

Biggest Little Sisters host a huge Brown Box Bingo success



The Biggest Little Novice Sisters at Bingo: Papa Bubbles, Harley David Sinz Alot, I Drink A Lotta, Surgical Steel Bling Bling and RoxyRawhide.

The Biggest Little Sisters, a mission of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, has only been around eight months and have already raised over \$5,000 and

475 coats in their mission to assist those in need and their Brown Box Bingo at the Patio Sunday January 24 was no exception.

The event raised \$500 for the Sisters, which is going to their general fund.

Residence Program doing well

The Residence Program, now under the auspices of Northern Nevada H.O.P.E.S (HIV Out-patient Program, Education and Services) is financially sound through August according to Residence Program Chairman Scott Brenneke.

Presently the program serves nine clients, providing funding for rent or utilities. The monthly expenditure by the program is about \$2,200 a month Brenneke said. The clients who are being served do not qualify for any other federally funded program.

The Residence Program allows participating clients to live at home. Clients participating are screened by a committee and follow-up reviews are periodically conducted.

Funding from the program, begun under the umbrella of the Nevada AIDS Foundation, which closed its doors late last year, has always been supported

Closet Ball set for

Ramada February 6

The fund raising event of the year in Reno that is called the one not to miss, Closet Ball, will be held at the Ramada Reno on East Sixth Street on Saturday February 6 beginning at 8pm. Admission is \$7 with tickets available at the door.

Divas on the Run will host the 34th annual event which raises funds for the Silver Dollar Court (SDC).

Applications are available at all gay bars or by contacting Empress Jack-E at pigevxv@charter.net

heavily by the gay community. The uniqueness of the program is that most who are accepted to the program remain on it for life. At its peak the program served 20+. Today, other assistance programs are available making it possible to move clients to those programs.

All funding currently for the program is generated by community donations and fund raisers.

Sweetheart Ball set for February 12

Sweetheart Ball, the first fund raiser for the new Ducal House of the Silver Dollar Court (SDC), will be held on Friday February 12 at the Ten99 Club at 9pm.

The event is open to all entertainers with the proceeds benefiting the Ducal Fund of the SDC. There is a \$5 donation being asked at the door for the event.

Grand Duke Alan and Grand Duchess Darci are also selling the traditional Valentines as have many of the Houses before them.

Valentines will be available until February 11 at all the gay bars for \$1 each.

CVMC sets night(s) out

The Carson Valley Men's Club goes bowling at the Gold Dust West, Carson City on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 6pm. Then the groups gets a quick dinner afterwards.

The Gold Dust West is located on Highway 50 East.

The Sisters also had the traditional blackout final game with the proceeds going to the Residence Program. At first there was \$76 raised and the crowd was asked to bring it up to \$100. The crowd raised it to \$137 after the hat was passed.

Novice Sister I Drink A Lotta put on the event featuring 10 games of bingo and the final blackout game Each game featured a brown box with a prize in it. The bingo game winner could select one of the brown boxes on the pool table or they could take one of the previously won prizes.

"I am very happy with how today went," Novice Sister I Drink A Lotta (nicknamed Ida) said. "Everyone had a great time!"

This was the second bingo for the group. Their first bingo was held in a straight bar to raise money for a drop in center in Dayton, NV. It raised \$431.

Initially no one took others prizes until game 7 when the winner took a previously won prize. The person whose prize was taken could take from the remaining prizes on the table or take one already won, except

take theirs back.

The Sisters had three mystery boxes which were thrown into the mix that could be purchased for \$20.

During the bingo, communion was also served not once but four times. Jello shots served as the communion prompting one participant to say "how do I join this church?"

The Sisters are hosting A Football Free Zone Party on Sunday February 7 at Carl's Pub from 3pm to 6pm.

The BBQ is \$5.00 and the Beer Bust is \$5.00.

Hear the Beat

The Beat, a bi-weekly podcast, hosted by Angela Brooks, can be heard on iTunes or your-gayreno.com.

A new program will be produced February 2 and then every other week after.

Brooks presents gay and lesbian news and speaks to prominent members of the community about various issues.

Podcasts allow listeners to choose when they listen on their time schedule.

XXVI Ducal House closes beginning XXVII



Ending their reign Grand Duke XXVI Cowboy John and Grand Duchess XXVI Lillian



Newly elected Grand Duke Alan and Grand Duchess Darci just after being crowned the XXVI Ducals at the Ramada Reno on Saturday January 16

The Biggest Little Whorehouse in Reno was the theme for this year's Ducal Ball at the Ramada Reno Hotel and Casino in downtown Reno, January 16.

The evening brought to an end a year of fund raising and community service for Grand Duke XXVI Cowboy John and Grand Duchess XXVI Lillian. They hosted in-town events and represented Reno out-of-town.

The Ducal House, as it is

known, is part of the Silver Dollar Court, a local social and philanthropic organization. The Ducal House was created by Empress VI Terry Taylor to provide additional fund raising opportunities.

Half of the funds raised by the Ducal House go to the SDC general fund and the other half is given to charities designated by the Duke and Duchess.

Lillian chose the Crisis Call

Center and Cowboy John chose the Northern Nevada H.O.P.E.S Food Closet.

Beginning its 27th year, The Ducal House is elected by the community. The new Grand Duke and Grand Duchess are Alan and Darci. Alan is a bartender at the Ten99 and Darci is a bartender at Neutron.

During the evening honoring Cowboy John and Lillian there were special performances by the reigning Empress of Las Vegas, the reigning Grand Duchess of San Francisco, Reno's Divas on the Run, and the reigning Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Sacramento to name a few. There was also a performance by the decade Grand Duke XVI Paul Anthony, honoring his service to the Ducal House 10 years ago with his Grand Duchess ZaZa, who no longer lives in the area.

Courts came from Alameda, San Francisco, Modesto, Sacramento, Chico, Portland and Las Vegas.

The evening was hosted by Mistresses of Ceremonies Empress V, X, XV Jack-E of Reno and the Lovely Suzanne, Empress XLIII of Portland. Emperor VI, X and XVII Larry Mastropiero served as Ball Coordinators.

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