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Seeking NGRA Trustee, & so much more!!!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Here we are in the month of September. This would usually be the time were we start welcoming everyone to get ready for BigHorn Rodeo. Well everyone is still in the planning stages for BigHorn Rodeo 14 with a date of May 20-22, 2011. Don't fear Rodeo Fans, we still a big rodeo event happening this year with World Finals out at the Avi Resort in Laughlin. This is going to be an event you don't want to miss!

The past few months I have had the opportunity to sit in at a number of other association's meetings; in addition to our own. August 17<sup>th</sup> I attended the SNAPI Annual Meeting where they disburse funds from PRIDE. I was proud to accept a check for \$1,550.00 from the LOVE program and our volunteer work at ticket sales and the front gate. I also accepted a check for \$5,000.00 for sponsorship of BigHorn Rodeo 14. I was pleasantly surprised when SNAPI presented NGRA with their non-profit association support award for 2010 with our help in manning the front gate. This was truly an honor to accept on behalf of NGRA. I thank once again all those that volunteered their time to help SNAPI with PRIDE 2010.

Well as always the Fall tends to be a time where it seems that something is happening every weekend and this month is no different. I invite everyone to come out and support our current royalty team Kimberli Foxx and JD Jensen as they finish up their fundraising requirement needed to compete in November for their respective IGRA Titles. Also, please show your support to Miss NGRA 2008 Katrina as she hosts her 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brunch as well as a special LEGACY Project Fundraiser.

Until next month,

*David Blackwood*  
NGRA President

*The 2011 NGRA Royalty Competition  
date has been slated for  
Thanksgiving Weekend, November 2010.*

*For information, please contact our 2011  
Royalty Competition Director, Mitch Gill  
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David Blackwood receives an award from  
SNAPI President, James Healey



### FROM THE EDITOR:

The summer has come and is almost gone. The drop in temperature will hopefully bring more of you out to support NGRA in its many endeavors. It was my distinct pleasure to interview Kip Kipilla this month. We are taking a 1-month break on the Member Spotlight and Horse's Mouth, but they will be back next month.

You can always email me at: [BigHornEditor@ngra.com](mailto:BigHornEditor@ngra.com) at any time! Thank you!

-JOEL CASTILLO  
BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

### 2010 NGRA Trustee Election

NGRA will be holding an election for the office of Trustee. The office of Trustee is a three-year term to begin on January 1, 2011.

For more information regarding the responsibilities of the position, please see the Trustee's article included in this issue of the newsletter.

Interested parties should contact our Election Chairperson, David Hering at [elections@ngra.com](mailto:elections@ngra.com). Deadline to apply is August 9, 2010.

\*Editor's Note: Ballots have been sent and we await the results...



## Fundraising Committee Report



Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2010 Calendar. Please join us on September 11 at Charlie's for The Power of GLEE! We will be raffling off two (2) tickets for a Ride-Along at the Richard Petty Driving Experience (Valued at \$218.00) and a commemorative GLEE Wristwatch (Valued at \$50.00) - as well as the usual Raffle Tickets items (with lots of booze grab bags), Jell-O Shots, and some awesome talent "singing" the songs from GLEE!

We have so many things coming up in our community, and are hopeful that our NGRA Membership will show up en masse and help us raise the money we need! We hope to see old and new faces out and about. Every dollar helps! So come join us for some fun!

Next month look for a World Gay Rodeo Finals themed event, November we have something special, and Sabel's Suicide Drag in December. Come out and meet our 2011 Royalty Team Candidates at all of our events!

As always, all are welcomed to join the Fundraising Committee and help raise money for BigHorn 14! We cannot do it without all of you!!

## Rodeo Round-

Up...

### *BigHorn 14 News from*

Well, we are in our third month and things are moving right along. The host hotel is all set. We are back at the East Side Cannery once again this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank SNAPI. They are the first of, I hope, many to jump on board as a sponsor for BigHorn 14. We thank you for being such an integral part of the success of our rodeo in the past and we hope into the future.

We still have some openings for Coordinator positions on the Rodeo Planning Team, so if you are interested, please don't hesitate to email myself or one of our other team members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 13th immediately after the fundraising meeting, which starts at 6:30 at the Center.

With Cowgirl Pride,  
Laura



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# TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Brian Rogers

September is upon us and that means I'll be headed to Kansas City, Missouri, for the quarterly IGRA meetings and the MGRA Show Me State Rodeo. I will represent NGRA as Trustee at the IGRA Executive Board Meeting. The IGRA Finals Committee Meeting, the IGRA Board Meeting, the Trustees Meeting, and the EPRB Meeting. After all those meetings, I'll sure be happy to enjoy two days of rodeo.

September 10-12 is the San Diego Rodeo weekend. NGRA is fielding a large contingent for this great event, which is sure to be a blast as always.

If you're staying in town, let me suggest you come out to the Horseman's Park Improvement Project fundraiser on Saturday, September 11. Gates open at 5PM with DJ music, food and retail vendors. There is a \$5 entry fee. All proceeds go to improving the park.

## Lineup of Events:

- Mexican Charros Demonstration
- Community Goat Dressing *Staged by NGRA*. Entry fee \$10 per team. Entry Fees go to HIP. Top teams win the coveted "Goat Trophy". Grab a friend and come play with us.
- Dancing Horses Exhibition
- Grand Entry - National Anthem, Buffalo Soldiers, Riderless Horse, Posting of the Colors
- Barrel Race
- Battle of the Bulls, Bull Riders and Bull Fighters
- DJ music until 10:00 pm or so.

The IGRA Annual Convention and Royalty Competition is coming up November 10-14, and this year we'll be hosted by our neighbors to the North in Reno. My August column has details on the event and the schedule. Please let a board member know if you would like to attend as a delegate or alternate.

Save a Horse...

Your Trustee

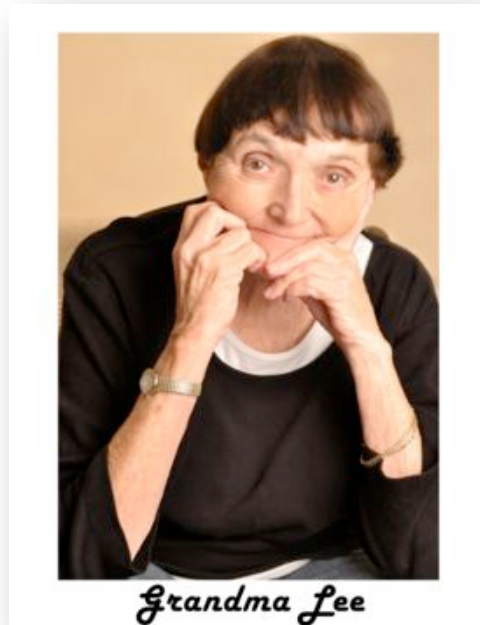
**IN NEED OF HELP.** NGRA member Bill Watkins is asking persons to volunteer their time in helping with a Community Goat Dressing event. This event will be held at Horseman's Park on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM to 11 PM. The proceeds of this community goat-dressing event will be going toward improving the facilities at Horsemen's Park. If you're not interested in volunteering to help in this event, you are more than welcome to participate! It is \$10 for a two-person team. There will be several ribbon place winner and a travel trophy for the fastest team.

# WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS REPORT

## WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS UPDATE

Brian Rogers - 2010 Finals Rodeo Director

The IGRA Finals Entertainment Committee is proud to announce GRANDMA LEE as our opening act for Friday's CARTER TWINS concert.



## UNLEASHED AND UNCENSORED

For the first time since her “America’s Got Talent” debut, fans have the opportunity to catch Grandma Lee in a headlining role, uncensored and uncut, opening for The Carter Twins.

Most recently, Lee won the hearts of millions and made it all the way to the grand finale on NBC’s “America’s Got Talent,” making it her personal goal to help older people realize it’s never too late to follow your dreams and laugh. She also just finished appearing in “America’s Got Talent Live” hosted by Jerry Springer at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas. The sassy senior won the 2003 Las Vegas Comedy Festival at the MGM Grand and was chosen as a finalist for the 2004 season of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing.” In fact, she is so popular with TV audiences that “Last Comic Standing” had her on as a Special Guest during three different seasons and chose her as a Top 10 Favorite Comic on the show.

The Oklahoma native was ironically inspired to take up comedy after the death of her husband and a series of odd jobs such as news reporter and directory assistance operator. In 1995, Lee lost her husband of 37 years to cancer and decided to attend a local comedy workshop to get her laughing again. Since then, this outrageous 75-year-old grandmother has electrified audiences all over the country with her off-color humor and spunk. Lee asserts that 99 percent of her humor is true, but frequently refers to a fictitious ex-husband, Duane, and a story involving David Hasselhoff... and thong underwear.

# WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS REPORT



**You Party and Rodeo—Leave the Driving to Us!**  
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on each of the four options  
Net Proceeds Benefit the Sisters' AIDS Drug Assistance Program

<b>Option A</b>	Friday, October 22
<b>Option B</b>	Saturday, October 23
<b>Option C</b>	Saturday, October 23
<b>Option D</b>	Sunday, October 24

*Go to [NGRA.com](http://NGRA.com) to Buy Party Bus tickets to the Word Gay Rodeo Finals.*

Special Event Coordinator Tony Clark has added two exciting events to our line-up of events.

**Tuesday, October 12, 2010:** The Sin City Q-Socials Trendy Tuesday Rodeo Meet and Greet at the Blue Moon Resort in Las Vegas starting at 8pm. This benefits the Sin Sity Sisters Aids Drug Assistance Program (SADAP) and **Friday, October 15, 2010:** Official World Gay Rodeo Finals Kickoff Party at Charlie's Las Vegas starting at 9pm. Come join the fun and help us kick this rodeo off right.

[IGRA.com/finals](http://IGRA.com/finals) is your comprehensive site for all things related to Finals including individual event advance ticket sales.

The NGRA Finals production committee meets at 6:20 pm on Mondays at The Center on, Sept. 13, Sept. 27 and Oct. 11.

# The Royalty Roundup

From...  
Miss NGRA 2010

Howdy, Fellow NGRA Members,

I can't believe it's almost the end of the long, hot Vegas Summer! Before you know it, we'll all be headed to Laughlin for World Gay Rodeo Finals 2010 in October and, even more important on my mind, Reno in November for IGRA Convention and IGRA Royalty Competition.

A great big thank you hug goes out to everyone who came out to our three fundraisers in August.

We had a great time with all our NGRA and Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire friends at Cowgirls and Indians on Friday, August 13. The evening was a travel fundraiser for JD Jensen and me, and Bootsy Carmichael and Jason Dyer. We raised a little over \$100 each - great for a Friday night during the hottest part of August.

And then, on Saturday night, we had a small, but good crowd at An Evening of Duets! It turned out being just a few entertainers but we all had a really great time and performed our hearts out - special thanks to Colin Moulton, Jason C., David Blackwood, Bootsy Carmichael, Viviane DuMonde, Shaun Franklin-Sewell and Ken Wells for the fun time at Charlie's Las Vegas on August 14.

As I write this, several of us are recovering from the heat (seriously, it was 10 degrees hotter than here in Vegas AND more humid) of Laughlin and Bullhead City. We trekked down there on Saturday, August 21 and spent some of the day at the Harrah's pool and then held a fundraiser - World Gay Rodeo Stampedes the Lariat - that night. A whole bunch of NGRA members and members of the Sin City Sisters made the trek, and we filled the Lariat Saloon! Special thanks to my co-host DeShannon! Proceeds from the fundraiser will be split between World Gay Rodeo Finals and NGRA's BigHorn 14.

I look forward to seeing everyone at "She Haw!" on September 4! "She Haw!" is the second of my fundraisers to meet my requirements to compete for the title of Miss IGRA 2011 in November. I am excited that this fundraiser is being held at the newest gay bar in Vegas, Crews'N (1000 E. Sahara Ave.). This event begins at 9 p.m. and promises to be a blast with drink specials for this evening of fun including \$2 draft beers, \$3 Jack Daniels shots and \$6 cowboy martinis, with the proceeds from the event benefiting the Sin City Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program and BigHorn Rodeo 14.

On Saturday, September 11 while JD and I are at San Diego's rodeo, Sabel D'Zyre will host an evening of Glee-ful entertainment at Charlie's Las Vegas beginning at 9 p.m. (to celebrate the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of Glee). The evening's performers will be channeling their inner GLEEKs for the crowd's enjoyment. There will be Jell-O Shots, Raffle Prizes, and The Power of the GLEE all night long! The evening's proceeds will benefit BigHorn Rodeo 14 and NGRA. Thanks to Sabel for hosting while we're representing NGRA out of town!

Finally, I hope you'll all make plans to come to a weekend of events hosted by former Miss NGRA (2008), Katrina. First, "All Among Friends" is on Friday, September 17 at Charlie's Las Vegas beginning at 9 p.m. with a \$5 Liquor Bust and a show at 9:30, proceeds will benefit the Gay Rodeo Legacy Project at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles. That same weekend, Katrina hosts her 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "All Among Friends Brunch" at the Tropicana Hotel Montecristo, hosted by Chris Saldaña with a cash bar and a silent auction to benefit BigHorn Rodeo 14 and the Sin City Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance program.

If you need tickets to the brunch, see me or Katrina at any fundraiser! Tickets are only \$35.

All my best in rodeo spirit,

*Kimberli Foxx*  
*Miss NGRA 2010*



Miss NGRA 2010 Kimberli Foxx Co-Hosts "World Gay Rodeo Stampedes the Lariat"

(Below) DeShannon, Miss IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up at the Lariat



# The Royalty Roundup

From...  
Mr. NGRA 2010

Howdy NGRA Fans!

How time flies when you're having fun. It seems only yesterday that we had our Royalty Competition, and now we are planning the next one. This has been an incredible year so far, and luckily, I still have a couple of months left. This past month's BIG event was the Black & White Party for AFAN at the Joint in the Hard Rock Hotel. The evening was a blast! I also had the pleasure of attending Las Vegas' newest alternative club Secret. I also attended, of course, the travel fundraiser for Kimberli Foxx, myself, Jason Dyer, and Bootsy CarMichael. Along with these fundraisers, I was able to get some air-time on a couple of radio talk shows. The first was on VegasAllNetRadio.com called the Sausage Factory, and the other was on Lost in Hollywood in Los Angeles. Both interviews included the up coming World Gay Rodeo Finals in Laughlin and our BigHorn Rodeo 14.

I would like to also talk briefly on the upcoming IGRA Competition. I have had a great year as your Mr. Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, and I am so proud of my Miss and our accomplishments this year. However, with that said, I will not be competing in the IGRA Competition, and I wanted to let you all know why. When I began my journey as Mr. NGRA, it was about helping my community. I still hold that very dear. As much as would love to go on to become Mr. IGRA, I still feel that this community, my community, still needs help. Therefore I have decided to concentrate my focus here in Las Vegas. I am by no means stepping away, I just feel I need to stay in Vegas and utilize my talents here. Currently I have taken on a huge endeavor as the new Artistic Director of Off Strip Productions and the Onyx Theatre. With this, I can not only help with fundraisers and events, but I can now also help in general with the only alternative theatre production company in Las Vegas.

I wanted to tell you straight from me as to my reasons for not competing in IGRA. I could not be prouder of what I have done this year, what we as NGRA Royalty have done, and what we will continue to do as NGRA Royalty past or present. I look forward to San Diego Rodeo in September and IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals in Laughlin, NV, and I look forward to help crown the new NGRA Royalty Team for 2011.

Thank you all, and until then in Rodeo Spirit,

*J.D. Jensen*  
Mr. NGRA 2010

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ROYALTY TEAM**

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# HAPPENING IN OUR NGRA COMMUNITY ccc

NGRA Miss NGRA 2010 Kimberli Foxe PRESENTS

# SHE HAW!


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# HAPPENING IN OUR NGRA COMMUNITY



## The Carter Twins Headline World Gay Rodeo Finals by Joel Castillo

You may have heard them on the airways of country radio. Perhaps you've seen them featured in PEOPLE Magazine. You may have watched them on CMT. And now, you will get to know a little more about the up and coming Country Artists, The Carter Twins. These two fun and dynamic young men have a wicked sense of humor. When asked if they are identical or fraternal, Josh replied, "We are identical... I think... we never really found out but we say we are. We just cut our hair the same and people can't tell the difference... so, identical it is! Ha!"

Josh and Zach Carter made it to the heart of Country Music known as Nashville via their childhood in Akron, Ohio, and then Hilton Head, South Carolina. Or as Zach puts it, "by car... just kidding. No, we actually got singed to CMT half-way through our senior year in high school, we were living in South Carolina then. When we graduated, we move to Nashville three days later and started writing our album. Crazy but so fun!" Listed among their musical influences are a hodge-podge of music genres like Keith Urban, George Strait, John Mayer, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks and many more. Josh adds, "We are influenced by so many artists that it's hard to narrow it down."

Their mother worked in Country Radio and encouraged their musical interests. Zach stole time at her piano, "I would always take to it, write my own songs, and play for hours. I knew right away that music is what I wanted to do." Meanwhile, she taught Josh the Classic Rock hit "Stairway to Heaven" on the guitar and he has not put it down since.

The Carter Twins will be taking the Rockstar Main Stage by storm at the IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals at the AVI Resort in Laughlin, Nevada on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 8:00 PM. This is not the Twins' first time at the rodeo. They performed at NFR last year in Las Vegas. "It was a blast," Josh said enthusiastically. When asked about their GLBT Fans, Josh said, "We've had lots of gay fans at our shows and hopefully they will come out and see us in Vegas too! We're always really excited to meet fans - whether it's somebody new or a familiar face!" Zach adds, "You know, the cool thing about music is that it is universal.. it crosses all social borders. We are just a country band playing country music and we hope everyone likes what they hear!"

And we do. Their first single "Heart Like Memphis" has been well received on the charts. Their EP is available for download in iTunes and is worth every penny. I took a listen and I love it. I found a nice balance of melody, hook, and a beautiful harmonization of their voices. They loved hearing that review and Zach added, "We are so glad that fans took to it and liked it and made YouTube videos and fan pages and all different kinds of things. Such a cool thing. We are so blessed to have such great fans. We love all of them!"

Their follow-up smash "So What" has been released... accidentally. Josh said, "Well, we actually only released "So What" as a fan video on CMT about a year ago." Zach added, "We never really planned on it being a single or anything like that, we just wanted to make a fun video that catered to the fans. But, it did actually get played on radio a bit so we were excited!" Rounding out the Carter Twins EP are "Wish I Would've Kissed Her" and "Photo Booth."

Still settling into their new digs, Josh & Zach spent the summer months working with some of Music City's best songwriters and crafting as many as 30 songs in just three months. Under the helm of Frank Rogers, Billboard Magazine's #1 Country Music Producer, The Carter Twins are working hard on their debut full-length album. Josh continues, "We are still writing and recording the album now, so we don't have a release date yet. But, we will let you know as soon as we do!"

When asked about IGRA's popular Camp Events like Wild Drag, Steer Decorating, and the crowd-favorite Goat Dressing, the Twins said, "We have not seen those events before! I bet those events are definitely entertaining though! Guess we'll get to see it in October. We wish everyone the best of luck in each of their categories. And as for the aspiring musicians out there, we always say, play out as much as you can, in front of everyone... like they say, you never know who's listening! We happened to experience that first hand."



Tickets for Saturday, October 23, 210 are \$15, \$22, & \$30

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NGRA Member Spotlight: Rounding out the Triple Crown of features in the BigHorn Gazette, we proudly introduce “Where are they now?” This feature was inspired by hearing such great things about those NGRA members who came before us and paved the way in the other Member features. Please say hello to Kip Kipilla (aka Michelle Kristie, Miss NGRA 1992-1993).

**Joel:** Hello Kip. And thank you so much for taking time out for our readers! It is indeed an honor. When did you first join NGRA?

**Kip:** I joined in 1992. I was there at the founder’s first meeting.

**J:** Amazing! Talk about getting a real-live account of how it all began. What drew you to join?

**K:** It was my Gary (L’ Abbe). He was one of the founding members and I went along for the ride. And what a wild ride!

**J:** With so many options I am sure, what is your fondest memory?

**K:** The 1992 Miss IGRA Finals in Phoenix. We rocked that town. To this day anyone who was there will say that was the best rodeo they have ever been to. The road trip, the experience, and, of course, the “how many Brian’s does it take to make a cup of coffee?”. I miss them both so much and poor Art with the swimsuit. So many memories and so many smiles! Oh, and meeting Rob from New Mexico, and David from California, and my Tony. He was so stressed out that he took me to his room where he had liquor on ice in the bathtub... that’s my kinda man. Then there was the power going off and the hotel telling us that we need to stop using so many hair driers at the same time.

**J:** Sounds like I missed a hell of a party! Have you ever served NGRA? If so, in what capacity and during which years?

**K:** I was the first Miss NGRA and was Fundraising Chair for the first few years

**J:** What was NGRA like in its infancy and early beginnings?

**K:** It was a challenge, but what a fun experience. Baby steps at first. But, we got rodeo back in Nevada. We originally went into convention to join as Southern Nevada Gay Rodeo Association so not to take away from Reno but were told that no we would be Nevada Gay Rodeo Association so we were accepted as that. I still remember that first board meeting. Bob Michaels as President. Gary L’ Abbe as Vice President. Kevin Hall as Secretary. Art McGee as Treasurer. And Ken Carney as Trustee. Members at Large not too sure but remember Tom Blythe, Robert Kingham and, I think, Tom Tyre. I’m old ya know. And another... I forgot to mention Roxie Hart. My drag mom. Gotta have her in there!

**J:** You’re not old, you are seasoned, my darling! Tell us about your experience as our first Miss NGRA 1992-1993.

**K:** Just call me the Grande Dame (and that’s pronounced Dom) Kidding.

**J:** Like the champagne!

**K:** (Laughs) Yes. It was me, Billy Dee as my Mister, and Patti Holden as my Ms. Alexis Michaels was my first runner up, George Vierra and Kurtis Veater were the Mister runner-ups.

**J:** Wow! What an amazing line-up! What have you been up to in your time away?

**K:** I’ve been trying to get my life back together. When Gary died I lost such a big part of me. But, we had talked and said if anything happened to either of us we could mourn for 90 days and that was it. Then go on with your life. 90 days to the day of Gary’s services I met Wil. He was sent to me. He joined for a while, but was always talked down to saying he was using me and such; which he wasn’t. I know two of the three people that totally

Which NGRA Member do you think The BigHorn Gazette should feature next?  
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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

person he was. Am I bitter? HELL YES! How dare anyone tell me how to live my life!

**J: I am saddened to hear that. So tell us, what is it about NGRA that has made a long-standing member of you?**

K: Just the rodeo standard and to try and keep Gary's dream alive. He wanted to be involved so much and I still remember the smile on his face through all the stress. The phone call from Lo Jones when the steers got loose and she was chasing them to get back into the pen. Now that is real rodeo! And when the bull jumped over the fence and went after the ambulance. I love my memories. And we had the best rodeo clown who I loved to death - David Pazzutti (spelled wrong). And he dated my Wil when they were in Phoenix. It's a small world, but we are all brought together.

**J: Are we going to get to see more of you in the coming months?**

K: I am out of work like so many, so I am watching my money. But I do so much want to come back.

**J: Have you ever competed in and IGRA Rodeo Event?**

K: Well, I broke both my ankles back in 1992, so can't run much but would've done Goat Dressing.

**J: What are your favorite events at rodeo?**

K: It has to be all the horse events the way these men and women can get those horses to do all those things. I used to ride a lot and went out with my brace on my leg for my bad ankle. That poor horse. He was trained to go by pressure from the foot. My brace had no control so that poor horse didn't know which way to go. But it was fun being on a horse again.

**J: What are your goals in 2010/2011?**

K: To get my life back together and find a job. Wish me luck 'cause we're coming down to the nitty gritty. But what happens... happens.

**J: Any last words for our readers?**

K: As Gary said and coined "Let's Rodeo"

[Editor's Note: I wanted to share the first email I received from Kip a few months back. During my tenure as Editor, this has been the most welcomed compliment. Thank you, Kip!]

*Hi!*

*I applaud you for the wonderful job you have done with this newsletter. You probably don't know me but I was the first Miss NGRA. Didn't wanna do it but talked me into it. And I am glad I did. That first year we needed to make known that Nevada was a force in IGRA. My husband was Gary L' Abbe. It was his dream to start a rodeo association here in Nevada. And now look at us. Gotta admit I giggle because I started the Miss Cow Patty and the Closet Ball and the Christmas in July. I just am so glad that Gary's dream is still here. I was there the night that NGRA got formed. At Backstreet, and not at Badlands as has been told. Yes the first conversation was at Badlands, but the first meeting was at Backstreet. It was tough the first couple of years but somehow we made it. Gary has been gone for 13 years and I miss him to this day. He started us.*

# Upcoming IGRA Rodeos & Events

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# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY CCC



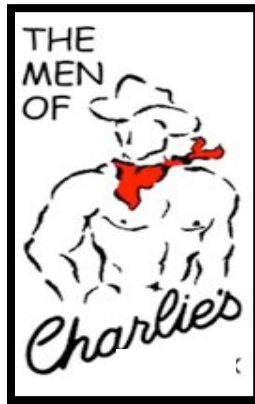
The Sin Sity Sisters are at it again with another famous night of The Sisterwood Squares!... our completely irreverent and wild take on The Hollywood Squares game show. There will be Sisters and local 'Celebrity Squares' to for contestants to either 'agree' or 'disagree' with their naughty 'n' outrageous replies. Hosted by our lovely 'n' mad Mandy Barbarell, with even more good raw fun. Featuring raffles, Jell-O shots, and auctions for whatever comes UP! "I'll take Sister Loosy to block!" All funds go to The Sisters SADAP program.

Saturday Sept 11th at Erotic Heritage Museum. EHM 2nd Birthday. Half the proceeds go to the sisters.

Friday Sept 17th, "All Among Friends" Western Heritage benefit show by Katrina at Charlie's. 5 Sisters are doing a number from Nunsense.

Saturday Sept 18th, Sister 'Oink Night' monthly fundraiser at Fun Hog's.

Sunday Sept 19th "All Among Friends" Katrina's Brunch, half of the proceeds going to the Sisters.



Please join The Men of Charlie's on the first Saturday of every month for their monthly Man of the Month Contest! Come on out and help raise money for charity!



Please join SNAP! for "SNAP! Saturdays" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at Charlie's Las Vegas!!



# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



**KATRINA**  
presents an evening  
“**ALL AMONG FRIENDS**”

A benefit for Gay Rodeo Legacy Project Showing 25 years of Gay Rodeo history at the Gene Autry Museum, Los Angeles, California

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

*Charlie's*  
**Las Vegas**

CO HOSTING:  
Mandy Barbarell Winnie Bago  
DeShannon Aspen Vail

9:00 PM - \$5.00 Liquor Bust  
9:30 PM - Show

Renown Local and National Entertainers  
Raffle Prizes



*Katrina's*  
“**ALL AMONG FRIENDS BUFFET**”  
3rd Annual Brunch

**September 19, 2010**

Hosted by: **Chris Saldana**  
KLAS Channel 8 Weekend Anchor

**Tropicana Las Vegas  
Montecristo**

**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Tickets: \$35.00 advanced price  
\$40.00 at the door**

**Cash Bar  
Silent Auction**



Proceeds to benefit NGRA BigHorn Rodeo 14 and Sin City Sisters SADAP program

Miss NGRA 2008, Katrina would like to cordially invite all NGRA Members and their friends and family to attend her 2 upcoming fundraisers. Join her at “All Among Friends” which will benefit the Gay Rodeo Legacy Project at the Gene Autry Museum in Los Angeles.

Also, join us for her 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brunch at the Tropicana Hotel this year. You can purchase your ticket from any of the Table Captains:

NGRA: David Blackwood, Joel Castillo, Laura Scott, Kimberli Foxx, & JD Jemsen

Sin City Sisters: Loosy, Nina, Sioux, Hope, & Roxy

And Katrina & Chris Saldaña

# NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in September:



Jeffrey Butler  
Johnathan Polizzi  
Hank Williams  
Mike Windsor  
Billy Pierro  
Eddie Sherbert  
Sean Moroz

September 7  
September 7  
September 10  
September 18  
September 18  
September 20  
September 30



## NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

Congratulations to Shaun Franklin-Sewell, NGRA's Member of the Month for August 2010. Shaun was unanimously recognized for his contribution in streamlining and rewriting the Standing Rules.

Thanks, Shaun!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					3 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	4 *Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM *"She Haw" @ Cruz'n
5	6	7	8	9	10 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's * Kimberli & JDs IGRA Candidacy Show at Charlie's *GSGRA Best Buck in The By Rodeo	11 *NGRA "The Power of GLEE" Show @ Charlie's 9:30PM  *HIP @ Horseman's Park 630PM
12	13 *Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center. All are welcome. *BigHorn RPC Meeting following	14	15	16	17 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's *Katrina's "All Among Friends Show" @ Charlie's	18
19 * Katrina's "All Among Friends" Brunch at Tropicana Hotel	20 *NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership, & Finals RPC Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center	21	22	23 *Deadline for August Newsletter	24 *NGRA Appreciation Night @ Charlie's	25 *SNAPI Saturdays @ Charlie's
26	27 *IGRA Finals Planning Committee	28	29	30		