

CGRA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2009

Hello all! Wow what a busy month it has been!

Just a few reminders to put out there. Our next board meeting and general membership meetings will be held on December 10, BOD at 6 and general membership at 8. I hope to see all of you at Charlies for them, as we will vote for next year's charity partners! As well, we will be taking over Charlies on December 15, in order for the staff to attend their Christmas party. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Chris H. and he will get you scheduled.

As we gear up for the year ahead, I want you all to be mindful of our goals and mission, to provide support to our community. With that in mind, we will need everyone's help and assistance at our many fundraisers throughout the year. Please contact Bruce G. as needed and offer your assistance.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Roger Japp
CGRA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 4th

Past Royalty Show as part of the Wayne Jakino Community Fundraiser

Dec 5th

Night of Sharing & CGRA Royalty Competition . At Charlies at 7pm

Dec 10th

CGRA BOD meeting at 6 pm and General membership at 8pm at Charlies

Dec 15th

CGRA Takes over Charlies for the night!

January 15-17th

Las Vegas, NV IGRA University



Lushus La'Rell
Miss CGRA 2002

Janet Jenkins
Miss CGRA 2007
Miss IGRA 2008



Invite you to a fundraising celebration for

Wayne Jakino CGRA Educational Scholarship Fund

**Featuring
past CGRA,
IGRA and
community
Royalty
who were all
touched by
Wayne.**



**Special Guest
MC's for
the evening:
State Rep.
Joel Judd &
District Attorney
Mitch Morrissey**

**Friday, Dec. 4th
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Charlie's, 900 E. Colfax**

**If you cannot attend but like to make a contribution in Wayne's honor,
please contact Anthony @ anthonya711@yahoo.com**

**Jello
Shots!**

**Beer
Bust!**

**Gift
Baskets
to Win!**

Hello Membership

I would like to take this opportunity to say I hope you had a bountiful Thanksgiving and I hope your Christmas is filled with joy and peace. I would also like to take a moment for the ones that are having a difficult time this holiday season and wish each of them a speedy recovery and a Happy New Year. I would like to invite you all out Saturday Dec 5, 2009 at 7:00pm for CGRA's Royalty competition and our Night of Sharing at Charlie's. So please try and keep the night open for some special entertainment and our 10 Year Royalty Cee Cee and Robert will be honored at this competition. To all our Members this will give you a chance to meet and greet our charity's for 2009 from The Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo proceeds. To all our members thanks for your support and confidence in me this year.

Sincerely
Clyde Mitter
Vice-President

Hello Members.

It has been a busy month getting everything ready for CGRA's "A Night Of Sharing" and Royalty Competition at Charlie's on Saturday, December 5th. The current Board of Directors has been working hard to make sure that this is a successful and enjoyable evening for all. I hope to see many of our members there, cheering on our royalty contestants competing for a position on the 2010 Royalty team and celebrating with CGRA as we give out checks to our Charity Partners.

If you are also out and about on Friday, December 4th, please join CGRA at Charlie's for the Wayne Jakino Fundraiser/CGRA Past Royalty Show. Starting at 8pm, we will be raising money for the Wayne Jakino CGRA Educational Scholarship Fund. This show is hosted by Lushus La'Rell (Miss CGRA 2002) and Janet Jenkins (Miss CGRA 2007, Miss IGRA 2008) and will feature many of our past CGRA Royalty. If you can make it out, I know that we would all enjoy having our CGRA family there celebrating with us.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

Rich V.
CGRA Secretary 2010

Hello membership,

Well RMRR 28 is underway!
We have started the planning process and it looks as though things are already coming together. We are hoping to have some new ideas take shape and old one to improve upon. I would love to hear from you all if you have ideas that you would like to see at our rodeo.

We will be planning a meeting sometime in January to brainstorm ideas and get things underway. Hope to see a lot of you out and about during our night of sharing.

Have a great day.

Jeramy

Members ,

Happy Holidays!! As we come into the holiday season we are looking at a BUSY month ahead of us for CGRA . From our own Night of Sharing and Royalty contest to the Fundraiser for the Wayne Jakino education Fund, CGRA taken over Charlies for their Christmas party, to just spending time with out families. Remember that at the meeting on the 10th of December we will be voting on the Poster for RMRR 28!! Please come out and let us know what you think, we have some GREAT entries.

For those of you who are planning on attending University you may either go online a sign up or print off a registration form to mail in, and the deadline for the room block in the 23rd of December! So you may want to hurry up and get that done before your holiday shopping!

Don Moore
Public Relations

As we prepare for our annual Night of Sharing we can feel proud of the impact CGRA has on the greater GLBT community through the gifts we are able to bestow on our charity partners to support their vital work in our community. We are rightly grateful to our past Board of Directors, our retiring Royalty, our sponsors, members and the many volunteers who contributed to our success over the past year.

Congratulations to each and every one who participated in our 2009 CGRA year. Your efforts reach beyond our Gymkhanas and a successful Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo to our brothers and sisters whose lives are directly affected by the work of our many charity partners.

When the time of celebration is over and we turn our attention to the year ahead, I ask that each of us commit to a greater effort in 2010.

As long as the difficult economy continues, our charity partners face greater demands for their services and shrinking sources of support.

Imagine the impact you personally can have by bringing just one more sponsor to our Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Or by organizing or participating in just one more fund raiser in 2010. Such individual efforts--multiplied by the many members of CGRA--can have a staggering effect for the greater good of our community.

Toward that end, I remind you of the upcoming Fundraising Meeting at my home this Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss increasing sponsorship opportunities for RMRR 28, a proposal for the 2010 Rodeo Program to present to the Board, new ideas for fundraising opportunities, and ways to improve the performance of fundraisers we already use. I invite you to take an active and personal role in this important aspect of our association.

The meeting will be a pot luck as well as a working session. Please contact me directly at brgros@hotmail.com or 720-413-2250 to confirm your attendance and to obtain the address and directions.

I look forward to working together to make our Night of Sharing in 2010 an even greater cause for celebration.

Bruce Gros
Fundraising Chairperson

Hello Members,

Wow what a year its been, first being your Mister, and now being Mr. IGRA 2010.

And starting the year out as a IGRA Student Judge, and now a Rookie Judge.

I want to thank all CGRA members who have helped me out this past year.

Talk about a full plate in 2010, as of Nov. 25 I have 6 trips booked for 2010 for IGRA, and 4 more in the works.

With all the trips for IGRA I may need help with my duty's as CGRA Entertainment Director, with the Gym K's on Sundays, If you can stand in for me Please let me know..

I am looking forward to seeing all of you Sat. Dec. 5 at the Royalty step down, and the step up of the 2010 CGRA team.

Thanks,
Roger

Happy Holidays All!

Nothing really new and exciting regarding membership. Hope to see a good turnout on Saturday, 12/5 for our annual Night of Sharing. Please do join us for a great time. December is coming to a close and with that, there is a list of folks whose memberships will be expiring. Do check your emails closely as I will notify you if you're on that list.

Here's a 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- March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. This means those of you who joined or renewed in the last few months of 2008 have an expiration date of 12/31/09.

2.) With the membership cards and the reminder emails, it should be much easier for everyone to remember when their membership is up for renewal. Members will be DEACTIVATED in the database within 30 days of expiration if they have not renewed. ABSOLTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

3.) We now have a limited JR. membership category at a reduced annual fee of \$12. This is for those under the age of 18 who would like to take advantage of some of the membership benefits such as reduced rates for gymkhana classes.

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 December – essentially everyone who's renewal date was October, November or December. I will send out "renewal reminder" emails to EVERYONE on that list shortly; and, I'll repeat those emails a few more times before I de-activate anyone. Staying on "Active" status is imperative for event registration.

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

Hope everyone had a great turkey day. I had a great one, spent most of the weekend out on horse back. (Thanks Mike & Keith) Looking forward to enjoying the company of friends during the Night of Sharing & Royalty competition. Hope everyone can make it out and let the Charity partners know we care about them. Only other thing I can think of is remember that Gymkanas' will be starting again in January of 2010, please come out and support your favorite cowboy or cowgirl as they practice (& having fun) getting ready for a fun filled year of rodeos.

Dale K

Metro Outreach chairperson