

The Barbed Wire



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HGRA Cancels 2009 Rodeo

Regrettably, HGRA has decided to cancel the rodeo scheduled for June 2009. We the members of HGRA are disappointed, as most of you, but logic dictates that we be responsible. Due to the economy, we haven't been able to obtain the sizeable sponsorships we would need to meet our goals toward our expense budget.

HGRA does have plans to produce a rodeo in June 2010. Since we have canceled the 2009 rodeo, we now have about 14 months to do fundraisers and obtain the necessary sponsorships to produce the 2010 rodeo.

Since the economy is doing so poorly and money being tight, we have devised a plan that will allow individuals, businesses and other organizations to purchase a sponsorship package and pay over the next 12 months. The funds will be maintained in an escrow account and if for some reason the rodeo in 2010 doesn't happen, the monies will be refunded. Our sponsorship and advertising packages should be available in about four weeks. If anyone is interested in making an advance purchase, please contact me at CharleyHGRA@cox.net or any of the HGRA Officers.

Charley Wade, President

HGRA Hits the Road!!

Stopping in a City Near You

Attention all cowboys & cowgirls, Saddle up and join us on this Tour into Iowa and Nebraska!! Join Miss HGRA 2009 and other royalty as we raise money to help bring the Gay Rodeo to Omaha and fill the Metropolitan Community Church Food Pantry.

Iowa events will help the Imperial Court of Iowa as well as the rodeo.

For more info contact: ShelleyHGRA@wmconnect.com or go to our website www.hgra.net

Next we appear at:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth, Omaha, NE on Saturday March 21st from 8-10 pm

Flixx Cabaret, 1015 S. 10th Street, Omaha, NE on Saturday March 28th at 10pm

Kings & Queens Tap, 304 W. 4th Street, Waterloo, IA Saturday April 11th at 10:30pm

DC's Saloon, 610 S. 14th Street, Omaha, NE Saturday April 25th at 2pm for an Indoor Rodeo and Chili Tasting (see article)

The Panic! 200 S. 18th Street, Lincoln, NE Saturday April 25th at 10pm

For those not familiar with HGRA, visit our website to learn more.

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association would like to express our thanks to Mongo, Stinky, and all The Blazing Saddle staff for allowing HGRA to Hold its general membership meeting and fundraising show on Saturday, February 28th.

In October 2008 at the annual International Gay Rodeo Association convention, HGRA applied to have all of Iowa returned to the geographic area of HGRA. As a result you will be seeing functions held all over Iowa.

The show at the Saddle on February 28th was a joint fundraising show hosted by Miss HGRA, Jazmine and Empress XII Rachael Stahr of the Imperial Court of Iowa. The entertainment represented several Courts throughout the Midwest and local entertainers from Iowa and Nebraska. This was a great show and HGRA would like to send a big Thank You to all who participated and made the show a success. The proceeds were split between HGRA and ICOL.



HGRA hosts Indoor Rodeo and Chili Tasting contest

Saturday April 25th, 2009 at 2:00 pm we will host another Indoor Rodeo at DC's Saloon. For those of you not familiar with this type of "rodeo", let me explain. The events will be: Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Wild Drag Race, and Roping on Foot. Entry Fee will be \$5 per contestant and we are looking for teams of 4 contestants. Four friends could enter, four church members, or four bowlers. If you can't get a team together, just show up and we will partner you with 3 others. HGRA will have a team and DC's employees and/or customers will form another team. We are also trying to get people from Sidekicks in K.C. or members of the Missouri Gay Rodeo Association to form teams.

We will supply the "horses" and tackle for the events. A tricycle will be the horse for pole bending and flag racing; a bouncy ball will be the horse for barrel racing, a rope and rocking horse for roping. And we will also supply the wig, high heels, and clothes for the Wild Drag Race!

We are asking people to bring in a crock-pot filled with their special brand of chili. It can be hot, it can be mild, my particular chili contains pasta! MCC has already offered to make a pot of chili. We will charge everyone \$1.00 for a cup of chili, and you can get a fresh cup to go back and sample each different chili. But no repeats, just new samples. When we determine which chili is best liked, we will ask that cook if they would like to put their recipe in our upcoming cookbook. If you would like to enter your chili, or for more info contact: shelleyHGRA@wmconnect.com or go to our website www.hgra.net and look under "calendar". When you get to April, click on the 25th and more info will be displayed.

Miss HGRA 2009

Jazmine, has been doing an excellent job fundraising and getting out and about in the community. She held a Christmas show at MCC and below you can see some of the performers at her Valentine show. We served a delicious dinner (prepared by Tracey) and then had a very profitable show. We've been to Des Moines and Sioux City, performed at DC's Saloon and Connections in Omaha, and we will be heading to Flix next, then on to Waterloo, IA and Omaha & Lincoln, NE next month.



Next Meeting

Please join us for our next general membership meeting, we love guests. Sat April 11th we will hold our General Membership meeting at the Blazing Saddle in Des Moines. We will start at 3pm and then head to Waterloo for the show that evening.

In May we will be back at DC's Saloon in Omaha for our meeting, Saturday the 9th at 4pm.