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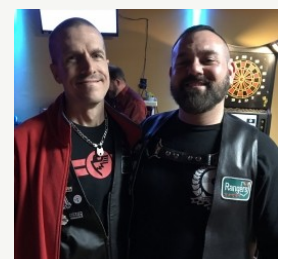
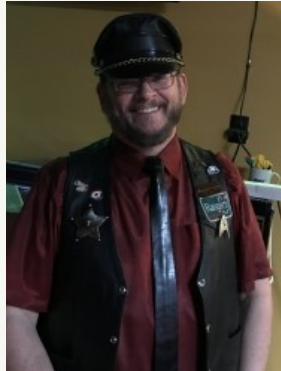
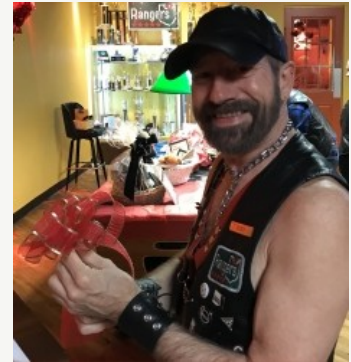
Akron, Ohio's Leather/Levi/Uniform Club

Hearts and Harnesses—Submitted by Steve Bianchi

It was a cold, dark, and stormy night but the party was red hot! The Rangers held their annual Hearts and Harnesses fundraiser at Cocktails 2.0 in Akron on Saturday February 10, 2018. The event was chaired by Ranger Jeff Bixby and was a great success despite the inclement weather. Ranger DJ Bob Ganem was spinning high energy dance music for the evening and Ranger Cody made another appearance as our own high energy Cupid. Other Rang-

ers participated in various fundraising activities during the course of the evening including collecting donations at the door, selling Jell-O shots, and selling raffle tickets for both the fifty-fifty and reverse raffles. The highlight of the party was the Heartbreak Hotel Jail set up by Ranger Scot and company. Their “catch and release” for a fee program is always a hit with the crowd and a lot of fun. Finally, a special shout-out thank you to all the Rangers that donated items for the reverse

raffle. The event raised money for Equitas Health Akron. Equitas Health's Akron office continues to provide the high impact HIV-related prevention, supportive, and HIV/AIDS health navigation services in the Akron and Canton areas. This has been their mission for more than 30 years. More information on the services provided by Equitas Health can be found at <http://equitashealth.com/locations/akron/>



Columbus Pride — Submitted by Cody Feucht

With Columbus pride under way, the Rangers were in full effect for a wonderful weekend. In attendance: Aazura, Mike, Kel, Todd, Jeff, Morgan, Mark, Christopher, Tink, and Cody all took the drive to Columbus for a wonderful weekend full of pride and fun.

Friday we all met at associate members Terry Snodgrass's house for a wonderful picnic. There was great food and great friends enjoying the festivities.

Saturday found us well rested and ready for the fun to begin. We all got into the back of a pickup truck and headed to

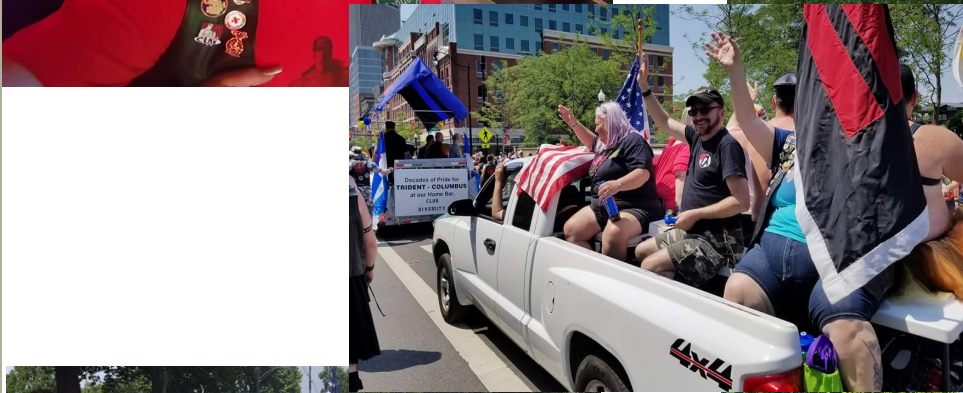
the parade meet up point, which was a little scary but we made it! There we were joined by Arcane, Miss Brenda, Terry and his pups.

After the parade we all meet at Club Diversity for a wonderful club picnic with Trident and OLA. There alumni members Don Williams and Tom Kirkpatrick welcomed us to great conversation and wonderful food.

Saturday evening we all went to club High Ball for a meet and greet sponsored by OLA and enjoyed entertainment by the local Drag Queens.

Some of the members went to AWOL and the Barracks to continue the pride celebration while others went back to the hotel to call it a night.

The Pride weekend was a blast and enjoyed by all that went. Hopefully we can do this again next year.



Circle JJ all club Picnic — Submitted by Morgan Young

The weekend of June 22-23 the Rangers were a part of the all clubs picnic at Circle JJ Ranch in Scio, Ohio. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time.

The highlight of Friday night was Rangers treasurer, Kel Hess, losing his phone and spending over an hour looking for it while the whole time he was using the flashlight on his phone. Thanks to president Aazura Bowers getting a little to friendly with the jets on the hot tub. The tub had to be cleaned.

Saturday was the day of the picnic and everyone brought great food and friendship to share. Dan from Circle JJ Ranch supplied hot dogs and buns.

Rangers pledge Mitch entertained everyone with his antics in the hamster ball in the pool. Despite the weather not cooperating then-tire time, a good time was had by all.

Saturday evenings highlight was the covering of Sir Mikkal Bowers. Awards were handed out for the social sows and a special award was given to Kel for his phone incident. Looking forward to next years event.



Sash Bash - Submitted by Rick Cordaro

Sunday, June 10th was a dark and rainy day at the Leather Stallion Saloon which resulted in a small but mighty crowd for this year's Sash Bash. DJ Tony Freeze got and kept the festivities going early with some great tunes. Event coordinator Steve Bianchi filled in for Bob Ganem (event chair) who was unable to be there, and kept the event and the Rangers on time and on task.

The main event of the day was the Miss Sash Bash contest which had been done the prior year to great success. Contestants compete for the title sash, tiara and scepter by lip-syncing to a song of their choice for audience approval with one unwitting contestant getting a

surprise mash-up of tunes they need to keep up with. Some twists were added to this year's event. Contestants were all given a bag of their own make-up and accessories and wigs and ten minutes to create their drag alter-ego's. And this year's winner and runner-ups were chosen by the amount of money in tips they raised from the audience, all of which was donated back to the Ranger's for the LGBT Center, our chosen charity for the event.

Ten brave current and former title-holders volunteered to compete for the title, and besides being great sports, they were all fabulously entertaining. Not only were their numbers

hilarious, but their chosen drag names were laugh-out-loud funny. Emcee Rick Cordaro (filling in for usual club Emcee, Daddy Gregg Lakota who could not be there that day), encouraged the crowd to dig deep with tips for each contestant with a stream of jokes and commentary since the title was dependent upon tips. Ohio Leather Sir, Jimmy Foster was the unlucky recipient of the surprise mash-up number and did a masterful job of keeping up with every change thrown at him. When the make-up dust had settled, Jimmy Foster was crowned this

year's Miss Sash Bash, a well-deserved honor that is no doubt seared into his memory forever. The Rangers are grateful to all of our contestants who outdid themselves in creativity and good sportsmanship.

A successful and spirited auction added to the day's total of \$375.00 raised for the LGBT Center in a few short and wet hours. Despite the weather everyone had a great time and the Rangers had another great Sash Bash thanks to everyone who came and supported us.



Announcements/Club Events

The Rangers invite you to attend our two upcoming events. On August 24-25, the Rangers will be hosting their annual "Dawg Days" at Freedom Valley Campground in New London, OH. All proceeds go to Summit County's Humane Society. On Saturday, November 17, the Rangers will host their 26th Annual Leatherfest at Cocktails Akron 2.0 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. In addition to all of the fun-filled activities, Ranger Gregg Lakota will host the annual Mr. Leather Akron contest along with Ranger Todd Zampa, the current Mr. Leather Akron. Proceeds will go to a yet-to-be-determined charity. As these events draw nearer, go to our Facebook page for further details

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