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The 16th Annual 12 Days of Christmas



Hooker & Boys celebrated 16 years of their annual fundraiser event. "The 16th Annual 12 Days of Christmas: Sweet Sixteen" was on Saturday December 13, 2014.

Baltimore, Maryland's Club Hippo set the stage for our greatest combined effort of the Drag, Leather, Straight, Bisexual, and Transgender communities. As usual, the event was Standing Room Only. People came from near and far donating their money, time, and talent to make this year's program a complete success.

Shawna Alexander and David Allen, along with ASL interpreters Deb Jones and Susan Weinstein emcee'd a multitude of acts including singing, illusion, dancing, and skits.

During the production there were also silent auction, bootblacking, and pictures taken with Mr. & Mistress Santa Claus. One of the acts in the show included an actual wedding, officiated by Cher (Rik Newton-Treadway) and emcee David Allen: *Congratulations to David and Kristopher DeBlase!*

Special thanks go to all those who performed, volunteered, or attended; and to the sponsors and kind contributors.

The 16th Annual 12 Days of Christmas raised a total of \$12,800. This breaks down to \$3,200 to beneficiaries:

- **AIDS Action Baltimore**, Scott H. Stamford Memorial Fund;
- **the Lady Lisa Drag Stage** (GLCCB: Baltimore Pride 2015),
- **The Leather Heart Foundation**, Mark "Spanky" Bialous Relief Fund, and
- **Project REAL** (LGBTQ Youth Center, Asbury Park), Mark "Spanky" Bialous Fund.

Good Hearts Really Do and Will Beat A Bad Economy! Thank You ALL!

All money raised is being donated in memory of departed family, friends, and loved ones: Rick Yarbrough (aka Sister Piggy Sue), Arlis Harvey, Chuck Bone (aka Jennifer Williams), Donald Elliott, Adrian Cohen (aka Ada Buffet), Robert Brewster, Michael Roache (aka Nefarious Sa Diablo), Zippy, Judy Davis Stills-Cavannarro, Gilbert Leight, Heather 'Honey' Larkin, Robert Shearer Sr., Mrs. Rojas, Jon Nizzi, Mr. & Mrs. Nowicki, Rebecca Alexander, Beverly Ann Gortner, boy David Peters, Daddy Jim Raymond, Storm (aka Paulie's Little Girl), Barry Ort, boy Clifford Hooks, Lucia Napoleone, Alicia Gutierrez, Margaret McCaskill, Bruno (aka Winky), Tim McCormack, and Norman Fisher (aka Judy Garland).

Hooker & Boys is once again humbled by the generous donations and support that made this possible. We sincerely thank each and every one of you that have helped to make this event such a huge success every year. Whether it's your time, talent, monetary token, goods, services, or that you are one of many who have traveled from near and far to attend our event, YOU are the reason this event is known AROUND THE WORLD!

We wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Proudly Serving The Communities,

Hooker & Boys

Members: Rik Newton-Treadway aka Hooker, woodie barnes, Paulie Treadway, Jason Sentz, Marty Diez (*aka Chi Chi Ray Colby*), Andy Chmielowski-Liu, Henry James, David "Pug" Spellman, Matthew Smith, David Allen, Robert Bowden, and Shawna Alexander.

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