



## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER '07

**15** - General Meeting 8pm @ Charlies

### DECEMBER '07

**7** - CGRA Past, Present & Future Royalty Meet & Greet - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. and then Past CGRA Royalty Show from 9:30 p.m. until ???

**8** - CGRA Royalty Competition @ 7 p.m. = Charlies

**13** - General Meeting 8pm @ Charlies

## A Big Thank You!!!



Hello CGRA,

What an incredible year it has been! A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers, Board members, officials, & contestants who worked so hard to make the 2007 IGRA Finals a success. Special thanks to Roger J for all his hard work & patience with me when I would forget something. There must also be a special award to Tommy Channel for helping me stay relatively calm & not losing it, even when I really wanted to! To anyone I may have lost it a little bit with... I apologize! One

individual I MUST mention is the incredible work done by Vince Montez. Vince was a great asset as the IGRA Royalty Contest Coordinator, bringing both nights of the program in on time for the first time in years. Speaking of the IGRA Royalty, I could not be prouder of the work of MsTer CGRA & Miss CGRA. T-Jay & Janet have represented the legacy of CGRA Royalty with strength & integrity all year long and both truly shined as our representatives during the IGRA Contest. Congratulations to Janet on the title of Miss IGRA 2008, it is a blessing to IGRA to have a Royalty title holder who understands that "Rodeo" is more than just one of the letters in IGRA. It's coming up to that time of year for CGRA Elections, I strongly encourage each of you to consider getting more involved. Being a Board member requires a great deal of dedication, creative thinking, and willingness to work as a team; the rewards are INCREDIBLE. I will not be running for a position this year as my life is taking a wonderful turn. I have been offered a great job opportunity in Chicago & will be relocating there after the first of the year. I will miss many of you and the incredible support of the CGRA family, but look forward to seeing you out on the circuit.

DON'T FORGET!!! Friday, Dec. 7th CGRA Past Royalty Show & Party, Saturday, Dec 8 Celebration of Sharing & the 2008 CGRA Royalty Contests... both evenings at Charlies. Come out and share in the rewards of all of your hard work throughout the year.

Warm regards,  
Ken Pool  
Vice President



## From the President

Hello CGRA Members!

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to a great Holiday Season. The 2007 IGRA Finals Rodeo has come and gone and was a great weekend for IGRA. Congratulations to all CGRA members who were invited and placed in that rodeo. I also want to congratulate all the current BOD for their work and dedication in making this Finals Rodeo a success. "Thank you" to all the volunteers who worked very hard and our sponsors who made this event possible. "Thank you" to our Grand Sponsor "BUD LIGHT" who has supported CGRA for many years.

This has been a very busy year for the CGRA BOD and membership. After hosting a very successful RMRR 25 in July we went right to work on putting the final plans into action for the 2007 IGRA Finals. We hosted 116 contestants from all over the United States and Canada for an entire weekend filled with action. I want to congratulate our very own Janet Jenkins who was crowned Miss IGRA 2008. Janet worked very hard and is truly deserving of this title. I am confident that she will continue to make CGRA proud and wear the crown and sash proudly.

We are now approaching that time of year when we begin to think about CGRA BOD elections. The 2008 BOD elections will be held at the December membership meeting and you will find an application for board positions in the mailing. If you want to join the BOD please complete this application and get it to Vince Montez or any BOD member for verification. An absentee ballot will be mailed at the end of November.

I want to say "Thank You" to everyone for your support for the past two years. I have truly enjoyed serving as your President and as always continue to support CGRA. I have made a decision NOT to run for another year as President. I hear the celebration and dancing in the streets now!! Even so I will always support CGRA because it is truly a great organization and well worth the work and effort we all put into it. I would encourage all of you to get involved and help the new 2008 BOD make a difference in our organization and community. It is truly a rewarding effort when you help make a difference and help to make charitable contributions to our community.

Thanks to everyone for all that you do for CGRA and for supporting me while I have served as President.

Tommy Channel  
CGRA President

## Board of Directors Elections

Greeting CGRA Members,

Well it's that time again for CGRA to elect a 2008 Board of Directors. If you are interested in running for a position, I ask that you visit our website <http://www.cgra.net> and review the qualifications and responsibilities for these positions. Candidates must submit the CGRA Election Application which is attached to the newsletter and also on our web site to the Election Committee.

We will accept nominations at the November General Membership meeting and nominations will be kept open till the December General Membership meeting. Please keep in mind, if you nominate someone for a position, they must accept and complete an Application.

In order to get your name on the ballot the application must be submitted no later than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the scheduled election.

Elections will be held at the December Meeting.

If you have any question concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [Simtez@msn.com](mailto:Simtez@msn.com) or 303-399-6057.

Thank you,

Vince Montez  
CGRA Election Committee Chair

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## Public Relations

Hello CGRA!

Preparing for Finals was an extremely busy time for me, but our efforts paid off. We had a number of freelance writers, photographers even big name publications stop by our rodeo. We also recieved great exposure on the Internet through Google and GayWired.com with our press releases.

I want to thank everyone that helped me out during finals, because it was a chore keeping track of all the press.

Happy Holidays!

Christopher J. Chopping  
Public Relations



# Rodeo Director



Hello one and all!!! It is great to be getting back on our feet after both RMRR and IGRA Finals. I would like to extend a personal thank you to each and every one of you for all of the hard work that CGRA put into each event. I would also like to send a "Congrats" out to each CGRA member that competed in Finals. All of your hard work for the year paid off!!

Remember that November is an important month. We will be opening nominations for the Board of Directors, and are looking for hardworking and dedicated members to "step up to the plate"! I can tell you that it is extremely rewarding to work with such a great group.

Just as an aside, preparations have already begun for RMRR 26 and it's going to be another outstanding event!

See you all soon,

Roger Japp  
Rodeo Director

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# Membership

Howdy CGRA Members!

Thanks to all that helped out at the IGRA Finals Rodeo and Royalty Contest. It was a lot of work, but with the hard work of all of our volunteers we pulled it off! Great job everyone! A special thanks to Mary R, Chad G and Kip J for taking care of the membership booth during the rodeo.

If you are receiving the newsletter by mail and would prefer e-mail, please send me your e-mail address. Also, if you have had a change in your address or e-mail address, please let me know. As always, if you have any questions about your membership, please contact me. If your membership is up or coming up for renewal you can download a renewal form from the website or you can simply pay with credit card using our online store at <http://www.cggra.net>

Ty Teigan  
Membership Chair  
[membership@cggra.net](mailto:membership@cggra.net)

Memberships up for renewal:

### November

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|-----------|-----------|
| Mark A    | Tracy S   |
| Richard B | Justin S  |
| John C    | Ken S     |
| Paul C    | Steve S   |
| James J   | David W   |
| RJ M      | Richard W |
| Ron P     |           |

### December

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| Scott B | Ted M   |
| Jan C   | Jeff R  |
| Sandy L | Mary T  |
| Jim M   | Lloyd W |
| Barry M | Tim W   |

### January 2008

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| Khobie A | Jo M      |
| Chad B   | Delores M |
| RC C     | Clyde M   |
| Judy D   | Ryan R    |
| Justin D | Connie S  |
| Rob H    | Larry T   |
| Roger J  | Aly W     |
| Dailen M |           |

**APPLICATION TO RUN FOR A BOARD POSITION FOR CGRA**

A separate application must be filled out for each position running for

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Running For: \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee and Rodeo Director:

1. Must be a member of CGRA in good standing
2. Must be a member of CGRA for 12 months or more prior to taking office
3. Should be bondable

Requirements for the positions of Fundraising Chair, Public Relations Chair, Membership Chair, Entertainment Chair, Rodeo Events Chair:

1. Must be a member of CGRA in good standing
2. Must be a member of CGRA for 6 months or more prior to taking office

Requirements for the positions of Metro Outreach Chair, Southern Outreach Chair, Northern Outreach Chair and Western Outreach Chair:

1. Must be a member of CGRA in good standing
2. Must be a member of CGRA for 6 months or more prior to taking office
3. Must reside in the area of representation for 6 months or more prior to taking office
4. Must be nominated by a member residing in the area of representation

By signing below I am stating that I meet the above requirements for the position that I am running for and have read the duties of the office as described in the bylaws.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chair Approval: \_\_\_\_\_