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## MIS AMORES!

*Where to begin? It is officially #Who knows what month it is!*

I want to apologize that I didn't get a chance to write my march newsletter as both my months of April & March have been quite the whirlwind of emotions, fun, and friends! Between traveling, teaching, making appearances at various areas throughout the DC/MD/VA/TX/PA areas, and creating some wigs for recent productions, I feel as if it all went by so fast and I didn't get a chance to sit down with my good ol' type-writer HA! Throughout March & April I focused on some more important matters in my hometown in Falls Church, VA. Believe it or not, I have been facing some very nasty and hateful protests at my home bar (clare & don's beach shack) and I was not ok with that. Thankfully the rainbow defense coalition came to help and have been keeping my family drag lunch event attendees as safe as possible when both entering and exiting the building. It saddens to see that this happens to me and my fellow community members and I had to take a stand against this in response to all the hatred I have been receiving. This can be very emotionally difficult for me and the staff at clare and dons especially since we are only here to promote a family friendly, safe, and happy space for people to gather and enjoy some classic floridian comfort food. And To my haters I only have one thing to say... Love and kindness always lead to some very fun adventures, hatred is never the answer and I hope that one day you will come to understand that I am not a threat and I am here to stay... You are loved regardless of what you think. Amongst all of this I also traveled to various locations meeting new faces and making some wonderful connections and I wanted to recap some of my experiences in my monthly newsletter!

To kickstart the lovely month of March, I hosted the very 1st family brunch at Buenavida Gastrolounge! This was so much fun and I got to connect with many families that attended this event! Between my bubbles, bingo games, and family drag show which occurred from 1pm till 3pm the crowd really enjoyed having me and I enjoyed putting smiles on all of their lovely faces. Something I don't often realize as an entertainer is the impact I have on people... I may not know what you are going through but I certainly can ensure that you will always feel loved, and supported when you come to a show of mine. For over 6 now going on 7 years it has been my mission to always find the goodness in people and bring that to fruition at my shows so if you are feeling down or have a frown that's upside down come on down to evita's place where you have a grand ol' time and meet new friends along the way. I also recently had the opportunity to mentor some new and upcoming entertainers through my new charitable and social organization known as "patagonia place". I am beyond proud of my 2 daughters (of which are founding members of patagonia place) that I

have taught so much over these past few months and years and have learned a great deal from each other (mother dearest loves ya both lol). Over March & April Our Royalty team organized and hosted our very 1st mini bar rodeo and raffle which was a major success! We fundraised over 1,200\$ that night and had a FABULOUS time spreading the word that gay rodeo is alive and coming back very soon to the east coast! My mother earlier in the month of february had also offered to teach a few line dancing lessons that night which was a huge hit! Between the dancing, getting "human-goat" dressed, and packing up everything at the end of the night, i was exhausted by the end of it all haha! I truly owe my mother an eternal line of gratitude as she helped me put together the baskets and neatly gift wrap them as well as donating quite a few items to the raffle. Mom I know I can be stubborn sometimes but thank you for everything that you do for me. Your unwavering support, love, and guidance only helps me to continue to grow into the successful human that I am today in my career choice.

Now comes the fun part of my month of April, DENTON TEXAS! After traveling who knows how many miles across the US, I landed at my 2nd rodeo destination for 2024! This was my second time packing my drag and going halfway across the US to perform and connect with so many fabulous people! (and trust i learned a great deal from my first rodeo lol). I can now officially say "this ain't my first rodeo" haha! In order to qualify for finals, I competed in chute dogging and calf roping on foot for my very first time in FULL DRAG! This takes a lot of energy and wahoo did I really enjoy the festivities! My rodeo papa Mark coached me a great deal as I was very scared in the chute and by day 2 I was doing alot better haha! I had bought a blue calf rope but later found out that the rope I bought was not meant for roping on foot, thankfully Nick Villanueva came to my rescue and lended me his rope (THANKYOU NICK!). Little did i know on day 1 i didn't have my number pinned to my back and boy was i upset when i realized lol on day 2 the night prior i pinned that sucker on and made sure it didn't come off when i was in the arena lol! I also had the opportunity to pin people with my new personalized pin, the argentinian flag! So now when you travel to other rodeos you have a little piece of "el sur" to take back with ya wherever your travels may lead you. I had the pleasure of connecting with Mr. & Ms. IGRA (International Gay Rodeo) 2024, Christopher Aguilar and Christina Miner ! You both are such a hoot to be around and very kind. It was such an honor to both work with and learn so much from both of you and happy birthday Christina (I know by the time that you read this your birthday will have passed but we all deserve a little shout out here and there haha)! While in Texas I came to realize that rodeo is where I truly belong, I feel most at home with all my rodeo family and friends and love the sense of community that we all have with each other. We look out for one another and as i was traveling back on Sunday my rodeo papa and mama (Mark and Jen) named me their official rodeo son which is a true honor and i cannot begin to thank you both for taking me in and teaching me everything i need to know in order to be my best. I also had the opportunity to do goat dressing with Tink (MX. AGRA 2024) and on Sunday we hilariously decided to dress MISS IGRA (International Gay Rodeo) 2024, Aurora Gayheart as a fun way to end the rodeo weekend. Thankyou Aurora for being a good sport and letting us dress you haha you put up one heck of a goat's kick lol! Texas has really given me the opportunity to learn quite a bit about myself and my journey and has taught me even more valuable lessons which I will forever keep in my heart as I travel to my next rodeo in june at Utah! I am excited to see my rodeo sister Kirk!

Now it's time for #rodeosafety! I would like to take a moment to thank all the staff, directors, and coordinators for keeping the arena safe this past month during Texas' gay rodeo. Your work helped to ensure and continue to promote a safe arena/rodeo competition that was fully carried out during the entire rodeo weekend. You all also ensured Animals were being taken care of and handled properly and that all contestants competing in the rodeo were safe during their time slots. To Tim Smith the arena director for this year's TGRA thankyou for all of your work. I want to congratulate you for winning MISS TGRA 2024. You are doing fabulous things with your team and it is a pleasure to both connect and work with each and everyone of ya!! 3 CHEERS TO #TGRAROYALTYTEAM2024!

Along with a few other recent pageants I attended, I want to take a moment to congratulate the following individuals who successfully captured their respective titles at pageants that occurred this past month in PA/DE/DC/MD/VA-

- 1- Sorority Heights, Miss Pines 2024
- 2- Raven Simone, Miss Gay Arlington 2024
- 3- Sasha Adams Sanchez, Miss Capital Pride 2024
- 4- Xander Childs Valentino, Mr Capital Pride 2024
- 5- Katrina Escalarza, Miss Gay New Hope America 2024

On April 18th, 2024 I attended the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention life savers celebration banquet and heard some very compelling and heartfelt stories while in attendance. These stories really made me cry because I myself had been in that same position over 4 years ago. This is my reminder that suicide is never the answer and your life is worth living. Getting the help that you need in order to continue living is the only way to get better and taking your own life is never the answer. On June 2nd, 2024 at 11am I will be hosting a drag brunch show at clare & don's beach shack in falls church virginia to fundraise for this foundation alongside my very close friend Liz Briones who also struggled with the same issue. We met through this foundation and can very happily say that we both survived because we both got the help that we needed. Love ya liz and thank you for being such a wonderful friend and supporter of evita.

Now, While I wish I could highlight everyone in this newsletter, and ramble on forever about my travels and adventures, I do not have much space so here is my special mention to everyone I met and connected with at TGRA 2024 and events beyond tgra! Scroll down to view some fabulous pictures and if you happen to see yourself please, tag yourself! Here is to another successful rodeo year ahead and I cannot wait to share more of my adventures with you all!

Yours in Rodeo,

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