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February 1986

FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 1987! The new year is off to a great start; plans for the 5th (and best) RMR Rodeo are well underway and we have a new sense of vitality in our organization. During our January General Membership Meeting we held elections to fill the positions of Corresponding Secretary and PR/Fundraising Chairman. Gary Brown was elected Corresponding Secretary and Walt "Bear" Pedigo assumes responsibility for PR/Fundraising. Replacing "Bear" as Membership Chairman is Whitney Houser. Congratulations Gary, "Bear", and Whitney our your new positions. All three are full of energy and excitement with great plans to enhance their office. We now have a cohesive, energetic board, a very active Mr., Ms., and Miss, and most important an enthusiastic membership -- All the ingredients necessary to make this our most productive and successful year!

As mentioned earlier, plans for the 5th (and best) RMR Rodeo are well under way. As usual, Rodeo Director, Wayne Jakino has things well under control. Plans are being finalized for the rodeo grounds, opening party, awards ceremony, stock contract, and sponsorship. There's even a chance that this year "DENVER'S BIGGEST PARTY" will get even bigger and better! At the time the newsletter went to print discussions were still being held, but there is a good possibility that this year the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo will be complimented with a Rocky Mountain Regional Gay Pride Festival! The festival would be held on rodeo grounds and feature craft booths and excitement. Again, plans for a festival have not yet been finalized, but not to worry festival events would be scheduled to compliment the rodeo and provide diversions to please all spectators and participants. The first "go round" of our poster mailing has been completed and the second to be completed the end of the month. Mark your calendars NOW... our final rodeo information mailing will be SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1987. We need your energy and help. Plan to be at Charlie's Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm. On the subject of the RMR Rodeo, now is the time to begin thinking of what type of involvement YOU would like to have on putting on our rodeo. Would you like to work in the chutes, secretarial, beer sales, security, medical, arena crew or one of the many other areas. We need and want your help! If you have a specific interest, contact a board member and let us know of your interest!

The Second Arizona Gay Rodeo is now history and CGRA well represented. Both John Beck and Hal Baker were in the top five for the All Around title. CGRA was also fortunate to have many members bring home buckles and ribbons. Congratulations to all! The next rodeo will be in California March 27-29, 1987, followed by our own RMR Rodeo in May. Remember Club Night at Mike's Saturday February 7th, and our General Membership Meeting Thursday, February 12th. See you there!

Richard and Michael

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CGRA is dedicated to the furtherment of rodeo and country western related events. Membership is open to anyone, barring all prejudices. There is an initiation fee of \$20, and monthly dues of only \$4. All membership fees and dues should be paid by check or money order. Members with dues three months in arrears will be listed as inactive. To again become an active member you must pay all back dues, up to six months. After six months, you will have the option of paying back dues or submitting a new membership application and fee (\$20). After six months you will be dropped from the membership list. General Membership Meetings are held at 8:00 pm the second Thursday of each month at Charlie's, 7900 East Colfax Avenue. Please plan to attend each meeting, your involvement and input is solicited.

GET INVOLVED... JOIN A COMMITTEE, ATTEND A MEETING

CGRA is only as strong as each of its members. We NEED and WANT your ideas, energy and participation. General Membership Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at Charlie's. Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Charlie's. We also have four standing committees that need and want your involvement. Following is a list of the standing committees and their scheduled meetings. BECOME INVOLVED!

RODEO EVENTS COMMITTEE: John Beck, Chairman. Meetings the second Sunday of each month at 4675 Parfet Street, Wheat Ridge, 1:00 pm.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: John Mason, Chairman. Meetings the second Monday of each month at Charlie's, 9:00 pm.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Whitney Houser, Chairman. Meetings the second Thursday of each month at Charlie's following the General Membership Meeting.

PR/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Walt "Bear" Pedigo, Chairman. Meetings the second Thursday of each month at Charlie's following the General Membership Meeting.

SKI TRIP PLANNED

ATTENTION all ski enthusiasts, snow bunnies, and anyone looking for a good time. On Sunday, February 22, 1987 CGRA will be hosting a ski trip to Winter Park. We will be chartering a bus (with a friendly and good looking driver we hope) to provide the transportation so everyone will be able to PARTY - PARTY - PARTY! The cost of the bus will be between \$8 and \$13 per person, dependent upon the number of people who attend. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW -- contact John Mason at 320-6728 or 399-1979. The ski trip is NOT limited CGRA members, or only those who like to ski, but to everyone who enjoys a good time. Tell your friends and make your plans NOW!

John Mason,
Entertainment Chairman

FROM PR/FUNDRAISING...

First I would like to thank everyone for their support in electing me to the chairmanship for PR and Fundraising. My committee and I are going to do our darndest to get everything done, however we will need everyone's help, NO HOLDS BARED.

We are now four months away from the Fifth RMRR and nothing has been done from this office. (Read concern here but not panic.) By now there should have been articles in the community papers and "drop in type" visits at the bars in town. So there is MAJOR catching up to do, but it can and will be done. One of our goals is to have at least one article in every issue of The OUT FRONT keeping us in everyone's mind. If you have an idea on something that you would like for us to bring to the community, let us know, 'cuz we need your input. We are going to be mailing the other GRA's flyers on our gymkhana's. After all, why not spend a long weekend in Denver having fun with a lot of WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

In the near future we are going to have a membership drive to bring in new people, and show ex-members how we have changed and maybe they would like to come back. If you have ideas about the drive talk to Whitney, she'll be glad to hear from you and she'll be needing some drovers to sign on.

Well, guess we had better close now and think about WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP. Our monthly committee meeting will be held immediately following the general membership meeting in The Rodeo Room.

"Bear", Rosa, and Dan.
PR/Fundraising Committee

FROM RODEO EVENTS...

The Spring Gymkhana is scheduled for April 12, 1987. Again, we will attempt to schedule a full day of events with some new "surprises". Posters and flyers will be out soon. I strongly encourage everyone to attend. Other gymkhana's already scheduled include: July 25-26, 1987 and October 4, 1987.

I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in the Arizona Gay Rodeo in Phoenix. Your participation and involvement was very much appreciated -- Arizona knew we were there! I'm also happy to see that we have several new riders. Hang in there gang, the bruises will go away (trust me). Hope to see everyone in Los Angeles in March!

Remember, the Rodeo Events Committee meets the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm at my home in Wheat Ridge. Hope to see you there.

John Beck,
Rodeo Events Chairman

MORE CHANGES...

Recently Pat Wilson, Mr. CGRA 1987 resigned his position to move to the great state of California. We would like to thank Pat for his many contributions and wish him success. Replacing Pat at Mr. CGRA 1987 will be John Beck. We are sure that John will represent our organization proudly in the coming months. The first runner up title has been awarded to Tony Shade. Congratulations, Tony! CGRA also received a new Miss representative as Lee resigned for personal reasons. Lee's title of Miss CGRA 1987 was filled by our active first runner up, Rosa. The first runner up of this title has been awarded to Ami. CGRA's Mr., Ms., and Miss representatives for 1987 are:

MR. CGRA 1987 JOHN BECK
MS. CGRA 1987 JONNY VAN ORMAN
MISS CGRA 1987 "ROSA" (James Martinez)

A BIG THANKS!

Starting just before Thanksgiving and running through the weekend preceeding Christmas, CGRA's MR. MS. and MISS placed jars marked "Loose Change" in various locations throughout Denver and Colorado Springs. The purpose of the jars was for individuals to deposit their "loose change" in a Christmas Fund for PWA's. The money was then equally divided among 54 PWA's to do as they wished; a little "Christmas present" from CGRA's Mr., Ms., and Miss. In addition, our Mr., Ms., and Miss held a pre Thanksgiving feed billed as the First Annual Sno-Ball Poker Dance and Dinner.

The Denver Country Cloggers became involved to help raise "loose change" by donating their tips from their annual Christmas Clogging. Through an effort of the ENTIRE COMMUNITY of Denver and Colorado Springs just under \$900 was raised for the fund.

Mr., Ms., and Miss CGRA 1987 would like to extend their thanks to everyone who provided food, assisted in serving, worked on the door, performed or simply had a good time at the Sno-Ball Poker Dance and Dinner. A special "thanks" to THE DENVER COUNTRY CLOGGERS for their backing in this fundraising activity. Your energy, time and tips were greatly appreciated! We'd also like to thank each of you for your gerosity and support in helping make a few PWA's have a happier holiday!

Jonny Van Orman,
Ms. CGRA 1987

A THANK YOU TO OUR MR, MS AND MISS

Dear Friends:

In a time when many turn against us because we are ill, there so often rises a star in our hearts when someone does something nice "just because". Thanks for the "loose change" funds, and thanks for the kindness. Ron Jesser and Danny Bahr obviously have some wonderful friends. The kind that love is made of.

Sincerely,
David

THIRD ANNUAL CALIFORNIA GAY RODEO

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association has had two very successful gay rodeo's and is now geared up for the Third Annual California Gay Rodeo which is scheduled for March 27-29, 1987. The California State Gay Rodeo Association will combine a day at the rodeo with an Arts and Crafts Festival, a Country Music and Dance Festival, and entertainment featuring a casino and amateur and professional talent. Ticket prices range from \$10.00 per day for general admission to \$20.00 for box seating. Admission prices include everything that happens from start to finish.

The deadline for contestant entry is midnight, March 14, 1987 to avoid a late fee. Entries should be mailed to CGRA (Contestants), P.O. Box 90873, Long Beach, CA 90809. Post entries will be accepted until midnight Friday, March 27, 1987 with a late fee of \$50.00 per contestant. For contestant entry blank or more information please call the Rodeo Hotline at (213) 498-1675.

JESSER - BAHR MEMORIAL AWARD ESTABLISHED

At the December 1986 General Membership Meeting we passed a resolution to establish two awards honoring Ron Jesser and Danny Bahr to be awarded by CGRA at the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. The two awards will be presented to participants who did not place in individual events, but demonstrated the determination and will power both Ron and Danny were famous for. The award will consist of a trophy and a cash award. Contributions to the Jesser-Bahr Memorial Award are being accepted by our Treasurer, David Hill. Donations may be mailed to CGRA, 7900 E. Colfax, Denver, CO 80220. Please specify how you would like your memorial contribution placed.



Remember, CGRA/Denver
Country Cloggers

"CLUB NIGHT"
The first Saturday of
each month
at Mike's

NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
6-9 PM

SEE YOU ALL THERE!