

## REMINDERS:

- General Membership Meeting  
THURSDAY, Jan 18th  
8pm at Charlie's
- Stock Show Night  
SATURDAY, Jan 20th  
Denver Coliseum
- Gymkhana  
SUNDAY Jan 28th  
Indoor at JeffCo

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## Welcome to the Family



CGRA is proud to welcome all the newcomers to our family. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we invite you on board.

We have a new royalty team to welcome on board; Miss CGRA Janet Jenkins, MsTer CGRA T-Jay Blake and Mr. CGRA Larry Hernandez. We know you will make us proud and good luck with your reign as CGRA's 2007 Royalty Team.

We have a new Vice President Ken Pool, Secretary Justin Smith, Fundraising Chair Jeramy Snidow, Membership Chair Ty Teigen and Metro Outreach Chair John Locke. With all the new faces on the board, you can expect great things to come as we ring in the new year.

One addition that wasn't so welcome was all the snow that kept falling, and falling and falling and falling. Of course we need the moisture and we are glad

that you folks out on the plains finally got some water. Of course it didn't have to come all at once but those animals need hay and the hay won't grow without water so its a bittersweet snow storm.

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 2007 be the most prosperous year yet for each and every one of you!

## Letter from our President

WE SURVIVED THE BLIZZARD OF 2006 and I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season! CGRA has a new Board of Directors and we are looking forward to a fun and prosperous 2007. Congratulations to the new board members and our new 2007 Royalty team.

As we look back at 2006, I must thank everyone for their support for me and for CGRA. We were able to donate a handsome amount of money to our Charity Partners and pay all our bills.

It is now time for us all to get back to work for our community and January starts of with

a few dates to remember.

Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix-January 12-14

CGRA BOD and General Membership-January 18 (Delayed one week due to RRRR)

CGRA night at the Stock Show and Rodeo-January 20

Gymkhana at Jeffco-Sunday, January 28

Good luck to everyone who is competing in Phoenix and

have a safe weekend.

I want to remind everyone that we will open nominations for our 2007 Charity Partners at the January meeting. If you are planning on nominating a charity you are welcome to invite them to speak to the membership or you may prepare a summary to describe the nominated charity.

Thank you and see you all soon!  
Tommy Channel  
CGRA PRESIDENT



Mr. CGRA ~ Larry Hernandez  
 MsTer CGRA ~ T-Jay Blake  
 Miss CGRA ~ Janet Jenkins

## Road Runner Regional Rodeo

Phoenix, Arizona  
 January 12th, 13th & 14th



## Royalty Row

Howdy CGRA Friends and Rodeo Family,

Wow, it's been just a few short weeks since the CGRA Night of Sharing and Royalty Competition and a lot has already happened. First, we hope everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Season and a spectacular New Year. Since becoming Mr/MsTer/Miss CGRA 2007 on December 9th, T-Jay, Larry and myself (Janet) have been making our way around town attending as many fundraising activities as possible and look forward to attending as many as we can in the next year (if there is an event you would like for us to be at don't hesitate to email us and let us know). Speaking of next year, CGRA has a long year ahead of itself and the 2007 royalty

team is ready to step up and help make this the best year ever.

As a team we have decided to gather our efforts to maximize the impact for our selected Charity. We have chosen Project Angel Heart as our main charity partner. Based in Denver, CO Project Angel Heart provides meals with love for people living with HIV/AIDs, cancer and other life-threatening illness. Project Angel Heart has received a 4 star rating from Charitynavigator.org for effectiveness as a non-profit. In addition to this selection the team has chosen to split the proceeds from each of our events to also support the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo 25th Anniversary, July 13 - 15 alternating with benefit

for the 2007 IGRA Finals Rodeo, October 12 - 14. We will begin announcing event dates after January 1st and hope that many of the Royalty teams, CGRA Members and members from other IGRA Associations will join us as often as possible.

We would also like to thank our 2006 Royalty Team, Mr. Clyde Mitter & Miss Gia DiaMonte, for the great job they have done representing CGRA. Congratulations also go out to Clyde for winning the title of Mr. IGRA 2007, we know you will do us all proud.

Happy Trails until we meet again!  
 CGRA 2007 Royalty Team  
 Miss Janet Jenkins, Mr. Larry Hernandez and MsTer T-Jay Blake

## Vice President

Happy New Year Cowboys & Cowgirls...First a big thank you for placing your trust in me to serve as CGRA Vice President for 2007. We have some wonderful plans and really look forward to many of you getting involved in the exciting events planned for the year ahead.

The 2007 CGRA Royalty team has scheduled a meeting with me next week and many of their plans will be discussed at the January meeting. Congratulations to; Miss CGRA 2007-Janet Jenkins; Mr. CGRA 2007-Larry Hernandez; MsTer CGRA 2007-T-Jay Blake. They will be kicking

off their year at Phoenix Rodeo. We are all looking forward to working with you through the year and know you will represent us well.  
 That's all for now.  
 See ya at the RODEO!  
 Ken Pool  
 vice.president@cgra.net

## Fundraising

As the 2006-year comes to an end and we begin anew in 2007, I would like to take this chance to introduce myself to the Colorado Gay Rodeo Association membership. My name is Jeremy Snidow and I have been given the incredible opportunity to serve as this year's Fundraising Chair. I have been a member of CGRA for seven years now, and am looking forward to serving you this year. CGRA has an amazing opportunity this year as we will not only be hosting the

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in July, but we were also given the pleasure of hosting the International Finals Rodeo in October. While this is a remarkable opportunity for the CGRA, this means that we will need to expand our fundraising efforts throughout the first part of the year. I would like to start out these efforts by first asking for volunteers for the many events that we will hold throughout the year. We are also looking for small and large business owners who

are willing to contribute and donate to the efforts this year. If you are willing to volunteer, sponsor, or simply know someone who may be willing to sponsor, please contact me at your convenience through the CGRA website, www.cgra.net. Once again, I thank the CGRA membership for this incredible opportunity to work with you as your Fundraising Chair and look forward to this 2007 Rodeo Year.  
 Jeremy Snidow  
 fundraising@cgra.net

Happy New Year everyone! I'm looking forward to getting started on a fun and busy year for CGRA. As my first order of business, I would like to make sure that our membership database is up to date. We have several members that do not have current contact information on file. If you did not receive an absentee ballot for the BOD Elections, have recently moved or had a change in your email address, please send me the updated information at [Membership@CGRA.net](mailto:Membership@CGRA.net). If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me.

### Memberships up for renewal in January:

- ◆ A, Khobie
- ◆ C, RC
- ◆ G, Karolyn
- ◆ H, Lee
- ◆ H, Larry
- ◆ H, Tom
- ◆ H, Rob
- ◆ J, Roger
- ◆ M, Dolores
- ◆ M, Jo
- ◆ M, Virgil
- ◆ M, Marlo
- ◆ M, Clyde
- ◆ M, Don
- ◆ S, Connie
- ◆ S, David
- ◆ T, Doug
- ◆ T, Larry
- ◆ W, Aly

### Memberships up for renewal in February:

- ◆ A, Scott
- ◆ B, Jenna
- ◆ G, Steve
- ◆ H, Michael
- ◆ M, Shawn
- ◆ P, Ken
- ◆ S, Jeramy
- ◆ W, Scott

### Memberships up for renewal in March:

- ◆ C, Pauline
- ◆ C, Roger
- ◆ Mc D, JC
- ◆ M, Mary
- ◆ T, Matt
- ◆ W, Mark
- ◆ W, Glenn

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)

Or renew online at [www.cgra.net](http://www.cgra.net)

Thanks...and Happy New Year!!  
Ty Teigen



Meet and Greet

## Trustee Times

Hello, CGRA Members

Welcome to 2007,

CGRA will pay one room night and your tuition to IGRA University, in Las Vegas for CGRA Members that want to go.

To get the room night you must stay at the host hotel, Tuscany Las Vegas .

Basic University Tuition is \$75.00 per student. This price goes to \$99.00 after January 22,

CGRA will pay \$75.00. If you want to go please fill out the registration form and give it to David Hill, and he will send in the money for your tuition, If you ask CGRA to pay and you dint go, you will be asked to

pay CGRA back any money CGRA pays for you, or gives you.

I will be in Phoenix for RRRR and the first IGRA BOD of 2007.

Roger Courtemanche  
Trustee

## Rodeo Events

Hello CGRA Members, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. This next year will be an exciting and busy year for CGRA, with our 25th anniversary rodeo and also hosting finals in October.

The first gymkhana for 2007 is scheduled for Sunday, Jan 28th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. It will be held in the indoor arena. Registration is at 10:00 AM, the gymkhana starts at 11:00 AM. Plan to be there to get an early start accumulating points for the much coveted high point awards given out every year at our night of sharing in December. Remember, we have "people events" also. You don't have to own a horse to join in the fun.

Ken Smith  
Rodeo Events Chair  
[rodeo.events@cgra.net](mailto:rodeo.events@cgra.net)

# January 2007

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!

**Thank You**

To The Membership of CGRA:  
 If you were at our last meeting in December, you know what a flurry of activity was going on, and if you missed it, 1) we missed you and 2) it was a busy night!  
 Because of all the activity with elections and such, and because this happened so fast, towards the end of the night, I did not get the opportunity to properly thank the membership for the very kind honor you have bestowed upon me. The Lifetime Membership has come as a surprise and an honor and I am humbled and grateful to Roger C. for the nomination and the membership for their overwhelming approval.  
 Thank you so much, I'll try to be worthy of this distinction.  
 Chris Hochmuth



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