
International Court System

*Phase 2 Fundraising
Project: Fundraising
Ideas for Any
Organization*

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Your Majesties, Ladies and Gentlemen, and
Honorable Members of Parliament;

This document contains the results of Phase II of the Fundraising Committee's project. The purpose of this Phase was to collect and share fundraising ideas from empires throughout the International Court System that did not focus on Coronations or Drag Shows. We realize that times are changing and it is important for all of us to keep in mind and look for other fundraising opportunities in an effort to keep our organizations alive. This document provides **ideas** on other fundraising activities. These ideas do not guarantee that your event will raise money, or that your community will respond, however should be used to generate ideas or other similar events. We realize that some of these ideas may be in practice, but under some other variation. With that we also understand that courts may alter the idea to suit the needs of their community.

We would like to thank all of the courts that took the time to respond to the survey and provide as much information as possible. Towards the back of this document are additional ideas that were submitted by individuals as secondary ideas or ideas with very little detail.

The Fundraising Committee of Her Majesty's Parliament is pleased to share with everyone fundraising ideas from empires around the International Court System.

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California, Fresno

During our Reign we had our Barn Dance event in which we charged \$5 to throw a pie pan full of whipped cream in our faces (in which the Empress was in full face). This was a great success and we made well over \$100 for just this part of the event. My Empress has often used a Game called Drag Roulette where people had to pay money to have their original track played or they could pay more to have someone else's track changed. This was also a great success. There is the Dollar Races where everyone in a room holds up a \$1 or more and the emperor and empress run around in heels (this is really funny if you have an emperor who is willing to wear heels).

*Submitted by Big Anthony and
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California, San Francisco Imperial

Court Name:	Imperial Council of San Francisco
Number of Court Members:	300
Court Email Address:	
Court City/State	San Francisco California
Approximate City/Metro Population	
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Pull tabs for charity.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	Varies depending on game selected.
How often in a year is the event held?	Once a year if requested.
What type of venue is used for the event?	Bar
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	30 days planning and targets every one of all ages.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	No real volunteers needed if you partner with a bar who will sell them for a time period for you. If you were to choose to sell them at an actual event then you would need to have a few volunteers.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Purchase of deal (1 set of game cards \$67.00 Promo Posters \$25 Total \$92.00
What is your projected revenue?	Gross profit from one game if all tickets are sold \$992.00
What is your actual revenue?	Profits minus promo costs \$897.00
What type of items (if any) is donated?	n/a
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	n/a
How is this event promoted?	Posters and word of mouth.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	No challenges at all just need to keep reminding folks that the sale is happening. You must check with your state laws if you are able to offer this game of chance.
Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.	n/a
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	None needed.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

It is a no brainer event that can generate good money if the excitement is behind it. 71.12% of the money raised goes back to the players in prize money and 28.88% goes to the charity. That's important to point out so people see they can get something in return.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

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California, Modesto

1. One thing that Modesto is famous for is our Crack 'n' Glo Awards. This is an Awards Show that the court of Modesto has done and it dates back 25+ years, in which this type of Show and fundraiser is like the Academy Awards for the Court System. It primarily focuses on the Northern California Region but is never limited to that. In fact, one year, we had Mr. Gay Mexico, Mondo, here in which he received an Award for Best Male Buns. That was really cool to get someone from an entirely different country that came to Modesto for the weekend for an ICS fundraiser. So, Modesto's Crack 'n' Glo Awards Show have lived on all through these years. By the way, Crack 'n' Glo came from the Shows original founders, Emperor 9, Crackers and Empress 10, Gloria, both of Modesto.

This event has drawn people out of the woodwork, closets, cracks and crevices to rekindle and get reacquainted with friends new and old. It is important to contact current and past Monarchs who feel they are all forgotten to come out and be presenters. It's a real treat to see all these faces again. We have the usual raffles prizes and 50/50 drawings, but there's a few people personally contacted that look identical to famous movie stars, and once people see them, they take pictures together. It's really awesome. I know this is not a new idea about this Awards show, but it's new to all the new members that are getting involved with our court system. Especially, it's new to the new generation of members to see all the older Monarchs that once roamed our stages and runways way before they were born. The Crack 'n' Glo Show is usually are second biggest event besides Coronation.

2. What our new and young Monarchs are doing this year is that when they go to a new venue this year to explain to the new people what the International Court System is about, they play a game. "Guess how old the Empress is?" Empress April looks like she's 25 years old. For every guess, it cost \$1.00. Believe it or not, Empress April is pushing 41 years old and has three sons. WOW! One time, our Monarchs raised \$50.00 is just 15 minutes.
3. Something else our Monarchs are doing this year to raise money is having a Star Wars look alike character Contest. It cost \$1.00 to vote for your favorite. In today's current events, Star Wars is HOT HOT HOT! We are expecting a lot of people for this fundraiser.
4. Having a Firecracker Contest in which the contestants must run around like firecrackers to raise coins in jars. The winners, (Mr. & Miss) will be allowed to ride on our Fourth of July Parade Float through downtown Modesto.
5. This year we are doing a "FIRST EVER" Modesto Court Murder Mystery Dinner & Show. Every Board Member (9) from our Board of Director's will be behind the scenes doing all the dirty work. I'm doing the bar, one is doing the door, one or two is cooking, one or two is serving, one is doing the sound, one is doing the spotlight, and so on. It's ONLY the reigning court who are the stars in this play written by the 36th reign and directed by our past Closet Ball Queen. We are only selling pre-sale tickets, only 200 were printed and they are going fast. We are hitting up the City Council members, Stanislaus County Offices, influential local business people, other LGBT organization in Modesto. These are the people who have the extra dollars to spend at this type of fundraiser. Very upscale, almost black tie affair event.
6. The court of Modesto is doing a Fireworks Booth. I know some cities, this is not a good idea or it's illegal, but in Modesto, we have the green light to do this. This is probably our second most money maker, besides Coronation, for a non-event function.
7. Something else that we are doing this year is teaming up with ALL of our LGBT Organizations in Modesto and hold a Community Dances. We just had a Valentine's Dance and it was very successful. Next are the Halloween Dance and Costume Contest. It's been a huge money maker so

far, not just for our Imperial Court of Modesto, but for ALL of the LGBT organizations in Modesto. It's gets everyone out to see each other, what we can learn from each other with new ideas and opinions and to be stronger as Modesto's LGBT community grows bigger and bigger year after year. The BIG 5 LGBT Groups in Modesto is Our Pride Center, Modesto P-Flag, Stanislaus County Bear Group, the Imperial Court and the Transgender Group.

Colorado, Colorado Springs

Court Name:	The United Court of the Pikes Peak Empire
Number of Court Members:	150
Court Email Address:	
Court City/State	Colorado Springs, CO
Approximate City/Metro Population	Colorado Springs: 380,000 Pueblo: 105,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	4 in realm
General Description of Fundraising Event:	The Black Leather Carnival started as a social event to promote the positive education of the public about the leather community. Last year we added presentations that serve as carnival-style games. We had performers, but we also had guest speakers who were members of the Summit Masters Leather Club.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$384.00
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual event since 2008
What type of venue is used for the event?	Bar
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	60 days to plan and target singles and couples of all ages to educate the public about the leather community.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	2 members to serve as Masters of Ceremony 1 member to line up performers 12 performers split in two sets 2 volunteers who donated snacks 3 volunteers who donated silent auction items 1 volunteer who donated raffle and booth prizes 1 volunteer who donated art work 1 volunteer who donated educational game booths TOTAL 32 volunteers
What are some of the projected expenses?	We worked hard not to accumulate any expenses in order to maximize our revenue for the event. Any items provided by the Grand Duke were donated. Our regent emperors and empresses donated gifts and their time for the event. Most of our "bar" events have donated items to help the current reign raise funds. We have regents who own their own businesses or they have business contacts that donate items for raffles and auctions.
What is your projected revenue?	Tips: \$150.00 Silent Auction: \$100.00 Raffle Tickets: \$100.00 Projected revenue: \$350.00
What is your actual revenue?	Raffle Tickets: 100.00Tips: \$184.00Silent Auction: \$100 Actual revenue: \$384.00

What type of items (if any) is donated?	Carnival Booth Games, Snacks, Artwork, Flyers and Posters.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	There was no corporate sponsorship this year, but the UCPPE is working with the Summit Masters Leather Club in order to get RECON.com to be a potential sponsor for a larger social gathering next year in August.
How is this event promoted?	The Grand Duke was the coordinator for the event, and he handled creating the posters and flyers for the event. The website was not updated at the time, and a lot of the marketing depended on word-of-mouth within the community.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Last year was a bad year for the economy, and many people were wary of going out and spending money. We worked with the challenge all year for all of our events.
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Our mother court is the Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire of Denver, and we try to work hard on not conflicting with their major events by checking their calendar posted on their website. The next closest court is the United Court of the Sandias, Inc., our daughter court, and we can check in with them over the phone.
Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?	We are always in communication with the reigning monarchs of both our mother and daughter courts. They let us know what shows or events they are planning and vice versa. In the event that members of their courts can attend our events, we gladly invite them to perform or help out, and we are offered the same courtesies. At the Black Leather Carnival 2009, we were able to be more informational to our public. Many people commented that they learned more about the "Court" and the leather community.
Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?	Emperor 34 Sean Gooden = emperorsean@live.com Empress 34 Candy Rose = empress34candy@live.com

Connecticut, Hartford

Court Name:	Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut
Number of Court Members:	40
Court Email Address:	www.iscofallct.com
Court City/State	Hartford, CT
Approximate City/Metro Population	120,000 city, over 1 million in the Region
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	2
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Life's a Drag, Let's do Brunch. After going to Empress IV of Massachusetts, Verna Turbulence's Drag Brunch we decided to bring the concept to Hartford. It is a Sunday afternoon brunch at a historical park with a catering facility. There is a tea cup auction, pageant with the crowning of Miss Drag Brunch and drag show.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$2,300
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual
What type of venue is used for the event?	The Pond House Café, located in Elizabeth Park, Hartford, CT.
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	This is a family friendly event aimed to the entire community. This event takes approximately 90 days for planning.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Tickets - 4 volunteers (2 pre-sale, 2 at the door) DJ - Donated - 2 Host/Hostess - 2 Judges for Contest - 3 Raffle ticket sales - 2 Tip collectors - 2 Event planners - 2
What are some of the projected expenses?	Posters \$25.00 Invitations & Postage \$150.00 Food (100 @ \$22.35 per person) \$2369.25 Prizes \$50.00 Decorations \$100.00 Alcohol (open bar) \$1,500.00 Total \$4,194.28
What is your projected revenue?	Ticket sales \$3,150.00 Tea cup auction \$200.00 Performance tips \$250.00 Total: \$3,600.00

What is your actual revenue?	Ticket Sales \$4,730 Tea cup auctions \$407.00 Performance Tips \$415.00 Total \$5,552.00
What type of items (if any) is donated?	Alcohol (open bar) \$1,500.00 Posters \$25.00 Invitations & Postage \$50.00 Prizes \$50.00 Decorations \$100.00 DJ \$300.00 Tea Cup Auction Items \$500.00 Total: 2675.00
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No
How is this event promoted?	Facebook, E-mail Blasts, Posters, Traditional mailing of invitations.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Confirming/anticipating attendance, confirming performers, getting volunteers, picking a date (avoiding conflicts)
Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.	We do look at other courts event schedules and try not to overlap but due to the venues availability, sometimes that happens.
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Yes the host is one of the originators of the event in Boston and invited performances from other courts.
Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?	We choose a beneficiary that we are personally involved with and utilized them in planning and selling tickets. Involvement of non-court community (gay, straight, allies).
Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?	Trevor Reynolds (Mini DeLuxe) 860-916-0714 Michael Morgan (Morgana DeLuxe) 860-712-3035

Illinois, Chicago

Court Name:	Imperial Court of Chicago
Number of Court Members:	
Court Email Address:	info@windycityempire.org
Court City/State	Chicago, IL
Approximate City/Metro Population	10,000,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	60
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Sale of stuffed plastic Easter eggs. The eggs are priced at \$1 each. We plan two nights of sales, touring our two bar districts. Each egg has a piece of candy and either a prize slip or a thank you note.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$600
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual
What type of venue is used for the event?	Adults only
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	30 days. Other than our standard event form, there is no specific planning document.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	We need people to come up with prizes, to stuff eggs, and to walk the bar tour Friday and Saturday nights.
What are some of the projected expenses?	In previous years, prizes and candy were donated. This year we are funding \$100 for candy purchase. The plastic eggs are purchased each year after Easter, at a large discount. We also recycle as many eggs as possible.
What is your projected revenue?	\$500 egg sale revenue
What is your actual revenue?	Event had not occurred at the time of this questionnaire.
What type of items (if any) is donated?	Small electronics, gift certificates, gift cards, jewelry, etc.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	Not at this time, though we are enrolling in Macy's matching gift plan.
How is this event promoted?	There is no promotion for this effort.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	This year, the challenge has been getting the event planning started.
Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts?	No, not at this time. No other court is closer than a 5 hour drive.
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Occasionally, usually as a part of coronation.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

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Iowa, Des Moines

We had an Empress vs. Emperor Challenge Weekend. On the same night at the same times, each line - male and female - had a show, each one in a separate club. In our case, they were in two different cities, but for courts that are based in a city rather than a state, two shows in two different clubs work just as well. Anyway, the two lines challenged each other, and the winning line got the acclaim. It really increased the rivalry - all in fun, of course - between the boys and girls, and for several weeks before hand, they taunted and teased each other. Both sides were really inspired, and talked a LOT of smack, and in the end, both raised over \$800 each! An amazing night for both lines, and the court in general.

Submitted by Prunella DeVille
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Minnesota, Minneapolis

Court Name:	Imperial Court of Minnesota
Number of Court Members:	78
Court Email Address:	PO Box 58247
Court City/State	Minneapolis, MN 55458
Approximate City/Metro Population	3.5 Million
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	11 (Minneapolis/St. Paul)
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Pre-pride Parade Pancake Breakfast
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$500 - \$2000
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual
What type of venue is used for the event?	Bar/Restaurant (conveniently located near the Parade Kick-off Location)
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	In order to be an "official pride event" an application to the Pride Committee must be submitted prior to their cut-off. This targets families and individuals of all ages.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	All court members are encouraged to be involved in promotion to include fliers, email, word of mouth, mailing, Facebook, etc. Day of event 5 to 15 volunteers serve as cooks bus persons, waitpersons, dishwashers and hosts. (The bar provides bartenders and all non-perishable items like plates, napkins, forks, etc.)
What are some of the projected expenses?	Members recruit product/donations well in advance of the event bringing the overhead to a bare minimum.
What is your projected revenue?	Varies
What is your actual revenue?	Varies based on weather affecting attendance.
What type of items (if any) is donated?	All perishable goods such as pancake mix, butter, syrup, sausages, coffee, juice, milk, sugar, cream, etc.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	A liquor sponsor has been utilized to cover cooperative advertising with the venue. In fact 13 years ago the liquor sponsorship was so supportive the Reigning Monarchs allowed them branding rights in choosing their titles - The Absolute Emperor and Absolute Empress. Those same Monarchs started the Pride Pancake Breakfast which continued on successfully for many years.
How is this event promoted?	Promotions including advertising, flyers, email, invitations, phone trees, electronic communications, etc.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Our biggest challenge is weather related. Oddly, cold and wet forces people inside, which benefits this event. Hot and sunny does just the opposite as most people don't want to eat.

Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.

Virtually impossible to do as most Mid-western pride celebrations fall on the same weekend.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

See Above.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

It's truly one of the few "Family Friendly/All Ages" events we've successfully executed over the years.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

Jeff Crump, Emperor V, Community Relations Director and Parliament Alternate = icom18@comcast.net

Montana, Missoula

Court Name:	Imperial Sovereign Court of the State of Montana
Number of Court Members:	26
Court Email Address:	iscsm@iscsm.org
Court City/State	Missoula, MT
Approximate City/Metro Population	Approximately 64,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	0 (currently 1 in the state)
General Description of Fundraising Event:	College of Monarchs Show
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$1,169 gross/\$644 net
How often in a year is the event held?	annually
What type of venue is used for the event?	Varies (banquet hall, bar, etc.)
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	90 days
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	No volunteers - door/carding is done by members of the Board of Directors, security is typically provided by venue.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Venue \$250.00 Sound/DJ \$250.00 Spotlight \$25.00 Total: \$550.00
What is your projected revenue?	We never know, even roughly what kind of support we will get from our community for our functions so we do not project revenue.
What is your actual revenue?	\$644.00
What type of items (if any) is donated?	In the past we've had many different types of items donated, mostly for raffles. These items include tattoos, massages, dinner packages, a package from DirecTV, various gift baskets, etc.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	n/a
How is this event promoted?	Online (web site, social networking sites, Yahoo groups, etc) word of mouth, Court newsletter, fliers.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Finding a suitable venue is the biggest challenge we have. There is no gay bar in our town and only one in the entire state approximately 360 miles away. So we have to use gay-tolerant venues. Community involvement is always a hurdle too. It is not always easy to get people through the door.

Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.

Yes - our closes court is our mother court in Spokane, Washington. We do try to schedule our events around theirs, as to not cause any conflicts.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

Aside from participation/attendance, o our closest court is 200 miles away.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

n/a

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

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Ohio, Cincinnati

Court Name:	Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire
Number of Court Members:	207
Court Email Address:	PO Box 141152
Court City/State	Cincinnati, OH 45202
Approximate City/Metro Population	2,155,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	8
General Description of Fundraising Event:	ISQCCBE Coronation XIX
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual
What type of venue is used for the event?	Newport Syndicate - Banquet Facility
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	9 months for planning and targets the community in general
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Ball Coordinator Assistant Ball Coordinator Coronation Week Hosts Board President Board Treasurer College of Monarchs Hospitality Coordinator Protocol Minister
What are some of the projected expenses?	Overall projection \$14,000
What is your projected revenue?	Overall projection \$19,000
What is your actual revenue?	\$19,983.00
What type of items (if any) is donated?	Silent Auction Items - 12 \$1,000.00
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No
How is this event promoted?	Trifold, Website, Gay & Lesbian Calendar
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Coordinating between many individuals, budget adherence
Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.	No
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Yes

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

The only event in which we incur operating expenses is our annual coronation.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

Oregon, Salem

Court Name:	Imperial Sovereign Court of the Willamette Empire
Number of Court Members:	
Court Email Address:	ger3412@aol.com
Court City/State	Salem, OR
Approximate City/Metro Population	over 100,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	2
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Charity Month Event "Western Show" for Autism Foundation, YWCA, Breast Cancer, Continuing Fundraiser from Reign 2
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$1,505.00
How often in a year is the event held?	Every August
What type of venue is used for the event?	Local Bar
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	Advertise 60 days prior to the event. This event targets individuals 21 and over.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Two emcees, sound operator, music taker, spotlight operator, two raffle sellers, door person
What are some of the projected expenses?	\$0.00 None.
What is your projected revenue?	Door, 30 ppl @ \$7 \$210.00 Raffle \$100 Total \$310.00
What is your actual revenue?	Door, 70 ppl @ \$7 \$518.00 Raffle \$194.00 Donated tips \$598.00 Cash donations \$190.00 Total Income: 1,505.00
What type of items (if any) is donated?	Raffle baskets were put together by members. (value range \$10-\$35) Printing of Advertising fliers \$25.00
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No.
How is this event promoted?	Fliers, internet, social networks, yahoo groups and ISCWE webpage
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Challenges most common with all of our events are the lack of immediate volunteerism.

Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.

Date planning in our organization begins 2 months prior to the start of the new reign so that all dates are in place, making sure to check the calendars of other courts so that there are minimal conflicts with others.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

Support, volunteerism and participation from neighboring courts are always encouraged and supported.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

AMOP, Board President, Gerald Cloyer
ger3412@aol.com
Cell: 503-602-8422

Texas, Austin

Court Name:	United Court of Austin
Number of Court Members:	56
Court Email Address:	emprescici@yahoo.com or jaycie@austin.rr.com
Court City/State	Austin, TX
Approximate City/Metro Population	1,000,000 plus
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	7
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Chocolates for Charity - This event is a piggy back to our local bar's Steak Night. The bar offers a low cost steak dinner on Tuesday nights and the court sells deserts for a donation of choice.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	10,300.00 per year
How often in a year is the event held?	Weekly
What type of venue is used for the event?	Local Bar - Singles, Couples, Younger, Older, Adults
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	The event is planned monthly at each of the court meetings.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	You need at least 3 volunteers to run the event. These individuals are responsible for gathering the goods sold, setting up the sales table, supplies (forks, plates, napkins, boxes, etc.) selling and serving.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Plates Annually \$96.00 Napkins Annually \$36.00 Forks Annually \$48.00 To-Go Boxes Annually \$48.00 Serving Utensils - One time purchase \$20.00 Cutting Utensils - One time purchase \$10.00 Display platters - One time purchase \$20.00 Table Cloths - Annually \$72.00 Folding Table - One time purchase (or provided by bar) \$25.00 Seasonal decorations - \$50.00 Large promotional sign for table \$80.00 Approximate Costs \$505.00 per year
What is your projected revenue?	\$200 average revenue per week x 52 weeks per year = \$10,400.00
What is your actual revenue?	As stated above.
What type of items (if any) are donated?	All baked goods - Average per week \$50.00
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	None
How is this event promoted?	Bar sponsors the event along with steak night promotions - no cost to the court.

What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?

Finding weekly coordinators, finding individuals to donate baked goods.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

None required.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

To entice court members to volunteer, we offer producer points for each event that they host. UCA members must accumulate points to be eligible to run for the office of Monarch or ICP. Past Monarchs earn free entrance to coronation if they accumulate enough points. This event also provides a great opportunity for the patrons to learn about the organization and promotes new membership.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

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Texas, Corpus Christi (1)

Court Name:	The Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Texas Riviera Empire
Number of Court Members:	43
Court Email Address:	www.rsictre.com
Court City/State	Corpus Christi, TX
Approximate City/Metro Population	277,454
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	4
General Description of Fundraising Event:	<p>"Something in the Water". Annually, whoever the reigning Empress is becomes pregnant. Three months prior to the event, the court starts selling tickets, to find out who the father of the baby is. The name with the most votes is named the father. (This can be anyone). A baby shower is then planned for the Empress. This part is a traditional shower held in the early evening, approximately 2-3 hours prior to a show. Guests are encouraged to bring gifts (anything for children/infants). All proceeds and gifts go to benefit the Rainbow Room, a local organization that provides items for children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services. Often these children are taken with the clothes on their back and nothing else.</p> <p>The Empress then gives birth to a new baby (doll) either during the break between the party and the show, or at the show. One Empress's water broke on stage, and she delivered in the dressing room. Proceeds and gifts from the show and shower benefit the charity.</p>
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$1,000 to \$2,000 plus gifts.
How often in a year is the event held?	Once a year.
What type of venue is used for the event?	Generally this event is held at a bar.
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	3 Months from the time the Empress is announced to be pregnant.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Three at minimum. A party needs to be planned along with baby shower games, cake, snacks (traditional baby shower)! Then people are needed for the show.
What are some of the projected expenses?	The court does not incur any expenses for this event, except for the printing of tickets which is about \$10
What is your projected revenue?	\$1,000 - \$2,000 plus gifts.
What is your actual revenue?	\$1,000 - \$2,000 plus gifts.
What type of items (if any) are donated?	For the shower, a cake is donated, baby shower games, and prizes are donated.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No

How is this event promoted?	Promoted at every show the Empress is at and through the use of flyers. The reigning Empress also promotes this event beginning 3 months prior to the function by starting to show and she gets bigger as the weeks go by. Patrons find it entertaining to see a pregnant drag queen performing!
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	No real challenges exist.
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Yes, we get other courts to buy tickets to name the father of the Empress's baby.
Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?	The purpose of this fundraiser is not only to raise money, but is used to raise awareness and collect baby shower gifts, such as diapers, strollers, car seats, clothing, formula, gift cards, etc.
Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?	Empress 15&18 Lola Bouvier = lolabouvier@aol.com Empress 21 Bebe Hughes Bouvier = bhughes1999@yahoo.com Emperor 20 John Nolan = dinoalex67@yahoo.com

Texas, Corpus Christi (2)

Court Name:	The Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Texas Riviera Empire
Number of Court Members:	43
Court Email Address:	www.rsictre.com
Court City/State	Corpus Christi, TX
Approximate City/Metro Population	277,454
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	4
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Lunch Box Auction - Court members and members of the community prepare a dinner for two complete with accessories (plates, napkins, etc.). We've had people prepare elaborate picnic baskets with China and Silverware to Sloppy Joes (sold for \$75 at last auction), dinner gift certificates to nice restaurants, and smaller gift certificates to fast food (which are used in Chinese Auction. Patrons have a tendency to compete to see who's basket can go for a higher dollar amount. This event works rood in our "close neighborhood bar" environment. We've even had desert baskets. Contact us for more information about the different types of baskets and setups we've auctioned off.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$1,000 to \$2,000
How often in a year is the event held?	Two to Three times per year.
What type of venue is used for the event?	Generally this event is held at a bar.
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	Minimum of 1 1/2 months prior to the event. This event targets anyone in the community; however, you must be at least 21 to get into the bar.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	1-2 people to serve as auctioneers/emcees 1 person to model 1 person to collect money
What are some of the projected expenses?	The court does not incur any expenses for this event.
What is your projected revenue?	\$1000 - \$2000
What is your actual revenue?	
What type of items (if any) are donated?	A complete meal prepared for two in a picnic basket, or some other type of "box".
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No
How is this event promoted?	This event is promoted by word of mouth in the community, social networking, and fliers.

What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?

The challenge is getting donations from the court and community.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

No, not for this event.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

The best time to have this event is late afternoon, just before the dinner hours. This is a great way to get the community involved. In Corpus, we have community volunteers that compete to put together the best meal and to see if their meal can bring in more money than their friend's meals. Meals can go from anywhere from \$75 to \$200. We love to eat and it shows!

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

Empress 15&18 Lola Bouvier = lolabouvier@aol.com
Empress 21 Bebe Hughes Bouvier = bhughes1999@yahoo.com
Emperor 20 John Nolan = dinoalex67@yahoo.com

Texas, Fort Worth

Court Name:	Imperial Court de Fort Worth Arlington
Number of Court Members:	Approximately 60 with 30 active members
Court Email Address:	emperor31@ic-fwa.org or empress31@ic-fwa.org
Court City/State	Ft. Worth, TX
Approximate City/Metro Population	700,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	5 in Ft. Worth; 1 in Arlington
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Casino Bus Tour to Louisiana
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$600 to \$700
How often in a year is the event held?	Quarterly
What type of venue is used for the event?	Bus trip to Louisiana Casinos
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	Over 30 days for planning. This event targets over 21, but we get a wide cross-section of folks who aren't normally at shows.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	One person works with the bus company to reserve date and works with casino to secure freebies for participants. Three to four people sell tickets at shows and in bars. One to two people act as host on the bus -- welcoming guests, passing out jello shots, playing games with give-aways from the Casino.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Minimal expense to court. Court prints the tickets out of existing Court card stock.
What is your projected revenue?	40 participants @ \$15/ticket = \$600 Minimum of 40 must attend for casino to cover bus cost. Bus holds 56. Monarchs and organizer do not pay for tickets. We are considering charging \$5 extra to reserve the seats with tables (16 x \$5 = \$80 extra.) We pass the hat for the driver on the return trip. We have considered playing videos of a show and collecting tips.
What is your actual revenue?	Most recent trip (January 2010) \$600
What type of items (if any) are donated?	The casino pays for the bus rental, so 100% of the ticket sales go to the Court. Casino provides t-shirts, hats; free play coupons, free buffet coupons to use as give-aways on bus and at shows leading up to the bus trip. We also get one large item (usually a jean jacket) to put in a silent auction close to the trip. Monarchs provide jello shots, bar provides free parking.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	See above.
How is this event promoted?	Fliers in the bars, Facebook, yahoo groups, and promoted at shows.

What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?

Timing. It is a 3 hour bus trip each way (with smoke break) plus to 7 hours at casino. Leave at 9 AM return at 10 PM. Has to be on a Saturday. It means any Saturday show by another organization (Pride week, TGRA, etc.) gets hurt.

Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.

We regularly work with the calendars of the Dallas and Waco courts to minimize conflicts with major events. All of the Fort Worth charities meet with all of the bar owners every other month to synchronize calendars to avoid overlap.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

We have discussed stopping in Dallas to pick up a bus load there. Haven't been able to find a Saturday that works for both Courts.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

bkpcpa_fortworth@yahoo.com
[817-733-7298](tel:817-733-7298)

Texas, Houston

This fundraiser has raised thousands of dollars for our Court over the years because it is different and fun and gets a lot of people involved. You can bring in, and even encourage, people from across the country or around the world to participate.

Have your membership ask friends, family, other Court chapters, businesses, etc. from all over the world to put together a package of whatever they think represents their city. They seal the package well and mail it to the fundraising court via U.S. Mail. The postmark is the important part (that's why U.S. Mail).

During the evening of the Auction, the packages are auctioned off noting only the postmark as incentive. The winning bidders get the opportunity to open the package in front of everyone to see if they got their money's worth.

We usually do this in conjunction with a show so that the auction and show break each other up. We have seen many wonderful and strange things come across our mailbox. We have seen packages with beautiful crystal and antique jewelry to a package containing dog food. We even received during one of our first years (from somewhere in California) a wooden leg with a sock on it. (???)

This event is fun, funny and can be wild. It is also the type of event a person can get their entire family involved. They will be curious as to how much their package raised in the scheme of things. Keep track.

For more information contact the court at www.ersicss.org.

Texas, San Antonio

Court Name:	Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire
Number of Court Members:	
Court Email Address:	bod@alamoempire.org
Court City/State	San Antonio, TX
Approximate City/Metro Population	1.5 million
Number of Gay Bars in Your City	15
General Description of Fundraising Event:	LaCage type show held in a more upscale venue, not a typical bar show. Performers by invitation only, silent auctions, cash bar.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	\$4,000.00
How often in a year is the event held?	Quarterly
What type of venue is used for the event?	Hotel ballroom or other non-bar setting
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	90 days time frame for planning. Targets straight community and all others not comfortable in a gay bar setting. Also invited our beneficiaries.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Two people at door to collect/sell tickets, two people to welcome people and help to their seats, one person to keep dressing room safe and help if needed, a DJ, someone for lights, someone to watch and maintain the silent auction table. Hotel/venue provided wait staff and bartenders. And you must be careful to pick the right emcees. They need to keep the energy up, keep the show moving, be just risqué enough to be fun without being offensive, and of course get every dollar they can out of people. And your performers need to be on top of their game. Enough for about 2 hours of entertainment, most doing 2 numbers.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Our only real expense was the rental of the ballroom, which was offset by the standard drink minimum. We worked it out to work with our coronation weekend. We made \$3,000 deposit, and sold about \$1,500 in drinks so that the \$1,500 went towards our deposit for the coronation weekend. There was also printing costs for tickets and posters.
What is your projected revenue?	Ticket Sales (\$20 a ticket, \$160 per table), Tips, Silent Auction.
What is your actual revenue?	Not available.
What type of items (if any) are donated?	Get as much donated for the silent auction as possible, keeping in mind the crowd you are trying to appeal to. A basket of gay port is not ideal when appealing to a straight crowd.
Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	Not at this time.
How is this event promoted?	Direct mailing is excellent for reaching non-standard crowds.

What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?

Again, this isn't geared towards our regular crowd, so connecting with those outside our bar patrons is the biggest challenge. That's where mailing lists help.

Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.

All Texas Courts do their best to work together by maintaining a United Courts of Texas Calendar. Our event even has had performers from other Texas cities.

Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?

See above.

Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?

This was our first year hosting this event. The feedback has been very positive and we only expect it to grow larger. We also plan to try to host a similar event quarterly.

Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?

magijay@yahoo.com
[210-320-2389](tel:210-320-2389)

Utah, Salt Lake

Court Name:	Royal Court of the Golden Spike Empire
Number of Court Members:	90
Court Email Address:	empress@rcgse.org
Court City/State:	Salt Lake City, Utah
Approximate City/Metro Population:	180,000
Number of Gay Bars in Your City:	6
General Description of Fundraising Event:	Each Reign the Reigning Empress is required to host a week of events in October, basically 10 days. This is to benefit Cancer Research. All proceeds go the court's Cancer Fund.
Approximate Dollars Generated by the Event (s):	
How often in a year is the event held?	Annual
What type of venue is used for the event?	Bar, Bowling Alley, St. Paul's Church, Pride Center
What timeframe is used for planning this event?	4 months and is targeted to individuals at any age.
How many volunteers are needed for the event and what role do they play?	Many volunteers are involved but each event is Hosted by the Empress and usually someone with them. But the event is mainly planned by the Reigning Empress.
What are some of the projected expenses?	Cancer Pins to Sell: \$184.44 Raffle Prizes for Bowling Event \$74.92 Food for Live Event at Church \$27.93 Cancer Week Posters and Flyers \$33.13 Prizes, Decorations and Supplies for Casino Night \$159.08 Total: 481.50
What is your actual revenue?	Personal Donations \$200.00 Villainies and Vamps Drag Show \$1,304.00 Casino Night Prizes \$1,215.00 Cooking for a Cure - BBQ \$97.00 Bowling Night - \$120.00 Court Meeting - Dinner Pride Center \$66.00 Dart and Pool Tournament \$136.00 Pretty in Pink - Drag Show and Party \$420.00 Monarch Show - Past Monarchs \$518.00 Oktoberfest - BBQ and food event Live 4 Life St Paul's - Live Singers \$782.00 Karaoke \$121.00 Drag Idol \$15.00 Cancer Pin Sales \$152.00 Personal Donation \$100.00 Total \$5,527.00
What type of items (if any) are donated?	Food for BBQ events \$600.00

Is there any Corporate Sponsorship?	No
How is this event promoted?	Fliers, posters in the bars, local gay paper, Facebook, MySpace and text messaging each day of the event.
What are some of the challenges associated with producing and holding this event?	Some of the challenges are getting people to come out every night of the week for 10 days. But there were enough diverse events that attract some people and not others.
Does your court work with nearby courts to help minimize event date conflicts? If so please provide details.	Yes, the only court near to us is the Imperial Rainbow Court of Northern Utah, Ogden, UT. This is our daughter court and we usually check with each other when we have larger fundraisers.
Does your court seek support, volunteers and participation from neighboring courts?	Yes, many from Ogden participate in our events.
Is there any additional information you would like to add about the event you are sharing that might be beneficial for others?	
Who could we contact with questions or to get more information about this event?	empress34paris@yahoo.com Empress 34 Paris Silver, aka Glen Gray

Additional Ideas

Chili Cook-off

We ask for participation from each organization in our Realm. We also ask that they provide a pot of chili which will be judged. We then offer all persons in attendance the opportunity to buy 10 spoons for \$5.00 so that they can sample several and with each they get 5 “votes” tickets. Attendees can use all “votes” on a single chili or split them up however they want. We also let them buy a bowl of chili for \$2.00.

Donna Dumae, Dallas, TX

One of our biggest fundraisers every year is our egg painting at Wal-Mart. We put the name on the egg for a donation and Wal-Mart matches dollar for dollar. Average \$2,000.00

Elliott, Elliot_nbaley@yahoo.com

Here’s an idea, why not try a talent search. This fundraiser could be used to benefit youth programs such as “*Your City Name*” GLBT Got Talent. The winner could have a guest appearance at coronation, and can be show cased at court events to promote the contest year after year.

Submitted by Dorothy Big Mouth

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