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## Closet Ball 32 now history as Jezzabelle Powerbottom crowned Queen



Newly crowned Closet Ball Queen 2010 Jezzabelle Powerbottom and Honorary Closet Ball King Wendy Richards was selected to fill the empty position.

In the closest contest anyone could remember in the 32 years of Reno's annual Closet Ball, Jezzabelle Powerbottom claimed the crown as Closet Ball Queen 2010 before a standing room only audience at the Ramada Reno in downtown Reno on February 6.

The event, which is a must attend for many locals, is a fundraiser just for fun. Those who win either the King or Queen title don't have to do anything with it but return in a year and step down.

"I can't believe the great time I am having," Stacey, who was at Closet Ball to support one of the candidates, said. "Everyone is just having fun!"

This year four men: Donnie Thomasen, Samuel Spencer, Landon Fortnoy and Robert Green competed for Closet Ball Queen. There were no female candidates to compete for King.

Contestants are judged on transformation from one sex to another and poise (stage presence). The transformation must take place at the event and is limited to one hour after the contestants are introduced and leave the stage.

The judges this year were: Pam Duprey, Gary Lee (Closet Ball Queen 1991), Wendy Richards, Jeff Hodges (Reno's Snow Queen), Stevie Moore, Dick Wells (Empress II), Jarre Payne and Terry Moll who started Closet Ball locally.

There was debate over how many Closet Balls there had been.

"Let's just look at the trophy," Empress Jack-E, who has been running the event the past 25 years, said. "...1978, so how many years is that?"

"Thirty-two," someone shouted.

"There you have it Terry," Jack-E said. "...Face it, we're old!"

The evening included entertainment by the Divas on the Run, who have planned and staged the event under the watchful eye of Empress Jack-E the past several years. Several past Emperesses and the reigning Empress also performed.

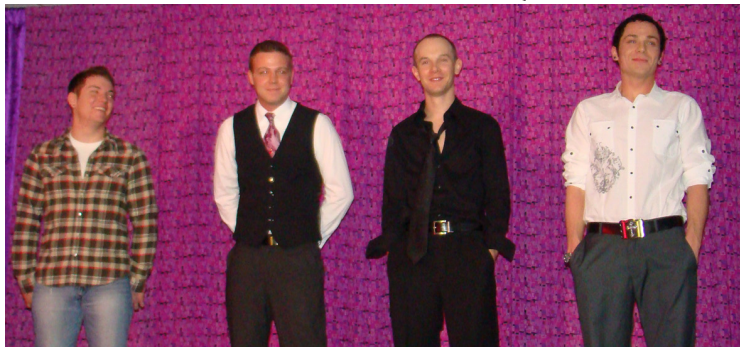
An added feature was the talents of the Little City Kings hip hop performance. A group of drag kings who can really rock the house.

Athiwan, Steve and Nick each performed live entertaining the crowd.

"WOW! that's great!" one entertainer said.

For Emperor Paul Anthony and Chris it was their annual "Happy Drag Day". Annually the two, who are usually male performers, create and change into their alter egos for just this one day. Paul becomes Phoenix and Chris is Chastity.

You would have never known they only did drag one day a year with the multitude of dress changes each did during the night.



They came out as men ....



.....and in an hour changed to women

## QSU holds GLBT community mixer Spring Fling March 4 at the Joe

The Queer Student Union (QSU) of the University of Nevada, Reno held a community meet and greet mixer at the Diversity Center in The Joe Crowley Student Union (the Joe) on Thursday, February 18 with some 50+ in attendance.

QSU President Jeromy Manke welcomed all who were in attendance. He had everyone in the room introduce themselves.

The best introduction was done by the hosts of Gen Q, a podcast on youngayreno.com.

"I'm Nicole...and I work with this (referring to her co-host)" and Evan said "...and I work with that!"

The mixer is held annually to bring students and members of the community together. Along with students, who made up a majority of those present, there were members from Reno Gayla Film Festival, Stonewall Democrats, Youngayreno, Summit (a coalition of Gay Student Allian-

ces from high schools in Washoe County), Spectrum, Biggest Little Sisters and this newspaper. There were also members of the general community, as the event was open to all.

The QSU offers students at the university a place to come and be in a place they are welcomed and accepted.

Manke, with the help of his vice-president Branden Jung, passed out fliers about upcoming QSU events. Manke pointed out two of the big events for the organization are upcoming.

The Spring Fling, a GLBT carnival will be held in the Ballroom at the Joe March 4. Admission is \$6. They will paint the "N" on the hill rainbow again on April 4 and paint it back on the 11th to white. Gay Prom is set for May 1.

For more information contact the QSU at queerstudentunion.com or on facebook.



The crowd at the QSU Mixer in the Diversity Center on the UofN campus

## Reno Gay Film Fest set October 16



Reno GAYla Film Festival has announced October 16 for the second annual festival to be held at the theatre in the Joe Crowley Student Union on the University of Nevada campus.

The festival has a board of directors who are planning several fund raisers to help offset the cost of the event. Each film costs \$250-\$400 to show once. This year's festival will likely

feature four films to be shown all on one day. Titles will be announced in April or May.

Memberships to the Reno Gayla Film Festival are \$25.00 for the year. Members get half price passes to all four films.

For more information visit [renogaylafilmfestival.com](http://renogaylafilmfestival.com) or e-mail: [renogaylaff@gmail.com](mailto:renogaylaff@gmail.com).

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## Annual Food Pantry Benefit set

The 13th Annual Food Pantry Benefit, in memory of Blacky, will be held on Saturday March 6 at the Ten99 Club hosted by decade Emperor XXIV Bubbles.

Bubbles began the annual event following the death of his friend Blacky who would never let anyone go hungry.

A \$5 donation is requested at the door and donations of various food items are also welcomed. All entertainers are wel-

come with a request for tips to be donated to the cause.

Along with the Food Pantry event, there will be the second annual *Waxing for Charity*, as the reigning Emperor of CGNIE (Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Sacramento) Tony Southworth will give up the hair on his chest for charity. Last year, Tony raised a good sum for the Food Pantry Emperor Bubbles said.

## Truckee Troll Water makes its debut



Duke and Duchess sell Troll Water

funds for charities.

The Truckee Troll Water debut came at the Ducals first fund raiser of the year since stepping up on January 16.

The Ducals sold 50 shots of their new Troll Water at the Sweetheart Ball which raised a total of \$530 for the night.

The new Troll Water will have headed to San Francisco to make its first out-of-town appearance the last weekend in February at Coronation.

The Ducals have also been selling hearts which will continue until the end of February at many of the local bars. Money raised from the sale is designated for the Northern Nevada H.O.P.E.S. Residence Program.

## Sisters host Football Free Zone



The Biggest Little Sisters in conjunction with Carl's Pub hosted a Football Free Zone Party on February 7 raising money for the "new face of charity" in the community. Pictured are W, Novice Sister Surgical Steel Bling Bling, Novice Sister RoxieRawhide, Mr. Ed, Novice Sister Papa Bubble, Howard and Novice Sister I Drink A Lotta.

## Basket raffle tickets on sale now

The longest running annual fund raiser in the northern Nevada GLBT community, The Easter Basket Auction, will be held at the Patio on Sunday, April 11 at 2pm.

The event was started in 1974 by Lou McLean and Joe Pallanti as a fund raiser for charity. Today, the event raises needed funding for the Residence Program.

The auction features a multitude of baskets put together and created by members of the community, service groups and organizations who gather things

together for their baskets.

The baskets are then auctioned off Polish style. That means a bidder holds up a dollar and when taken that bidder holds the bid until the next dollar is taken. The auction is timed, getting heated as bidding gets fast and furious when bidders think time is nearly up.

Also tickets are currently being sold for a chance to win the big basket raffle, which usually is worth about \$1,000. Tickets are available for \$1 from bartenders at the Patio.

## Gen-Q podcast worth a listen

Reno has its own unique and one of a kind podcast for GLBT youth called Gen-Q on Yourgayreno.com featuring Nicole and Evan, who are members of the Spanish Springs High School Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA).

The program was created to deal with issues teenage members of the GLBT community face according to Nicole. The program has dealt with many issues facing emerging GLBT youth, lesbian sex, Hello I'm Homo-

sexual, and how to talk to your parents.

Nicole leads the program and Evan provides the comic relief, as after all he is the "Queen of OSU", he will say.

Gen-Q is produced by YGR Media every other week and runs about an hour in length. The hosts were selected by an interview process for the program through Summit, a program which coordinates all the GSA groups in Washoe County.

## RGP now online

This small monthly newspaper is now available online at the new [therenogaypage.com](http://therenogaypage.com) website just recently launched. Issues of the newspaper are available on the site, as well as a weekly podcast, called **this gay week** recapping the events and activities of the GLBT community in northern Nevada.

The SierraVoice.com website will be maintained and serve as a community guide for businesses, organizations etc. It will be an information source.

Some updated news will be posted on the site as the RGP site will only be a distribution source for the newspaper.

## Stonewall Dems gearing up for 2011 Legislature

Northern Nevada gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered (GLBT) democrats can be politically active through the Stonewall Democrats (SDNN), the GLBT democratic organization to affect political change.

The local group meets the first Monday of every month at the Washoe County Democratic Headquarters, 1465 Terminal Way Suite 1 at 6pm. March 1 and April 5 will be the next two meetings.

The group annually hosts a barbecue in July and an ice cream social Labor Day weekend. Both events are open to the public.

SDNN plans to work again with their counterparts in the south lobbying the 2011 legislature and sponsoring Equality Days.



The two groups worked hard together to create the unique lobbying event during the 2009 session.

The partnership helped produce SB 283 creating domestic partnership in Nevada.

Presently in the planning stages, SDNN will be hosting an event to commemorate the passage of SB283 creating Nevada Domestic Partnerships. The law took effect October 1, 2009 registering domestic partners.

The 2009 Nevada legislature overturned the Republican Governor's veto of SB283.

SDNN, Las Vegas SD, Stand Out for Equality, the Human Rights Campaign and the Nevada ALCU will again come together to push the Nevada Legislature for change in 2011.

This was the first of its kind lobbying effort by GLBT Nevadans for Equality and allow legislatures to learn about GLBT Nevadans.

Dues for the organization are \$25 a year.

Officers for the Northern Nevada Stonewall Dems are: Alfred Walking Bull, chairman; Danela Gibson, vice chairman; Angela Brooks, secretary; Pamela Brooks, treasurer; Ryan Callahan, member at large.

For more information about the organization visit their website [sdnn.org](http://sdnn.org) or email: [stonewalldennn@yahoo.com](mailto:stonewalldennn@yahoo.com).

## Yourgayreno.com gets makeover

Yourgayreno.com (YGR) has been down for maintenance and will be back online March 1 according to Bill Nelson, president of the two year old company. YGR has been working towards being the one stop shop for everything "Gay Reno".

Yourgayreno will continue to feature *The Beat* and *Gen Q* podcasts. They were voted best podcasts by the Reno News and Review readers in the Best of Reno 2008 and 2009.

The revamped website will feature events, the podcasts and be community oriented.

## Gong Show set March 5 Ten99

Rose Empress XLVIII Dawna Creation will bring her suitcase of foam rubber rocks to Reno for the annual Gong Show fund raiser for the Silver Dollar Court on Friday, March 5 at the Ten99.

Donation of \$5.00 is requested at the door and foam rubber rocks go for \$5 a bag, which can be thrown at entertainers taking the stage.

Those in the audience can pay \$20 and get the entertainer gonged and another can pay \$20 to have the entertainer continue.

Empress Creation makes her third trip to the Biggest Little City. The first event in 2008 was such a success, it is now an annual affair, throwing foam rubber rocks at drag queens.

# community resources

### AIDS/HIV

**FrontLine**  
This speakers bureau is under the direction of Forrest Dunaetz which speaks to schools, organizations and groups throughout Northern Nevada.  
(775) 624-0639  
PO Box 70231 Reno 89570  
email: [nvfrontline@yahoo.com](mailto:nvfrontline@yahoo.com)

**Northern Nevada H.O.P.E.S.**  
The local HIV/AIDS entity that provides medical and social services in their facilities.  
Fifth and Ralston Reno 89503  
(775) 348-2893  
website: [nnhopes.org](http://nnhopes.org)

**NNOT Northern Nevada Outreach Team**  
They provide street education and awareness about HIV/STD and communicable diseases and protection.  
(775) 328-6112  
email: [qdermid@washoecounty.us](mailto:qdermid@washoecounty.us)

### Bath house

**Steve's**  
1020 West Second Street  
Reno 89502  
(775) 323-8770  
Open 24 hours where you always play safe.  
email: [steverbathhouse@aol.com](mailto:steverbathhouse@aol.com)

### Bars

**Cadallie Lounge**  
1114 East Fourth St  
Reno 89512  
(775) 324-7827  
Open daily Noon to 2am

**Carl's Pub**  
3310 South Virginia  
Reno 89502  
(775) 829-8886  
Open 2pm to 2am Monday to Saturday and 2pm to Midnight on Sunday. Pool Patio and home of the Comstock Grizzlies.  
website: [www.renodean.com/carlspub](http://www.renodean.com/carlspub)

**5 Star Saloon**  
132 West Street  
Reno 89501  
(775) 329-2878

Located in downtown Reno next to the West Street Market open 24 hours dancing, pool, entertainment and more.  
website: [www.5starsaloon.net](http://www.5starsaloon.net)

**Neutron**  
340 Kietzke Lane  
Reno 89502  
(775) 786-2121  
Open 2pm to 2am (depending) daily, features dancing with DJ Friday and Saturday. Cover charge on weekends allows access Tronix too.  
website: [neutron.tronixreno.com](http://neutron.tronixreno.com)

**The Patio**  
600 West Fifth  
Reno 89503  
(775) 323-6565  
Open daily 11am to 2pm. Reno's gathering Place, pool, darts, dancing, karaoke.  
website: [www.thepatiobar.com](http://www.thepatiobar.com)

**Ten99 Club**  
1099 South Virginia  
Reno 89509  
(775) 329-1099  
Open Monday to Wednesday 10am to 2am and 24 hours on Thursday to Sunday. closed Monday 2am to 10am.  
website: [www.ten99club.com](http://www.ten99club.com)

**Tronix**  
303 Kietzke Lane  
Reno 89502  
(775) 333-9696  
Open 9am to 3am daily featuring pool and dancing. Live DJ Friday and Saturday, Cover charge also allows access to Neutron.  
website: [www.tronixreno.com](http://www.tronixreno.com)

### Entertainment

**Eastern Onion**  
2885 Kietzke Lane  
Reno 89502  
(775) 826-4375  
Singing telegrams with characters on request. A musical way to send a message

### Media

**the reno gay page**  
P O Box 1191  
Reno 89504  
A monthly newspaper published as a service to inform and unite the local GLBT community.  
website: [therenogaypage.com](http://therenogaypage.com)

**StandupShowup**  
News on the web  
website: [standupshowup.com](http://standupshowup.com)

**YourGayReno**  
Features local events, blogs, podcasts and video.  
website: [yourgayreno.com](http://yourgayreno.com)

### Organizations

**AIDS Walk Reno**  
P O Box 71372  
Reno 89570  
(877) 825-AIDS  
The local group which sponsors and organizes the annual Steven Hendrix Memorial Reno AIDS Walk the 4th Saturday of August.  
website: [renoaidswalk.org](http://renoaidswalk.org)

**Biggest Little Fellowship**  
Cornerstone AA  
A gay and lesbian alcohol recovery group. Meeting schedules available.

**The Biggest Little Sisters**  
P O Box 650  
Reno 89504  
The newest face of charity in northern Nevada. The group exists to help when and where needed in the name of charity.  
website: [renosbiggestlittlesisters.org](http://renosbiggestlittlesisters.org)

**Carson Valley Men's Club**  
A social group for men in the Carson City Minden Gardnerville area.  
email: [carsonmensclub@aol.com](mailto:carsonmensclub@aol.com)

**Comstocks Grizzlies**  
A bear social group that calls Carl's Pub their home bar.  
website: [www.comstockgrizzlies.com](http://www.comstockgrizzlies.com)

**High Sierra Prime Timers**  
PO Box 5103  
Reno 89513  
A men's social group for the more mature gay man. Monthly meetings and get togethers, outings etc.  
website: [hsptrreno.com](http://hsptrreno.com)

**High Sierra Rodeo**  
336 California #107  
Reno 89509  
The group which produces the annual Comstock Stampede in May of each year. The next Rodeo is set for May 2011.

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website: [www.highsierrarodeo.com](http://www.highsierrarodeo.com)

**Mountain Valley Men's Club**  
P O Box 11841  
Reno 89510  
A local private men's social group that meets in members homes.

**NLA\_NNV**  
National Leather Association  
Northern Nevada  
A pansexual leather group which meets monthly providing a place for leather play etc.  
email: [nla\\_nnv@yahoo.com](mailto:nla_nnv@yahoo.com)

**QSU**  
Queer Student Union  
Diversity Center/0144  
U of Nevada, Reno 89557/0144  
a group for students at the University of Nevada and Truckee Meadows Community College. You must be a student to be a member of this organization.  
website: [queerstudentunion.com](http://queerstudentunion.com)

**PFLAG**  
Reno no longer has an active chapter of the organization of Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Carson City has an active chapter.

**Reno Gay Pride**  
P O Box 677  
Reno 89504  
(877) 344-Reno  
The 14th year of the event which takes place in Wingfield Park celebrating the GLBT community annually the third weekend in August.  
website: [renogaypride.com](http://renogaypride.com)

**Silver Dollar Court**  
P O Box 6581  
Reno 89513  
A social and philanthropic organization which raises money for various local charities.  
website: [silverdollarcourt.com](http://silverdollarcourt.com)

**STAND**  
**Sierra Tahoe Area Nude Dudes**  
For those who like being in the buff a men's group who goes hiking, beaches, gatherings etc.  
email: [standnv@aol.com](mailto:standnv@aol.com)

**Spectrum Northern Nevada**  
P O Box 336  
Reno 89504  
A local group which sponsors many

subgroups within the main organization. Information on groups and activities is located on their website.  
website: [spectrunnn.org](http://spectrunnn.org)

### Politics

**PLAN**  
821 Riverside Dr  
Reno 89503  
(775) 348-7557  
A statewide political action group seeking to promote diversity understanding and compassion for all oppressed Nevadans.  
website: [plannevada.org](http://plannevada.org)

**Stonewall Democrats**  
1465 Terminal Way, Ste. 1  
Reno 89502  
The local gay and lesbian democratic group promoting GLBT causes to the state democratic Party.  
website: [sdnn.org](http://sdnn.org)

### Religion

**Circle's Edge**  
501 West First St  
Reno 89501  
(775) 323-6289

**First United Methodist**  
209 West First St  
Reno 89501  
(775) 322-4564  
website: [renofirstmethodist.org](http://renofirstmethodist.org)

**Light of the Soul UCC**  
627 Sunnyside Dr  
Reno 89503  
(775) 323-2798  
Sunday services at 11:45am  
website: [lsucc.org](http://lsucc.org)

**Temple Sinai**  
1405 Gulling Rd  
Reno 89503  
(775) 747-5508  
website: [www.temple-sinai-reno.com](http://www.temple-sinai-reno.com)

**Unitarian Universalists**  
780 DelMonte Lane  
Reno 89509  
(775) 851-7100  
website: [uufnn.org](http://uufnn.org)

### Travel

**Deluxe Travel**  
100 California Ave  
Reno 89501  
(775) 686-7000