



# IN REVIEW

First Half (SUMMER?) 2019

## Our Anniversary Dinner “The Lost Supper”

There have been other anniversary celebrations for the Rangers, but none like this. This particular one was special because we hit a 30 year mark in longevity, and not many clubs like ours reach those marks. The only group older than ours would be the Unicorns (they will be 50 years old in 2021), but this was our night.

It was nice not having to work the door, which gave everybody in our group a chance to socialize with the bar patrons and each other. Despite the fact that it was March 2nd, the weather actually cooperated with us for once and wasn't horrible. Though it wasn't a super huge crowd, people actually came out and stayed instead of ditching us to go someplace else. Those that really wanted to be there were, and it made for a very festive night. Three of our original founding members Daddy Gregg Lakota, Steve Paris and George Roscoe took the stage for awhile, thanking everyone that was able to make it for being with us and giving a little back history on the formation of our group. We had a raffle that sold a lot of tickets, and took a group photo that's one of the biggest we've taken in years. We even had a special cake baked in honor of the Rangers, one of the most beautiful and elaborate cakes I've ever seen (I actually controlled myself that night and didn't try to eat the whole thing all by myself.

It's absolutely amazing how a group that almost went defunct managed to hold on, restart with new members, grow, and eventually thrive. Some people said the leather scene was dying out, but it looks just fine to me. We've learned to adapt and change with the times as we've had to, and we're doing better than ever. I think that says more about the people in our group than about the times themselves. We're not just a group of people, we are friends and most importantly, FAMILY. I think if we hold to that formula, we can eventually make it to our 50 year mark, just like the Unicorns.



# Hearts and Harnesses

By James J.

On Saturday February 9, 2019 the Rangers had their annual Hearts and Harnesses fundraiser at Cocktails Akron. The money raised went to GLSEN. Our own *Cody Feucht* did his role as Cupid in his usual unique style. *Jeff Bixby* got up and talked a little about what GLSEN is and what they do. Our pledge *Nick D'Anglo* made adult cupcakes which went over quite well. Our annual hot buns contest was a big hot, as it always is, and our new way of judging by today was a huge success. Cocktails Akron's own *Andrew Swierczek* was the winner of Mr. Hot Buns 2019. Thank you so that came out to have fun and support a good cause.





# 30th Anniversary Bar Night “We Gave Back”

RANGERS REACH A MILESTONE

By Gregg Lakota

This year the Rangers reached a milestone. . . . 30 years in the leather community. Not only is the club the largest in Ohio, but is also Ohio’s second oldest leather club (the oldest being Unicorns MC). Since its inception, the Rangers have seen clubs come and go, but the club itself has managed to remain intact by means of a strong bond among its members.

To officially celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Rangers held a “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bar Night” at the Leather Stallion Saloon in Cleveland on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme of the event was “Giving Back to the Community.” The club members decided they wanted to thank the community for thirty years of support, especially to the designated charities. As the attendees entered the bar, they were welcomed by the Rangers and given raffle tickets for three separate drawings throughout the evening. There were no donations taken at the door, no raffle ticket sales, and no sales of jello shots. In other words, there was absolutely no fund raising whatsoever. It was all about the community and giving back.

At 10:00 PM, three of the five original charter members took to the stage: Gregg Lakota, George Roscoe, and Steve Paris. Each member gave an historical account of the Rangers from its inception to the present day. Afterwards, all Rangers (full, pledge, alumni, honorary, associate) were asked to come forward for a group photo shoot.

After the photo shoot, Ranger treasurer Kel began the raffle drawing. Over 20 raffle tickets were drawn for various gifts (i.e. gift cards, bar tabs, gift certificates, etc.). Then came the cutting of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. This year’s cake symbolized the Rangers’ longevity. It consisted of two tiers of chocolate and white cake, covered in thick, white, creamy frosting. The top tier was decorated with an exact replica of the Ranger logo. It was a sight to be seen! The cake itself was huge, large enough for 200 people.

At 11:00 PM and at midnight, there were two more raffle drawings with over 20 gifts given out for each one. Overall, over 70 gifts were given away, which was our way of thanking the community.

A special thanks goes to CLAW for donating t-shirts, back packs, & water bottles, to Kilted Bros. for the \$50.00 gift certificate, to the Leather Stallion for the bar tabs, and to the Ranger treasury for \$150.00 worth of gift cards.

Many of guests congratulated the Rangers and wished them another successful 30 years. I’m not sure if I’ll be around for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but I’ll definitely be with the Rangers in spirit.



# All Clubs Picnic @ Circle JJ Ranch

By Julia (Tink) U.

What a beautiful weekend we had for the all clubs leather weekend. We couldn't have asked for better weather. What a great time of fellowship among all the clubs present as well as the seasonal campers. The cocktail party was a hit as was the picnic with all its wonderful food. Last year we planted a dogwood tree in honor of all those we have lost. This year we placed a plaque and had a dictation ceremony. Thank you to Scot for digging the hole for the plaque. Thank you Kel for preparing the plaque. Aazura had a beautiful dedication speech and several others spoke up with their thoughts. It was a honor to be a part of. The plaque placed reads "In memory of all those who left us too soon... We remember you in the morning, in the night, when we look at the stars, a song, a place, a smell. you are always with us." If you have a chance to get out to Circle JJ Campground take a minute and stop by and take a look. Maybe take a minute to remember your loved ones. Valerie Valentino entertained us Saturday evening and celebrated her birthday with everyone. Always enjoy watching her perform. She absolutely loved the cake we gave her. Lots of fun and relaxation with brothers and sisters.





# Sash Bash 2019

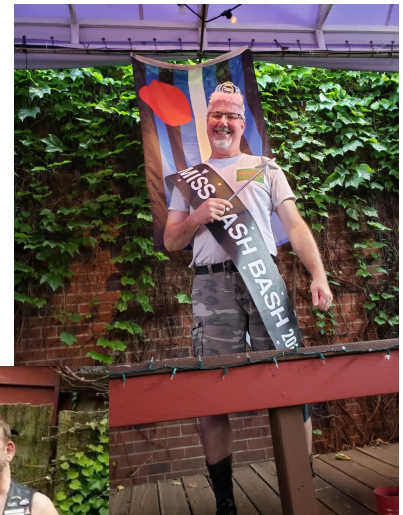
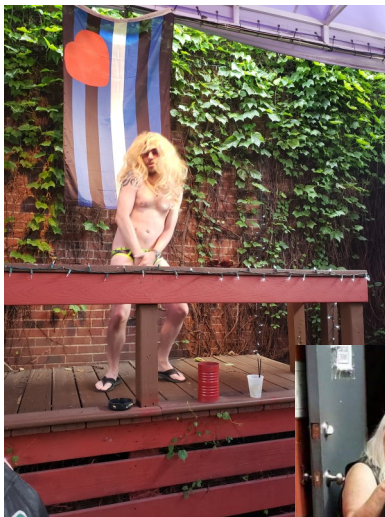
By Aazura B

Sash Bash was well attended this year. Everyone had a great time. The lip sync was sadly not as well accepted as it has been in the past. But DJ Freeze and our MC were wonderful, and our MC had everyone on their feet, and made them laugh.

There was a misconception that doing a strip tease instead of Lip sync was acceptable. But because of this some of the acts were a hit. The winner did a lip sync to I'm a virgin and did well.

The reverse raffle did amazingly well as did the door and all the baskets were well received. The money was good, and we were able to make a nice donation to Cleveland LGBTQ center.

Everyone helped and did their part which made the whole day a lot of fun.

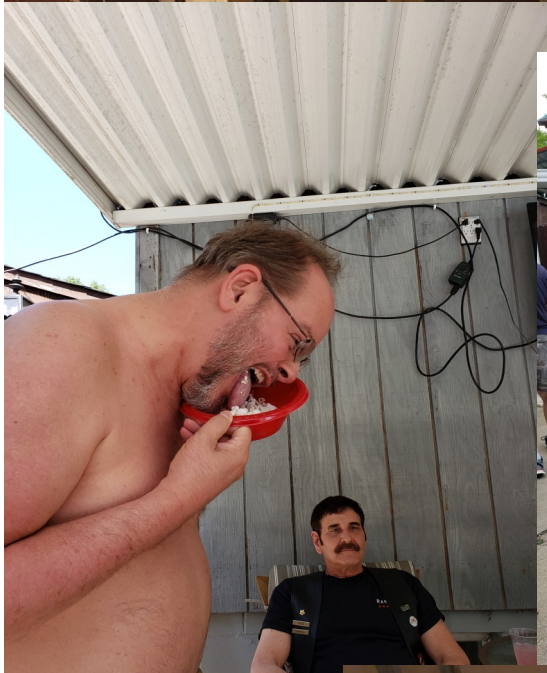






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