

307 West 7th

**Diamond State Rodeo Association** 

Little Rock, AR 72201

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# THE DUST STILL HASN'T SETTLED "MADNESS" A WHIRLWIND SUCCESS

DSRA members really did go a little MAD, dancing into the wee hours of the morning (would you believe until 3:00 a.m. Monday!) Neal, our primo DJ and dance instructor kept everyone moving better than ever while Roxie, Brucella, Kassie, and Raven kept us entertained.

Saturday night at Rumors we brought in \$749 from all sources. Thanks to Don Cyr and Bar Manager, Jimmy for their help.

Sunday night at Discovery III income totaled \$1,101 from all sources. Thanks to Norman Jones and Bar Manager Bob for their help. Discovery III will never be the same.

Total income for the weekend was \$1,850, which represents a profit of \$1,274.64 after expenses. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible!

## TEXARKANA BECOMES FIRST SATELLITE

Welcome and congratulations Texarkana! Preliminary steps have been taken to set up the first DSRA satellite club. Enthusiasm is high in the Border City for the DSRA and great things are expected from this group. Election of officers will be held soon, then the group can begin planning it's own business meetings and social events.

Twenty-one members from Little Rock traveled to Texarkana to meet with the interested men and women there. They answered questions about the DSRA, talked about the upcoming rodeos, and gave a few two-step lessons. Everyone had a fun time and looks forward to their next trip to SW Arkansas.

The central Arkansas members of the DSRA look forward to the work and new friendships ahead with our brothers and sisters from the Border City.

#### FAREWELL

The word is out that the building that has been home to CHAPS for years will be torn down on September 22nd. Obviously, the DSRA will not be having their "beer night at CHAPS" on that date. A farewell party is planned for September 15th. All who attend are encouraged to wear black.

## **DSRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 1990

7-9th San Diego Rodeo
9th General Membership MeetingInstallation of new BOD.
15th Farewell Party at CHAPS
21st Special BOD Meeting

OCTOBER 1990

5-7th IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix 13th (tentative) Mr., Ms., and Miss DSRA contest. 14th General Membership Meeting 20th DIAMOND STATE ROUND-UP! 28th Fellowship

**NOVEMBER 1990** 

4th General Membership Meeting 9-11th TGRA Houston Rodeo 24th Hayride and Horseback Riding

#### NOTES OF THANKS

The three Rodeo Queens that graced the stages of Rumors and Discovery III during Mid-Summer Madness weekend left us with words of thanks for the fun times they shared and the friendships made. The following are notes from each entertainer before they left:

ROXIE HEART..."Thank you DSRA for the friendship and love you have given me; you are all just wonderful! Best to all of you and hope to see you again soon!"

KASSIE..."I don't want to go home
yet! I've had a great time with
everyone, and I look forward to
seeing most of you in Houston!"

BRUCELLA DEVALL..."It's been a wonderful experience, and I am so glad I could be here for this party! You are all special people in an organization that is really going places! I can't wait to do this again in Texas! (That is when I have to give up my crown, by the way.)"

Our thanks to all the entertainers who supported us, and we will be looking for them in the Miss "International" competition Good luck to all of them!



## FOR SPECIAL MEETING

A full day of festivities hosted the annual DSRA elections at Chris' Saloon. Members took advantage of the sun and fun, and cast their votes for the new officers. Special thanks to Don C. for opening the Saloon for this special occasion.

With no nominations from the floor and no write-ins from the absentee ballots, the following were elected as the new DSRA Board of Directors.

President - John H
Vice President - Gary S.
Recording Secretary - Steve C.
Corresponding Secretary-Wesley T.
Fund Raising / PR - Steve M.
Membership Chair - Steve N.
Treasurer - Jim G.
Rodeo Events - Charles J.
Entertainment - Ken M.

Congratulations and good luck to the new BOD!!

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings! What a hectic pace I have kept these past four weeks. Today I have finally stopped to catch my breath and evaluate the resent past and look ahead a few months. You know, I like what I see!

Everyone, please accept my sincere thanks for making Mid-Summer Madness Weekend such a success. From what I hear we raised a lot of money, gained new members, represented the DSRA well, and most importantly, renewed our own friendships and support to each It will be said by others, but let me personally thank Neal, from the Round-Up in Dallas, and the IGRA Royalty (Roxie, Kasie and Brucella) for participating. Thanks also to Norman, Don, TGRA (Houston), Raven and all the staffs, DSRA workers and friends.

Somewhere in the body of the Lariat there is an article on "OUR" rodeo, which is tentatively planned for April 13, 1991. If the idea of a rodeo here in Little Rock scares you, join the crowd! You would be correct in thinking that it is a major event for the town. But don't, please don't sell yourself short. We, the DSRA, have the talent, fortitude and ability to do a rodeo. Particularly a unit 1 rodeo (see article).

I will be appointing a committee, chaired by the Rodeo Events Chairperson, to conduct a feasibility study on DSRA doing a unit rodeo. The committee will report to the membership in the October meeting. If the study does show that it is possible and if the membership approves, we will go to Houston with a request to hold a rodeo in April, 1991. If you are interested in being on the committee, contact me.

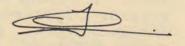
A new Board of Directors will be sworn in at the membership meeting in September. To the new BOD I offer my congratulations. You have a challenge this next year. I extend to you my full support and best wishes. To the past BOD I give my heartfelt thanks. It was not easy getting through the first year.

Let the new BOD know they have your support. I ask each of you to take a few minutes and reflect back on this, our first year. Has the DSRA been what you expected? What do you want this next year? Are you prepared to involve yourself to make it happen? We are all so different in how we think, feel and act. That is what makes the DSRA such a great organization.

Thank you for letting me be your President. Thank you for the loving brotherhood and sisterhood you have given to me. Thank you, each of you, for making the DSRA what it is.

I have recently been reminded of how precious our time on earth It seems that in an instant everything we have wanted to do must be done in a few weeks or a few months or not at all. Things that we thought were important become quite trivial. Let's join hands and hearts as brothers and sisters in pursuit of our common goals for the DSRA. Let us put aside our differences and together go into this new year with the common purpose of building the DSRA into the finest organization possible. I wish everyone health, happiness and

Your President,



## DSRA ROUNDING UP FOR OCTOBER

Keep October 13th and 20th on your calendar for the first DSRA Roundup. The first Mr., Ms. and Miss DSRA contests will be held on October 13th. See details on entry elsewhere in The Lariat. On October 21st a playdate to practice for the Texas Rodeo in November (and have fun) is being The playdate site is planned. not set as yet, so if you have a good location, (i.e. private, fenced pasture) or know of one, please contact Charles at 227-0803. All members with rodeo experience will be contacted soon. On Saturday night after we have cleaned up from the afternoon activities a dance will be held. Be sure to watch for details.

DSRA ROYALTY CONTEST
MR., MS., AND MISS DSRA 1991
OCTOBER 13, 1990

For complete rules and entry form write:

DSRA
307 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
or call
Ken M. 568-4491

#### **ROYALTY SHINES**

DSRA will choose their 1990-91 Royalty on October 13, 1990. competition will be for DSRA members only and will have three divisions: Mr., Ms., and Miss. Contestants for Mr. and Ms. will compete in personal interview and western dress. Contestants for Miss DSRA will compete in male interview, western dress, and talent. Entries are requested to be post marked by October 6, 1990. A \$25.00 entry fee is required. Sponsorship is allowed and encouraged. For information, forms and rules call Ken M. at 568-4491.

#### **COUNTRY BALL**

The TGRA is sponsoring a Country & Western Ball, to be held in Houston at the Astro Village Hotel. This formal event includes a live band and all the best looking cowboys and cowgirls in the West. There are special room rates available at the hotel, and tickets for the ball are a very reasonable \$10.00. For more information, call Jim Walker at 1-713-552-1117.

## **CONVENTION '90**

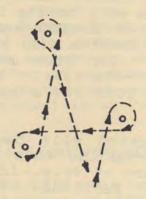
The IGRA National Convention was held July 27-29 in Wichita, Kansas. The weekend started with preliminary committee meetings Friday morning. DSRA delegation spent most of its time with Rodeo Growth, International Sponsorship, International Dance, and IGRA Royalty committees.

The actual convention started Saturday morning. One of the first orders of business was the seating of the new associations. In addition to DSRA, North Star (Minnesota & Wisconsin), Tri-State (Ohio, Indiana & Kentucky), and Northwest (Washington & Oregon) were seated.

The International Dance Contest was held Friday and Saturday night in conjunction with the Convention. The female teams sponsored by FLOYD'S in Long Beach, California, won both the amateur and pro-am divisions.

The major item to come out of the convention is the establishment of Unit 1 & 2 Rodeos. (See related story, "Rodeo? Its Time DSRA!"). It was a productive, informative convention, and we are ready to put all the ner plans into action.

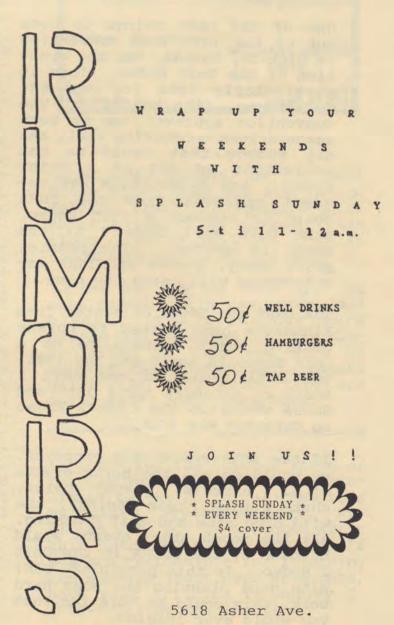
#### RODEO EVENTS BARREL RACING



The name of this horse racing contest is derived from the brightly colored barrels around which the riders run a triangular pattern in the rodeo arena. Barrel racers are allowed a running start into the arena as they head toward the triangular pattern of Charging at full 3 barrels. speed, they must rein their horses in, spin around the first barrel and spring straight across the arena to the second. Repeating the spin around the second barrel, they spur their horses back to speed as they angle toward the last barrel set at the far end of the arena. A circle around the third barrel begins the full speed charge straight down the arena toward the start/finish line. Tipping over a barrel during the maneuvering will cost the barrel race a 5 second penalty and they can be disqualified for running an incorrect pattern. Electronic timers are used to record elapsed time between crossing the start/finish line in hundreths of With well trained, a second. strong willed horses and fiercely competitive contestants, one or two hundreths of a second are often all that separates the final standings in this rodeo event.

## 1990 IGRA RODEO FINALS

The Finals Rodeo will be held this year in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 5-7, 1990. All events will be held at the El Lienzo The head-Charro Rodeo Grounds. quarters hotel is the Days Inn. 602-264-9290. Other hotels serving the rodeo are the Holiday Inn, 602-248-0222, and the Quality Inn, 602-257-0801. Please mention the IGRA rodeo for the best rates. For more information call Steve N. locally at 224-2281 or call 602-265-0618 in Phoenix.





## RODEO, A POSSIBILITY FOR DSRA!

One of the best things to come out of the 1990 IGRA convention in Wichita, Kansas, was the creation of the Unit Rodeo. This is particularly true for new associations, like the DSRA. convention approved one or more associations conducting small one day rodeos that would be the equivalent of 25% of a major rodeo. Any association may request approval from the IGRA Board to conduct a Unit Rodeo. Each Unit will have 7 of the usual 13 events. The points, prize money, events and IGRA requirements will stay the same.

The DSRA and NSGRA delegates from Minnesota have agreed to pursue getting their members to do a Unit Rodeo in April and May 1991. The DSRA would do the Unit 1 Rodeo on Saturday April 13th and NSGRA would do the Unit 2 Rodeo on Saturday May 11th.

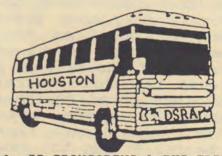
If the DSRA membership approves, we would do all the horse events (i.e., barrels, flags, poles, chute roping, team roping), the wild drag race and goat dressing. All the rough stock events would be done by the NSGRA in the Unit 2 Rodeo. Is this possible? YES! With good planning and some hard work, this could be more fun than you would ever imagine.

## **HOUSTON RODEO**

November 7 - 9 are the dates of the 7th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo. The site will be the Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston and the Hyatt Regency Houston will be the host hotel. For room reservations call 713-654-1234. Be sure to mention TGRA for a special room rate.

The weekend will begin Friday night with the TGRA Rodeo Kick Off Dance at 8p.m. in the Hyatt Imperial Ballroom. The rodeo, parties, and dances will run through the weekend, and topping it all off will be the Rodeo Awards Dance Sunday night.

Many DSRA members have already made arrangements to go to Houston. Don't be the only cowboy or cowgirl left in town! DSRA is organizing a bus trip to the rodeo, for up to 47 members. 35 spaces have already been reserved on the bus for this trip. Make your plans now to go to Houston. For more information call 224-2281.



D.S.R.A. IS SPONSORING A BUS TRIP
TO HOUSTON, TEXAS
NOV. 9,10,11
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TGRA RODEO.
(transportation only)

SEATING IS LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW.

COST IS \$40 (round-trip)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 224-2281 376-0689 663-7110

#### **BYLAWS UPDATE**

A new Bylaws Committee has been appointed and will meet in September. The first reading of proposed changes in the Bylaws is tentatively scheduled for October's membership meeting. A 2nd reading of proposed changes will be scheduled prior to a final approval later in the fall.

#### FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

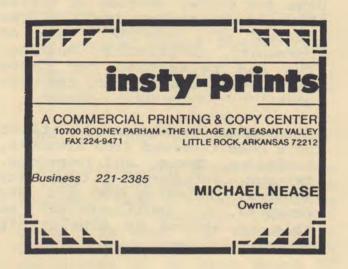
HELP! The Editorial Committee is seeking, ready, willing and able bodies to help with the collecting, editing and sometimes writing of articles for the <u>Lariat</u>. We meet 3 or 4 times a month to prepare the newsletter for printing and mailing. If you are interested please contact Mary R. at 224-9329.

The Lariat is put together each month by a few hard working people dedicated to making our newsletter the best it can be. We spend many hours discussing changes, updates, formats, etc. Although we have come a long way in the past few months, we are still learning. Our primary concerns about the Lariat are that we make it what our members want to read and provide you with information we think you need to know. We encourage you to let us know what you like or do not like each month, and to let us know what more you would like to see. All written comments are discussed by the Editorial Committee, and are answered personally by mail. We think the Lariat has great potential, and we want your help to see that potential realized. Address all comments to:

DSRA <u>Lariat</u>
ATTN: Editor
307 W. 7th
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



ARE YOU A MUSICIAN? If so, would you be interested in starting a country and western band? We need any musical talent! For more information call Peter or Ken at 664-0655.



BRONC RIDER T-SHIRTS The new DSRA Bronc Rider T-Shirts are in and selling fast! A sharp 3-color shirt produced by Screen Creations, the Bronc Rider T sells for \$11.00 or \$12.00 for XXL.

TIE ONE ON! Now on sale are the DSRA bandannas in red, blue, and black. The bandannas were generously donated to the Association by Mary and Shan to support the newsletter. Thanks gals! At \$5 a piece they are going fast. Get yours soon!

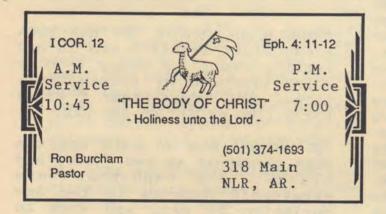


Articles for the October issue of the <u>Lariat</u> will need to be submitted to the Editorial Committee by **Friday**, **September 21st**. Articles will not be accepted after this date; NO EXCEPTIONS!!! If you are responsible for informing the members about news or events, have your articles to Wesley T. (758-8726) by the deadline.

#### **HEARTSONG RETREAT**

The AIDS Interfaith Council and the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) are co-sponsoring a spiritual retreat for anyone who is HIV+. The retreat is called Heartsong, and will be held at the 4-H Center outside of Little Rock on September 10-13. The Retreat will provide a time of community, inspiration, sharing, fun and relaxation for those living with the virus or the disease.

More than twenty applications have been received from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Tennessee. Through contributions from many sources, including DSRA and many churches, all applicants will be able to attend on scholarship funds.



# HPWA - RELIEVING THE FINANCIAL PAINS OF AIDS

Central Arkansas has many support groups and service organizations that are working to help those in our community with a variety of needs. Each month, the <u>Lariat</u> will profile one of these groups; letting you know who they are, what they do, and most importantly, how we can help each other.

This month's focus is on a nonprofit charitable organization established in 1988 to assist individuals who suffer from AIDS and AIDS-relate diseases. is unique about Helping Persons With AIDS (HPWA) is that it is concerned with the financial Based in Little needs of PWA's. Rock, HPWA issues direct financial payments for medical bills. nursing care, pharmacy bills and living expenses to Arkansans who meet its criteria for assistance. With the rising costs of medical care and drugs, the need for this type of organization is great.

HPWA began when a group of concerned individuals met in February of 1988, determined to form an organization dedicated to providing assistance to those in Funding for the group is need. derived from volunteers from all walks of life who raise monies through fund-raisers and pledge No member of the HPWA drives. staff receives compensation for his/her services. The Board of Directors is composed of professionals and lay members from all fields including education, medicine, law, business and theology.

Because HPWA is vitally concerned with the accountability of its fund-raising and disbursal efforts, applicants for financial assistance must meet certain criteria. For information about how to receive assistance from HPWA, call 501-666-6900. All information concerning cases is kept strictly confidential.

HPWA is constantly in need of volunteers and funding. An open invitation is extended for anyone to become involved in its ongoing efforts to minimize the burden that AIDS imposes on our society. You can make a difference!

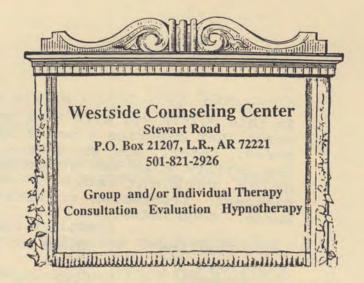
#### AIDS FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

The Arkansas AIDS Foundation has announced details of their annual conference to be held September 7th and 8th at the UAMS campus. The theme of the conference will be "AIDS: A Test of Human Values." It will explore the way in which societies have responded to grave threats of pestilence and disease, and the moral and ethical considerations of modern day epidemics.

The keynote speaker will author Randy Shilts. He is a journalist for the San Francisco Chronicle and is the author of And the Band Played On. There will also be a pictorial essay by nationally known photographer, Andrew Kilgore. Other speakers will include Dr. Allan Brands of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Mary Winkler of UT at Galveston. The foundation is inviting representatives of major Arkansas institutions for a panel discussion on Saturday.

Registration will be \$20. This conference is made possible by the Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, please contact Rhonda Iiagc at the Arkansas AIDS Foundation at 501-663-7833.





### DON AND PHILIP HOST CELEBRATION

Sunday afternoon, August 19th was a time to remember how the DSRA started. From a meager beginning of 10 to 15 people, DSRA has grown to over 170 members in just one year. This occasion was celebrated at an Open House at Chris' Saloon and was hosted by Don C. and Philip P. Thanks guys!



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#### CHERYL'S NOTES AND QUOTES

Help me up my friend.

dust me off.

feed my warmth.

you are comfort.

let me lean on you until I can stand alone.

I will then stand a little taller, and you will be proud to have a friend such as I.

Taken from <u>How to Survive the</u> <u>Loss of a Love</u>

## **COWPOKE CORNER**

In this puzzle you will find 29 words that describe a horse by breed, color, age or gender. The letters make the words by going straignt across or diagonal, frontwards or backwards. GOOD LUCK!!!

Stallion
Mare
Dapple
Gelding
Palamino
Yearling
Shetland
Clydesdale
Miniature
Thoroughbred
Percheron
Mustang
Arabian
Appaloosa
Morgan

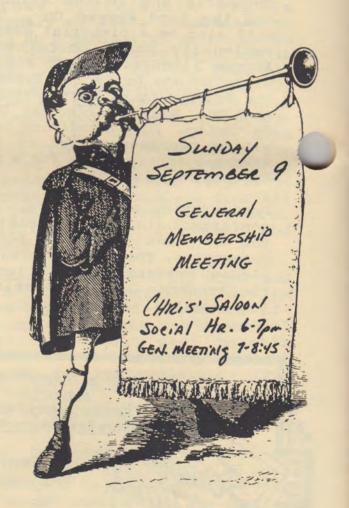
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White
Grey
Chestnut
Paint
Foal
Colt
Filly
Bay
Quarter
Walker
Black
Sorrel
Pinto

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Hair Care Center

1407 John Barrow 225-1300



Rule #16: Mr., Ms., MISS D.S.R.A.

(Competition shall be held within thirty (30) days following I.G.R.A. finals)

SECTION I: ASSOCIATION CONTROL RULES

A. Entertainment Committee

1. Carries main responsibility for contest

a. Location of talent and dress competition and awards

b. MC's/Announcers

c. All forms necessary

d. All necessary props and equipment

2. Will coordinate with Public Relations and Fundraising for advertising

3. Will coordinate with Membership Committee for eligibility of contestants

4. Will coordinate addition of any entertainment to enhance this major event

5. Will provide judges for competition

B. Public Relations Committee

1. Work with entertainment committee on advertising

2. Complete all advertising for this major event

D. Membership Committee

1. Assist entertainment Committee in validation eligibility of contestants

E. D.S.R.A. President will announce the winners at time set by the D.S.R.A. Board of Directors

SECTION II: JUDGES

A. Selection of Judges

 Five shall be provided by Entertainment Committee a. Three (3) from out of state b. Two (2) from in state

2. No Judge shall be a member of D.S.R.A.

B. Entertainment Committee is responsible for providing guidelines for judging to the judges

C. Once selected and instructed, judges will be responsible to the President of D.S.R.A. or the President's designated representative who will coordinate the judges during the competition

D. All judges names will be submitted to D.S.R.A. BOD

for final approval

E. Announcement of any portion of the results of the judging is prohibited until the conclusion of all parts of the competition

SECTION III: MR., MS., & MISS D.S.R.A.

General Rules-Guidelines (to be printed and handed out with application forms)

A. Contestants (all three (3) catagories)

1. An Active Member of D.S.R.A. (dues current)

2. Sign agreement with D.S.R.A. which states; "In the

event I win the title of Mr., Ms., or Miss: a. I agree to represent the association for one (1) b. I agree to compete in the Mr., Ms., & Miss I.G.R.A. Competition c. I acknowledge and understand that competing and winning represents a possible two (2) year commitment d. I knowledge and understand that I must raise a minimum of \$500.00 for a 501-C3 charity as approved by the D.S.R.A. BOD to retain my title B. Titles to be awarded are: 1. Mr. D.S.R.A. 2. 1st Runner-up -- Mr. D.S.R.A. 3. 2nd Runner-up -- Mr. D.S.R.A. 4. Ms. D.S.R.A. 5. 1st Runner-up -- Ms. D.S.R.A.. 6. 2nd Runner-up -- Ms. D.S.R.A. 7. Miss D.S.R.A. 8. 1st Runner-up -- Miss D.S.R.A. 9. 2nd Runner-up -- Miss D.S.R.A. C. Entry Deadlines Entries must be in to the Board of D.S.R.A. at least seven (7) days prior to the competition D. Judging and Point Awards 1. Areas of Judging a. Mr. & Ms. Contestants will be judged in personality and western dress b. Miss Contestants will be judged in personality, western dress, and entertainment c. Scores for each area of competition, for each contestant, will be accumulated and contestant earning most points will receive title d. Western dress and entertainment will be open to the public. Personality will be closed to the public 2. Point Value a. Entertainment - 25 points b. Western Wear - 25 pointsc. Personality - 25 points E. Competition Guidelines 1. Personal interview a. Interviews before panel of judges who will be looking at: 1. Poise 2. Confidence 3. Familiarity with I.G.R.A. and D.S.R.A. and their benefits to the Community 4. Casual western dress (Miss candidates will appear in male attire) 2. Western Wear Competition a. Contestants will model contemporary western fashions (i.e. as one would find in today's western catalogs or western wear store) b. Specifically, Miss shall not wear stage costumes 3. Miss Talent Competition a. Presentation of "Show Routine" 1. Country/Western in nature 2. Five (5) minute time limit (exceeding the time limit will result in a five(5) point per minute or portion of a minute penality 3. Presentation shall be done solo b. Audience will be asked not to tip during competition c. Music selection must be taped (only number on the tape) and cued G. Corporate Records 1. All results will be made a matter of corporate record

A motion for acceptance as proposed will be entertained AT the September 9, 1990 MEETING. PLEASE be there.

a. Results shall reflect the order of placement