

Can you believe we are only a month and a half away from BigHorn Rodeo 14. It seems like just yesterday the board appointed the rodeo director and now it is just right around the corner. I hope that everyone has marked their calendar for this year's event. I have sat through a number of the planning meetings and things are coming together quite nicely. There are going to be a number of events leading up to rodeo this year, so be sure to check the calendar section, our website and watch for the email blasts that will be sent out with up to date information. This year there is going to be a Rodeo School for anyone interested in learning the rules and techniques of calf roping on foot, chute dogging, steer decorating and goat dressing.

Elections are underway and we will soon see who will comprise the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. If you haven't already done so, please check your email and cast your votes.

It is was with great sadness when I found out that Gabriel Rubio, aka Carlotta Stollengoodz, the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Inc., President and Empress VII. I still remember the first time meeting Gabriel, well when we first met each other we were in our other persona, Taylor and Carlotta in the kitchen at Spotlight for a court fundraiser. It was at that moment that our friendship started. Gabriel attended many of our fundraisers as I have attended those of the IRSCDEI helping keep the friendship and bond between both organizations close. To the IRSCDEI, my thoughts and prayers go out to you on your loss.

- David Blackwood, NGRA President









#### **FROM THE EDITOR:**

Well my tenure as your Newsletter Editor is slowly coming to a close. The May 2011 Issue of the BigHorn Gazette will be my final issue. If you are interested in becoming the next Editor please email <a href="mailto:president@ngra.com">president@ngra.com</a> to let us know you would like the position. This is not an April Fool's joke... And speaking of April 1st, please join us at Badlands Saloon for NGRA's "Night of Duets". April leaves us just a little over a month away from BigHorn 14 Rodeo and the Rodeo Planning Committee has been hard at work on creating an exciting rodeo. Ad this year, we even have a Rodeo School on Friday, May 20th at Horseman's Park. Also, April sees the return of our annual Miss Closet Ball competition. We can surely expect an amazing night! Don't forget "Cowboys' Sweethearts" with Miss NGRA 2011 Taylor Trash and Miss IGRA 2011 Kimberli Foxx at Charlie's Las Vegas. And the end of April, Miss NGRA 2011 1st Runner-Up presents "Miss Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda" ... the competition for all those who coulda won, shoulda, won, woulda won. Finally, Elections for your 2011-2012 Board of Directors is coming to a close. Be sure to let your voice be heard! Now, let's rodeo!!

-JOEL CASTILLO BIGHORN GAZETTE EDITOR

Wow, where do I start? Lately, when I look at my calendar there are an abundance of things happening, appearances needing to be made and fundraisers to put on. Hold on to your crown and hope that there is no wind because the next few months are going to be packed filled with excitement.

 $TRASH TAYLOR \ m_{y \, life \, on \, the} T_{list}$ 

I can tell you that I have been enjoying this ride and wouldn't trade it for anything. The Miss Cow Patty Contest was a lot of fun hosting with Chris and Mormanizer. It was nice to have both of them, as by the end of the night my voice was almost gone.

I can say that so far one of the biggest highlights thus far happened on March 26<sup>th</sup> when Chris and I were part of SNAPI's Regal Celebration and the crowing of two of our own members KC Golightly and Diana Prince as Mr. and Miss Las Vegas Pride 2011. To Andy DuBois and Diva Delafuente Mr. and Miss Las Vegas Pride 2010 you did an amazing job during your reign, congratulations for your year. (On a side note Diva now that you are done with that dress, you can put it back in my closet.) Here's to a great 2011.

-Taylor Trash, Miss NGRA 2011

# NGRA represents "Who's Your Patty?"















# NGRA represents "Miss Cow Patty



















# NGRA 2011 Member of the Year

## Congratulations to Joel Castillo NGRA's 2011 Member of the Year!





# Rodeo Round-Up...

BigHorn 14 News from Laura Scott, Rodeo Director



# NGRA FUNDRAISERS!!!

Your Fundraising Committee has been hard at work planning out the remainder of the 2011 Calendar of Events to get us through BigHorn 14 for our shows at Charlie's Las Vegas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month. Mark your calendars, because coming soon we have...

#### **April Events**

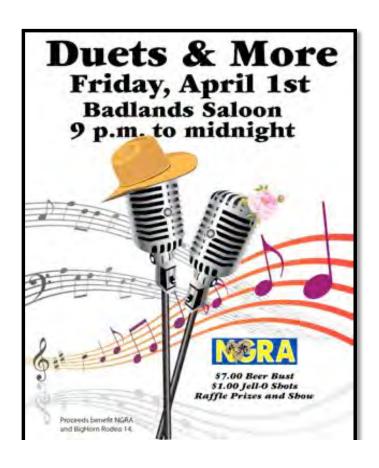
Saturday the 2nd - "Duets 'N More" Show at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show Saturday the 9th - Miss Closet Ball at Charlie's 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show Saturday the 16th - "Cowboys' Sweethearts" with Kimberli Foxx & Taylor Trash Friday the 22nd - "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda" Show at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show

#### May Events

Saturday the 7th - BigHorn Rodeo Fashion Show at the Center Time: 7PM
Saturday the 7th - Rodeo Kick-off at Badlands 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show
Saturday the 14th - Suicide Drag at Charlie's 9PM Beer Bust/10PM Show
Friday the 20th - Let's Rodeo!! Rodeo School, Pool Party, Dance Tent Night, & BigHorn 14
Rodeo Weekend!

You are always welcome to join us for our Fundraising Meetings at The Center. Our April meeting is on Monday, April 11, 2011 at the Center at 6:30 PM. All fresh ideas are always welcome. Come be a part of Fundraising for NGRA & BigHorn 14!

- NGRA Fundraising Committee



# HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



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### NGRA Members Celebrating Birthdays in April:



David Blackwood April 1 Patrick Schreier April 3 John Wall April 3 April 15 Adam Johnson Layne Chinen April 17 Sister Loosy April 21 Winsor Cooper April 23 Louise Adolphus April 30 Guy Puglisi April 30



#### New Members

Curtiss Lewis

Kaitlin G. Lee

# February Member of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS BILL WATKINS TO FOR BEING NAMED THE FEBRUARY 2011 NGRA MEMBER OF THE MONTH. WAS RECOGNIZED FOR ALL OF HIS CREATIVE GENIUS IN CREATING MANY OF OUR FABULOUS FUNDRAISING POSTERS.

WELL DONE, COWBOY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	*Men of Charlie's Monthly Contest, 9:30 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	*NGRA "Miss Closet Ball Contest" @ Charlie's 9:00PM
10	*Fundraising Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center. All are welcome.	12	*BigHorn RPC Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center	14	15	*"Cowboys" Sweethearts Show" @ Charlie's 9:00PM
17	*NGRA Meetings: BOD, Gen. Membership Begins at 6:30 PM at The Center	19	1 Month until BigHorn Rodeo!	21	*"Miss Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda Show @ Badlands 9:00PM	*Deadline for April Newsletter
24	25	26	*BigHorn RPC Meeting @ 6:30 PM at The Center	28	29	30