



January 2017 BigHorn Gazette

Happy New Year



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From your President

NGRA's New Year's Resolution (If I could make one)

NGRA is a member-driven organization and each member has different goals, different passions, and different personalities so, realistically, it's impossible to make a New Year's Resolution for a group but, if I could, I'd resolve for NGRA to have less drama and more harmony between members. NGRA is full of well-meaning individuals who want the best for this organization but, just like Democrats and Republicans, people don't always agree on what's best or how best to move forward. Some of the biggest challenges of an organization, with so many diverse personalities, have to do with the personality clashes that inevitably rise to the surface. I don't expect all of our members to get along all of the time, I'm a realist and I know that will never happen. It is frustrating, though, when I see people who love this organization so much and are so passionate about NGRA that they forget that others — who are just as passionate — are just as entitled to their own opinions regarding what's best for NGRA. Realistically, I can't make a resolution for NGRA but if I had one Christmas wish, it'd be for all of our members to start from scratch. Forget those 2016 personality clashes, forget that animosity and concentrate on rebuilding the relationships with your fellow members. Ultimately, if NGRA doesn't survive, it will be because we imploded and let petty squabbles amongst our members become more important than the organization itself.

NGRA's 2017 Board of Directors

Congratulations to everybody who ran for, and was elected to, a seat on the 2017 Board of Directors. Typically, the problem we have is more seats than we have nominees. I'm thrilled to say that this year, things were completely different. For the three Director at Large positions, we had nine people nominated — that's amazing and is a testament to the great members we have and their passion for NGRA.

Congratulations to our newly elected board members:

Vice President – Chris Due;
Treasurer – David Hering;
Trustee – Lorry King;
Director at Large – Andrew Goodman;
Director at Large – Bill Trunzo, and
Director at Large – Kathy Alday.

These six individuals will be working with the two already seated members:

President – Ken Hruby, and
Secretary – Jeffrey Neil.

In early 2017, per NGRA Bylaws, the Board will select the ninth, and final member of the Board of Directors — the Fundraising Director.

I want to thank everybody who ran for a seat on the board. I look forward to working with you — or, in some cases, continuing to work with you — in another capacity for NGRA. Once again, congratulations to everybody and thank you for volunteering to be on the Board of Directors.

NGRA Fundraising and Rodeo Director Vacancies

NGRA is seeking volunteers for the Fundraising Director Position and the Rodeo Director Position.

Per our Bylaws, the Fundraising Director is a Board Member so the individual must be a member, in good standing, for at least 90 days from the time they are appointed to that position, which could be as early as the January 16th Board/General Membership Meeting.

Per our Bylaws, the Rodeo Director is not a Board Member and does not need to be an NGRA Member; however, interested applicants must be members of another IGRA-Sanctioned Rodeo Association (if they are not an NGRA member).

The Board would like to finalize these two appointments at the January 16th meeting so, if you're interested, please contact Ken Hruby at president@ngra.com with a short bio, explaining your experience and/or qualifications for the desired position.

Packages should be received on, or before, January 9th. Also, interested individuals are strongly encouraged to attend the January 16th meeting, as both positions require the applicants be interviewed by the Board, prior to making its selection.

If you have any questions, please let me know by emailing me at president@ngra.com.

NGRA Membership Renewal Reminder

Renewal payments made prior to December 31st, 2016 were \$24.00. Late Renewal payments made between January 1st, 2017 and January 31st, 2017 will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee (\$34.00). Memberships not renewed prior to January 31st will be cancelled.

Membership Renewal payments can be made on the [NGRA website](#) or via postal mail to the following address:

NGRA - Membership Renewal
PO Box 94983
Las Vegas, NV 89193-4983

If you've already renewed your membership - Thank you! If not, please do so prior to the January 31st deadline.

As always, thank you for your continued support of NGRA.

Sincerely,

Ken Hruby
NGRA President
president@ngra.com

Winter Wonderland Flex Cocktail Lounge Saturday, December 10th



Phat Patty writes “The first show for the 2017 Royalty Team (minus Kendra) is over! Thank you all for those who came and supported and donated!!! This pic was taken at the end of the end which is why I look exhausted lol 😊:) going to be a great year!!!

Wow what a night last night! First and foremost I want to thank those who worked behind the scenes to help the show go off smoothly Kathy Alday, Brenda Lee Luce-Alday and Richard Frank for all that you did with raffles, communicating with the bar and taking care of the donations for Street Teens. To David A Heckman thank you for supplying the "snowballs" and selling them all night! To our wonderful performers David, Reynaldo Martinez, Mathew Martinez, JP Nomi Malone, Jim McCoy, Justine, Felinda Bush, Mae Mae Christina Glam Wayves Finn Anthony and Aiden for that wonderful original song! Mia Espinoza for going old school and being the ever wonderful person you Phil Lombardi even though you wanted a night off thank you for handling the line-up Chad Hinerman thank you for everything you do and

keeping track of the wonderful quilt Momma Wayves made for auction! Mary Alice Ken H-Ruby-Victorroy Sonevewahi y'all had the best ugly sweaters Brian Porras, my sash hubby, Jason Dyer we did it! We go through the first show!! It is going to be a great year and I hope you two had as much as I did! Lastly Andrew Goodman thank you for coming and supporting and the always wonderful advice you give! Thank you to all who came to support and donated for Street Teens. We collected a total of 75 stockings for Street Teens. Thanks to Flex, Regan Colleen Taylor for keeping the drinks a flowing, Todd Tauber for allowing us to come in once a month to put on a show and have fun! DJ Will & Logan Seven on lights y'all are amazing! If I forgot to tag someone I truly apologize! We raised \$700 and could have done it without all of you! See you in the New Year!”

Phat Patty – Miss NGRA 2017
missngra2017@ngra.com

Awards from IRSCED Inc Reign 18



NGRA won an award at the In Town Awards Banquet, from Reign 18. Thank you Matthew Cox and Diana Prince. NGRA won Organization of the Year 2016. Congrats!



"Look what I got. I'm so happy. Thank you."

Brian

Award from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority



I was just honored by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Instead of a key to the city, they give you a light bulb that goes in the Welcome to Las Vegas sign.

Laura Scott



Discover events that
make it worth getting out
in the Summer heat!

LGBTQ *Vegas*

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 January:

1	Ted Caldwell
6	Ken Wells
10	Jeffrey Neal
15	Bill Trunzo
23	Shannon Plucker
24	Debora Simons

Member of the Month

Brenda Lee Luce-Alday

Brenda Lee Luce-Alday was nominated as November Member of the Month for her constant support of events.

Congratulations and thanks to Brenda.

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

I would like to thank all those who gave their time and supported NGRA through 2016.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Carolyn Jones
Volunteer Coordinator
volunteers@ngra.com

From Your Royalty

Hi y'all. This is BBEAR Mr NGRA 2017.

I attended Coronation 19 where Misty and Koko Wayves were crowned Empress and Emperor of Reign 19. I attended The Out-of-Town Show, Coronation 19, where I had the honor to sitting on the dais, Coronation 19 Victory brunch and the C.A.T.S. party where I was asked to perform.

The last show NGRA had was on December 10th, 2016 and it was Country Winter Wonderland at Flex Cocktail Lounge. Where I, Phat Patty Miss NGRA 2017 and Jason Dyer Mr NGRA 2017 1st runner-up hosted the show. We had many performers from around the community come and they donated their time for a good cause to help us put on Big Horn Rodeo 2017. There was a snowball fight. We had guest appearances from the Sin Sity Sisters and members of the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire. We raised \$700 that night for Big Horn Rodeo. I would like to thank Flex Cocktail Lounge, all the performers that came out that night. NGRA and the Straight and LGBT Communities for your support.

I was in invited to perform for UGRA's "Let's Get Elfed Up" show on 17th of December. I was able to attend and perform. The show was a blast. Had performers from all around the Salt Lake City Valley. Everything from drag Kings and Queens, burlesque dancers and lip singers. In no time, we should see UGRA'S having a Royalty Team.

Thank you
Brian "BBEAR" Porras, Mr NGRA 2017
mrngra2017@ngra.com

L A S V E G A S

PRIDE

F A M I L Y

B I N G O

BLING

BINGO

JANUARY 4, 2017 AT ALEXIS PARK

HAPPY HOUR 6-7 PM // BINGO STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM

ATHENA BALLROOM // GREAT FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

HOSTED BY ANDREW RYAN WITH BINGO BABE JOLENE TUDALEPH & MR PRIDE 2016, RICO RAMIREZ

11 GAME BINGO PACKETS - \$10 (INCLUDES COVERALL GAME) // 10 RAFFLE TICKETS - \$5

WEAR YOUR BEST BLING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES // MONTHLY AUCTIONS

375 E HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 // LASVEGASPRIDE.ORG

Alexis Park, Divas Frank Marino, Celine Zee, SUGARCANALS, spi ENTERTAINMENT, Tropicana SUNDAYS, Charlies, THUNDER DOWN UNDER, LUCKY LIGHT, MINGO, Chippendales, simplicity, HIGH ROLLER THE LIND, MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL, HUMAN NATURE, LUXOR, afan, BUD LIGHT, QUADZ

IRSCDE INC. PRESENTS

INVESTITURES

REIGN 19

Krash

JANUARY 7, 2017

LAS VEGAS PRIDE

\$5 COVER | DOOR 7PM | PRE-SHOW 7:30PM
4740 ARVILLE ST, LAS VEGAS, NV 89103
WWW.DESERTEMPIRE.ORG | FACEBOOK.COM/IRSCDE | GOGO BOYS | JELLO-SHOTS


**Leather
CHURCH**

4pm to 8pm


Beer Bust
\$5 Domestic \$8 Premium
Jello Shots

Second Sunday
of Every Month

Raffles, Demonstrations,
& Bootblacking

LAS VEGAS  boyleftleather.org

Charlie's
Las Vegas

 **LUC OF LV**
LUCOFLV.COM

BARBARELL'S
STRIP SEARCH
SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE LIND

FRIDAY ★ JANUARY 13, 2017 ★ 7-10 PM
COST: \$20 BUS LEAVES ALEXIS PARK AT 7PM
375 E HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 WWW.IGRAUNIVERSITY.COM

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

**SATURDAY
JAN 14
2017**

GRAVITY IS A BITCH
PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH ME

KATRINA'S

60TH BIRTHDAY
Bash

BENEFITS IGRA UNIVERSITY

COCKTAILS AT 8PM | SHOW AT 9PM | COMMAND PERFORMERS ONLY
HOSTED BY KATRINA DAVENPORT & MANDY BARBARELL | SPONSORED BY WINBAY LLC

PEGASUS LOUNGE AT ALEXIS PARK
375 E HARMON AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

 Alexis Park
ALL SUITE RESORT - LAS VEGAS

 IGRA
UNIVERSITY



DRESS YOUR DECADE

January 21st



50's



60's



70's



80's

Cocktails at 8pm,
show at 9pm.

Raffles,
Drink Specials,
Entertainment



90's



FLEX
COCKTAIL LOUNGE

4371 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 702 • 878 • 3355
Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo

B Bear

Mr. NGRA 2017

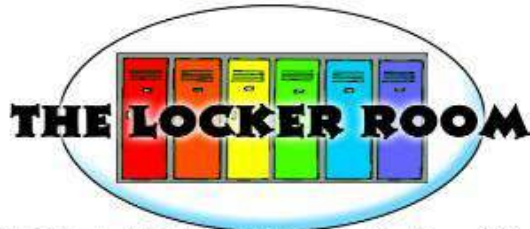
Presents:

January 27, 2017

Meet and Greet @ 8pm

Show @ 9pm

BEARCHELLA



700 E. NAPLES DR. Suite 111
LAS VEGAS, NV. 89119

Liquor Bust

\$10 Well / \$20 Premium

Call \$2 more Per drink with Premium

\$15 Beer Bust

Food Specials

**Prize
Raffles**

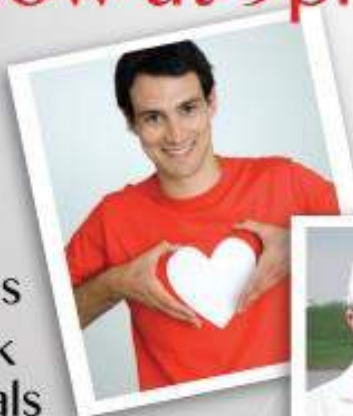
All Proceeds Benefiting
Soldiers' Angels
www.soldiersangels.org





GET YOUR HEART ON

February 11th
Cocktails at 8pm,
show at 9pm



Raffles
Drink
Specials
Entertainment



FLEX

COCKTAIL LOUNGE

4371 W Charleston Blvd Las Vegas, NV 702 • 878 • 3355
Proceeds benefit NGRA and BigHorn Rodeo



Calendar

January

Wed 4	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Bling Bingo	
Sat 7	7:30 pm	Investitures IRSCED Inc Event	Krush 4740 Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89103
	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest	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
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
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
Fri 27	9:00 pm	Mr NGRA 2017 Presents: BEARCHELLA	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119

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February

Wed 1	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 4	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sun 5	TBA	Kathy, Brenda & Joshua's Superbowl	The Locker Room, 700 East Naples Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89119
Sat 11	9:00 pm	Get your Heart on	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
17-19		Arizona Gay Rodeo	Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds 7611 South 29th Avenue Laveen, AZ 85339
Sat 18	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 20	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 25	7:00 pm	11 th Annual Red Dress Event	The Space 3460 Cavaretta Court, Las Vegas, NV 89103

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March

Wed 1	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour" Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 4	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 11	TBA	State Convention	TBA
Sun 12	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 18	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 20	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
31 - 2		Texas Traditions Rodeo	Diamond T Arena Denton, TX

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Looking ahead to key events

September

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

20 - 22	World Gay Rodeo Finals	Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM
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November

9 - 12	IGRA Convention	Little Rock, AR
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Note date changes from the December BigHorn Gazette for World Gay Rodeo Finals and IGRA Convention.

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NGRA Board of Directors

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NGRA 2017 Royalty

Effective January 1st, 2017

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Miss NGRA 1 st Runner Up	Kendra J Litter	
Mr NGRA 1 st Runner Up	Jason Dyer	

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