

## REMINDERS:

- **General Membership Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, Jan 5th**  
8pm at Charlie's
- **Stock Show Night**  
**SATURDAY, Jan 21st**  
TBA NW Events Center
- **Beer Bust**  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan 25th**  
8pm Charlie's
- **Gymkhana**  
**SUNDAY Jan 29th**  
Indoor at JeffCo

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## Ring it in...

We are surrounded, new stuff everywhere. We have a brand new year and a brand new fresh look at the faces of CGRA.

We have a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Trustee, Rodeo Director, Fundraising Chair, Entertainment Chair, Rodeo Events Chair, Membership Chair, Metro Outreach Chair, Northern Outreach Chair, Royalty Team and Webmaster. With all the new positions on the board, you can expect great things to come as we ring in the new year.

We have a new website with

plenty of new stuff there and plenty more to come.

We have a new must see movie in Brokeback Mountain. A great movie and you have to see it again and again.

A new lease on a new year and new positive attitude as the new board looks forward to our upcoming events.

Ring it in in style with CGRA!

Happy New Year to you all and may 2006 be the most prosperous year yet for each and every one of you!



## Letter from our President

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! A reminder that our January General Membership meeting is this Thursday, January 5, at Charlie's. I want to thank each one of you for the opportunity to serve you as President for 2006 and welcome each of you to join myself and the Board of Directors to a very busy year for CGRA. January is already proving to be very busy so please visit the calendar for scheduling your month's activity. A new event was just added this weekend so please join Clyde Mitter and the rest of us at the Wrangler this Sun-

day for a beer bust to help the Mr. and Miss CGRA charities. If any on you have an article of interest that you would like to share with the rest of the membership please forward that to Larry T. so we can all enjoy something new. I want to congratulate Carl B. and Ken S. on a great night at the movies and a successful fundraiser for CGRA. If you were unable to go with us to see Brokeback Mountain, please make plans to see this wonderful movie. It has now opened in several theaters around the Denver Metro area.

We will be traveling to Phoe-

nix for Road Runner Regional Rodeo January 13 so good luck to each contestant who is attending and competing there. The next IGRA event on the calendar is IGRA UNIVERSITY in Las Vegas February 17-19. This is a great tool to learn more about rodeo production and association growth techniques. I encourage as many as possible to attend these classes and learn as much as you can. We never know everything!! If you have any questions please contact me. Tommy Channel  
PRESIDENT



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### Road Runner Regional Rodeo

Phoenix, Arizons  
January 13th, 14th & 15th

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## For Immediate Release

### 2006 San Diego Rodeo Entertainment Registration Information

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Wednesday, December 28, 2005 -

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association – Greater San Diego Chapter (GSGRA-GSDC) is pleased to announce registration information for all entertainers attending the 2006 San Diego Rodeo.

Be a Star! It's the perfect setting! The 2006 San Diego Rodeo Production Team is pleased to announce three great opportunities to share your talent during our event. Be ready to excite and amaze the many rodeo fans, contestants and volunteers that will be in attendance. In addition to performance

opportunities at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds during the rodeo events (Saturday and Sunday, 29-30 April, 2006), the Rodeo Production Team is proud to announce the "Country Stars Stage", located under the beautiful San Diego Night Sky. Our new open-air stage is located at the Host Hotel and is directly outside the main entrance to the Western Dance, thus giving you maximum exposure and a natural travel pattern for the many fans to enjoy your performance. Details on how to register as an Official San Diego Rodeo Entertainer can be found at [www.sandiegorodeo.com](http://www.sandiegorodeo.com).

In addition to the excitement of performing, you will receive direct VIP access to the event where you are performing. A spacious entertainment dressing area will also be provided,

with security, to allow you maximum enjoyment. Also, get applications submitted by January 31, 2006 to be included in the special entertainment section of the 2006 San Diego Rodeo Program. Details are included on the application form on our website. [www.sandiegorodeo.com/2006entertainment.htm](http://www.sandiegorodeo.com/2006entertainment.htm)

For more information on 18th Annual San Diego Rodeo 2006 and other exciting events, please contact the Rodeo Hotline number at 1 619 298 4708 or visit our website at [www.sandiegorodeo.com](http://www.sandiegorodeo.com).

NOTE: To find out more about the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, please visit [www.gsgra.org](http://www.gsgra.org).

## Trustee Times

Welcome all CGRA Members to 2006, CGRA has a lot on its plate over the next two years, two RMRR Rodeos (one will be our 25 Rodeo and in 2007 CGRA will be hosting IGRA Rodeo Finals. As I start out as your new IGRA Trustee, I want to thank Ken Pool, for the last three years as CGRA

Trustee THANKS KEN!!! I have plans to attend 7 to 10 IGRA events, all 4 IGRA Board meetings, starting with PHX., and onto IGRA U in Las Vegas. If you are going to an IGRA Rodeo that I may not be going, please stand in for me as CGRA's Trustee, just let me

know and I will send off an email to that's Rodeo's Assoc. Trustee, that you will be standing in for me. Hope to see you all at Charlie's Thur. the 5th for CGRA Jan. meeting Roger Courtemanche CGRA Trustee 2006/2008

## Fundraising

CGRA Members, As I step into the role of CGRA Fundraising Chair 2006, I'm pleased to tell you things are off to a terrific start. The Brokeback Mountain movie release and beer-bust party, our first event for 2006, was a hit. Thanks to you, CGRA sold 150 of the 415 seats at the Mayan on opening night and raised a total of \$3,265.00 through tickets sales, the auction, and raffle. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. I've since received a couple more Broke-

back Mountain jackets and several more t-shirts. Look for these items as prizes at future events.

I've got some new ideas up my sleeve as I think about fundraising activities for 2006 and am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

At the same time, I recognize it will take all of us to engage the community in supporting our efforts. Please share with me any ideas for fundraising and let me know of any connections you may have that could

lead to potential sponsorship.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Jim and Cheney for all their work and dedication this last year. With Jim and Cheney serving as Fundraising Co-Chairs for 2005, we had a very successful year and were able to make sizeable contributions to the community.

Thanks...and keep an eye out for upcoming events!!  
Carl Bloom  
fundraising@cgra.net

CGRA Members, As I wrap up the loose ends of 2005, I'm pleased to welcome Pauline Chavez to the position of Membership Chair 2006. We've had a great year, adding new members each month and I'm hopeful we'll continue to do so into the new year. As always, please support CGRA by helping to scout out potential members. The strength and longevity of our organization requires a consistent flow of "new blood". If you have questions regarding your membership, please speak with Pauline or send an email to: [Membership@CGRA.net](mailto:Membership@CGRA.net) To keep up with the annoying tradition of shaming those whose membership has, or is soon to expire, please review the following list to see if you're due to send in your renewal fees (\$30.00)

**Memberships Expired and are now considered INACTIVE:**

- ◆ D.C. Coulon (11/19/05)
- ◆ Eugene Sanders (9/15/05)
- ◆ Frank Colvin (9/1/05)
- ◆ Jeff Ramstetter (9/4/05)
- ◆ Keith Keller (11/29/05)
- ◆ Kevin Bowser (11/4/05)
- ◆ Michael Powers (9/1/05)
- ◆ Paul Hodapp (10/19/05)
- ◆ RC Cuellar (11/12/05)
- ◆ Robert Day (11/4/05)
- ◆ Shane Price (10/7/05)

**Memberships that are expired but still ACTIVE:**

- ◆ Brad Busby (12/1/05)
- ◆ Christina Burris (12/7/05)
- ◆ CJ Jasgur (12/12/05)
- ◆ Clyde Mitter (12/31/05)
- ◆ Don Moore (12/11/05)
- ◆ Kevin Eastman (12/9/05)
- ◆ Larry Travnicek (12/11/05)
- ◆ Roger Japp (12/11/05)

**Memberships up for renewal this month:**

- ◆ Chris Hochmuth (1/15/06)
- ◆ Lewis Putnam (1/20/06)

Those of you planning to compete in Phoenix, it's imperative that you submit your renewal dues so your membership is/ remains active. Please send dues to:

CGRA - Membership  
P.O. Box 18728  
Denver, CO 80218  
[membership@cgra.net](mailto:membership@cgra.net)

Thanks...and Happy New Year!!  
Carl Bloom

## Rodeo Director

Hello members of CGRA. I am hoping that your holidays all went off without a hitch. I can't believe that it is already 2006!! The preparations for RMRR 24 are well under way. I am working with all of our sponsors and vendors to assure that we have the BEST rodeo on the IGRA circuit this year. One that we all can be quite proud of. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, contact John B. our new Vice-President. Best of luck for your new year.  
Roger Japp  
Rodeo Director

## FYI








Jan 25, 2006

Beer bust (8pm) and Show (9pm)

Benefitting IGRA,

held by Rich Valdez,  
Mr. IGRA 2006,  
2nd Runner Up

# January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 	14 
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29 	30	31				

Search the newsletter for times and locations of calendar events!

## Public Relations

Hello Everyone

Exciting things are happening all around us everyday. I have been working very hard on creating a new website for CGRA. The website is up and running so please check out our new look. I will continue to improve the look of the website throughout the month. You will notice a calendar page that I would like to include your calendar events on the website so it can become a true source of information for our members. I am also working on a classifieds page that will allow our members the ability to post goods and services that will benefit our community.

As I work through the process of growth please forward me your thoughts and comments, use our easy contact form on the website, and as always think of ways that CGRA can improve our communications with our members and the community. I would like to invite anyone interested in becoming a model for CGRA to let me know immediately. I need to schedule a model shoot for later this month and an outdoor shoot in late March, early April at my place in Greeley. Of course the schedule will depend on interest, weather, and the photographer's schedule. During our first shoot I would like some professionally done

pictures with our Mr. and Miss CGRA sashes as well as our International Royalty team. Please contact me for details. 2006 starts another exciting year for CGRA and another busy year for me. I am very excited to serve my first full year as your public relations chair and I can't wait to bring you more wonderful ads and publications.  
Happy New Year!!!  
Larry Travnicek  
pr@cgra.net



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## Alert

The state of Colorado is one of only two states in the union that does not have an identity theft law protecting its citizens. Here are the facts:

- ◆ 1 in 4 Coloradoans will have their identities stolen this year.
- ◆ The majority of identities are stolen without the victim's knowledge.
- ◆ There is no way to prevent an identity from being stolen.
- ◆ It is a misconception that credit card loss and internet transactions are the only ways an identity is stolen.
- ◆ Everyone's identity is at risk of being stolen at any time.


For more information about the fastest growing crime in Colorado, visit [www.IDTheftRisk.com](http://www.IDTheftRisk.com).

JC McDonald, a fellow CGRA member, works closely with the leading risk-consulting firm in the world in an effort to protect individuals from this epidemic. If you are interested in protecting yourself or would like more information contact Mr. McDonald at the number below.

Additionally, JC has agreed to donate to CGRA a portion of the proceeds from every Identity Theft Shield enrollment.

JC McDonald  
303-360-5505

Voluntary company benefit packages are also available, at no cost to the company.



### ID Theft

What Everyone Needs To Know:

- ☑ 1 in 4 Coloradans will lose their identity this year.
- ☑ Most people don't know when or if it has happened.
- ☑ It is an epidemic that will affect everyone.

[www.IDTheftRisk.com](http://www.IDTheftRisk.com)

Protect yourself and your significant other with one call.

**303-360-5505**

JC McDonald - Identity Theft Risk Specialist

