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THE
OFFICIAL
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NEWSLETTER
OF



The 1997 Los Angeles Gay Rodeo & Country Fair

New Location

In 1997 LA Rodeo is moving to the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. Just 10 freeway minutes from our old home this new location is bigger and has the feeling of country in the middle of the city.

Not Restricted

The LA Rodeo will not be a restricted rodeo although we will be using some of the new IGRA rule options to help us reduce the running time of our rodeo.

Host Hotel

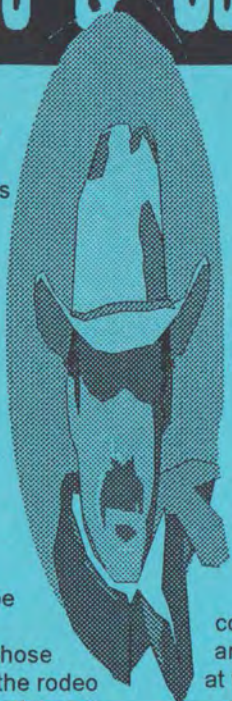
Our host hotel will once again be the Burbank Airport Hilton with special rates for the Rodeo for those that reserve early. The drive to the rodeo grounds is about the same as in the past. Reservations 1-800-HILTONS.

Buddy Passes

Buddy passes will be available at registration just like past rodeos. Buddies must sign a liability waiver before being allowed on the rodeo grounds so it works best to have her or him with you at registration. Buddy Passes will not be available after Registration closes.

April 11 - 13, 1997
Hot Line
(310) 498-1675

Two Days of Rodeo with Non-Stop Dancing and Non-Stop Entertainment at the Rodeo and at the Hotel.



No Pets

Our new facility has a very strict NO PETS rule which we will be required to enforce.

Barns

We will be using portable barns but expect little or no increase in cost to contestants and we will be able to offer parking close to each stall. Prepaid reservations will cost less.

Arena Sizes (Approx)

Horse Arena 120' x 240'
Main Arena 150' x 175'

Parties

Once again L.A. will offer a complete weekend of entertainment and non-stop dancing each evening at the hotel. Starting with a Welcome Party on Friday, the Big Bash on Saturday & our Awards Celebration on Sunday. All free to contestants.

Contestant Mailer

We will be mailing a complete registration package to all Division One contestants in early February. If you are planning to compete in our rodeo & you don't get our mailer, give us a call & we'll hustle one out to you.
(310)498-1675

The Golden State Gay

Rodeo Association

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Fresno, Ca 93711-1200
(209)496-3810

Capitol Crossroads Chapter

P.O.Box 189305
Sacramento, Ca 95818
(916)451-9439

The International Gay Rodeo Association

900 East Colfax
Denver, Co 80218
(303)832-IGRA



1997

**Happy New
Year**



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Meetings moved to 10 a.m.

In our continuing efforts to make it easier for more members to take part in chapter and rodeo meetings, the chapter has decided to change the monthly meeting time to 10 a.m.

The first of the 10 a.m. meetings will be the

January meeting, which is planned for the CSW offices at 6855 Santa Monica Blvd. (the former First Interstate Bank building), Suite 200, in Los Angeles.

The rodeo committee meeting will be held first,

followed by the official chapter meeting. It should make it much easier for folks to get to the meeting, provide input — and still enjoy the better part of their Saturday.

See you at this month's meeting!

Trail ride and barbecue Jan. 25

Sue Downing and Connie Risch, our chapter's new Events and Activities Committee chairs, are happy to announce another fun trail ride and barbecue. The last one was a huge success and a lot of fun. Bring your own or rent one. 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Osborne Riding Stables. (Exit the 210 Freeway at Osborne and go left. At the fork in the road, stay left and proceed on Osborne about a mile. Stable is on

the left.)

RSVP by Jan. 18 to (714) 828-3438. Let Sue or Connie know if you're going to do the ride, the barbecue or both. Also indicate if you need to reserve a rental horse (\$20-25 depending on how many we need).

Bring your own beverages. Cost of barbecue is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members and \$1 for children.

Beer bust Feb. 8

GLAC beer and beverage bust is planned at the Rawhide in North Hollywood for the night of Saturday, Feb. 8. The fundraiser is in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the GSGRA state board, which will be at Hansen Dam that afternoon. Beverages will flow, and fun will be had, so mark it on your calendars now! It will be a great time — and great publicity for the L.A. Rodeo April 11-13

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12/29	30	31	1	2	3	1/4 GLAC chapter meeting, Los Angeles
1/5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1/12	13	1/14 Coffee klatsch. Call Joe Olney for location	15	16	17	18
1/19	20	21	22	23	24	1/25 Trail Ride and barbecue, Osborne stables
1/26	27	28	29	30	31	2/1 GLAC chapter meeting, Long Beach
2/2	3	4	5	6	7	2/8 GSGRA state board meeting, Hansen Dam

CHAPTER MEETINGS

10 A.M. SAT., JAN. 4
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 200, L.A.

10 A.M. SAT., FEB. 1,
at The Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach

If quorum is not reached, meeting will reconvene 30 minutes later.



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Fund-raising Robert Armend

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Membership Robert Armend

Merchandise Roger Davis

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Public Relations

open

1997 Pride Theme

CSW call for Logo's

"Equality Through Visibility"

has been chosen as the theme of 1997's Gay and Lesbian Pride celebrations, worldwide. Christopher Street West is asking the community to participate in designing a logo to represent this theme.

The logo chosen will be seen by tens of thousands of participants, in one of the largest Gay and Lesbian events in the world. The designer of the chosen logo will receive credit for the design, in addition to enjoying VIP status at CSW's 1997 Pride weekend.

Logo designs can include up to three colors, but must be easily transferable to black and white. CSW may use the logo on the 1997 pride poster, publications, and other promotional material. CSW may also use the logo on merchandise items such as T-shirts, mugs, pins, and buttons.

Please submit your logo designs by January 1, 1997. All submissions become the property of Christopher Street West, and should be mailed to:

Christopher Street West, Attn.: John Reimer, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109-24, West Hollywood, CA 90046

CSW produces the annual Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration, to be held on June 21 and 22, 1997. CSW is dedicated to providing education and support to the Lesbian and Gay community, and educating the non-Gay community of the powerful existence of the Gay and Lesbian communities.

For further information please contact John Reimer (CSW PR Chairperson) at johnreimer@aol.com, or Michael Yates (CSW Executive Director) at lapride@aol.com.

Editor's note. This press release was received from Christopher Street West in Los Angeles and refers specifically to their search for a Logo for the 1997 Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration however most G & L Pride Organizations conduct similar searches. If you are interested and have ideas we urge you to contact your local Pride Organizations.

State Board Meeting February 8, 1997

Need a Place to stay?

The Burbank Hilton (the host hotel for the 1997 L.A. Gay Rodeo) is offering a rate of \$77.00 per night for G.S.G.R.A. members attending the meeting. The hotel is only 10 minutes drive from the meeting location at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center and the Rawhide for the party on Saturday evening.

Reservations must be made by January 25, 1997 to get this rate.

Call 1-800-HILTONS

How many Republicans does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Four hundred and sixty-two. Twelve to investigate Clinton's involvement in the failure of the old bulb, twenty-three to deregulate the light bulb industry, sixteen to cut funding for alternative lighting R&D, thirty-four to cut the tax rate on light bulbs, fifty-three to design a block grant so the states can change the bulb, forty-one to talk with defense contractors about night-vision gear instead, and two hundred and eighty three to pass a law making it illegal to discuss naked bulbs (or screwing anything) on the Internet.

Royalty news

With the contest nearly two months behind us, we are gearing up for a terrific year. Already, Guy has been busy traveling and representing our state. In November, he visited Las Vegas and performed at the Nevada Gay Rodeo Association's royalty contest and wanna-be ball. The next weekend, he was off to Salt Lake City, where he performed and helped the Utah Gay Rodeo Association raise money for this year's IGRA convention.

On the home front, we have been busy spending many hours on the phone planning and discussing how we can raise money for GSGRA while having fun, too.

The best way we know to have fun is rodeo, and the Phoenix rodeo is only days away, Jan. 17-19. This will be the first of many public appearances our Royalty team will make, and we are looking forward to representing GSGRA in

a grand way. Be sure to look for Sammy riding steers and, if all goes well, his mom may even let him try bull riding. This is something you won't want to miss. While Sammy is busy in the arena, look for Guy, Nancy and Tina entertaining the Arizona crowd California-style.

Speaking of grand, if you are planning to attend this rodeo, join us in the arena for

grand entry and help us show Arizona how strong our association is.

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this year is that our state is blanketed with Royalty, from Sacramento to San Diego, enabling us to be more visible and create bigger and better fund-raisers. You may not know that one of our primary duties is to raise funds for the David Watkins Memorial Fund. Money from this fund

helps to offset the expenses of our GSGRA contestants who represent us at the IGRA finals each year. Last year's Royalty team did a great job by raising \$700 for the fund and set the pace for this year's team. We have all agreed that one of our goals this year is to double that amount. So keep a look out in your respective bars for upcoming fund-raising events — or, if you would like to make a donation to the fund or have any fund-raising ideas, please give one of us a call.

Finally, with 1997 under way, it's not too early to consider running for Mr., Ms. or Miss GSGRA 1998. If you have any interest whatsoever, give us a call and we can help get you started. It's a lot of fun and a great way to represent your state and chapter.

Until next month, be proud, be happy, be gay...

— Your 1997 GSGRA Royalty team

Ms. GSGRA '97

Nancy Novak

(619) 572-0891

Miss GSGRA '97

Tina Rhinestone

(Tony Nicholson)

(310) 530-7663

Mr. GSGRA '97

Guy Johnson

(818) 989-1403

Runner-up

Sammy Van Galder

(916) 739-8958

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NAME BADGE AND PENDANT ORDER FORM

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Use this form to order name badges and/or pendants.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

G.S.G.R.A. is not responsible for errors due to illegible orders. Your order will be mailed directly to you at the address you provide on this form. Your membership must be current and in good standing at the time of ordering and all orders must be prepaid. Prices include sales tax and shipping charges.

All new members of G.S.G.R.A. receive a name badge at no charge. If you ordered a name badge on your membership application form, please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. G.S.G.R.A. name badges have magnetic fasteners that will hold in place on most fabrics and will not cause pinholes or tears.

PLEASE PRINT HERE THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME BADGE ENGRAVED. MAXIMUM 25 LETTERS AND SPACES.

	Name Badges @ \$7.00	
	Pendants @ \$3.00	
	Order Total	

Name	
Address	
Telephone	

Make your check payable to GSGRA and mail with this completed form to:
G.S.G.R.A. 4226 east 15th street, Long Beach, Ca 90804

BAY AREA CHAPTER

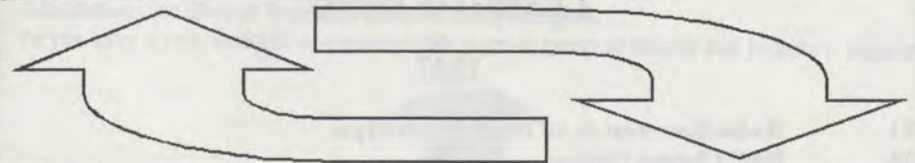
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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIR**

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**SAN DIEGO RODEO '98
CONTESTANT COORDINATOR**

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Bay Area Chapter



IN THE SADDLE

6th Regional Rodeo

*Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
May 30 - June 1, 1997*

Host Hotel: Hyatt, San Jose, at the Airport

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1997

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|---------|---|
| 1/11 | Rodeo Beer Bust @ <i>SF Eagle</i> from 8-11pm |
| 1/16 | BAC Chapter Meeting |
| 1/17-19 | <i>Phoenix Rodeo</i> |
| 1/23 | Rodeo Beer Bust and Party at <i>Daddy's</i> on Castro in San Francisco
8-11pm, cost \$6. |
| 3/2 | The Annual, capacity crowd, Tri-Tip BBQ and Beer Bust @ <i>SF Eagle</i> . |
| 3/23 | Rodeo Beer Bust @ <i>Cinch</i> on Polk St., 3-7pm |
| 5/3 | Rodeo Beer Bust @ <i>SF Eagle</i> from 8-11pm |

The Bay Area Chapter
would like to welcome our new members and
our new Hotel Coordinator, Doug Graff.

CONGRATULATIONS

Johnny Mancuso, Mr. Bay Area Regional Rodeo '96,
and all those members who supported a successful
Country Christmas party at Hamburger Marys' in San Jose.

Actual radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations, 10-10-95.

#1: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

#2: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to South to avoid a collision.

#1: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say

again, divert YOUR course

#2: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

#1. THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE, WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

#2 This is a lighthouse. Your call.



The Lone Star Saloon supports BAC

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the "Bear Country Christmas" party at the Lone Star Saloon. Co-sponsored by the BAC, if you enjoyed good music, cigars and plenty to drink and look at, then this was your kind of holiday party.



REMEMBER...

- Monthly Chapter Meetings: 3rd Thursday of Each Month
- Rodeo Roundtable meetings. (Contact Brad Roberts @ 408-378-6167)
- Nominations for Chapter President are now being accepted.
- Do you have a free weekend or evening? Join a great group of friends and become a volunteer!



INFORMATION HOTLINE
(415) 985-5200

E-MAIL for Newsletter
103116.3010@Compuserve.Com

From "The Net"

This is purported to be a true story...

When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous "One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Mankind" statement, but followed it by several remarks - usual com traffic between him, the other astronauts and Mission Control. Before he re-entered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark "**Good luck, Mr. Gorsky.**"

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut; however, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian nor American space programs.

Over the years, many people have questioned

him as to what the "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky" statement meant. On July 5, in Tampa Bay, FL, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong.

It seems that Mr. Gorsky had died and so Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

When he was a kid, Neil was playing baseball with his brother in the backyard. His brother hit a fly ball which landed in front of his neighbors' bedroom window. The neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky.

As he leaned down to pick up the ball, he heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, "Oral sex? Oral sex you want? You'll get oral sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

**THE GOLDEN STATE GAY
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential
G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address.

Individual.....\$40.00 Family.....\$75.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
PHONE #		
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER L.A.
DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA
SIGNATURE		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO
FAMILY MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> DESERT EMPIRE
NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> CENTRAL SIERRA
All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.		<input type="checkbox"/> CAPITOL CROSSROADS
DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE
SIGNATURE		

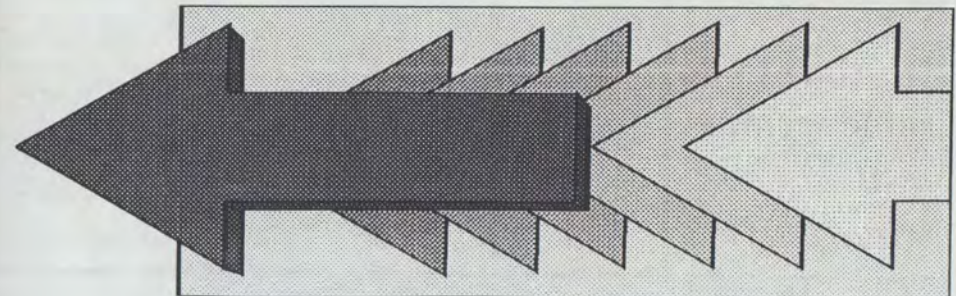
MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM
WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO::

G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee
4226 East 15th Street
Long Beach, Ca 90804

*You better
do what
Mama
Membership
says
now.....*

**Join
the
Team!**

***You did, so why not
invite a friend?***



Road Runner Regional Rodeo

Phoenix, Arizona

January 17-19 1997

**Contestant Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline
January 3, 1997.**

Remember, a non-refundable, minimum \$40.00 registration fee must be enclosed with your pre-registration form.

A.G.R.A.
P.O. Box 40465
Phoenix,
Az, 85067-0465
(602)265-8166

Don't forget to read the 1996/7 rule book. There have been lots of changes this year and not knowing the changes is no excuse and will not get you a re-ride!!

*Lets Rodeo,
California.*

It's time to do some serious butt whoopin!!

G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1996

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
CHECKING			
CASH-CHECKING 1889	88		88
SUBTOTAL CHECKING	88		88
SAVINGS			
CASH-D.W.M.FUND 8018	1,086		1,086
CASH-M/M OPERATING 2433	6,791		6,791
CASH-RODEO SANCTION 2458	20,797		20,797
SUBTOTAL SAVINGS	28,674		28,674
OTHER ASSETS			
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-BAC	8,442		8,442
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-DE	8,075		8,075
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-GLAC	(500)		(500)
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-OTHE	356		356
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-SD	587		587
ACCUM. DEPR-COMPUTER	(1,383)		(1,383)
EQUIPMENT	2,307		2,307
SUBTOTAL OTHER ASSETS	17,884		17,884
TOTAL ASSETS	46,646		46,646
EQUITY			
FUND BALANCE	37,599		(37,599)
FUND BALANCE-CURRENT YEA	9,047		9,047
SUBTOTAL EQUITY	46,646		46,646
TOTAL DEBT AND EQUITY	46,646		46,646

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G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGET

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1996

	ACTUAL	** MONTH ** BUDGET	VARIANCE	** YEAR TO DATE ** ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
INCOME						
CHPT ALLOCATED INCOME	1,975			1,975		1,975
CORP. SPONSORSHIPS		50	(50)		450	(450)
DANCE CONTEST				450	600	(150)
DAVID WATKINS MEM FUND	96	50	46	254	450	(196)
DONATIONS	71		71	100		100
INCOME-PRIOR YR				1,333		1,333
INT. INCOME-D.W.M.F.	2	2		12	18	(6)
INT. INCOME-M/M OPERATING	12	10	2	85	90	(5)
INT. INCOME-RESERVE FUND	42	19	23	309	171	138
LAMINATING INCOME					250	(250)
MEMB-DUES	1,377	1,500	(123)	12,933	13,500	(567)
MEMB-NAME TAGS		35	(35)	6	315	(309)
OTHER STATE REVENUES		100	(100)	175	900	(725)
RESERVE FUND-OPERATIONS				1,805	3,155	(1,350)
RESERVE FUND-RESTRICTED				7,043		7,043
STATE CONVENTION				945	950	(5)
TOTAL INCOME	3,575	1,766	1,809	27,425	20,849	6,576
EXPENSE						
ADMIN-ACCOUNTANT				385	385	
ADMIN-AWARDS/MEMORIALS		35	35	150	315	165
ADMIN-COPIER		10	10		90	90
ADMIN-DEPRECIATION EXP.					450	450
ADMIN-DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	250		(250)	250	125	(125)
ADMIN-INSURANCE	40		(40)	1,380	1,415	35
ADMIN-MEETING EXPENSES	300	325	25	760	975	215
ADMIN-MISC	9		(9)	59		(59)
ADMIN-NEWSLETTER EXPENSE		100	100	1,008	900	(108)
ADMIN-OFFICE SUPPLIES		20	20		180	180
ADMIN-POSTAGE		40	40	105	360	255
ADMIN-TELEPHONE	85	55	(30)	481	495	14
ADMIN-TRUSTEE EXPENSES	231		(231)	1,281	1,400	119
BANKING-RETURNED ITEMS				115		(115)
BANKING-SERVICE CHARGES	16	15	(1)	162	135	(27)
BUCKLE SPONSORSHIP		200	200	575	800	225
DANCE CONTEST				581	600	19
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE		10	10	375	90	(285)
IGRA CONV-ANNUAL DUES				500	250	(250)
IGRA CONV-EXPENSES				2,955	3,000	45
IGRA CONV-REGISTRATION				400	300	(100)
MEMB-COPIER		25	25	286	225	(61)
MEMB-EDUCATION EXPENSE				1,320	2,100	780
MEMB-ID CARDS					800	800
MEMB-MISC	13	25	12	128	225	97
MEMB-NAME TAGS	367	100	(267)	1,286	900	(386)
MEMB-POSTAGE	250	266	16	2,031	2,394	363
MR MS MISS	469		(469)	569	800	231
STATE CONVENTION				477	500	23
TAXES-FEDERAL		300	300		900	900
TAXES-STATE				760	800	40
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,030	1,526	(504)	18,379	21,909	3,530
NET INCOME	1,545	240	1,305	9,046	(1,060)	10,106



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Happy New Year