



# DIAMOND STATE LARIAT



P.O. Box 56503 Little Rock, AR 72215

Diamond State Rodeo Association

January, 1997

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DSRA is off to a great start with a very successful New Year's Eve party. Hats off to Greg P. for his hard work in organizing the party. Thanks Greg, great job.

Our community service efforts have been very successful and I plan on keeping our involvement in local service organizations alive. The New Years Eve party netted the Ryan White Center a couple of boxes of personal care items and \$35 cash. Our next project will be a paper/house cleaning goods drive for AOA. You know, items like paper towels, detergent, household cleaners. So clip those coupons and buy two of everything next time you are at Wal-Mart.

In the Lariat, you will see letters from different people in our community were DSRA has touched their lives in some little way. When we think that times

are rough or not going our way, read one of these letters.

Again, thank you all for your efforts. Thanks to those New Years Eve volunteers, the people who have taken a turn managing the Clubhouse, all you men who brought your power tools and helped build the new stages (why did everyone bring a cordless drill????!!!) Thanks to everyone who sponsored a RAIN angel, to all those who donated items to our auctions. And everyone else who has donated their time, talent, and money to the DSRA. Volunteers are the only way DSRA can exist. Bless you all.

JW



## Rodeo Report

The last rodeo meeting covered some of the time sensitive issues for Rodeo in the Rock '97. Mailouts, officials, Grand Marshall selection, advertising, stock contractors, fund raising, and belt buckle sponsorships.

The Grand Marshall for this year's rodeo will be selected during the March General Membership meeting. Anyone wishing to make a nomination needs to be present at the February 21 General Membership meeting or notify the Board by mail before that date. Please be thinking about someone who has made a commitment to our community and represents what DSRA stands for.

We still need people to come forward and officially take these rodeo chairperson positions: Entertainment, vendor coordinator, and security. No experience is necessary. I

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have talked to a lot of people, but no one has officially excepted responsibility for these positions. Again, no experience is necessary. Heck, you can be Rodeo Director if you can figure out which end of a horse goes forward.

JW



### Chow Down February 1st!!!

Don't miss the potluck hosted by Steve Mitchell at the DSRA Clubhouse on February 1. The Clubhouse door will open at 6:30 PM and eating will start at 7:00 PM. The first potluck hosted by Steve in early December was a great success with

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tons of delicious food. With the word of mouth about that meal, the next one promises to be a true FEAST! Thanks to everyone who brought the great eats last time!

We had so much food that it was a shame that some people didn't show up without food. To remedy that situation we are trying something a little different this time. If you are too busy, lazy, or just not a cook but want to chow down, pay \$5 and you can stuff yourself with out feeling guilty! Of course, we still need all you good cooks out there to bring your finest!

Call Steve at 758-3133 to coordinate your dish so we have a good variety again. See ya there. YUM!!!!

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Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift...that's why we call it 'the present'.  
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## Ask Mona

SN. Mona has the DSRA got a pool table yet? I'm not going out there until they have a pool table.

Mona Well SN. No. In answer to your question, DSRA has to have enough attendance to support rental of a pool table.

Attendance at DSRA hasn't been the greatest lately. Attendance has been so bad that the Board is considering closing the Clubhouse on Friday nights when there isn't anything going on. Me and my honey was managing one Friday night and only two people showed up all night. If attendance improves, who knows, we can get a pool table and we can have pool tournaments boys against the boys, girls against the girls then, girls against the boys.

You might ask why is the attendance so bad. Maybe

*Tips:* Outside a dog -> a cat is man's best friend. Inside a dog -> it is very very dark.



just for the reason for your question. My evaluation of the problem is lack of interest, I haven't got time, it's too cold, there aren't any people out there, I'm working on a new relationship. Whatever the reason who is hurt? Ultimately the AIDS service organizations. The DSRA clubhouse is not operated for profit. Every penny ultimately goes to the AIDS service organizations. All the DSRA keeps is for operating costs. You are hurting the people that need help the most.

What I can't understand is why are so many people willing to support the other bars in town when we (the DSRA) offer the cheapest drinks in town. Why don't people start at the Clubhouse get a few cheap drinks under their belt then go support the other bars. Anyway the solution starts with just a few supporters. Put your petty or profound problems behind you and help the DSRA help the AIDS service organizations by supporting the DSRA Clubhouse. Come on Folks, show us what you are made of.

*Mona*



December 11, 1996

Ms. Julie Williams, President  
Diamond State Rodeo Association  
P. O. Box 56503  
Little Rock, AR 72215

Dear Julie,

Thank you so much for your in-kind donation to RAIN of Christmas presents for persons living with AIDS. We very much appreciate you brightening this Christmas season for so many people!

RAIN has been active in HIV/AIDS prevention, education and caregiving for nearly seven years. It has become a network of over 130 Careteams made up of 1,600 volunteers from 15 different religious denominations. Teams are located in 71 different Arkansas towns and cities.

Through the courageous and dedicated work of the Careteams it has become clear that people with AIDS of any age can live longer and better lives when they and their loved ones have support and acceptance. It is our goal to have Careteams available for those who need and want them throughout Arkansas. Because of RAIN Careteams, many "Carepartners" have died a more peaceful death, and their names and lives will be remembered.

Your contribution will help RAIN to continue to be a part of the solution to AIDS in Arkansas. *Love makes a difference in AIDS.*

Warmly,

*Trudy*  
Trudy James  
Executive Director

*Thanks to all of you from all of us & the carepartners*

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Our Lady of the Holy Souls Careteam

January 8, 1997

Ms. Julie Williams, President  
Diamond State Rodeo Association  
P.O. Box 56503  
Little Rock, AR 72215

Dear Julie:

On behalf of the members of our Careteam, I want to thank you and the members of the Diamond State Rodeo Association for adopting our Carepartner and her son as one of your families at Christmas. You assure you that their holiday was enriched immeasurably by your loving acts of kindness and compassion.

Because of your Association, our Carepartner didn't have to worry about how she was going to find the extra money to put a few Christmas gifts under the tree for her son. You took that tremendous stress and worry from her mind, and gave her the opportunity to enjoy Christmas without wondering how it could pay her rent, grocery and utility bills and still provide a nice Christmas. First, she was also the recipient of your generosity, and that made her holiday even more special.

As a Careteam, we are able to give love and friendship more readily than material things, so the love is truly what our mission is. However, we still want our Carepartner and her son to have nice clothes and other items not in her budget from time to time, and you provided us with that opportunity. For that, we are very grateful.

Please know that what you are doing is so important. As Caregivers, we tend to think that we never do enough, but Mother Teresa says that even a drop of water in the ocean would be missed were it not there.

God bless you all for what you do for so many.

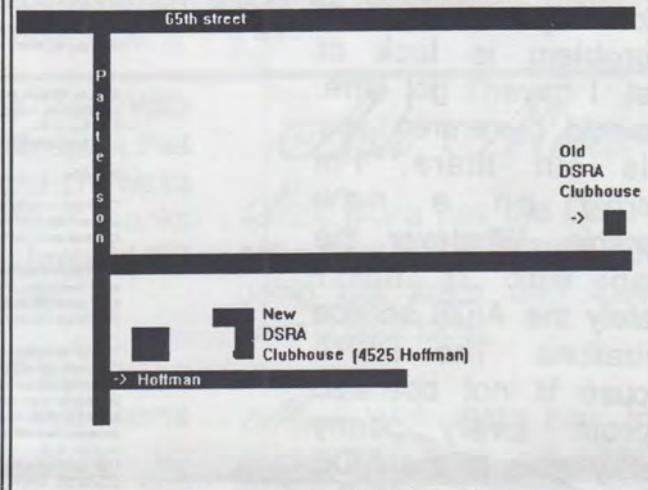
Sincerely,

*Mary Sue Whitehead*  
Mary Sue Whitehead, Co-leader  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Careteam

The next general membership meeting is January 17th at 9 PM, at the new DSRA Clubhouse. Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.  
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**New DSRA Clubhouse**


## Cheryl's Quotes

True friendship is a knot that an angel's hands have tied.

Hold a true friend with both hands.

A good friend is like a warm quilt wrapped around the heart.

A friend is like an angel who holds on to you after others have let go.

Are you a friend? I hope so!

Cheryl



### NOTICE

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO OUR CALENDAR...BECAUSE OF THE SLOW NIGHTS THAT WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED WHEN EVENTS ARE NOT SCHEDULED, WE WILL BE CLOSED ON SOME FRIDAY NIGHTS. PLEASE WATCH FOR THOSE DAYS.

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT DENNIS NOBLE.