

# December 2016 BigHorn Gazette



Mr NGRA 2017 - Brian Porras, Miss NGRA 2017 - Phat Patty (aka Chris Sanders), Miss NGRA 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up - Kendra J Litter (aka Ken Wells), and Mr NGRA 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up - Jason Dyer

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#### From your President

#### NGRA 2017 Royalty Competition — The Team

NGRA had its Royalty Competition on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of November and, as expected, it was a fun-filled, exciting day. The closed portion took place Saturday morning and the open portion happened Saturday night, at Charlie's. I want to congratulate our Team:

Miss NGRA - Phat Patty (aka Chris Sanders); Miss NGRA First Runner Up - Kendra Jay Litter (aka Ken Wells); Mr NGRA - B-Bear (aka Brian Porras), and Mr NGRA First Runner Up – Jason Dyer

These four individuals worked very hard just to make it competition. Individually, they had to raise \$250, each (\$1,000 total) and they crushed that requirement, raising (by my calculations) over \$2,500. If you're not familiar with NGRA's Royalty Competition Process, I invite you to read Standing Rule One of NGRA's Bylaws and Standing Rules, which can be found at <a href="https://www.ngra.com">www.ngra.com</a>.

Throughout 2017, you'll see a lot of these four individuals as they visit bars, attend NGRA events, as well as other organizations' events, including other rodeos, all as the face of NGRA. When you see them, please feel free to talk to them, and congratulate them, and thank them for all they do for NGRA. They worked hard to get here but the hard work is just beginning. 2017 will be very rewarding but very busy for them. On behalf of NGRA, congratulations to our new Royalty Team — we're all very proud of you. (Ken, President, NGRA)

Ken Hruby NGRA President president@ngra.com

#### NGRA 2017 Royalty Competition—The Volunteers

In my previous article, I discussed NGRA's 2017 Royalty Team but now I'd like to discuss how we were even able to have a team — the volunteers who made the competition possible. As, I'm sure we've all heard numerous times, I don't want to start listing names because then I'll forget somebody but I do want to mention one particular individual who made the entire competition possible. Mr Barry Jones. Barry approached me May and volunteered to Chair the Royalty Competition. He was officially appointed at the June meeting and since, has devoted countless hours to making the event run as smoothly as possible. Barry, I want to personally thank you very much for devoting so much of your time, and efforts, to this year's competition. You did an amazing job!! Of course Barry had a team of support and I'm not going to list them all by name but I do want to thank the judges, auditors, hosts, setup personnel and everybody else who helped Barry put this all together. You did very well and we're all proud of you.

Ken Hruby NGRA President president@ngra.com

#### **Fundraising**

Join Nevada Gay Rodeo on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for a Country Winter Wonderland. Event will be at Flex with cocktails at 8:00 pm and show at 9:00.

We are collecting filled stockings with personal care item, fast food gift cards and microwaveable foods to donate to STREET TEENS. Help us share in the Holiday giving and help homeless teens.

Our dear former NGRA member and former Royalty Tom Coleman worked with this organization very closely for years. Tom was so excited when I spoke with him a few months ago about bringing the filled stocking donation drive back this year. Street Teens was very dear to Tom, and with his recent passing it is with great honor to work with Street Teens.

NGRA looks forward to seeing you all at this event!

Kathy Alday Fundraising Director fundraising@ngra.com

### NGRA 2017 Royalty Competition Charlie's Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

NGRA held its annual Royalty Competition on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Charlie's Las Vegas. This event celebrated the stepping down of the 2016 Team as well as sashing NGRA's 2017 Team. Here is a rundown of the day.

Early Saturday morning the contestants went through the Personal Interview process as well as Spirit and Community Service categories of the competition. This was held behind closed doors at the offices of Tele Pacific Communications, 3300 North Cimarron Road, Las Vegas, NV 89129. Nothing like having your nerves get to you at 10:00 in the morning.

Phat Patty (aka Chris Sanders) and Kendra J Litter (aka Ken Wells) competed for Miss NGRA 2017; Brian Porras and Jason Dyer competed for Mr NGRA 2017.

Judging both of the categories were:

Holly Reese; Linda McMillian; Clinton Killgrove; Bill Watkins; Lorry King, and Winsor Cooper III.

Questions were asked about rodeo, NGRA's history, Board of Directors as well as having to describe one of the rodeo events.

The evening's portion of the competition became the night's event, with Katrina Davenport and Chris Due as co-hosts.



After a few remarks the night got underway as our Western Wear and Public Presentation. To help judge these categories we had:

Sister Loosy; Ricke Beltran; Mary Bess Bohall; Amy Hoaeae; Clinton Killgrove; Laura Scott, and Andrew Goodman.



The four worked the floor at modeling their western outfits and then having to come up with a response to the public presentation question.

Chris Due calls on Diana and Matt to describe the contestant's western wear.



Diana Prince and Matt Cox, in their inimitable style, described each contestant's western wear.



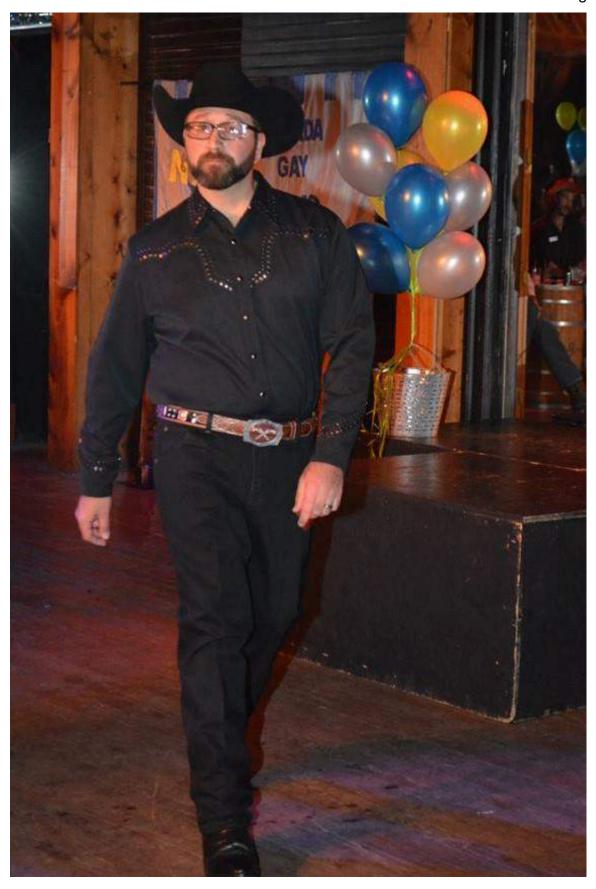
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Miss NGRA 2017 Contestant - Phat Patty



Miss NGRA 2017 Contestant - Kendra J Litter



Mr NGRA 2017 Contestant - Brian Porras



Mr NGRA 2017 Contestant - Jason Dyer

To help judge our Entertainment category of the competition we had:

David Heckman; Ricke Beltran Jolene Tudaleph; Amy Hoaeae; Sister Loosy; Matt Cox, and Diana Prince.





Miss NGRA 2017 Contestant - Phat Patty



Miss NGRA 2017 Contestant - Kendra J Litter



Mr NGRA 2017 Contestant - Brian Porras

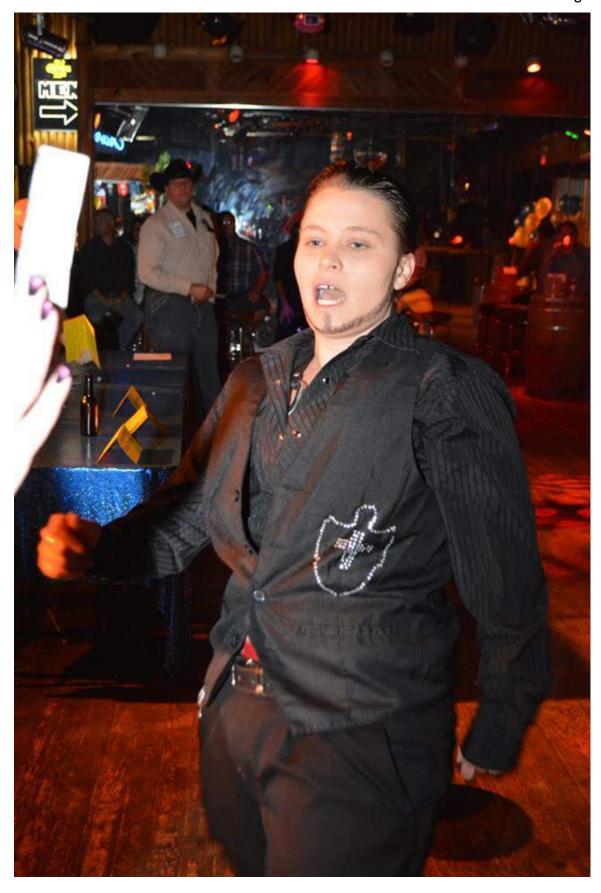


Mr NGRA 2017 Contestant - Jason Dyer

To give our auditors a chance to add up the scores, and to celebrate our outgoing 2016 Royalty Team we had the night filled with command performances and step downs.



Kimberli Foxx (Miss NGRA 2010) - Traci Foxx's Command Performance



Preston (Mster NGRA 2014) - Phil Lombardi's Command Performance



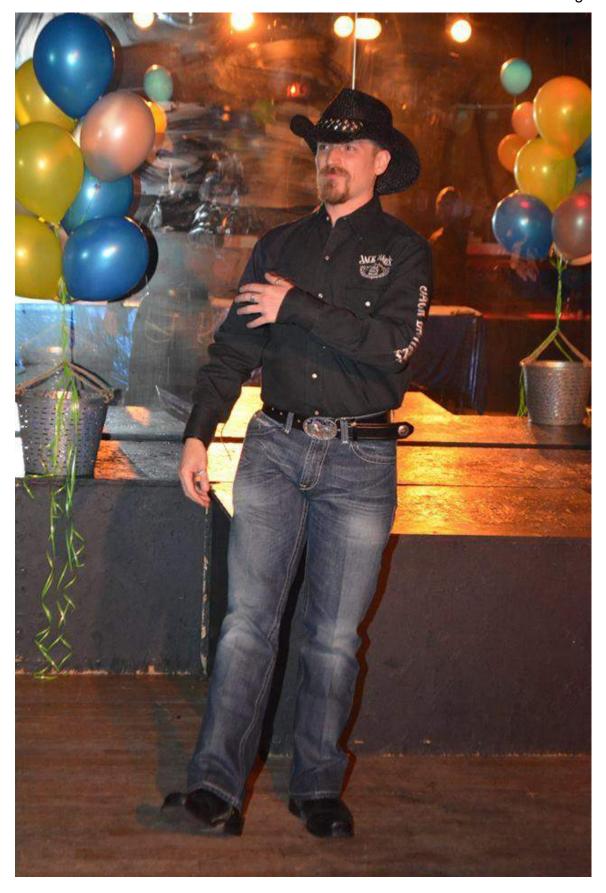
Traci Foxx's Step Down Performance



Traci's Buckle Presentation



Phil shows off his Buckle



Phil Lombardi's Step Down Performance

# Sashing and Crowning

















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## Picture Gallery

















































































### Royalty Competition - Credits

Hello everyone. I'm Barry Jones and I was your Royalty Competition Director.



First of all, let me thank everyone who joined us for this special evening and supported NGRA.

After the results were announced the bar erupted so I never had a chance to go on stage and thank everyone who helped me run the Royalty Competition.

I would like to thank Charlie's Bar and its Manager, Martin Valenzuela, for the sponsorship of this Competition. And not just for this evening, but also for all the support over the years. I would like to thank the barmen for looking after us throughout the evening.

And thank you, our DJ, Tim, for bringing together the audio so seamlessly.

So many people have helped me bring this year's Royalty Competition together.

I would like to bring you my Team.

First of all, co-hosts: Katrina Davenport and Chris Due. Secondly the NGRA Board – every one of them contributed to this event. Some I have mentioned later but I must include David Hering for obtaining all the regalia and Kathy for decorating Charlie's.

My judges, for the morning session

Winsor Cooper III; Lorry King; Bill Watkins; Clinton Killgrove; Linda McMillian, and Holly Reese.

And for this evening:

Laura Scott;
Andrew Goodman;
Amy Hoaeae;
Clinton Killgrove;
Mary Bess Bohall;
Jolene Tudaleph;
Ricke Beltran;
David Heckman;
Sister Loosy;
Diana Prince, and
Matt Cox.

Diana Prince and Matt Cox for a wonderful job of describing the contestants' western wear.

My auditors, Jeffrey Neal and Matt Todd, who had the painstaking task of checking and double checking all the judges scores and doing the math to come up with the results.

Thank you to the 2016 Royalty Team:

Ms NGRA – Traci Foxx, and Mr NGRA – Phil Lombardi

For your help, both asking the questions during the morning session and also for your performances during the evening.

Thank you for your Command Performers, Kimberli Foxx, and Charli Phillips – Preston. It was great to see Kimberli back in face and on stage.

All the past NGRA Royalty. It was wonderful to see you. We were also delighted to welcome IGRA Royalty. Thank you all for enhancing the Crowning/Sashing ceremony. Thank you, Taylor Trash and Dawg for reaching out to our past NGRA Royalty, and to IGRA Royalty. And I must also thank Taylor for getting all the excellent sashes.

Thank you my Program Coordinator, David Wright, for managing the smooth running of the evening.

Thank you, Chris Abby, our official photographer, for capturing the event digitally.

I must thank a Star of my own. A Lady I first met 57 years ago, and my Partner for 47 years.



She has encouraged me, and nagged me, and stopped me from pulling out my last strands of hair when things weren't going so well.

Carolyn also organized the fundraising for the evening, holding a Beer Bust, Silent Auction, Cookie sale, Jello Shots and Liquor Raffle.

And finally, to the Superstars of the evening.

Miss NGRA 2017 – Phat Patty (aka Chris Sanders); Mr NGRA 2017 – Brian Porras; Miss NGRA 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up – Kendra J Litter (aka Ken Wells), and Mr NGRA 2017 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up – Jason Dyer.

I know I shall remember this night and the great people involved for a very long time. Thank you all.

Barry J Jones
Royalty Competition Director
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Discover events that make it worth getting out in the Summer heat!

# LGBTQ Megas

www.LGBTQ.VEGAS is a new community calendar dedicated to letting our local LGBTQ population know exactly what's happening in Las Vegas just for us — from family-friendly fun to fundraisers, social groups to support groups and everything in-between!

Mobile-friendly!

LGBTQ.VEGAS is managed by The Center. Questions? Email events@lgbtq.vegas

#### Happy Birthday

To those Members with birthdays in December:

8	Joshua Gunter
18	James Kinney
21	Carolyn Jones
27	Douglas Graff

#### Member of the Month

#### Matt Todd

Matt Todd was nominated as October Member of the Month for his coordination of the Pride Float.

Congratulations and thanks to Matt.

#### Benefits of being a Member of NGRA



25% off of all regularly priced drinks at Charlie's Las Vegas. Charlie's is offering 25% off, on regularly priced drinks, to all NGRA Members who are wearing their nametag in the bar. This special is 24/7, 365 so be sure to wear your nametag. (Drink specials such as beer bust, happy hour, shot specials, etc. are excluded).

#### From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Well I'm usually exhorting you to volunteer but a couple of Board Meetings ago I was silly enough to put my hand up and volunteer to organize the fundraising element of the recent Royalty Competition. But thanks once again. I had a great bunch of helpers and we managed to raise over \$830 on the night.

I manned the beer bust and I was ably helped by Joshua Gunter-Shields who manned the silent auction, persuading people to bid \$224 for the various items on the table. I must offer my grateful thanks to those who donated the items for this auction: Mike Windsor; Kathy Richardson and David Wright.



Sadly I lost the bidding war to Jim McCoy for a beautiful wallet which we both wanted it for our respective husbands.

Troy Peters did a wonderful job with his bucket getting over \$300 selling raffle tickets while Chad Hinerman made and sold shots around the crowded bar.



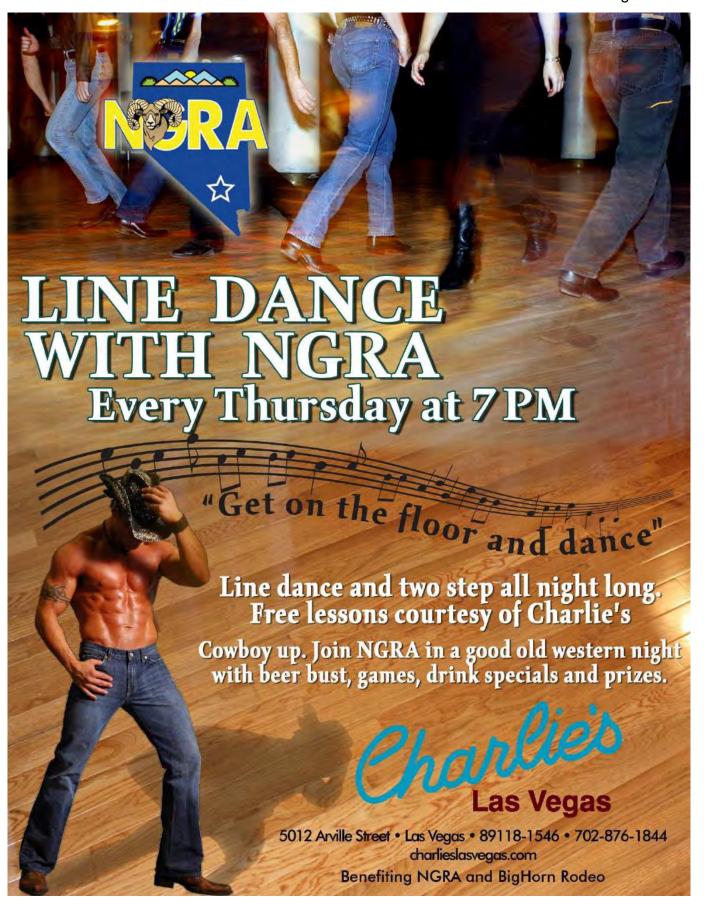
And what can I say about Chef Stephan and his amazing NGRA logo cookies. The most amazing product made specially for the evening and completely delicious.



If you want a personalized product like these or special occasion cakes contact Stephan at OPEN Range Creations, 702-884-6777.

So once again I thank my team of helpers who did such a sterling job. And may I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Carolyn Jones Volunteer Coordinator volunteers@ngra.com



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December 1-4, 2016



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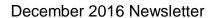
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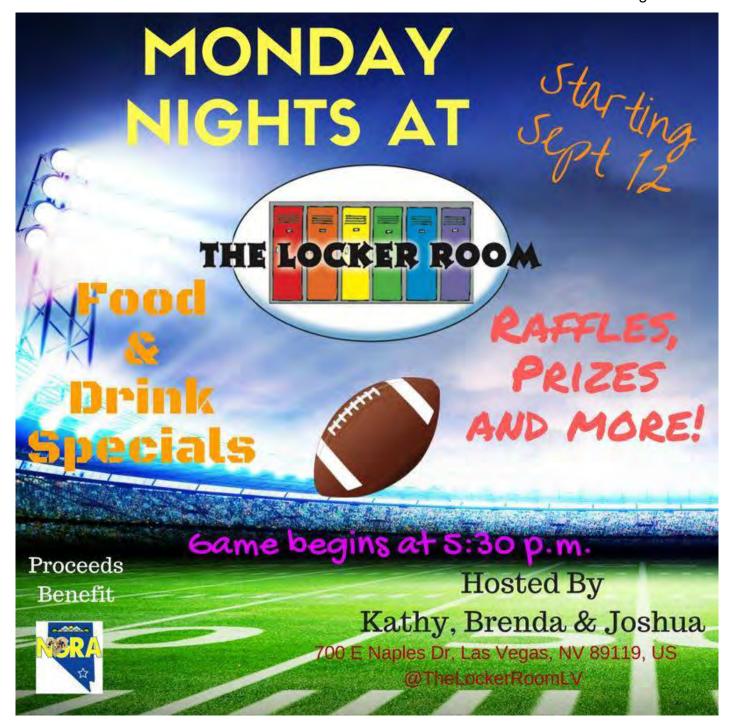
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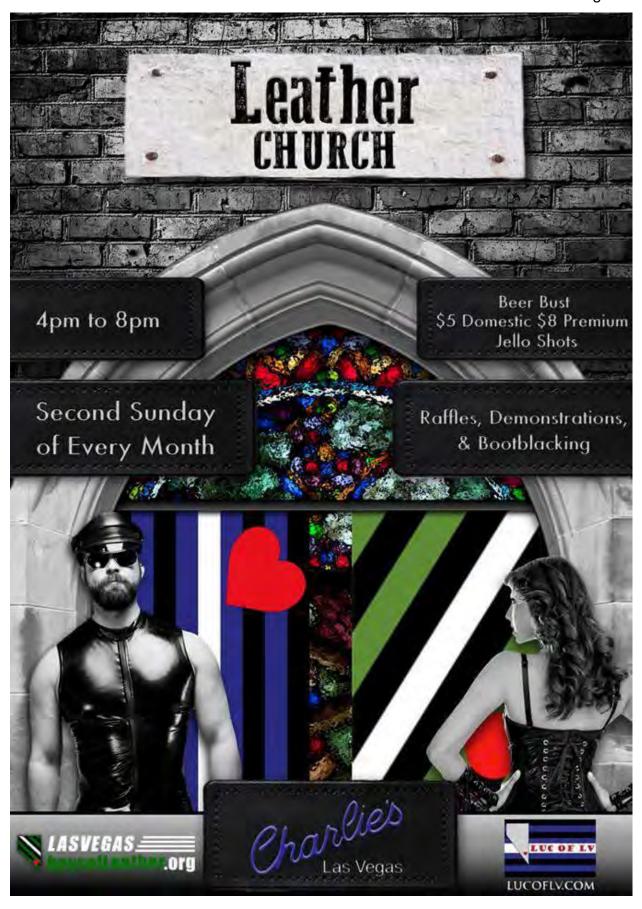
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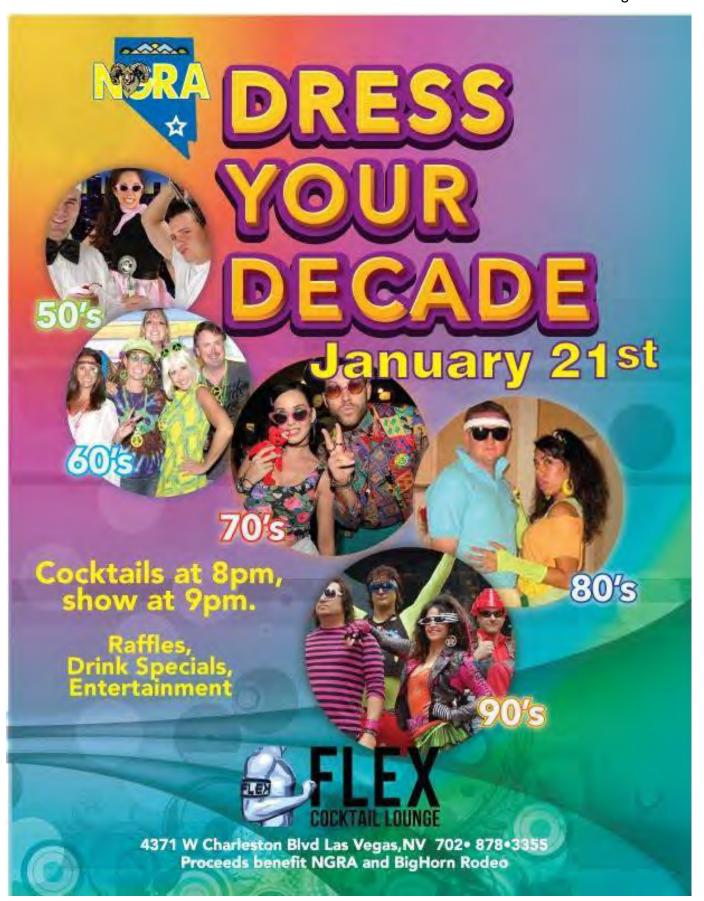














## Calendar

#### December

Thu 1	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
1 - 4		IRSCDE Event A Masquerade Ball: Over the Rainbow	Gold Coast Hotel & Casino 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 3	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits Sin Sity Sisters	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 4	Noon	Tom Coleman: Celebration of Life	Spotlight Lounge, 975 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
Mon 5	5:30 pm	Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's Football	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119
\/\ad	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
Wed 7	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Ugly Sweater Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Wed 7	6:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Thu 8	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 10	9:00 pm	Country Winter Wonderland	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 11	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 12	5:30 pm	Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's Football	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Thu 15	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 17	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 19	5:30 pm	Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's Football	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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#### December (continued)

Mon 19	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Thu 22	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 26	5:30 pm	Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's Football	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Thu 29	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

# Calendar (continued)

#### January

\\/ a al	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
Wed 4	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Wed 4	6:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Thu 5	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 7	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 8	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Thu 12	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
12 - 15		IGRA University	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 14	9:00 pm	Gravity is a Bitch: Katrina Davenport's 60th Birthday Bash	Pegasus Lounge, Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 16	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Thu 19	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 21	9:00 pm	Dress your Decade	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat 21	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 26	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

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#### February

Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
1 1	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue,
	0.50 pm		Las Vegas, NV 89169
Wed	0-20		Food Court, Orleans Casino,
1	6:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting	4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
			Charlie's,
Thu	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	5012 South Arville Street,
2		9	Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
4	9:30 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
4		Benefits	Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun		Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's	The Locker Room,
5	TBA	Superbowl	700 East Naples Drive,
		- Caperbowi	Las Vegas, NV 89119
Thu			Charlie's,
9	/:00 nm	Line Dancing	5012 South Arville Street,
			Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
11	9:00 pm	Get your Heart on	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
			Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun			Charlie's,
12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	5012 South Arville Street,
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Thu	7.00		Charlie's,
16	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	5012 South Arville Street,
			Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat	40.00	0: ( ) 0: ( ) 1: (	Fun Hog Ranch,
18	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	495 East Twain Avenue,
			Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon	0-00	NGRA Board and General	Gay & Lesbian Community Center,
20	6:30 pm	Membership Meeting	401 South Maryland Parkway,
		·	Las Vegas, NV 89101
Thu	7.00 555	Line Denoine	Charlie's,
23	7:00 pm	Line Dancing	5012 South Arville Street,
			Las Vegas, NV 89118

# Calendar Looking ahead to key events

#### September

		Horseman's Park,
22 - 24	BigHorn 2017	5800 East Flamingo Road,
		Las Vegas, NV 89122

#### October

13 - 15	World Gay Rodeo Finals	Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM
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#### November

16 - 19 IGRA Convention	Location TBD
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# NGRA 2017 Royalty

Effective November 26th, 2016

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