

Hearts & Harnesses

Submitted By James J

Every year it begins with the same anticipation and excitement, but this year was a little different; our ranks in the club have grown, and we were much more organized than ever before. I've said this before, but things go a lot more smoothly when you have enough people to handle all the tasks, and we have more than enough. Nobody got stuck doing anything for too long, and that always makes for a festive night.

Boy Cody got to play cupid again in his usual spirited, animated way, but this year his role was expanded. Cupid was putting people in jail this year, the "Heartbreak Hotel". From my understanding, some of our patrons were having a better time in jail than out of it, nor were any of the Rangers immune to being put in. Our "get out of jail" passes always sell really well, but a lot of people paid to put others in jail and keep them there.



A big shout goes out to Ranger Kel for making chocolate penises to give away at the door. They came in all shades of chocolate except for

dark chocolate (I see how it is, Kel! ;D), but that didn't stop people from snatching them up.



Also, a great round of applause goes out to Aazura and Tink for giving us carnations to sell. This, unfortunately, did not do well and wasn't one of my more enjoyable jobs. Nobody really bought them except for RANGERS--- we're supposed to sell them to other people! I felt like a Hare Krishna walking around at the airport, all I needed was a set of handbells (dingding!).

Another big thank you to those that help us put together baskets for our raffle, those made a lot of money towards our fundraiser. It's wonderful that people dig deep to give when they can, and the baskets were absolutely phenomenal. We hopefully can continue these traditions into next year's Hearts and Harnesses, and that all the people who were there this year will be back, and maybe bring some new faces with them.

28th Anniversary Bar Night

Submitted by Aazura K

On March 11th the Rangers celebrated our 28th anniversary. As usual they did it with a lot of fun and entertainment.



The night started at nine with the selling of tickets for the silent Auction. There were baskets galore. The baskets were to make mules, bourbon balls, Manhattans, a weekend at Freedom valley and a weekend at CLAW, Plus a Starbucks basket.



At ten the “name that tune” game started, with Parker and Troy handling it. I felt kinda dumb

because even though I knew all the words I could not think of a title or singer. Needless to say my team did not win – the Librarians won. It was a well deserved win. They were fantastic. The prize was a 50/50 type deal so they were happy with that. The 2nd place team received a \$30 bar tab. The game was a lot of fun.



Then Veranda L’Ni did a couple of numbers. They were really good. Then she explained the international Drag Flag and her pride in the fact that it is hanging in Cleveland. This is just another reason to love LSS, as she also explained that they are now the Oldest Drag establishment in Ohio. The Night was a huge success and Bob and Cody did a wonderful job setting it up. It was truly a night to remember.

Sash Bash

Submitted by Tink U

Our annual Sash Bash party is always a fun time for all and this year was no exception, from our great tasting jello shots to our awesome baskets that were raffled off, and tunes by DJ Bob.



Instead of everyone who walks through the door getting a sash this year, we changed it up a bit. This year you had to lip sync for your sash. We gave you a list of songs to choose from along with wigs to change your appearance!



We had 16 people sign up to entertain us with their unique stage names, lip syncing and dancing prowess. Wow what a comical night!



Our awesome panel of judges awarded three sashes at the end of the contest – such fun.



Thank you to Veranda L’Ni for performing and hosting the lip sync contest for us. Thank you all who spent the evening with us and helped us support our charity. Hope to see you all next year.

The time spent with friends is always a great way to end a long week.



Ranger Report

Upcoming Area Events

Aug 4-6 Arktos BITW Run @ Freedom Valley
 Aug 6 TriCounty Hall Of Flame @ Cocktails 2.0
 Aug 12 All Club Picnic @ Private Home
 Aug 13 Unicorns Bar Night @ LSS
 Aug 19 Iron Eagles Bar Night @ Cocktails 2.0
 Aug 19 Onyx Angels vs Devils @ LSS
 Aug 26 Rangers Dawg Days @ Freedom Valley

Aug 26 Akron Pride @ Hardesty Park
 Sep 16 Arktos Bears in Boxers @ Cocktails CLE
 Sep 23 Mr Cleveland Leather @ LSS
 Oct 20 Iron Eagles Halloween @ Cocktails 2.0
 Nov 4 Arktos Chili Cookoff @ Cocktails CLE
 Nov 18 Rangers LeatherFest @ Cocktails 2.0
 Nov 26 Iron Eagles Xmas Kickoff @ Cocktails 2.0

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