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Diamond State Rodeo Association

December, 2000

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec - 14 Movie Night
- Dec - 15 Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting
- Dec - 16 Private Party
- Dec - 22 Clubhouse Closed
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- Dec - 28 Movie Night
- Dec - 29 Holiday Bear Night
- Dec - 30 Deck the Halls Party & Potluck
- Dec - 31 New Years Eve Party @ Clubhouse
- Jan - 4 Movie Night
- Jan - 5 Spades Night
- Jan - 6 Royalty Show
- Jan - 11 Movie Night
- Jan - 12 Lariat Deadline
- Jan - 13
- Jan - 18 Movie Night
- Jan - 19 Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting



President's Report

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

If you have not been coming to the DSRA Clubhouse you have missed a lot of fun. We have been raising money for the rodeo and charities while having a good time. The movie nights and

Thanksgiving potluck have been very pleasant with everyone enjoying him or herself. Thank you to Ian for sponsoring these events.

The Royalty team put on a terrific Christmas show to benefit the Arkansas Aids Foundation. They raised \$159.00 in tips for the Foundation. The decorations were wonderful as well. The efforts of the Royalty team are well appreciated, way to go gang.

I hope more of you will start coming out for the Royalty shows, because your Royalty Team is really working hard. As I have said before, this is the first time in many years that DSRA has had a full Royalty Team. Not only do they put on the Royalty Shows, but they represent DSRA at Rodeos and also raise money for local charities. You need to come out and meet them and show your support for them also.

Starting Sunday December 10th, the clubhouse will officially be open four nights a week, Thursday through Sunday. On Sunday we will open at 4:30 pm. Come out, enjoy your favorite beverage, Socialize, Dance, Play Games and get in the last bit of

fun before the new workweek.

Jeff is doing a good job of managing the clubhouse and he and Harrell will be sponsoring Sundays. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays now as well. The Clubhouse will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from December 23, 2000 through December 26, 2000 and will reopen on December 27th for Movie Night.

Tickets are now on sale for the New Year's Eve Party, advance price is \$5.00 for Members and \$8.00 for Non-members. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$10 for everyone. The party will be at the clubhouse and doors will open at 9:00pm. If you would like to reserve tickets to be held at the door, please call me at (501)562-1075 and leave a message or contact any board member. Please make sure you leave you name and a phone number.

We are also looking for Sponsors for the Rodeo Belt Buckles. If you or your company would like to sponsor a buckle please contact Ian or me. The events are on a first come first serve basis. Sponsor now to get the event of your choice. The cost of

sponsorship is \$200.00. The Rodeo is the last weekend of April.

We did have elections at the last board meeting and I would like to welcome the new board members, Buddy T. is the new vice-president and Brad H. is the new treasurer. Jeff A. is the new clubhouse manager. Welcome guys and thank you.

Sherry and I will be hosting a Mardi Gras Party



It's just 19 weeks... less than 5 months... until our April Rodeo. I have to admit, when I first took on the challenge of being Rodeo Director several months ago, I thought we were fighting an uphill battle. But over the last few weeks, I've seen a lot of new faces at DSRA events, and more familiar faces coming back refreshed. And they're all excited about the Rodeo. So the rodeo is becoming a reality... and it's gonna be our BEST!

There's a lot of work that needs to be done before that weekend, however. If you're interested in helping with fundraising, planning, advertising or anything else, please

contact me.

As Rodeo Director, I've been involved with many different events at the Clubhouse:

MOVIE NIGHT:

We have been showing movies on Thursday nights, and they have been quite the success. The schedule for the next few weeks is on the next page. Many of the movies are gay-themed, things that you generally don't see in the mainstream... but many of them are just for fun. Doors open at 8:00pm, the movies starts at 8:30, and the popcorn is free!

FUNDRAISERS:

James T. recently

again this year so be thinking of your float designs. Let's make this years party a larger success then last year's. There are a large variety of events comin' up and I believe everyone can find some that the can enjoy. Post your calendar and come out and join us for the fun. Thank you for all of your support and work.

Yours truly,
Julie B.



sponsored a raffle, in which the prize was a large, formal flower arrangement. The drawing was on December 9th, at the Christmas Party. Our happy winner was Paul D. The raffle raised almost \$400 for the Rodeo.

POSTER CONTEST:

And the winner of the poster contest is... Roy D., Mr. DSRA. All of the submissions were excellent, and it was tough to determine which one was the best. Six Little Rock artists participated. We will use the winning posters to develop our promotional materials and the theme for the Rodeo.

BELT BUCKLES:

Sponsoring Belt Buckles is an important source of

revenue for the Rodeo. We are contacting previous supporters to see if they would like to sponsor their traditional Buckle. Check out the web site to see which ones are still available. Belt Buckles are \$200 each.

WEB SITE:

Thanks to Jackie G. and Tom B., we're expanding the main web site (www.dsra.org) to include more updates and active pages. Come to the web page to find out what's happening with the Rodeo, sponsorship, weekly events and other information. It's a gay-friendly place for Arkansans on the Web.



Just Fun YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM ARKANSAS IF: You only own 3 spices: salt, pepper and ketchup. You think that deer season is a national holiday.

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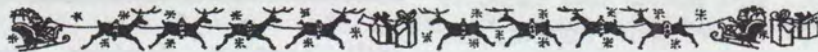
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
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The next Lariat deadline is January 12th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706  MIKE4DSRA@aol.com FAX 661-1427 (Call first)



DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION 2000-2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Clubhouse Manager		
Rodeo Director	Ian Bowles	

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Let us know!!!

“Save the DSRA a few bucks.”

DSRA please combine the following names on your mailing list:

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____

Address _____

MOVIE NIGHT

GO, action Dec. 14

Clubhouse closed to celebrate Christmas Dec. 21

The Birdcagecomedy Dec. 28

Philadelphiadrama Jan. 4

But I'm a Cheerleadercomedy Jan. 11



Tis the season to be jolly.....The DSRA Royalty sure has been busy since we last updated you. To catch you all up to speed, we need to take you all the way back to November. The DSRA Royalty and others attended the TGRA Rodeo in Forth Worth with a bang. We had the largest royalty team there!! Roy, Sherry and Amy performed at the rodeos to help the TGRA raise money for their state fund. It was a rodeo that I don't think any of the Royalty will ever forget.

On December 9th, the Royalty hosted the "Gift of Giving Benefit Show" for the Arkansas AIDS Foundation. We would like to thank Dolly D., Nancy Nurse Dupree, Ian Bowles, and Rita Rogers for giving of

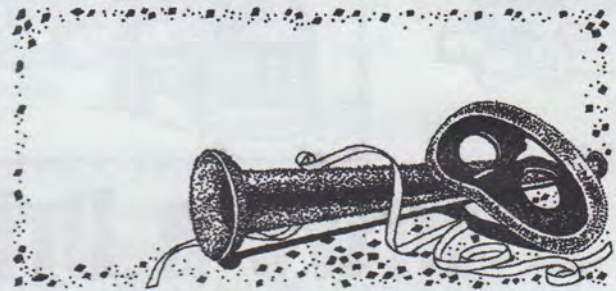
their time and talent to help others have a wonderful holiday season as we will. We hope that GOD will bless you as you have done others. That night the performers raised \$160 for the AAF. It would not have been possible with out the support of our members and guests that came to show their support for the AAF and the DSRA Royalty Team. Thanks to all that helped decorate the stage and the clubhouse for the Holiday Season.

Look for the Royalty to be hitting the streets here in the near future. Plans are in the works for a Diamond Tour to help promote the Rodeo in the Rock 2001. Check the website for bookings. Our next royalty show will January 7th and we

It's a Party

**New Year's Eve
December 31, 2000
Doors open at 9PM
Tickets: \$5.00 for members
\$8.00 for non-members
\$10.00 at door regardless**

Tickets may be purchased at clubhouse, from a board member or reserve ahead of time by calling 562-1075. Leave name and phone number and how many tickets you want.



will sponsor another charity to be announced later.

Well that about raps it up for us this month. We hope to see you all at the clubhouse, and the Royalty would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

Love you all,
DSRA ROYALTY
TEAM 2001
Amy Zahn, Sherry P.

and Roy D.

The Royalty team members are currently working on their IGRA fundraising to compete in the IGRA Finals scheduled for October in Palm Springs, California. Stay in touch with the royalty to see what new ideas they have coming up. I am sure that there will be something interesting for everyone

ONE FROM THE ROAD.....

Well guys.....we finally made it back from the first rodeo of the season, the 17th Annual Texas Gay Rodeo. there is one word to describe this TGRA sponsored event, it is BIG!!! Large crowds, large arenas, large bars, if it came in a super-size, TGRA had it. You will all be very happy to know that your entire DSRA Royalty team made the trip, and (if I do say so myself) made a huge impression on the gay rodeo officials and fans.

We arrived at the host hotel late thursday night; our roommates (Max and Miss DSRA Amy Zahn) had arrived a day earlier because Amy was one of the guest judges of the Texas Royalty pageants. Little did we know that the following days were going to be so hectic. Our usual mornings started just about sunrise because Amy had to get up extra early to "Put on her face", for the early events. From the minute we walked out of our motel door, we knew that not only ourselves, but the entire DSRA organization was being represented. I was so proud to see that almost immediately, our royalty and our attending DSRA officials made it clear that they were not only here to enjoy a rodeo, but that they had come with a clear purpose: Meet, greet, and promote the DSRA and our "Rodeo in the Rock". As it turns out, our name is already very well known in the gay rodeo circuit. I can tell you, without exception, our past rodeos had nothing but praise from those who had attended them in the past. It gave me a since of pride for these people, whom I had just met, to lavish praise on our organization for putting onand I quote " one of the most well organized and fun rodeos on the rodeo circuit".

Our first day was spent getting to know the area of Fort Worth we were in, registering, and attending parties. I would highly recommend the Fort Worth Holiday Inn South if you are ever down that way. It is a very nice affordable hotel, but the best part about it was that they treated the IGRA and its member organizations with respect and the utmost friendliness and courtesy. The first official act of our DSRA for the rodeo was the Grand entry. I once again was very proud of our DSRA Royalty and attending officers. Not only were we the only organization there with a full royalty team, but, we were also the most organized in the Grand entry (Max has video to prove it!!!) Later in the day, our royalty members each performed in the Performers Showcase going on adjacent to the rodeo.

The evening parties at 651 club and the Corral club were packed. There were so many hot cowboys and cowgirls there, you darn near needed a shoe horn to get them all in the bars. It was immediately apparent that the TGRA folks definitely had the support of their local bars.

When the Rodeo was over, I think we all came away with a renewed vigor to promote our own "Rodeo in the Rock". From the opening "get acquainted" party, to the final Awards ceremony, our delegation: met new friends, made great contacts, and got a overall feel of what works in a rodeo and...maybe more importantly....what doesn't. I, as the assistant rodeo director, came away with great ideas of things to explore for our rodeo, and a definite list of things to stay away from. In closing, on a personal note, Roy (Mr. DSRA 2001) would like to thank Gary Sullivan and for his sponsorship for this event. The Sullivan Law firm is a wonderful supporter of the DSRA and it's charitable endeavors.



From the Road,
Michael Ashley
(Asst. Rodeo Director 2001)



DSRA CALENDAR

December 10, 2000 - January 20, 2001













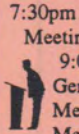




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Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22 Clubhouse Closed	Dec 23
Dec 24	Dec 25 Christmas	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28 Movie Night	Dec 29 9:00pm Holiday Bear Night	Dec 30 Deck the Halls & Potluck
Dec 31 9:00pm New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4 Movie Night	Jan 5 7:30pm Spades Night	Jan 6 Royalty Show
Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11 Movie Night	Jan 12 Lariat Deadline - 666-3706	Jan 13
Jan 14 Road Runner Re...	Jan 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18 Movie Night	Jan 19 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership Meeting	Jan 20 9:00pm Women's Night



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January 21 - March 3, 2001



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25  Movie Night	Jan 26	Jan 27  9:00pm Bear Night  Winter Gathering
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1  Movie Night	Feb 2  7:30pm Spades Night	Feb 3
Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8  Movie Night	Feb 9  Lariat Deadline - 666-3706	Feb 10
Feb 11	Feb 12  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	Feb 13	Feb 14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	Feb 15  Movie Night	Feb 16  7:30pm Board Meeting  9:00pm General Membership Meeting	Feb 17
Feb 18	Feb 19 <i>President's Day</i>	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>  Movie Night	Feb 23	Feb 24
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1  Movie Night	Mar 2  7:30pm Spades Night	Mar 3