18, raising livestock, playing sports, and attending a small local county school. Farm life and 4-H were a big part of my upbringing; with beginning showing at the age of 6 and joining 4-H at the age of 9. Through these years I competed in various livestock shows on the local, state and national levels. At the age of 18 I moved to Columbus, Ohio to attend Devry University where I majored in Network Systems Administration and later on Network and Communications Management. In June 2008 I graduated from Devry with my bachelors, while also interning with Boyd Gaming in Las Vegas that summer. In September 2008 I acquired a full time IT position in Las Vegas and made the permanent 2000 mile trek from Ohio to Las Vegas. Since moving to Las Vegas I have worked for various casinos throughout the valley. I have also been involved with multiple

organizations in the LGBT community including the Men of Charlie's, the Imperial Court and NGRA over the past few years, while holding the titles of Mr. Charlie's December 2012, the Topaz Prince, and being a contestant in IGRA sanctioned rodeos.

The 2014 NGRA Royalty Contestants would like to thank the following sponsors:

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Jim McCoy

A'Lotta Trash



Jason Metzger



Brent Rosinski

Winnie Baygo



Mr NGRA 2014 Contestant – Brent Rosinski



Born in 1972, Brent Rosinski hails from Irving, Texas, a suburb of the Dallas – Fort Worth Metroplex. The son of a U.S. Army Veteran, Brent, an Eagle Scout, moved around the United States numerous times before joining the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps as a Hospital Corpsman. Having been deployed to Iraq, he is now a combat veteran. After retiring from the military, Brent went on to college earning numerous academic scholarships due to his excellent grades. Brent graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA, earning a degree in Interior Design. Having achieved the highest GPA, Brent was selected to be Valedictorian.

In his free time, Brent engages in interests such as volunteering, remodelling, and learning to barrel race. An avid award-winning designer, Brent loves to participate in healthy competition and is honored to compete for Mr. NGRA. Brent's appreciation for the rodeo life stems from his rustic upbringing, having grown up around farms and attending rodeos. He has been a member of 4-H and Future Farmers of America. Brent is always willing to share his passion for overcoming obstacles by helping people achieve their goals, providing them with advice, and serving as a positive rôle model.

Having recently moved to Las Vegas, Brent has become a volunteer with various local organizations, including NGRA, BigHorn Rodeo, HRC, The Gay & Lesbian Center, and AFAN. Brent was the recipient of the 2013 Alan Huss Volunteer Buckle Award for NGRA.

Brent is a throwback to the days when a man's word was everything. If Brent tells you he is going to do something or be somewhere on a given date, you can count on it! He is also well-mannered – the quintessential Texas gentleman. He is very family-oriented and helps his parents to this day.

Brent, who is Public Relations Director for NGRA and Director for the NGRA Board, currently resides in Las Vegas with his husband Steve and their dog Zack Bear.

MsTer NGRA 2014 Contestant – Preston



Charli has been performing in drag as “Preston” for just under eight years. She began doing drag in Michigan and appeared in Las Vegas’ drag scene two-and-a-half years ago. Coming from a place with a large “King” community, Preston is determined to show Las Vegas that “Kings” are just as talented as “Queens” and to build a strong “King” community here in Las Vegas. She has been the first “King” to perform on the main stage at Las Vegas Pride Fest in 2011. In the International Ultimate King Contest, Preston, made it as a top five finalist and was named MsTer Sin City (Nevada) Ultimate King. Preston is a proud member of Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, as well as the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of The Desert Empire Inc., and believes in

providing funds for those charities in the community that need it most. Her quest to show a “Queens Town” that the Kings are here is well on its way to being accomplished. At home, Preston has a loving partner and two adorable boys, ages three and four, whom she wants to have grow up in a more open-minded world. Aside from working with Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of The Desert Empire, Preston feels that the talent in the LGBTQ youth is truly the future of the talent in Las Vegas. Preston has held a “DRAG CAMP for the YOUTH,” which she plans on continuing to do at least once a year to teach those interested the ins-and-outs of drag, so once they are old enough for the bars they will be the fiercest “Queens” and “Kings” Las Vegas has seen! One-hundred percent of all funds raised during drag camp performances are donated back to the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada to continue giving the youth a place they can feel accepted and comfortable. Preston is honored to be the first candidate for MsTer NGRA 2014 and hopes it will aid not only in raising money for the community, but also in spreading the word of “kinging,” while continuing to build the “King” community.

From Your Volunteer Coordinator

I must give my sincere thanks to all who helped make our presence at The Pride Festival such a success. The weather was humid but with plenty of cold water we worked solidly and well from 11 in the morning to 9 at night. We looked smart in our new t-shirts and everyone seemed to be smiling most of the time

Thanks also to those who walked in the Parade. As we were all walking, I don’t have any photos of this but thanks to Efrain for providing his photo of the group taken before we started off.

Look out for an invitation to my next rodeo volunteer gathering which is coming soon. Anyone interested in finding out more about rodeo and considering volunteering will be welcome.

Don’t forget contact me on volunteers@NGRA.com for anything to do with volunteering for NGRA.

Carolyn Jones

Fundraising

The cooler weather has finally arrived and I hope it's here to stay for a little while. The Fundraising Committee has been busy working on some new events to help promote the western lifestyle and our upcoming royalty competition in November as well as raise some money for Bighorn Rodeo 17.

We just had our first Beer bust social at the new dance bar, Club Metro on September 29. They have great staff there, nice dance floor and both Tony and Mark are very supportive of the community. Stop in and say hello if you haven't been there already.

Another new event is from Family Home Apparel and Charlie's Las Vegas. They are hosting Monday night football parties which will benefit different non-profit organizations. There will be raffles, bucket of beer specials, free food, and at our events we will have jello shots also. Our first one was September 30. The next one is Monday October 28. Event starts at 5:30 pm. So come on out and enjoy two of your passions in one, fabulous football and Rodeo.

Friday October 4 is our 2014 Royalty Candidates joint fundraiser, Hardwood and Horseshoes, at Charlie's Las Vegas. Check out the flyer and article in the Newsletter. It should be a great time that night. They are all doing very well and I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

Sunday October 6 is our last Royalty Chuckwagon of this year from 4-7 pm at Charlie's Las Vegas. We will have our \$5 domestic beer and soda bust, \$8 Premium beer bust, jello shots, some raffles and food for \$5 donation. I hear it may be Sloppy Joes. It'll be a nice relaxing afternoon with some rodeo friends. Also, come and mingle with some of the Bears as they close out their 10th anniversary Lucky Bear event with a few drinks at Charlie's Las Vegas.

Saturday October 12 is our monthly event at Charlie's and this month I am hosting my 7th Annual Boys Night Out with the proceeds all going to NGRA and Big Horn Rodeo. The beer bust starts at 9 pm and the show starts at 10. The difference with this show will be the "Girls" get a break from being in drag. It's the boys turn to hit the stage. We will have live singers, Drag Kings, male performers and maybe a special surprise of one of our "girls" will be performing as a boy. We will have raffles and some fun jello shots too.

Our quarterly Garage events have moved to Saturday nights starting October 26 from 5-8 pm. Come down to The Garage and join NGRA for some pre-evening cocktails, food and fun. As always with this event, we will have several raffles sponsored by The Garage. There will be a \$5 domestic and \$8 premium beer bust from 5-8 pm. The Garage has been very supportive of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association and we can't thank them enough.

That's quite a full month of fun and frivolity. Plus, we have the World Gay Rodeo finals in Dallas along with the International Gay Rodeo Royalty competition. Best of luck to all the rodeo competitors and royalty candidates. Congratulations to Sabel D'Zyre for a wonderful year as Miss IGRA 2013 and good luck to our Miss NGRA, Katrina Jewel, as she competes for the title of Miss IGRA 2014.

See ya next month! Happy Halloween and rodeo on!

Chris Reynolds, Fundraising Director

Member of the Month

Carolyn Jones

Carolyn was nominated as September Member of the Month for her work with Pride Volunteers. Congratulations Carolyn.

Carolyn replies: "I would like to thank you for making me member of the month for the work I did organising volunteers to run the front entrance at the Pride Festival. I know I sent a few e-mails and did a bit of paperwork but the real admiration should go to those who helped me at the gate and kept the lines moving. Along with those members selling tickets we raised \$1750 for NGRA."

Happy Birthday

To those members with birthdays in October:

7	Lance Coss
8	Lize MacDonald
11	Jessica Harman-Young
14	Shawn Dunlap
16	John Gomes
17	Dennis Shaul
18	Billy Pierro
20	Eddy Krien
23	Weston Fisher

Editor's Bits and Pieces

I thought for quite a while before volunteering to be BigHorn Gazette Editor? Why you ask? Well, until recently I had been Newsletter Editor for a UK charity for several years and, despite begging and pleading, I usually ended up being Newshound as well as Editor. With NGRA, I need not have worried. I am so pleased that I am receiving an abundance of contributions each month such that compiling the Newsletter is a pleasure. So I have to send the occasional reminder but we get there.

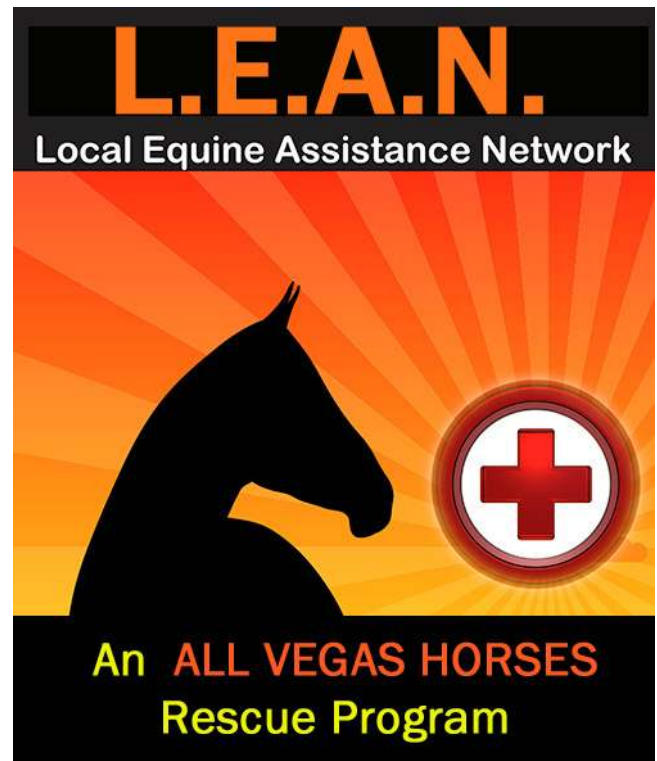
When I took over, I set myself a personal target that I would try and build the Newsletter to twenty pages. I didn't know how long it would take but I certainly didn't expect to do it in three issues. I really take no credit for this achievement because it is a reflection of the commitment of the NGRA Board and the Members in sending comprehensive write-ups and brilliant art work. Finally, thanks to Brent for liaising with our web host to allocate more space for our larger Newsletter.

Horseshoes & Hardwood Fundraiser to Benefit Local Charities

The 2014 NGRA Royalty Candidates will be hosting "Horseshoes & Hardwood," on Friday October 4, 2013 at Charlie's in Las Vegas. The event begins at 9 pm with a show at 10 pm. All proceeds from this event will benefit two non-profit organizations, BigHorn Rodeo 17 and the Local Equine Assistance Network (L.E.A.N.).

What is L.E.A.N. you ask?

L.E.A.N., a program created through All Vegas Horses, uses a network of fosters, volunteers, and sponsors to rescue horses seized by, or surrendered to, the Animal Control agencies of Clark County, Nevada. These include Clark County Animal Control, as well as the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, and North Las Vegas Animal Control offices. L.E.A.N. has been the last hope for many horses and donkeys with no place left to go.



Unlike other rescues, L.E.A.N. does not have a physical ranch or sanctuary. All the horses are placed in private foster homes and cared for by the members of that house or barn. L.E.A.N covers the cost of feed, medical, farrier and other needs while the animal recovers under the loving care of its foster home.

The 2014 NGRA Royalty Candidates are proud to be raising funds to support this incredible organization.

This fundraiser is our way of giving back to the community, preserving the western lifestyle, and recognizing L.E.A.N. and their selfless volunteers who work throughout the year to help animals in need.

For more information about L.E.A.N., visit <http://www.leanhorses.org/>.

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MsTer NGRA Contestant-Charli (Preston) Phillips;
Miss NGRA Contestant-A'Lotta Trash;
Mr. NGRA Contestant-Jason Metzger, and
Mr. NGRA Contestant-Brent Rosinski.

OCTOBER 4

CHARLIE'S
Las Vegas

HORSESHOTS
& HARDWOOD

FUNDRAISER AND SHOW

CUSTOM DECORATED HORSESHOES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LEAN AND BIGHORN RODEO '17

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LAS VEGAS HORSES

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Big Horn Rodeo
LAS VEGAS

9PM-12AM SHOW AT 10PM

Mandy Barbarell & Winnie Baygo Present

ROAST of KATRINA

Featuring

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KATRINA 1990

It costs a lot of money to look this cheap

DRAG QUEEN



KATRINA 2013

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Fun Surprises! A night of comedy, fun, food, and drinks as we roast and toast Miss NGRA 2013, Katrina Davenport. Be sure to wish her well before she heads off to Texas to compete for Miss IGRA 2014.



\$5 Beer Bust

Jell-O shots

Raffles

Food



ROYALTY CHUCKWAGON



**JOIN NGRA'S 2013 ROYALTY
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6TH
4 PM TO 7 PM**

Charlie's
Las Vegas

Proceeds benefit NGRA, and NGRA BigHorn Rodeo 17



BOYS NIGHT OUT

at
Charlie's
Las Vegas

ALL MALE ENTERTAINERS
LADIES GET THE NIGHT OFF
SATURDAY • OCT. 12

Show starts 10 PM with Live Singers and Drag Kings
Beer Bust • Raffles • Jell-O Shots

Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo 2014

FAMILY APPAREL & CHARLIE'S PRESENTS

OCT 28TH

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

FAMILY APPAREL

CHARLIE'S
Las Vegas

SQUARES RAFFLES DRINK SPECIALS JELLO-SHOTS

5012 ARVILLE ST.

BENEFITS NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION



Greetings from the RPC

If you aren't already involved – **we need you** – because it is fun and because we want to have an outstanding rodeo.

If you are involved – you already know how much I appreciate you and look forward to an incredible event thanks to your input and talent.

What We Know:

Rodeo will be a two-night two-go Rodeo on Friday and Saturday May 9-10, 2014. Awards will be Sunday. It will be festive for our spectators.

What We Will Do Next Meeting:

We have a big agenda planned for the next meeting – October 14, 6:30 p.m. at The Center:

- Presentations by potential Beneficiaries for selection;
- Presentation for Host Hotel selection;
- Review of Artwork Competition submissions for winner;
- Review of potential schedule and areas needing coordination, and
- Other topics as needed

Where we need **You!**

Even though coordinators are assigned – they too need support and help to accomplish their tasks. You can be part of a team and help us achieve a successful rodeo. Find an area that you would like to help with, learn, or just be a part of – and volunteer. We benefit from your participation – and your skill.

Areas that we still can use some coordination help: Registration; Grand Entry; Awards; Gate Sales (Tickets); Set Up & Tear Down Crew Coordinator; Transportation, and Rodeo Office Manager.

We always need support with selling Buckles, making Sponsor contacts, Vendor links, and you can learn all about any of these positions by attending our meetings or expressing interest to RodeoDirector@NGRA.com.

RPC meets monthly on the second Monday, 6:30 p.m. at The Center.

See you there.

Jeffrey Neal
BigHorn Rodeo Director - 2014

Calendar

October

Fri 4	9:00 pm	Horseshoes & Hardwood Fundraiser & Show	Charlie's
Sat 5	6 00 pm	Roast of Katrina	917 Woodbridge Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108
Sun 6	4:00 pm	Royalty Chuckwagon	Charlie's
Sat 12	10:00 pm	7 th Annual Boys Night Out Fundraiser & Show	Charlie's
Mon 14	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
17-20		World Gay Rodeo Finals	Will Rogers Center, 3401 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107
Thu 24	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Sat 26	5:00 pm	Beer Bust	The Garage
Mon 28	5:00 pm	Monday Night Football	Charlie's

November

Mon 11	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
14-17		IGRA Annual Convention 2013	Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, 901 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108
Mon 25	5:00 pm	Monday Night Football	Charlie's

December

Mon 9	6:30 pm	Rodeo Planning Committee	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center
Mon 23	5:00 pm	Monday Night Football	Charlie's

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NGRA 2013 Royalty

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