



# CGRA MAY NEWSLETTER

## From the President

Hello members!

May? Really? Already?

I can't believe that we are only 2 months away from RMRR. It's amazing to me that this year has gone by so quickly. It doesn't seem possible that very soon we will all be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their outstanding support of CGRA. We have had many events recently and all have been well attended.

We are continually working at making this the best organization in Colorado,

and we can't do that without all of your support. With that being said, there are still many opportunities to help us out! If you would like to sponsor an event at the rodeo, if you would like to volunteer your time at the rodeo, or if you would like to be on any committee, please contact us!

Remember to keep those thinking caps on. At last month's meeting, we opened nominations for Grand Marshal of RMRR #28. If you have any one special that you would like to nominate, make sure to attend our May meeting!

If at any time any member of the Board of Directors

can help you, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

We look forward to another great month!

Roger



## VP Happenings

Hello CGRA Members,

We are here in May now just a couple of months from RMRR. I am still looking for volunteers for the rodeo in all areas. If you are interested or know someone that may be, please send me at vice.president@cgra.us.

Congrats to our CGRA Royalty and thank you for your dedication to helping the community. Congratulations to Dyna Soreass on being crowned the newest SNOW QUEEN. She performed magnificently. I look forward to seeing each of you at Gay Pride, representing CGRA and promoting the Rodeo. Clyde



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## LET'S RODEO



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Gymkhana  
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use as many  
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as possible.**

## Jay Hadley Rodeo Event Coordinator

### Rodeo Events

Hello Members,  
Our last Gymkhana was a great success. I would like to congratulate all of the participants on a job well done as well as the winners in all categories. Our next Gymkhana is scheduled for Sunday, May 9, 2010 in the Table View Outdoor Arena. We are planning a regular Gymkhana events, no cattle events at this one. Registration starts at 10am and the events begin at 11am. Please plan to attend. Remember all are welcome, so if you can't bring your horse or do not have one, still come for some fun people events for all to participate in. We also invite everyone in the membership to get involved, come on down and help us out, it would be very much appreciated.

Our May Gymkhana falls on Mother's Day; we could really use as many volunteers as possible. So please contact me if you can help. Also come out and support the Men of Charlie's who will be serving lunch. All proceeds are donated to CGRA. Come on out for a great afternoon of events, food and fun. In the past we normally schedule a cattle practice before our Rodeo in July. This year due to scheduling conflicts there will not be cattle practice before the Rodeo. The board will re-evaluate this situation in September to make sure we plan a cattle practice for next year that will fit into the schedule with a minimum of conflicts. We are still planning a cattle practice in September before the IGRA rodeo finals.

#### Gymkhana Schedule:

**Sunday, May 9,  
10am-4pm,  
Table View Arena**

**Sunday, June 13,  
10am-4pm,  
Table View Arena**

#### RODEO

**Sunday, August 1,  
10am-4pm,  
Table View Arena**

**Sunday, September 12,  
10am-4pm,  
Rodeo Arena**

Again thanks to everyone for their help and participation. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

## Roger Courtemanche Mr. IGRA 2010

### ENTERTAINMENT

Hello CGRA,

I'm looking for someone to "TAKE CHARGE" under the tent for RMRR 28. I will be a contestant so I need some help with making things happen. We are looking for entertainers to perform UNDER THE BIG TOP on the midway. Please contact me if you can help or simply want to entertain.

Thanks,

Roger



## Denver Pride Celebration

As we know, Denver Pride is coming up soon. CGRA and Charlie's will have a float in the Pride Parade. CGRA will have no cost or labor needed in preparing the float. John Nelms and Charlie's has that already taken care of however, what is needed is volunteers to ride and promote COWBOY GAY PRIDE. We are in need of 6 strong cowboys to act like a team of horses to pull the wagon. We will also need

members to ride and carry our CGRA flag. Wayne Jakino will be the Honorary Grand Marshall. There will be posters of Wayne that we will carry on the float. The parade will start really early. All volunteers that day MUST be at Charlie's by 6:30 AM as our float will be one of the first on the parade route. CGRA Shirts are to be worn during the parade. This is a great opportunity to promote RMRR 28 so let' come out

STRONG for CGRA and PRIDE!!



## Sponsorship

In the coming weeks we will have many opportunities to directly impact the outcome of CGRA's fundraising programs this year and I ask each member to commit now to donate your time to insure our common success.

When we raise money for CGRA not only do we promote the Gay Country Western Lifestyle and the sport of rodeo that we all love, but more importantly, we strengthen our community through the vital work of our various charity partners. Their shrinking budgets and growing demand make our work even more valuable in helping them answer the need in our community.

So whether it's working events at Jeffco, pouring beer at Wrangler, serving food at Charlie's, supporting our Royalty at their shows, volunteering to staff rodeo, sponsoring or advertising for RMRR, or any of the many other ways we work together, consider well how you will respond to the call for action when it comes.

That's as much a part of being a member of CGRA as anything we do, and your friends and neighbors will be grateful for your help.

Bruce Gros  
Fundraising Chairperson

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## Membership

**Here's some things worth reminding you all about...**

**New benefit for members!** In our Feb. BOD meeting we approved a special deal for active members on RMRR tickets. Starting this year, as an active member of CGRA you will receive one (1) FREE single performance ticket for each one you purchase – up to two (2). This means if you purchase one ticket – you get a FREE one. Purchase two tickets – you get two FREE ones. Also, you will receive a FREE weekend pass with the purchase of one (1) - and only one - weekend pass. SUCH A DEAL!

**\*\*To take advantage of this offer, tickets will need to be pre-purchased. Stay tuned for further details. \*\***

**Also, for those new members joining CGRA – and for those of you renewing FROM OUT OF TOWN – we are now mailing (that's right, MAILING) a nice letter with your membership card enclosed. I've been a bit lax with some formalities - my apologies. To those of you renewing who I SHOULD see maybe at least once a month at a meeting or gymkhana or fundraiser or whatever..... I will get you a new membership card upon your renewal IF YOU WANT ONE. Just ask... and if you would like one of the name badges, those can be had for \$10. Again, just ask....**

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 April, May or June of 2009 – you have an expiration date of 6/30/10.
- 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. ABSOLUTELY 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. Do check your emails closely for those renewal reminders. Remember, staying on "Active" status is imperative for rodeo event registration. AND I HAVE MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS ONE! If I don't run into you at our meetings and/or events, contact me and I'll snail mail one to you. Not only is it a great reminder for your renewal date, but a shopping trip to Lancaster's or Shepler's with your card will net you a discount. Feel free to email me: [membership@cgra.us](mailto: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](http://www.cgra.us)





## Project Angel Heart

Project Angel Heart delivers nutritious meals to improve quality of life, at no cost, for those coping with life-threatening illness. The agency began serving those battling disease in Denver in 1991, delivering meals to its first 12 clients from a single pan of donated lasagna. Most clients were battling HIV/AIDS and did not have the strength to leave their homes or prepare their own food. Since then, Project Angel Heart's service has expanded exponentially. In 2009, the agency delivered 410,223 nutritious meals to 1,842 clients in Denver and Colorado Springs with the support of more than 3,000 volunteers. This year, Project Angel Heart expects to serve more clients than in 2009, all of whom are battling a variety of diseases including cancer, end-stage renal disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, congestive heart failure and multiple sclerosis. To learn more about Project Angel Heart, please visit [www.projectangelheart.org](http://www.projectangelheart.org).

## Howard Dental Center



Howard Dental Center, founded in 1994, is a nonprofit dental clinic that provides comprehensive and integrated oral health care services to adults, youth & children living with HIV and AIDS. **Just what does that mean?** Research in the past decade has increasingly linked oral health (what's going on in your mouth) to the overall health of your body. This becomes more critical for people living with HIV and AIDS, whose immune systems are already under attack. We recognized that treating dental problems benefits our patients' general health, **And it works!** In 2009, we performed over 7,800 dental procedures and treated over 600 patients. Our patient no-show rate has dropped from 25% in 2000 to 7% in 2009 because they see the benefit taking care of their teeth. For every dollar spent in expenses (including administrative and fundraising expenses), we produced \$1.04 worth of services (based on the market rate for the services we provided). Over 90% of our patients are living in poverty. Most of our patients are not able to afford the dental care necessary to live a healthy life. We rely on individuals, corporations and foundations to provide the funds that allow us to continue to offer the excellent oral health care our patients need. For more information and all Howard Dental Center news, visit our website at [www.howarddental.org](http://www.howarddental.org) and sign up for our E-newsletter, *Mouthing Off!* or call us at 303.863.0772.

## Medicine Horse Program



For more than 7 years, Medicine Horse Program has been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of adolescents, families, and adults through unique equine-assisted experiences. We provide group and individual therapy sessions that focus on healing. Individual and group psychotherapy sessions are offered. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our services meet the particular needs of low-income individuals referred to us by local city and county agencies. Vulnerable youth populations are an emphasis at Medicine Horse Program. Medicine Horse Program thrives with the help of a dedicated staff, board of directors and numerous enthusiastic volunteers. Find out more about the people who help make this program a success by visiting our Staff and Board of Directors and Advisory Board pages. <http://www.medicinehorse.org>



## AT THE ROUND-UP

## Northern Outreach



Once again CGRA will be having a booth at Pride In The Park in Fort Collins. The event will take place on Sat June 5Th from 11a-5p at Civic Center Park. I'll be needing volunteers to help set up and man the booth. This is a great way to Promote CGRA. Please let me know if your able to spend the entire day or part of the day at the booth. Thank you in advance for your support. Pride In The Park runs from June 2nd Thru the 6th. Check out their website at [prideinthepark.org](http://prideinthepark.org) for all the information.

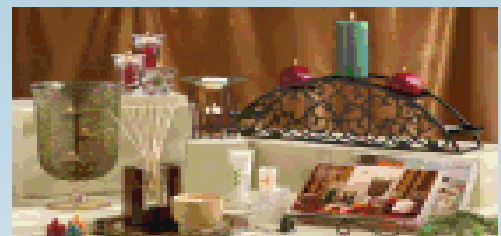
Directions to Civic Center Park Take I-25 North to Fort Collins exit 269B O14 W / E Mulberry Ave. go 4.2 miles Turn right onto S. College Ave / Hwy 287 go .5 mile. Turn left onto La Porte and then left on Howes and there you are. Parking is on the street so you many have to park a block or two away. So bring your lawn chair and sunscreen and lets have some fun !!

Jim Thorstad - Northern Outreach

## AT THE ROUND-UP

## Southern Outreach

BOCHW from the south 40. Man it has been a very snowy winter but the sun is beginning to shine and so it's time to really pick up the pace for rodeo. Look for announcements for a trip to "THE SPRINGS" for mid May. We need to get down there and visit all of our friends and invite them to RMRR. We need all of our neighbors to help us help others and support our charity partners. So come on down south folks, you might be surprised at the good time you will have.



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Congratulations to Miss Dyna Soreass on being the newly crowned SNOW QUEEN last month at Broadways.



Scott Armstrong & Dailen Martin enjoying Coronation 37



Congratulations to Fred Valdez, cousin of CGRA Secretary, Rich Valdez, and Mercedes Chanel. May your reign be inspiring and successful



Hello CGRA Members,  
It's the first of May and June & July will be here soon. I just wanted to get the word out about my **BEER BUST**. It's Pride Sunday at the **Wrangler**. We will be joined by the Front Range Bears. I need 20 people to volunteer that day. That means there will be about 40 people to pour. This is my IGRA fundraiser and I need your help to make it a success. If you can help, please contact me at [fdnyco@yahoo.com](mailto:fdnyco@yahoo.com). This is going to be big so show your PRIDE and volunteer.

Thank You  
Roger C.





### Results from the CGRA Chili Cook Off

NOTE: Please take time to read this slowly. If you pay attention to the first two judges, the reaction of the third is even better.

The notes are from an inexperienced chili taster named Frank, who was visiting the CGRA gymkhana this past April

Frank: "Recently, I was honored to be selected as a judge at a chili cook-off. The original person called in sick at the last moment and I happened to be standing there at the judge's table asking directions to the Budweiser truck, when the call came in. I was assured by the other two judges (Native Coloradoans) that the chili wouldn't be all that spicy and, besides, they told me I could have free beer during the tasting, So I accepted." Here are the scorecards from the event:

#### **Chili # 1 Larry Travnicek's Maniac Mobster Monster Chili**

Judge # 1 A little too heavy on the tomato. Amusing kick.

Judge # 2 Nice, smooth tomato flavor. Very mild

Judge # 3 (Frank) Holy shit, what the hell is this stuff? You could remove dried paint from your driveway. Took me two beers to put the flames out. I hope that's the worst one. These Coloradoans are crazy.

#### **Chili # 3 Ty Teigen's Famous Burn Down the Barn**

Chili Judge # 1 - Excellent firehouse chili. Great kick. Needs more beans.

Judge # 2 -- A beanless chili, a bit salty, good use of peppers

Judge # 3-- Call the EPA. I've located a uranium spill. My nose feels like I have been snorting Drano. Get me more beer before I ignite. Barmaid pounded me on the back, now my backbone is in the front part of my chest. I'm getting shit-faced from all of the beer.

#### **Chili # 4 Bubba's Black Magic**

Judge # 1 -- Black bean chili with almost no spice. Disappointing.

Judge # 2 -- Hint of lime in the black beans. Good side dish for fish or other mild foods, not much of a chili.

Judge # 3 -- I felt something scraping across my tongue, but was unable to taste it. Is it possible to burn out taste buds? Sally, the barmaid, was standing behind me with fresh refills. That 300-lb. bitch is starting to look HOT-just like this nuclear waste I'm eating. Is chili an aphrodisiac?

#### **Chili # 5 Linda's Legal Lip Remover**

Judge # 1 -- Meaty, strong chili. Cayenne peppers freshly ground, adding considerable kick. Very impressive.

Judge # 2 -- Chili using shredded beef, could use more tomato. Must admit the cayenne peppers make a strong statement.

Judge # 3 -- My ears are ringing, sweat is pouring off my forehead and I can no longer focus my eyes. I farted and four people behind me needed paramedics. The contestant seemed offended when I told her that her chili had given me brain damage. Sally saved my tongue from bleeding by pouring beer directly on it from the pitcher. I wonder if I'm burning my lips off. It really pisses me off that the other judges asked me to stop screaming. Screw those rednecks.





**Chili # 6 Vera's Very Vegetarian Variety**

Judge # 1 -- Thin yet bold vegetarian variety chili. Good balance of spices and peppers.

Judge # 2 -- The best yet. Aggressive use of peppers, onions, and garlic. Superb.

Judge # 3 -- My intestines are now a straight pipe filled with gaseous, sulfuric flames. I shit myself when I farted and I'm worried it will eat through the chair. No one seems inclined to stand behind me except that slut Sally. She must be kinkier than I thought. Can't feel my lips anymore. I need to wipe my ass with a snow cone.

**Chili # 7 Dale Karsten's Screaming Sensation Chili**

Judge # 1 -- A mediocre chili with too much reliance on canned peppers.

Judge # 2 -- Ho hum, tastes as if the chef literally threw in a can of chili peppers at the last moment. I should take note that I am worried about Judge # 3. He appears to be in a bit of distress as he is cursing uncontrollably.

Judge # 3 -- You could put a grenade in my mouth, pull the pin, and I wouldn't feel a thing. I've lost sight in one eye, and the world sounds like it is made of rushing water. My shirt is covered with chili which slid unnoticed out of my mouth. My pants are full of lava -like shit to match my shirt. At least during the autopsy, they'll know what killed me. I've decided to stop breathing, its too painful. Screw it, I'm not getting any oxygen anyway. If I need air, I'll just suck it in through the 4-inch hole in my stomach.

**Chili #8 Rich Valdez's Toe-Nail Curling Chili**

Judge # 1 -- The perfect ending, this is a nice blend chili. Not too bold but spicy enough to declare its existence.

Judge # 2 -- This final entry is a good, balance chili. Neither mild nor hot. Sorry to see that most of it was lost when Judge # 3 passed out, fell over and pulled the chili pot down on top of himself. Not sure if he's going to make it. Poor dude, wonder how he'd have reacted to really hot chili.

**Congratulations to Rich Valdez for getting the blue ribbon**



**The next branding will be held May 13th at Charlie's - See you there**

