

### July 2017 BigHorn Gazette



June is Bustin' out all over for NGRA

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#### From your President

#### NGRA Needs Volunteers

NGRA's got quite a bit going on right now but we need your help to make all of our projects — and NGRA itself — a success. Right now, we need help in a few different areas:

#### Webmaster

NGRA is in desperate need of a webmaster. We currently have a webmaster but he's been doing it for a very long time and now that the website needs to be recreated, he doesn't have the time. We need somebody who can either create the page or somebody who can maintain the page, if we find somebody else to create it for us. If you're interested, please contact me at <a href="mailto:president@ngra.com">president@ngra.com</a>.

#### Marketing

This has been a longtime vacancy but hopefully we'll find somebody soon. Right now, a couple of members, and I, are stumbling through this but we need somebody who can dedicate a lot more time to marketing NGRA and especially BigHorn Rodeo 2017. If you're interested, please contact me at <a href="mailto:president@ngra.com">president@ngra.com</a>.

#### Rodeo Volunteers

We've got a rodeo coming up, September 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. We've got a great Rodeo Planning Committee putting everything together and they could use help. Additionally, the rodeo itself takes an Army of volunteers to keep everything going. If you're interested in volunteering with rodeo planning or just helping during the rodeo, please contact Chris at <a href="mailto:rodeo.com">rodeo.com</a>.

#### Pride Parade Float

Las Vegas Gay Pride is the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup>. The parade will be Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. NGRA has had a pretty impressive float the last two years and would like to continue that trend. However, before we commit to putting a float in the parade, we need to make sure we're going to have volunteers to help setup the float (starting a few days prior to the parade), put on the finishing touches (that Friday afternoon), and walk in the parade that evening. Additionally, we need people to commit to staying after the parade to help with teardown that night and probably again later that weekend. Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as IGRA's World Gay Rodeo Finals so a lot of members are going to be out of town that weekend. I figure we're going to need at least 10 volunteers before we're able to commit to having a float and even then, it will depend on when they can help out (earlier in the week setting up or walking only). If you're interested, please contact Carolyn, our Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@ngra.com.

Ken Hruby NGRA President president@ngra.com

#### From your Vice President

#### 2016 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 2016 Member of the Year:

David Wright	January 2016 Member of the Month
Roger Bergmann	February 2016 Member of the Month
David Hering	March 2016 Member of the Month
Brian Porras	April 2016 Member of the Month
Chad Hinerman	May 2016 Member of the Month
No Nomination	June 2016 Member of the Month
Traci Foxx	July 2016 Member of the Month
Kathy Alday	August 2016 Member of the Month
RJ Frank	September 2016 Member of the Month
Matt Todd	October 2016 Member of the Month
Brenda Lee Luce-Alday	November 2016 Member of the Month
Joshua Gunter-Shields	December 2016 Member of the Month

Look for your ballots via email in the coming weeks! Please remember to vote. Each of these 11 people has given a lot of their time and energy to NGRA this past year. Reward them by congratulating them on their nominations and vote for one of them today. The winner will be announced at the August 2017 Board and General Membership Meeting.

Be on the lookout for the 2016 NGRA Member of the Year Ballot which will be sent via email at the beginning of July.

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

Chris Due NGRA Vice President vicepresident@ngra.com

#### A Night on Broadway Flex Cocktail Lounge Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

This past month, our monthly fundraiser at Flex was One Night on Broadway. With the help of everyone involved we raised \$550 for the NGRA. Below are pictures from the event. Thank you to all who helped with this fundraiser.



Patty and B-Bear opening the show



Patty and B-Bear



Patty and Norma



Patty and B-Bear





B-Bear bring some Phantom



David Heckman performing



Fantasia Saxton performing



Felinda Bush performing



Fantasia at it again



Felinda has multiple personalities sometimes



Mia performing



Norma Llyaman performing



Mia transformed into the Little Mermaid



Norma bringing some Norma Desmond



Patty had to camp it up a little bit



Reynaldo Martinez singing live



Phat Patty performing from Oklahoma



Thanks to Gene Dockins for selling raffles



B-Bear and Patty bringing some Wicked to close the show

Chris Sanders
Fundraising Director
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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MuMu Party Flex Cocktail Lounge Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Jason and I welcomed some guests from out of town for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MuMu Party! This was a fundraiser for IGRA and NGRA so Jason and I can represent you all at Finals and compete for the 2018 IGRA Royalty Team. We raised \$925 during the event and then Jason and I donated \$75 to make it an even \$500 to IGRA and \$500 to NGRA. It was a fun night and fun weekend spending with Tre Brewbaker from New Mexico, and Mipsy Mikels, RJ Mikels and Christy Mikels from Arizona.



RJ and Christy Mikels at breakfast before the MuMu Party



Took Mipsy Mikels out to breakfast before the MuMu Party



Patty and Mipsy getting ready for the MuMu Party



Patty getting ready to start the Party!



Phat Patty opening the MuMu Party



Kimberli Foxx, Miss IGRA 2011, performing



Mipsy Mikels performing



Mipsy gracing the stage again



Mipsy and Patty being goofy



Miss AGRA 2017 Mipsy Mikels performing



Mipsy joining as a backup dancer



Mipsy was a great back up dancer for Patty



Ms AGRA 2017 performing



Mr NMGRA 2017 Tre Brewbaker performing



MsTer AGRA 2017 RJ Mikels performing



David Heckman having fun



Christina Wayves showing what an American Housewife does



Norma bringing the redneck realness



Ms NGRA 2016 Traci Foxx performing



Norma looking to bring some class



Country Aint Never Been Pretty



Vivianne Dumonde singing live



Patty and Christy showing their redneck side



We got Laura Scott in a MuMu!



Tre Brewbaker from NMGRA made his MuMu



The back of Tre's MuMu



Everyone had fun at the MuMu party



Jason talking with members of NGRA



Some of the MuMu winners



Vivianne DuMonde won Ugliest MuMu



Mipsy won for Prettiest, David won for Honorable mention and Tre won for Most Creative



Patty closing the MuMu Party

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

# LGBTQ \*/legas\*

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 July:

1	Ken Hruby
6	Brian Porras
23	Jonathan Lodewyck
27	Laura Scott

#### Member of the Month

#### **Bryan Shields**

Bryan Shields was nominated as May Member of the Month for his support of the organization.

Congratulations and thanks to Bryan.

#### 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).



NGRA Members get 10% off on Full Price Items.

#### From Your Volunteer Coordinator

Street parades are great fun and a great spectacle. Watching is OK but taking part is so much better. The Pride Parade is happening this year on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. I know it seems a long way off but NGRA is planning now. At the last Board Meeting, it was decided unanimously to put NGRA in the 2017 Parade.

So here it is. Matt Todd has again agreed to lead the team working on this and Jim McCoy (Norma Llyaman) has offered his design expertise to make it look even better than our previous entries. But they cannot do it alone. Even with Barry, your Newsletter Editor and me, your Volunteer Coordinator, pitching in we need more help to make it work.

So, are you willing and able to help in any way? I need a team to help construct the float. We can use my yard and I shall provide food and drink to cheer you along. We need help on the night with finishing touches, being in the parade and taking off any dangly bits at the end of the Parade. And before we launch into the deconstruction party (more food and drink) we need help stripping (the float) and packing the stuff away.

Are you up for this? Can you help at any time in the process? If not, can you make a small donation of money or props to help us along?

Get in touch if you want to find out more or make an offer. Be part of the excitement of the night.

Carolyn Jones Volunteer Coordinator volunteers@ngra.com

#### **Fundraising**

Hello, all members of the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association! We have some fundraisers coming up to help further the NGRA goal of having a rodeo and bringing the western lifestyle back in style for Las Vegas and all of Nevada.

July 15<sup>th</sup> is The Match Game at Flex Cocktail Lounge August 12<sup>th</sup> is the Trailer Trash Review at Flex Cocktail Lounge August 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Miss Cow Patty Competition at Charlie's Las Vegas September 9<sup>th</sup> is the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary of NGRA at Flex Cocktail Lounge.

Hope to see you all out and about at the various events.

We are also planning a combined event with the Imperial Court, so be on the look-out for more information on that.

Also, we are planning on doing two car washes this year. If you would like to help with washing cars and/or can donate supplies please email <a href="mailto:fundraising@ngra.com">fundraising@ngra.com</a> to let me know!

The next Fundraising Meeting is July 6th at 7pm at the Orleans Food Court.

Chris Sanders Fundraising Director fundraising@ngra.com

#### Trustee's News

It is time to think about IGRA Awards. The International and Trustees' Awards will be voted on at the IGRA BOD meeting in August and the deadline for nominations is July 31<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, at the July NGRA BOD and General Membership Meeting, I will be taking nominations. If there is anyone you would like to nominate, please either contact me or come to the meeting. In addition, I must submit NGRA's Appreciation Awards list on July 31<sup>st</sup> as well. So, if there is a sponsor or business that you would like NGRA to recognize for their support of us this year, please give me that name as well or come to the meeting.

Lorry King Trustee trustee@ngra.com

#### Patty's Ponderings

#### Anything But Clothes - IRSCDE Inc Show

Hey all! June was so fun! First, we went to support the Imperial Court at the Anything But Clothes show! It was so fun to see all the wonderful creations that people came up with.



Patty and Jason



Patty, Kathy, and Brenda

#### Pride Family Bingo

Then we had a nice group at Pride Family Bingo.



NGRA at Pride Bingo



June Birthday Celebration



Lorry, Kathy and Brenda at Pride Bingo



Patty and Jason at Pride Bingo

Coming up in July we have the Men of Charlie's contest, the Match Game and Colorado Rodeo! It is going to be a fun month! Come out and see us and take a selfie with Patty and end up in the Newsletter! Hope to see you all soon as we are in high gear getting ready for Big Horn Rodeo 2017! Remember, Rodeo is free this year!!!!

Take a break from the heat and join us at

## BOOT BARN®

on Saturday, July 1st for our 4th of July Weekend!

Bring the family and save an additional 50% OFF clearance apparel/accessories, enjoy complimentary water, refreshments and come between 12-1 for Ice Cream treats provided by the Street Freeze Truck. First 35 customers will get an ice cream treat on Boot Barn!



Continue the treats at night and visit Redneck Riviera located at the Grand Bazaar Shops next to Bally's Casino.

Bring this liter in to enjoy your first trait Beer on the house!



Compliments of John Rich



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> \*Any draft beer. Not good with any other offer. Invited by



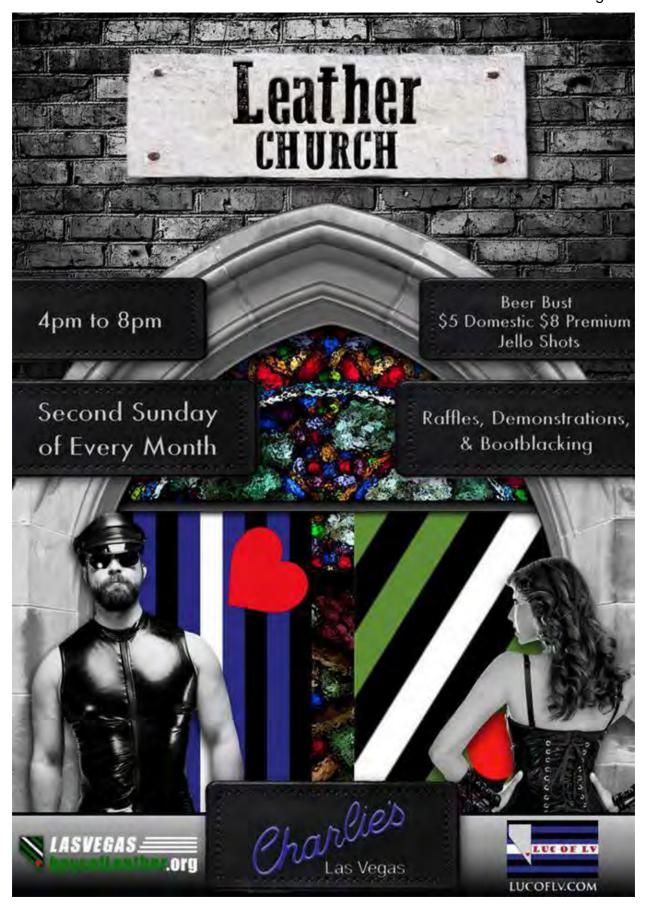






























## Calendar

## July

Sat 1	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the NGRA	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Mon 3	7:30 pm	Mr & Miss Firecracker IRSCDE Inc Event	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Wed	6:00 pm	Las Vegas Pride "Happy Hour"	_ Alexis Park All-Suite Resort,
5	6:30 pm	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Sci-Fi Bingo	375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Thu 6	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
7 – 9		Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo CGRA	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West 6th Avenue Frontage Road, Golden, CO 80401
Sun	3:00 pm	Mac It Till it Cheeses and How Do You Take Your Wenie! IRSCDE Inc Event	Badlands Saloon, 953 East Sahara Avenue, #22B, Las Vegas, NV 89104
9	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 15	9:00 pm	Match Game	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sat		Men of Charlie's Christmas in July	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
15	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 17	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 22	9:00 pm	B Bear Mr NGRA 2017 presents: Bearapalooza 2	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
28 – 30		North Star Regional Rodeo NSGRA POSTPONED until 2018	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

# Calendar (continued)

### July (continued)

Sat 29	9:00 am	NGRA Car Wash	Get Booked Parking Lot, 4640 Paradise Rd, #15, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Sat 29	Noon	Las Vegas Pride Family Bingo Charity Disco Bingo	Alexis Park All-Suite Resort, 375 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169

Events in **bold** are NGRA sponsored events, events involving NGRA Members, or events for which NGRA is a beneficiary.

#### August

Thu 3	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 5	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the Gay & Lesbian Community Center	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
11 – 13		Zia Regional Rodeo NMGRA	Rodeo de Santa Fe 3237 Rodeo Road Santa Fe, NM 87502
Sat 12	9:00 pm	Trailer Trash Review	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 13	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat 19	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 21	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Sat 26	9:00 pm	Cow Patty	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118

# Calendar (continued)

## September

1 – 3		Show Me State Rodeo MGRA	The Lone Wolf Ranch Arena and Training Center 22801 State Line Road Cleveland, MO 64734
Sat 2	9:30 pm	Men of Charlie's Man of the Month Contest Benefits the Sin Sity Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
Thu 7	7:00 pm	Fundraising Meeting	Food Court, Orleans Casino, 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103
Sat 9	9:00 pm	A Silver Anniversary: Celebrating 25 years of NGRA	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89102
Sun 10	4:00 pm	Leather Church	Charlie's, 5012 South Arville Street, Las Vegas, NV 89118
15 – 17		Best Buck in the Bay GSGRA	Russian River Rodeo Grounds, 23450 Moscow Rd, Duncans Mills, CA 95430
Sat 16	10:00 pm	Sister's Oink Night	Fun Hog Ranch, 495 East Twain Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89169
Mon 18	6:30 pm	NGRA Board and General Membership Meeting	Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 401 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89101
22 - 24		BigHorn 2017 NGRA	Horseman's Park, 5800 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122

# Calendar Looking ahead to key events

#### October

Sat		Men of Charlie's	Charlie's,
7	9:30 pm	Man of the Month Contest	5012 South Arville Street,
<b>'</b>		Benefits the NGRA	Las Vegas, NV 89118
Sat			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
	9:00 pm	Masquerade Ball	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
14	•	•	Las Vegas, NV 89102
20 – 22		World Gay Rodeo Finals	Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, NM
Fri 20	8:00 pm	Pride Parade	South 4th Street & East Bridger
			Avenue
			Las Vegas, NV 89101
			Sunset Park
21 & 22		Pride Festival	2601 East Sunset Road
			Las Vegas, NV 89120

#### November

9 – 12		IGRA Convention	Little Rock, AR
So4			Flex Cocktail Lounge,
Sat 11	9:00 pm	Armed Forces Salute	4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
11	-		Las Vegas, NV 89102
C-4			Charlie's,
Sat 25	9:00 pm	Royalty Competition	5012 South Arville Street,
25	•		Las Vegas, NV 89118

#### December

Sat 9	9:00 pm	Not So Silent Night	Flex Cocktail Lounge, 4371 West Charleston Boulevard,
	9:00 pm	Not So Silent Night	<b>.</b> .

# Calendar Looking ahead to key events (continued)

#### January 2018

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#### October 2018

25 – 28	World Gay Rodeo Finals	Scottsdale, AZ	

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