



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 16 - 7:30 Board Meeting
Oct 16 - 9:00 Gen Membership meeting
Oct 17 - Bear Night
Oct 23 - Music & Fellowship
Oct 24 - Womens Night
Oct 28 - COAD/DSRA Spagetti Dinner
Oct 30 - Spades night
Oct 31 - Halloween Party
Nov 6 - Clubhouse Inservice
Nov 13 - Clubhouse Committee Meeting
Nov 13 - Lariat Deadline
Nov 14 - Fall Fiesta (clubhouse open @ 10)
Nov 20 - Board meeting
Nov 20 - General Membersjhp meeting
Nov 21 - Women's night



President's Report

It is usually about this time every year that a President will fire off an angry letter to the membership concerning the decrease in participation at the clubhouse. I was about to do the same thing. I had become increasingly frustrated over the lack of participation at the

clubhouse and at the functions that are planned there. But several things have happened since the last meeting at the clubhouse that have changed my mind for the better.

First of all, we had a contest. But not just any contest. It was one that decided the next DSRA Royalty. The winner of that contest is Dennis N. I am proud to have Dennis represent the DSRA in the way it should be. But that wasn't all. Our first runner up is Greg J. He also will be representing the DSRA and has been very enthusiastic about getting the DSRA the recognition it needs. Thank You Both for putting yourselves out there and for doing the best that you can. I knew that you both would do great for us. As the saying goes, its not what the crown (sash, belt buckle, or whatever) can do for you, its what you do for the crown. You both have already proven that. And a special Thank You goes to Tommy and Nikki C. for their help and enthusiasm in getting us a new Royalty. Now, all we have to do is do some active recruitment in getting a complete Royalty for next year!

The other thing that happened

was a major cleanup at the clubhouse. I have never been more pleased with anything in a long time. The place looks FANTASTIC!! The volunteers that came down and helped out took most of Friday and a little bit into Saturday to clean up (they stayed until almost 1:30 AM!). A special Thanks goes to Karen and Ray for getting it all together and making it work. Nikki A., Thank you for cleaning up the dressing room! I heard that the only thing that was holding up the shelving was a bunch of boxes! Oh, my! Its a wonder that you didn't get hurt, Hon! And Thanks to all of those that helped. Greg, Tommy, Max, Jan, Steve, TS, and everyone else that helped out.

Another thing that happened was our regular Pot Luck! Its been a while since I have seen that many people at the Pot Luck. And talk about delicious food!! Steve taught everyone the Barn Dance (Wild, Wild West). It only took a few minutes and everyone caught on and had a good time. Even as I am writing this, I got a chance to eat some of the delicious leftovers from the event. Some of ya'll just don't know what you are missing!

All these things have really

boosted my spirits. And I couldn't be more pleased. It just goes to show what a group of determined people can do to help out with their brothers and sisters who need the help. But, please remember, I still have that letter I wanted to send on file in my computer....somewhere. The only thing I have to do is change the date on it! Don't make me use the thang, typos and all!



We are still settling the hotel and fairgrounds contracts for the upcoming year to include finals in October. Everything is looking to be in our favor and will be settled in the upcoming weeks. Hopefully we'll be able to have some basic information together to hand out at Finals in Phoenix and surely everything will be in place by the Texas rodeo in November.

I must again stress the importance of making every little fund-raiser as profitable as possible. I am still operating under the assumption that there will be no Miller money this year, until I have their check in my hot little hand. Please come out to the events and be sure and spread the word to all your friends. The

Olde World Pizza Night wasn't as successful as nights in the past. I don't know if it was the Hog game that keep people away or the new location. Anyway, we'll try it again after the first of the year. Thanks to Debra, Brenda, April, Sarah, and Melissa for doing a great job of waiting tables. And thanks to the folks at Olde World for having us.

Two upcoming rodeo fund-raisers are Spaghetti Western dinner at COAD and the Fall Fiesta At Juanita's. Our friends down at COAD, 412 Louisiana, have invited all DSRA members and their friends out for dinner on October 28th between 6-8p. Tickets are only \$6 and are available in advance from COAD or

calling Julie. Then Saturday night, November 14th will be our annual Fall Fiesta at Juanita's private dining room. The tickets for this Tex-Mex style dinner are \$20 and must be purchased in advance. After dinner we will all head down to the clubhouse for a very special show. Please note your \$20 will get you a huge plate of Little Rock's best Mexican food with all the sides, and a soft drink. A cash bar will be available for beer and other mixed drinks (margarita's!). We are also doing our annual canned food drive for our friends at HPWA. Please help them out by bringing in a sack of non-perishables to be given out by HPWA to people who desperately need our help.

And finally the piggy adoptions are going well. Only 20 more piggies left. get yours TODAY!



AIDS Walk

I just wanted to let everyone know what is going on in our community. The second annual AIDS Walk Arkansas was held last Sunday. I had high hopes that DSRA would make a strong showing and contribute their time. I was sadly disappointed in our numbers. I counted only 8 current members and a couple former members. This could have been a great time to give the AIDS/HIV community our support. I guess it was too much to assume that everyone would be willing to get up early and give up four hours of their weekend.

To make matters worse, I foolishly stuck my neck out to say I could get 50 DSRA members to walk. Not even close.....

We will have another chance to redeem our group in March, that is the new time of year the AIDS walk will be moved to. I'll keep you posted.

Please remember what

Justin:

What did Bill Gates's wife say on their wedding night? I now knowK why you named it microsoft.

Please remember what we're all about. We should always make an effort to help in our community whenever we get a chance.

Bylaw Revisions

At the General Membership Meeting on October 16, we will hold our Annual Bylaws Meeting. The Bylaws Committee has been hard at work, reviewing and proposing revisions to the Association's Bylaws. If you want an electronic version in advance, e-mail Steve at smith@aristotle.net and you will receive a version in Word. Please make this important meeting!

BEARS

Calling all Bears and admirers for the Fall Gathering, Saturday the 17th of October. Come on down and meet friends and make new ones. There will be keg beer and door prizes! We had about twenty people the last event and I sure would like to see more this time around! So if you want to have a good time and enjoy the company of others who are hirsute or just a punner, the DSRA Cave...er Clubhouse is the place to be!! Doors

will open at 9pm! Just say WOOF!! T.S.



Texas Gay Rodeo Coming Soon!

The 15th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo will be held this year in San Antonio at the Guadeloupe County Fair Grounds on November 5-8. The TGRA Rodeo is always a blast and is a great opportunity to make our Texas friends aware of our rodeo and what a good time they're missing. The host hotel is the Club Hotel by Doubletree at 1111 NE Loop 410. It is past their discount date in the trifold, but you might try calling 1-800-366-8311 between 9 and 5 PM during the week and ask for DuWayne Greene. If you have any more questions give Steve Mitchell a call. Hope to see a big group of DSRA members in San Antonio! YeeeeeeHaaaaaa!!!!

Party Mailouts!

We have begun creating a mailout database so we can get the word out in the community more effectively when we have major events, i.e. New Year's Eve and Rodeo. We already have 100 addresses on the list but need MANY MORE!

Please look through your address books and talk to friends who may want to know about upcoming events. Anything we send out will have only a return address (Post Office Box) on the envelope. E-mail your lists to smith@aristotle.net or mail to Steve at the Association's mailbox. We really need this since there is no media in our community. This could help greatly with the success of our big events if everyone pitches in.

Events Chair

If you haven't been by the clubhouse in the past two weeks, you are in for a surprise. A team of dedicated members (and some non-members) spent a recent Friday night cleaning and decorating our home and it looks great!! A special thanks to Ray N., Texas S., Steve M., Greg J.,

Max, Nikki A., Sara B., Jan D., Melissa W., and Tommy W. for all their hard work. We had a great time and it was wonderful to see so many people show up to lend a hand. Now that's what this organization needs more of!!!

We have a busy fall schedule at the clubhouse but we will also be having events at other locations around town. Get your tickets for the COAD/DSRA spaghetti dinner on October 28th and Fall Fiesta at Juanita's November 14th. Both of these events benefit Rodeo in the Rock '99 and should be a lot of fun.

We have been approached by a couple of different people about renting the clubhouse for private parties. While we have to work around our scheduled events, please keep the clubhouse in mind for parties that could be held during the week or before 9pm on the weekends. Just contact any board member with your requests.



**Massage
on the
Rock**

Lin Long
M.M.T.

For Appt.
224-9144



Have you seen DSRA's Webpage?

Point your Browser to:

<http://www.aristotle.net/~dsra>





A businessman from Wisconsin went on a business trip to Louisiana. Upon arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop into the hotel room port and sent a short E-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, JennJohn@world.net.

Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the E-mail ended up going to JeanJohn@world.net, a Jean Johnson in Duluth, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and was buried that day. The preacher's wife took one look at the E-mail and promptly fainted. It read, "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

You Know You're Having a Bad Day When...


Your horn sticks on the freeway behind 32 Hell's Angels motorcyclists.

You've been at work 3 hours before you notice that your fly is open or your blouse unbuttoned.

Your twin sister forgets your birthday.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.



The next Lariat deadline is November 13th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706  MIKE4DSRA@aol.com FAX 661-1427 (Call first)



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1998-1999 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Is your household receiving two Lariats?
Let us know!!!
"Save the DSRA a few bucks."
DSRA please combine the following names on your mailing list:

Name #1 _____
Name #2 _____
Address _____



DSRA CALENDAR

October 11 - November 21, 1998






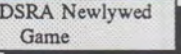




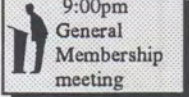

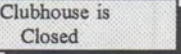

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Oct 11</p> <p> AIDS Walk at MacArthur Park</p>	<p>Oct 12</p> <p> Columbus Day (Observed)</p>	<p>Oct 13</p>	<p>Oct 14</p>	<p>Oct 15</p>	<p>Oct 16</p> <p>7:30pm Board Meeting</p> <p>9:00pm General Membership meeting</p>	<p>Oct 17</p> <p>9:00pm Bear Night</p>
<p>Oct 18</p>	<p>Oct 19</p>	<p>Oct 20</p>	<p>Oct 21</p>	<p>Oct 22</p>	<p>Oct 23</p> <p>9:00pm Music & Fellowship</p>	<p>Oct 24</p> <p>9:00pm Women's Night</p>
12th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo - Phoenix						
<p>Oct 25</p> <p> Daylight Savings</p> <p>12th Annual IGR...</p>	<p>Oct 26</p>	<p>Oct 27</p>	<p>Oct 28</p> <p>6:00pm CAOD/DSRA Spagetti dinner @ COAD</p>	<p>Oct 29</p>	<p>Oct 30</p> <p>7:30pm Spades Night</p>	<p>Oct 31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>10:30pm Halloween Party Costume Contest</p>
<p>Nov 1</p>	<p>Nov 2</p>	<p>Nov 3</p>	<p>Nov 4</p>	<p>Nov 5</p>	<p>Nov 6</p> <p>Clubhouse Inservice</p> <p>Texas Gay Rodeo - San Antonio</p>	<p>Nov 7</p>
<p>Nov 8</p> <p>Texas Gay Rodeo...</p>	<p>Nov 9</p>	<p>Nov 10</p>	<p>Nov 11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>Nov 12</p>	<p>Nov 13</p> <p>Lariat Deadline 666-3706</p> <p>10:00pm Clubhouse Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Nov 14</p> <p>Fall Fiesta</p> <p>10:00pm Clubhouse is open</p>
<p>Nov 15</p>	<p>Nov 16</p>	<p>Nov 17</p>	<p>Nov 18</p>	<p>Nov 19</p>	<p>Nov 20</p> <p>7:30pm Board Meeting</p> <p>9:00pm General Membership meeting</p>	<p>Nov 21</p> <p>Ladies Nite "Drag King" Contest</p>



DSRA CALENDAR

November 22, 1998 - January 2, 1999



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26  Thanksgiving	Nov 27  7:30pm Spades Night	Nov 28  Levi-Leather Night
Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5  DSRA Newlywed Game
Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11  Lariat Deadline 666-3706  10:00pm Clubhouse Committee Meeting	Dec 12  DSRA Christmas Party
Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18  7:30pm Board Meeting  9:00pm General Membership meeting	Dec 19
Dec 20	Dec 21 <i>Winter begins</i>	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25  Christmas	Dec 26  Clubhouse is Closed
Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec*31  New Year's Eve Party	Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jan 2

FALL FIESTA TIME

JUANITA'S

NOVEMBER 14TH, 7PM

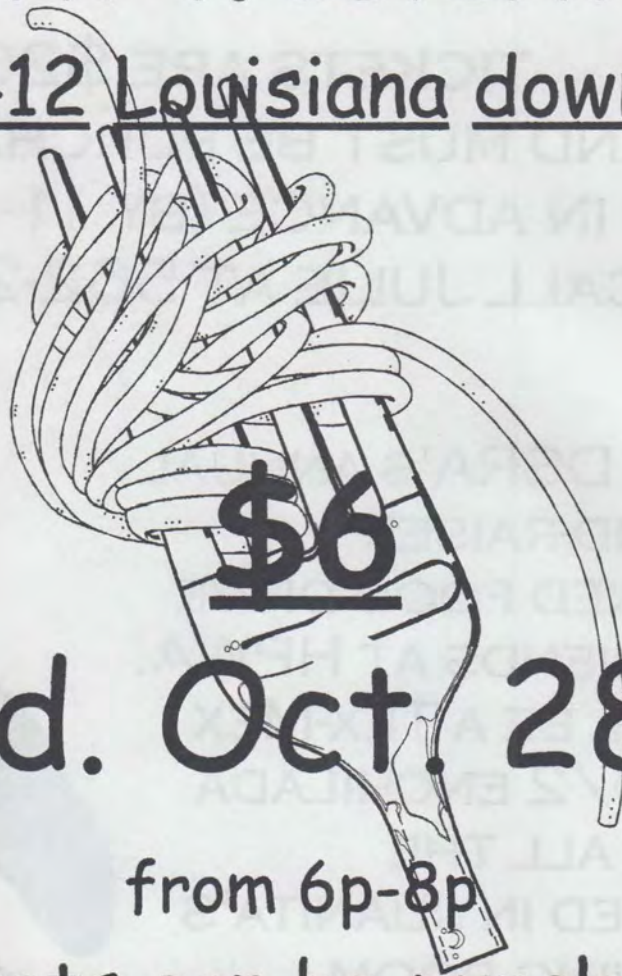
TICKETS ARE \$20
AND MUST BE PURCHASED
IN ADVANCE (BY 11-10)
CALL JULIE AT 562-2010

DON'T MISS DSRA'S ANNUAL
RODEO FUND-RAISER
AND A CANNED FOOD DRIVE
FOR OUR FRIENDS AT HPWA.
DINNER WILL BE A TEX-MEX
STYLE TACO/2 ENCHILADA
MEAL WITH ALL THE
SIDES SERVED IN JUANITA'S
PRIVATE DINING ROOM
AND TO BE FOLLOWED
BY A VERY SPECIAL SHOW
AT THE DSRA CLUBHOUSE.

**Don't forget to bring canned/non-perishable
foods for our friends at HPWA !!!!**



**Come and join
DSRA and COAD
for a very special
Spaghetti Western Dinner
at COAD- 412 Louisiana downtown L.R.**



Wed. Oct. 28th

from 6p-8p

tickets can be purchased
at COAD or from DSRA
(562-4466)

all proceeds go to help
produce Rodeo in the Rock '99

