

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Howdy Cowboy's and Cowgirl's,

Summer is starting to wind down, I hope that all of you had a great summer. Rodeo in the Rock 2005 is on go and will be the last weekend in April. Jackie G. is your Rodeo Director for 2005, Ian B, and Neil R. are the Rodeo Assistant's, what a team. There is so much to do to produce a Rodeo not many people are aware what all has to be done. It cost's somewhere between 35-\$38,000 to produce the Rodeo. We will be holding a lot of Fundraiser's between now and April, this year will mark our 10th year for Gay Rodeo in little Rock, we hope you will come on out and show your support for the Rodeo by attending our fundraiser's.

DSRA has a new Board of Director's which were elected at the August Board Meeting. The new board is listed on the back of the Lariat. We have some new people, new faces on the board, come on out and meet your board and get to know them. I have heard a lot of people say that their opinion doesn't count, not true, this is why we have General

Membership meetings each month, most everything the Board does has to be approved by the general membership at these meetings, but when no one comes, then we don't know what changes you want to see. Any member or anyone for that matter can host a party at the clubhouse, if you are interested in hosting a function contact our event's chair, also anyone can submit an article to the Lariat, the deadline is the 3rd Friday of each month and is to be sent to the Publicity chair, email address is:

The DSRA Royalty Competition will be held on Nov. 19th and 20th this year. On Friday night we will have introduction of the Candidates, and the present Royalty's step down, then on Saturday night we will have the Competition. At present we have three people running for Royalty, (1) for Mr. DSRA, and (2) for Miss DSRA. For those who are not members of DSRA the cut-off to enter competition was August 20th. A candidate must be a member 3 month's before the competition. For those of you who are members and would like to enter you have until September the 17th to enter, it is a \$20 entry fee and you must sign a contract.



In closing I would like to thank each of you who supported me and re-elected me as President for DSRA, I look forward to working with each and every one of you, Let's Rodeo.

Rodeo Up,

Julie



There are still a lot of activities going on at the clubhouse. Sometimes we sit around the table and shoot the bull, which is fun and enlightening. There is lots of fellowship and sharing of thoughts and ideas to make this organization a success. I am proud of being a continuous member since '94, never letting my membership lapse.

I have been the public relations chairperson since that time. What was I thinking when I decided to run. The Lariat has evolved to where it is today. I think we have a good-looking Lariat if I do say so myself. But there is always room for improvement. Anytime you have suggestions for changes, I am always open to your suggestions. I want to thank everyone for electing me again.

I know that this past year the Lariat has been a little late in getting done, but I'm sure everyone has seen changes in their lives and jobs that seem

to get in the way of your volunteer duties. After all work puts food on the table and a roof over your heads.

I have also enjoyed being Miss DSRA this year as well which puts more burden on getting the Lariat out in a timely manner, but my reign is quickly coming to a close. Still I will always be available to pitch in and help out with benefits when I'm needed.

I wish I could represent DSRA at Finals as your Miss, but my job is a hindrance in doing that. Things at work seem to be settling down somewhat and maybe I can support DSRA more in the upcoming year. This year has been not only interesting but also fun. It is hard work being on the Royalty team.

Anyway the competition for the new Royalty is quickly coming upon us. I really think the new Royalty will be even better than the last one. And the last Royalty is awesome as the Royalty before this one was. Elizabeth did us proud

and still continues to support the DSRA.

Well I guess the rambling of an old queen should end. LETS RODEO 2005!!!!

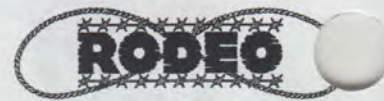
Mona Lisa
Miss DSRA 2004
Public Relations
chairperson. 2004
Member since 1994



FYI---Any member of DSRA or Non-Member may submit an article for the newsletter each month, we encourage articles. If you are interested in submitting an article please contact Mike B, our publicity chair.

HAPPY AD'S

Starting with the next newsletter DSRA will start publishing Happy AD's. These AD's are \$5.00 for 25 words or less. You can put most anything on them. You may want to wish someone a Happy Birthday, announce that you are single looking for someone, having a yard sale whatever. If



you want to send a wish to someone who does not receive the newsletter just include their name and address and we will make sure that they get a copy, this could be fun.

DSRA is trying to purchase a pool table, if you know of one for sale or to be given away please give a board member one of the board member's a call.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES BECAUSE THEY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US:

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Just Fun. Do you work for UPS? I thought I saw you checking out my package.



Mission Statement

The **DSRA (Diamond State Rodeo Association)** is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the country and western lifestyle within the gay community.

DSRA has a proud history of fundraising for charitable organizations within our community. All members are volunteers who share our time and abilities to further this cause. All money raised by the DSRA goes to local charities and towards maintaining the organization's clubhouse. DSRA is an all-inclusive organization that recognizes all lifestyles and genders. We welcome anyone to become a member and to participate in our community efforts!

The DSRA is one of twenty-four members of the **IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association)**. The IGRA serves to foster the sport of rodeo amongst other country and western activities. IGRA along with its fellow member organizations such as DSRA donate thousands of dollars each year to charities.



CALENDAR

- September 3 Spades Night & Potluck, DSRA (7:30)
- September 3-5 MGRA Show Me State Rodeo Kansas City MO
- September 10-12 Atlantic Stampede, Washington DC
- September 11 Casino Time in Arkansas (8:00PM)
- September 12 Rodeo meeting (5:00PM)
- September 17-19 Sooner State Rodeo (Cancelled)
- September 17-19 San Diego Rodeo, San Diego, CA
- September 18 Leather Men of Arkansas, DSRA (9:00)
- September 24-26 Capitol City Rodeo, Austin, TX
- October 10 Rodeo meeting (5:00PM)
- October 14-17 18th Finals Rodeo, Omaha, NE
- October 15 Board Meeting DSRA (7:30)
- October 15 General Membership Meeting (9:00PM)
- October 30 Lip Sync (9:00PM)



UPCOMING EVENTS

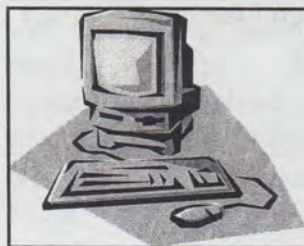
- Leather Men of Arkansas, DSRA (9:00); November 20
- Christmas Party; December 18
- New Years Eve Party; December 31





NOTICE

Jody C. is raising money for competing in Rodeo's. What she is asking is, the membership to save aluminum cans and she will come pick them up. She will be representing the DSRA other rodeo's and getting DSRA to become a household word. 888-3663



DSRA now has an easier to remember URL for its webpage:

<http://www.dsra.org>




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The next Lariat deadline is September 17th. 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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