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Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

September 2009

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

08 - CGRA BOD Meeting @ 6 & General Membership Meeting @ 8 pm - Charlies

FROM THE SECRETARY-ELECT

First of all, I would like to thank the General Membership for voting for me and giving me the chance to sit on the Board of Directors one more time. I have been on the board

twice before, once as Southern Outreach Chair and the other as Secretary. I have also been a past Mr. CGRA and 1st Runner-up Mr. IGRA. I have been involved with CGRA for a few years now and have enjoyed working with everyone and being involved in such a great organization. I look forward to a great year working with this wonderful Rodeo family!

Rich V.
CGRA Secretary 2010

NORTHERN OUTREACH

Welcome to all the new Boards of Directors. There are a lot of new faces on the Board this year. I look forward to working with each of you along the way to RMMR 28 and all

things CGRA is involved in. For those of you who have chosen not to continue on the BOD, Thank you for all the time and effort over the years you have served CGRA. See ya all that the next meeting...

Jim T.
Northern Outreach 2009/2010

FUNDRAISING

Howdy Cowboys & Cowgirls!

As the 2009 CGRA Board of Directors retires, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being supportive this past year. It has been a economically rough year and each of you stepped up to the plate to helped make RMRR 27 a success. Thank you!

The 2010 CGRA Fundraising Chairperson, Bruce Gros, has my full support and will do an excellent job in the post he was elected to. We have already started working together to make the transition as smooth as possible.

The first wave of the 2010 CGRA Sponsorship Kits have been mailed to our potential corporate sponsors. The kit will be posted to the CGRA website very soon. Please take the time to review it and see if you might want to sponsor an event/item for RMRR 28. Bruce is ready to start getting sponsorships sold. The advertising portion of the RMRR 28 rodeo program is currently being worked on and will be promoted soon.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve CGRA.

Bryan W.
2009 CGRA Fundraising Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP FROM CD S.

Elections for the new BOD for 2010 are already history – and no, it's not December – yet! I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your membership chair for another year. I chose to run for this position as I had a few loose ends I wanted to tie up relative to the membership changes that have been implemented. I have not been happy with the painfully slow process of obtaining and distributing the membership cards. Stay tuned as I have an idea to speed that up.

Here's that little reminder about what's new in the by-laws for MEMBERSHIP and how it affects you:

- 1.) All memberships are now based on calendar year quarters instead of months. This translates to just four (4) renewal dates per year. Those of you who joined or renewed in the last half of 2008 - your membership expiration dates have been adjusted to reflect either a 9/30/09 or a 12/31/09 date. Those of you who have joined or renewed since Jan. 1, 2009 - your expiration date will be either 3/31/10 or 6/30/10. As an example, if you renewed your membership in February '09 – your expiration date will be 3/31/10 not 2/28/10. Your membership card (once you get it) will show this date.
- 2.) Since it should be much easier for everyone to KNOW when their membership is up for renewal, members will be DEACTIVATED in the database within 30 days of expiration if they have not renewed. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 3.) We now have a limited JR. membership category at a reduced annual fee of \$12.

From the Department of Redundancy Department, please do take a moment and make sure your membership is up-to-date. Prompt renewals are always greatly appreciated and be sure to let me know if you have any name, address, phone or email changes in need of correction and/or update. There is a large list of folks whose memberships will expire at the end of September – essentially everyone who's renewal date is July, August or September. I have sent out a "renewal reminder" email to EVERYONE on that list; and, I'll repeat the email again in early October – and probably one more time before I de-activate anyone. Staying on "Active" status is imperative for event registration. Anyone going to FINALS? Feel free to email me: membership@cgra.us if you have any questions or updates...and, as always, Membership Applications/Renewal forms are available through the website. Those can be snail mailed to me at:

CGRA-Membership
P.O.Box 18728
Denver, CO. 80218
or, better yet...renew on line @ www.cgra.us

FUNDRAISING-ELECT

Thank you for your confidence in giving me the opportunity to guide our 2010 fundraising efforts for CGRA and RMRR 28. We have a strong history of success in this arena and I feel fortunate to build upon the foundation layed by so many over the years, especially the excellent work done by Bryan Williams and his team this past year.

We continue to be in challenging economic times that put a strain on the budgets not only of our organization, our contestants, and charity partners, but also those we look to as funding sources. Such challenges invite us to be creative and innovative in developing new sources of income and to insure that we provide a good return to our benefactors for their generosity.

I invite each of you to consider ways you can personally engage in raising money to support CGRA's twin missions of supporting the gay country & western lifestyle and providing needed support to charitable causes that serve our communities.

Maybe you can carve out a little more time to work on one of our fundraising activities. Maybe you have a business interest that would benefit by exposure through sponsorship or advertising at our rodeo.

Maybe you have an idea for an event or activity that would appeal to our members and the community, while at the same time raising money to help us reach our goals. Whatever your idea, I want to hear from you.

Being a Chairperson implies having a group to chair. Thanks go to Tommy Channel and Kyle Brown who have already stepped forward with offers to help this year. I'm also grateful to Bryan Williams and Chris Chopping who've agreed to continue working with me in their areas of expertise as well. But the help of many more members is needed.

I'm particularly looking to work with some of the women of CGRA and to look for help outside the immediate Denver area. Our programs, our rodeo, and even our charitable giving can benefit many areas beyond Denver and I would like to work with you to find ways to bring CGRA into your communities.

I look forward to working with the Board of Directors and you, the membership, for a fruitful year.

Bruce G.
2010 Fundraising Chairperson
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