

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association

Newsletter

October 2009

President

Hello members! I can't believe that October is upon us, and we have a new Board of Directors! It is with great pleasure that I will be serving as YOUR president for the upcoming year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ty and all of the members of last years board for their hard work and dedication! You all have done a great service to our organization. I also want to thank the members who will be serving on the newly elected Board of Directors. You are all extremely talented individuals, and it is going to be a great year!

But most importantly, I want to that ALL of our membership. You are the backbone of our organization, and I want to commend everyone for their dedication and support. This is going to be a busy year, and we need EVERY members help!

If ever, I can be of any assistance to any member of our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Roger

Secretary

I would like to thank everyone for their votes which is allowing me to serve as a member of the 2010 CGRA Board of Directors! I am looking forward to an exciting year with this great group of people. I have served on the Board before as the Southern Outreach Chair and also as Secretary, as well as being a CGRA and IGRA Royalty team member. I know that we have a great Rodeo family and that we will continue to grow and be a strong presence in our community. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask.

Rich Valdez
CGRA Secretary 2010

Members of CGRA,

I would like to say Hello and Thank you for electing me to this position. I am looking forward the challenges that lay ahead. To that out going board, HUGE thank you! Thank you for the set-up that you have left for this board to follow, we are all grateful. I have served on the board before as your Secretary and also as a royalty team as well. I look forward to the learning events that I have been given and to live up your expectations as well, if there is something I can do to help you or vice versa please contact me.

Don Moore
Public Releations

Up coming Events

October 9th Rebecca Tucker is hosting a show at BJ's from 9 to 11. "A evening with Rebecca" Benefiting CGRA

October 17th Tracy Lee Sanders is hosting a show at Charlie's from 7 to 10. To benefit PAWS

October 23rd to 25th IGRA FINALS in **Albuquerque, New Mexico**

October 30th Rebecca Tucker is hosting Night before the Wake at Bj's at 10.
Benefiting CGRA

OUTREACH

Hello to the members of CGRA.

Thanks to those who voted for me to represent the members of CGRA & the community as the 2010 Metro Outreach board member. With the help of all the other newly elected board members & general membership of CGRA, we will work to make 2010 a great year for RRMR & Colorado as a representative to IGRA. A few years ago I was attending RMRR as a spectator and really knew nothing more about CGRA. Wasn't till about 3 years ago that a board member asked if I was a member, I had to say no. He asked why not, told me the benefits of membership & he wasn't even the membership chair. He was so inviting about the association, I had to get involved. As a board member & member in general I will work to the best of my ability, with the help of all other members, especially the board to promote what CGRA means to the community all year long, not just at rodeo time. Let's all work together to make 2010 a great YEAR, not just a great rodeo weekend.

Proud to be a member of this great rodeo family,

Dale Karsten

Metro Outreach chair

Greetings fellow members of CGRA,

First, I would like to express my appreciation to the general membership for the opportunity to serve as your Southern Outreach Coordinator. Most people think of CGRA as a local Denver organization and for the most part, they would be correct however, if we stop to think about what CGRA really is, we realize that it's the COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION. Denver is just a small part, but we need to extend our thinking. I believe there are opportunities for growth of CGRA beyond the boundaries of Denver proper. The northern tier of the state is covered by Jim Thorstad. He did an outstanding job in 2008 and I'm glad to see him return to that position in 2009. The membership selected Dale Karsten as Metro Outreach Coordinator. With Dale's photography expertise, he is qualified to extend the CGRA presence in the immediate metropolitan area.

From Littleton, Parker, and Castle Rock down through Colorado Springs and beyond, the southern tier of the state is like unto the vast prairies of the old west. Wide open spaces, clear blue skies and boundless opportunities. However, in order to take advantage of those opportunities, CGRA needs to have a presence in the area. You have entrusted me with that responsibility. I will be seeking out those opportunities and do my best to promote CGRA. When those opportunities present themselves and we take full advantage, it's going to take not only the presence of the BOD, but you as the general membership as well.

As I stated on election night, the only way that an organization can grow and be successful is for its members to get involved. When our Royalty Team is representing CGRA in some capacity, we as members need to make every effort to BE THERE. When the organization needs volunteers for a fundraiser, BE THERE. When any of our charity partners has an event, BE THERE.

This is going to be an exciting year for CGRA and we are going to need everyone's support. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and remember,

I'LL BE THERE!!

Dave Bishop
Coordinator/Southern Outreach