# COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

#### **REMINDERS:**

- Membership Meeting THURSDAY, Mar. 8th 8pm at Charlie's
- Horse Expo
   March 9th-11th
   National Western
- Gotham King of Hearts Ball
   SATURDAY, Mar 17th
   4 Points Sheraton
- Gymkhana SUNDAY, Mar 18th 10 am at JeffCo
- BARN DANCE SATURDAY, Mar 31st 8pm AT JEFFCO

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# CGRA Newsletter

MARCH 2007

# A New Queen Reins Supreme



# 2007 CGRA Snow Queen

# Donna Strapon

The finest drag 'something' you will ever meet!

### Letter from our President

Hello everyone,

March is a very busy month for CGRA so I hope to see each of you sometimes this month. Welcome to all the new CGRA members who have recently joined us.

Thanks to everyone who came out the Denver Eagle on Sunday. We had a great time!! Also I want to remind everyone that our BOD and General Membership Meeting is next

Thursday, March 8, at Charlie's.

ICRME's King of Heart's, Saturday March 17, at the Four Season's Hotel, Hampden Four Points, 7 p.m.

Gymkhana at Jeffco, Sunday March 18. CGRA BARN DANCE, at Jeffco, Saturday March 31. This is the first of what CGRA is hoping to be an annual event. Mark your calendar now for a social night of dancing and mixing. Food and cash bar will be offered. Watch for updates and more information on this fun and exciting event. Thanks,

Tommy Channel CGRA PRESIDENT

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

Big D Rodeo March 2nd, 3rd & 4th Dallas, TX



Howdy everyone!!! Well, February was a busy month for the royalty team. After jumping right into the month by hosting our first CGRA beer bust at the compound on the 3rd, we moved right into planning for the 1st Annual CGRA Barn Dance which will be hosted on Saturday, March 31st, mark your calendars as this will be an event not to be missed!!!

The royalty team had to dubious honors of co-mcing the Snow Queen contest with Emperor 33 Michael Vrooman, and I for one have to say that ALL the Snow Queen contestants really out did themselves at putting together their outfits and entertainment numbers. It was a tough competition, but Ms Ty Tygen a.k.a. Donna Straponeon stole the hearts of our judges and won the title of Miss Snow Queen 2007. Congratulations Donna, we look forward to seeing you on the circuit with the rest of us sash queens.

As the month rolled on, the royalty team has been dispersing throughout the city hitting local fund-raising events and making sure to spread the word about the various happenings with CGRA. MsTer CGRA T-Jay Blake and Myself hosted the food for February's Gymkhana and raised over \$70 dollars towards RMRR 25 and IGRA Fi-

nals. We want to thank everyone who came out, participated and ate. It was an fun day. Also a big THANK YOU goes out to my two horse sponsors for the Gymkhana (John Beck for letting me ride Robin and Larry T. and Roger J. for letting me ride Moses). I really appreciate it and yes I have become hooked on horse events.

As we wrap up February T-Jay and Myself went to Las Vegas to attend IGRA University. We had an awesome time, but it's Vegas Baby, and "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" Right T-Jay <wink>. University was a great experience for both of us, we learned a great deal and can't wait to apply what we have learned to the remainder of our reign. At University we got the opportunity to mingle with various royalty members from around the country and your very own Miss CGRA was treated like Rock Star Royalty when the boys from Utah took me to the Toby Keith bar in Harrah's hotel. I was loved and adored by many straight women and a few straight men (tee hee) and was treated like a celebrity. Now I know why Britney

shaved her head! The Paparazzi!!!! As we roll into March, Larry Mr CGRA will be attending the Big D rodeo in Dallas, while T-Jay and I hold down the fort in Denver.

If you would like to volunteer to help put on the Barn Dance, we would love your help. You can contact any of the royalty and/or the CGRA vice president at www.CGRA.net. We want to make this the best Barn Dance ever for CGRA and the community. Keep your eye out for Posters at your favorite watering hole about the Barn Dance and mark your calendars.

Before I close the royalty would like to Mary Munger of Bad Burro Embroidery for being our official apparel embroiderer. She has done a great job with out team wear, so if you are in the need for embroidering, see Mary Munger and/or the Ad in this months newsletter.

and Until We Meet Again Big Hugs Janet Jenkins Miss CGRA 2007

### Vice President

Hello CGRA.

The Royalty team is very busy around town as well as preparing for the BIG upcoming event, The CGRA Barn Dance, Sat. March 31. If you have EVER been one of those people who criticized royalty for "just another show"...then call 10 friends & come to this event. They are trying something new to support Project Angel Heart... Let's all get involved & support them!! Big thank you goes to T-Jay &

Janet for attending IGRA University & representing CGRA in Las Vegas. I hear they used their time well to gather study materials.

I have received 6 responses on the IGRA Royalty Survey so far. I will have hard copies with me at the meeting. We are planning to review them & send CGRA's in one packet on to Mitch Gill. Please contact me if you are interested in sharing your opinion. A big call out to all former Royalty....please consider getting involved in the events this year. We have a GREAT Royalty history here in Colorado & the potential to produce the most spectacular IGRA Royalty contest in October they have EVER seen. We would also welcome your help in the ongoing fundraising efforts.

See ya at the RODEO! Ken



**Membership** PAGE 3

Howdy CGRA Members!

I'd like to welcome our newest members:

Chad B, Judy D, Trenda M, Chuck R, Ryan B, Austin F, David S, Dan S, John M, Jamie L, Chris C and Tina W Thanks for joining us! I look forward to working with you!

#### Memberships up for renewal this month

- Pauline C
- Roger C
- → JC M
- Mary M
- Matt T
- Mark W
- Buddy W

#### Memberships up for renewal in April:

- Chandler R
- James S
- Karla T Michael W

#### Memberships up for renewal in

#### May:

- Ralph B
- JD C
- Panda C
- Sheri R

I have been working on getting the membership database and Yahoo Group updated. If you are receiving the newsletter by mail and would prefer email, please send me your email address. Also, if you have had a change in your address or email address, please let me know.

As always, if you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at membership@cgra.net

Thanks Ty Teigen Membership Chair

You can also renew the "old-fashioned" way by printing the application and mailing it to:

PO Box 18728. Denver, Co 80218.

### Trustee Times

Hello, CGRA Members Good luck to anyone going to Dallas for Rodeo, and I hope the Members that went to IGRA University, had a good time and is able to bring new ideas back home to Colorado. Tommy and I will be in NYC for the GBLT Expo. March 23/25, We will be talking up IGRA and IGRA Finals here in Denver, and I am sure we will have time to talk up RMRR#25.

Its time to start talking about IGRA By Laws for IGRA Convention, in KC in November, the By laws meeting will be held in March, April and May dates tba, Jeff Shaw will be

working up the IGRA By laws for CGRA and Vince M will be doing the CGRA Bylaws, everyone is welcome to the meetings that will be held on Mondays at Charlie's

As of now I will be going to Rodeos and IGRA events in NYC, Florida, OKC, Calgary, Denver, Albuquerque, IGRA Finals Denver, and Convention in KC, If you are going to a Rodeo that I am not, and want to be "stand in Trustee" just let me know, I will send off a letter to the IGRA BOD.

Thanks. Roger Courtemanche Trustee

### Rodeo Director Rambles

Hello CGRA members. It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner, but I know that I am more than ready for it!!! Plans are progressing well for RMRR 25 and Finals 2007. We are busy putting together our officials list, watch for it in the coming days. Contracts have also been recieved and signed from our sponsor Bud Light!! Bud Light has been very generous to us, and has bestowed 20,000 dollars upon us for our rodeo's this year. When you see a staff member from Bud Light be sure to thank them, and also enjoy a cold Bud Light or two.

We have begun to look for volunteers for our rodeos this vear. If you are interested in helping out

please contact Ken P. as soon as possible, and he will get your name on the list. It is important to have all members actively participate in our events. Any assistance that you can give to us is extremely important, even if it's only for an hour or two. We will also be attending the IGRA Board of Directors meeting next month in Fort Lauderdale to update them on Finals 2007 plans. Hopefully, it won't take too much beach time awav!!

joy this great spring weather. Roger Japp Rodeo Director RMRR 25 Co-Rodeo Director Finals 2007

Until next time, be safe and en-

## **Fundraising**

Hello CGRA.

Wow it is hard to believe another month has passed. That means we are that much closer to Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. I will be scheduling a few beer busts with the Wrangler here in the next few weeks. As soon as they get scheduled I will make sure that they are posted to the website calendar. We will need as many volunteers as possible, so please drop me an email so that I make sure we have enough volunteers to pour. My email address is fundraising@CGRA.net . Thanks for all your help and once again if anyone has any leads that they would like to see as sponsors this year please let me know.

Thanks again,

Jeramy

**Fundraising Chair** 

### Secretary

THINK SPRING!!!!! Are you all sick of winter? I sure am. Thanks to all that came out to the February gymkhana. We had a great turnout. Thanks to Ken Smith for working so hard to make each one such a success. Some of you didn't get your ribbons. I will have those for you at the March event.

Out with the old, and I do mean she is old, and in with the new. Congratulation to Ms. Fonda Peters for a great year as the CGRA Snow Queen. You made us proud and also scared us at times. How's your backside darlin'? Also congratulation to Ms. Donna Strapon, our new Snow Queen. Who would have ever thought a woman pretending to be a man in drag would have won. She looked better than Nova. Make us proud girl. Will Donna be competing in barrels?

We have already received applications for several vendors at RMRR 25. If you or anyone you know would like to be a vendor, please get in touch with me.

Hope to see everyone at our March General Membership meeting on the 8th and gymkhana on the 11th. Justin Smith

Secretary

# Official Apparel Embroiderer for the 2007 CGRA Royalty Team



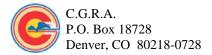
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### Thank You

Yippee! Howard Dental Center is so excited to be one of the CGRA 2007 charity partners! We're all cowfolks at heart over here and we're looking forward to the rodeo and other events throughout the year.

Ya'll are great and we appreciate your support!

The Howard Dental Center Patients, Staff, & Board of Directors





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