

# CGRA Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2006

## REMINDERS:

- General Membership meeting  
**THURSDAY**  
November 2nd,  
8pm at Charlie's
- Beer Bust  
**SUNDAY**  
November 19th  
4-8 pm at the Wrangler

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## Decision 2006



"Vote Yes on 1", "She wants to raise your taxes", "He is another dishonest politician". We have heard it all this election year. Very important issues face the gay community this year. Referendum i would enact the Colorado Domestic Partnership Benefits and Responsibilities Act which would grant basic legal rights to same sex couples. You can visit [www.fairequal.org](http://www.fairequal.org) for more information. Amendment 43 attempts to

make an amendment to the constitution of the state of Colorado that states that "only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado"

Along with these two ballot measures of particular importance comes several other measures that hold special interests in one way or another with each of you. We live in the greatest country on earth with one of the greatest rights ever granted, the right to vote. Get out

there on Tuesday and exercise your rights.

On the rear wheels of the Decision 2006 vote comes the CGRA Board of Director's election to be held at the December meeting. Anyone wishing to run for a position must be at the November 2nd meeting to throw your hat in the ring. You can get more information about running for a position from our website at [www.cgara.net](http://www.cgara.net) or ask any board member.

**GET OUT AND VOTE!!!**

## Letter from our President

I first want to remind everyone that we will be electing a new BOD at the December Membership Meeting, Dec. 14. If you are planning on throwing in your hat for a board position you can get the application from the web. Please get your application filled out and turned in to any board member. If you want your name on the absentee ballot you must get that application filled out. Also please remember the November meeting is moved up one week to Thursday, November 2. at Charlie's. The 2006 IGRA Finals Rodeo in Reno is November 9-12. Good luck to Mr. CGRA 2006, Clyde Mitter, who will be competing for the title of Mr. IGRA 2007. Miss CGRA, Gia D., will not be competing at Finals this year due to some personal issues. We want Gia to know we are proud of her and thank her for all she has

done for CGRA during the past year.

I want to congratulate all CGRA members who are invited to compete at this year's Finals Rodeo in Reno. Good luck to Char Duran, Ryan Ross, Roger Japp, Sherry Puls, John Beck, R.C. Cuellar, Ty Teigen, Desiree Gronwald, Tarry Travnicek, Ken Smith, Clyde Mitter, Travis Nowers and Lester Stevens. Ken Pool received an invitation also but declined because he is the Asst. Arena Director for the weekend. We have survived another IGRA Convention in Nashville. I want to thank all the delegates that volunteered their time and energy to support CGRA and IGRA. We had a great time in Nashville! I am sure our Trustee will report on the progress from Convention.

Make plans now for Finals Rodeo in Reno and see you there!! If you have any question regarding 2006 Finals Rodeo please visit [Renogayrodeo.com](http://Renogayrodeo.com) If you do not find your answers there you can give me a call at 303-885-5135 Tommy Channel  
CGRA PRESIDENT  
P.S. I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday and hope you are safe and healthy. The CGRA Night of Sharing and 2007 Royalty Competition is scheduled for December 8 and 9. The Past Royalty Show is Friday, Dec. 8, so all past CGRA Royalty is invited to come out and perform for us. The actual competition is Sat., Dec. 9. and the CGRA Night of Sharing is combined with the Sat. competition so do not miss CGRA giving away profits from the year to our Charity Partners.



Cyde Mitter  
Mr. CGRA  
2006

Gia Diamante  
Miss CGRA  
2006

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**International Gay  
 Rodeo Association  
 International Finals  
 Rodeo**  
**November 9th,  
 10th, 11th and 12th**  
**Reno-Sparks  
 Livestock Events  
 Center**  
**Reno, Nevada**



## Metro Outreach

What a busy time of the year. We all have a lot to think about over the next few months. I want to encourage everyone to attend the December General Membership meeting. We will be electing the 2007 board that night. If you are interested in a board position, please consider what you can do for CGRA. It takes more than just the board to get everything accomplished and CGRA has a great mem-

bership. I don't know of any other organization whose members are as involved as CGRA's. I am running for Secretary and would greatly appreciate your consideration for the position. Also in December we will hold our royalty competition and a Night of Sharing. Please plan on attending to show your support for our past, present and future royalty. The royalty teams work

very hard for CGRA. Good luck to all our members at finals next week. Be safe and see you in Reno. One last thing, John Beck, I have told you over and over, flats, flats, flats. You just fall off those high heels and get hurt. Hope you're feeling better. Justin Smith  
 Metro Outreach

## Rodeo Events

Hello CGRA Members,

Another rodeo year is almost over with finals in Reno only a week away. Congratulations and good luck to our members who have qualified and are planning to attend. Also well wishes and a speedy recovery to John Beck.

Ken Smith

Rodeo Events Chair

## Fundraising

Howdy CGRA Members, As the year creeps to an end, there's still time to think about opportunities to raise additional funds through the next couple of months. We've still got time to bring in more support for our charity partners. Please let me know if you have ideas for fundraising activities/events we might host in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for our two remaining 2006 Wrangler Beer Busts; November 19 and December 10. We're ready to start begging

for volunteers to pour beer at the Wrangler Beer Bust on Nov 19. If you're willing to spend a few hours of your afternoon putting a smile on the faces of the guys at the Wrangler and raising money for a good cause, please let me know. We certainly could use your help. Keep in mind, it's also time to start taking names for Board of Director nominees. If you'd consider running for 2007 Fundraising Chair, or any other board position, please let any of the board members know of your interest. Carl Bloom~Fundraising Chair

## Northern Outreach

Hope all the ghosts and goblins had a safe and Happy Halloween!!

Just when you thought all the elections were almost over, we still have our CGRA Board of Directors coming up in December. So if you cant be there to vote in person, please mail your proxy in so that your votes gets counted.

Congratulations and good luck to all those who are invited to IGRA finals in Reno in November. And good luck to Clyde Mitter, Mr CGRA 2006, who will be representing CGRA in the Royalty competition.

I want to wish a safe and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Jim Thorstad- Northern Outreach

## November 2006

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| ★   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| ★   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |     |     |

A detailed calendar is available at [www.cgra.net](http://www.cgra.net)

In order to remain and active member, your dues must be paid by the last day of the month your membership expires. Please let me know of any address changes. If you need a nametag please make sure to get in touch with me so I can order it for you, and if I have a nametag for you, you may pick it up at an of our general membership meetings.

- Memberships up for renewal in November:**
- ♦ Aragon Anthony
  - ♦ Arnold Mark
  - ♦ Jenkins James
  - ♦ Manrique Rj
  - ♦ Mcgarrigle Marty
  - ♦ Peck-aragon Ron
  - ♦ Slaughter Tracy
  - ♦ Smith Ken
  - ♦ Smith Justin
  - ♦ Soderquist Eric
  - ♦ Steve Sublett
  - ♦ Westman David
- (if you have already renewed, please alert the membership chair)

- Memberships up for renewal in December:**
- ♦ Clewell Jan
  - ♦ Cupic Michael
  - ♦ Lee Sandy r
  - ♦ Luthy Ken
  - ♦ Mitchell Jim
  - ♦ Mitchelltree Jay
  - ♦ Tabay Mary
  - ♦ Turner Donna
  - ♦ Wentworth Lloyd

- Memberships up for renewal in January:**
- ♦ Alexander Khobie
  - ♦ Cuellar Rc
  - ♦ Gazella Karolyn
  - ♦ Hauser Lee
  - ♦ Hernandez Larry
  - ♦ Hochmuth Chris
  - ♦ Howerton Michael
  - ♦ Hull Tom
  - ♦ Hurd Rob
  - ♦ Japp Roger
  - ♦ Martinez Jo
  - ♦ Martinez Dolores
  - ♦ Martinez Virgil
  - ♦ Michel Marlo
  - ♦ Mitter Clyde
  - ♦ Moore Don

- ♦ Slusser Connie
- ♦ Stowe David
- ♦ Tear Doug
- ♦ Travnicek Larry
- ♦ Walker Aly

I hope everyone enjoyed Vegas Rodeo and Convention. Hey Nellie I hope you are feeling better we miss your pretty face and everyone is asking for you at the Charlie's. Our name Badges will be here before finals. Sorry for the inconvenience. Now back to membership, we have another Gentleman who wants to join our organization his name is Chad Griffin, Welcome Chad. See you on the circuit or at Charlie's. Don't forget if you can't get to me to join CGRA you can get the application on line. Have a great day see you on the circuit. Pauline  
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**Welcome new member... Chad Griffin!!!**

## Trustee Times

Hello CGRA members!

Well, convention is over. Finals is coming up in a couple weeks, and the holidays will soon be over and we'll be packing our bags to Phoenix. Convention went well, there will be a few changes and additions to the bylaws and standing rules for the 2007 season.

First off I want to thank the following delegates and alternates that attended convention in Nashville. Jeff Shaw, Ken Pool, John Beck, Chris Hockmouth, Clyde Mitter, Rich Valdez, John Locke, and Keith Swanson. I

would also like to thank SMRA for their hospitality and their willingness to host convention while still in their infancy.

I was elected by all Region 2 trustees as Assistant Trustee Chair for Region 2. This puts me on the IGRA executive board.

I'll have a full written report about convention at this months meeting on Thursday, November 2nd.

Roger Courtemanche  
Trustee



**Guess the Drag Creature**

Answer on page 4

**Remember:**

**If you are running for a 2007 Board of Director's position,**

**you can use this space for a campaign letter.**

**Get the word out to the members and start your campaign today!!!**

### Elect Pauline Chavez For Vice President

I wanted to take a chance to let you know who I am if you have not had the chance to meet me. I am Pauline Chavez and I currently serve as your Membership Chair. I am looking for your support in helping me achieve my goal of becoming Vice president of CGRA. I have vast experiences that would help me do the job, I have been Ms CGRA as well as Ms IGRA first runner-up, and I have held other titles in the Denver community to include Ms Gay Pride and Ms GALA. Part the responsibilities of the Vice President is the liaison for the CGRA royalty and the Board of Directors, I have a great

deal of time committed to do just that. I have been helping the community since 1978. After I was Ms GALA I served on their Board of Directors for two years helping them grow. I have worked on the community outreach as well as fundraising for CGRA I have worked for Charlie's of Denver for the last eight years, and having a working partnership with them; where I also have been able to meet most the members of CGRA and the royalty for the state, and build relationship with all the different organizations. If elected into this position I will be available to talk to and deal with the royalty and the public when it counts the most, when we are out in the public's eye;

and accommodate any persons or groups that may have needs. If there was something that needed to be dealt with I would be able to do so. I am not afraid of a little hard work but yet, I welcome it. This up a coming year CGRA has a great deal for responsibilities with putting on Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 25 and Finals as well, and I look forward to helping this rodeo association be the BEST with in IGRA.

Thank you for your Time and Consideration,  
*Pauline Chavez*

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