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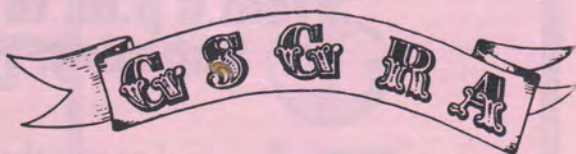


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THE
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NEWSLETTER
OF



After the GSGRA state board meeting this month ...

Join your
GSGRA friends
for a special

Beer bust and fund-raiser

at the
**Rawhide
Burbank Boulevard,
North Hollywood**

Featuring performances by the
1997 GSGRA Royalty Team
(and perhaps a surprise or two!)

**From 8 p.m. to Midnight
Saturday, Feb. 8**

See you there!

The Golden State Gay

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Bylaw, state rep votes planned for March 1

A quirk of the calendar puts this year's state convention just one week after the L.A. Rodeo. Because we'd rather vote for chapter officers after the rodeo — but we have to vote for state board reps before the convention — a set of minor chapter-bylaw changes must be voted on in a special election. The vote will be at the March 1 meeting, at the CSW offices in Los Angeles; meeting time is 10 a.m. Please, please attend, because it's imperative that we approve these minor-but-important changes.

After the bylaw changes

are approved, at the same meeting we will vote for our 1997-98 representatives to the state board of directors. The new state board holds its first meeting at the end of state convention (scheduled for April 19-20 at Buffalo Bill's in Stateline, Nev.), and that's when the chapter's new state board representatives take over. Nominations will be taken from the floor, so think about running for this important post.

Also at the March meeting, we are planning to vote for our convention spokesman. The spokesman will be the official

CHANGES IN BRIEF

► Allows election of state board reps and convention spokesman at a separate meeting from the "Annual Meeting of Members," where chapter executive officers are elected.

► Allows some flexibility in the date of the "Annual Meeting of Members," so it can be held after the rodeo.

voice of the chapter during the convention, and may be one of the current reps — Steve Creber, Michael DeYonker, Andie Joseph or alternate Robert Armend — or someone else. Again, nominations will be taken from the floor.

Plan to attend this important meeting!

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!

Submissions to the GLAC newsletter are always welcome; submissions are subject to editing for space or content, and must be submitted by the 15th of the month. ■ The GLAC logo, rodeo poster and contents of the GLAC newsletter and Web site are Copyright 1997 GLAC-GSGRA. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.



Memorial ride planned in memory of Leonard Ray

On Dec. 4, Leonard Ray passed away in his home in Utah, surrounded by his partner Jeff, his mother and one of his closest friends.

A memorial ride for Leonard is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, at 3:30 p.m.

The ride will start at Circle K stables

in Burbank. Rental horses are available at Circle K.

The midpoint of the ride will be at Amir's Garden in Griffith Park. This was one of Leonard's favorite places.

A dinner at Thom Brennan's home in Eagle Rock will follow the ride, at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the ride and/or the dinner. Please contact Thom at (213) 256-7868 if you are planning to attend.

Chapter begins survey on meetings

The recent change of chapter meetings to 10 a.m. seems to be off to a good start. But now it's time to find out what you think. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey about our meeting time and meeting place. Feel free to add your comments and, if you wish, your name and phone number. Then, turn in the survey one of three ways:

☛ **BY MAIL:** Clip the survey coupon and send it to:
Survey
c/o David Medzerian
250 Pacific Ave., No. 315
Long Beach, Cal. 90802

☛ **BY PHONE:** After you fill out the survey, call David at (562) 436-1810 and leave your survey answers on the machine (try to keep them short!).

☛ **BY E-MAIL:** If it's more convenient for you, E-mail your survey answers to davidm@link.freedom.com

CHAPTER MEETING SURVEY

1. Would you be more likely to attend chapter meetings if they were held at a different time? **YES NO**

If yes, what time or day? _____

2. Would you be more likely to attend chapter meetings if they were held at a different location? **YES NO**

If yes, where? _____

3. Do you now attend chapter meetings? **YES NO**

COMMENTS _____

NAME & PHONE (optional) _____

PLEASE SUBMIT SURVEYS BY FEB. 15! THANKS!

CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2/2	3	4	5	6	7	2/8 GSGRA state board meeting, Hansen Dam
2/9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	2/11 Coffee klatsch, 7 pm. French Market Place					
2/16	17	18	19	20	21	22
2/23	24	25	26	27	28	3/1 GLAC chapter meeting, Los Angeles
3/2	3	4	5	6	7	3/8 Big Horn Rodeo, Las Vegas
3/8 Big Horn Rodeo, Las Vegas	10	11	12	13	14	15
	3/11 Coffee klatsch, 7 pm. Park Pantry, Long Beach					

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

10 A.M. SAT., MARCH 1
(WITH SPECIAL ELECTION)
at the CSW office, 6855 Santa
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Sue Downing

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open

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Mary McGough

Contestant Kevin Weeks

Fund-raising Robert Armend

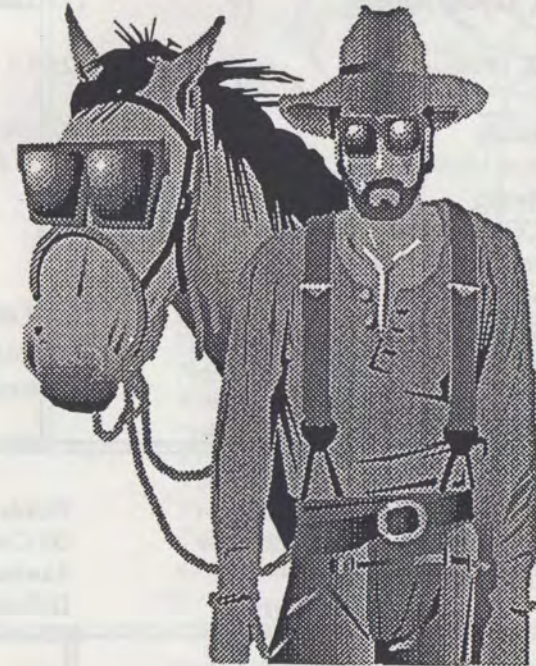
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1997 LOS ANGELES RODEO AND COUNTRY FAIR



April 11, 12 and 13

Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
Lakeview Terrace, CA

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

LA Rodeo '97 is an International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) sanctioned rodeo. All IGRA rules and regulations apply. Further information and contestant application packets may be obtained by calling the RODEO HOTLINE.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 11, 1997

- 7-12 m LA Hoedown at the Burbank Airport Hilton. Open Dancing **FREE**
 6-9:00 pm Rodeo Contestant Registration
 Burbank Airport Hilton

Saturday, April 12, 1997

- 7:30 am Staff Meeting
 8:00 am Contestants Meeting
 8:30 am Rodeo Events
 11:00 am Festival, Country Fair, Open Dancing and Entertainment Begins
 12:00 n Grand Entry
 Rodeo Events Continue
 8-1:00 am LA Hoedown at the Burbank Airport Hilton. Non-Stop Dancing and Non-Stop Entertainment

Sunday, April 13, 1997

- 7:30 am Staff Meeting
 8:00 am Contestants Meeting
 8:30 am Rodeo Events
 11:00 am Festival, Country Fair, Open Dancing and Entertainment Begins
 12:00 n Grand Entry
 Rodeo Events Continue
 7:00 pm Rodeo Grounds Close
 8-1:00 am Awards Ceremony, Entertainment, and Open Dancing at the Burbank Airport Hilton. Awards Ceremony begins at approximately 8:00 pm

All times are approximate and subject to change. Contestants should confirm times at registration.



Directions from Burbank Airport Hilton to Hansen Dam Equestrian Center:
 North on Hollywood Way to the 5 Freeway North. Drive northbound on the 5 to the 118 Freeway East. Proceed east on the 118 until reach the 210 Freeway Southbound. Exit 210 Freeway at Osborne. Turn left and go under 210 Freeway; this will turn into Foothill Blvd. Proceed until you reach Orcas (first stoplight). Turn right (go under freeway) and you have arrived at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center.

LOCATION

Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
 11127 Orcas Ave. Lake View Terrace

TICKETS

Equestrian Center

Advance Sale \$12.00/day At the Gate \$15.00/day

Hotel Party

At the Door \$5.00/night

Advance tickets will be available beginning March 1st. Mail order requests for tickets must be accompanied by check, money order, VISA or MasterCard information and must be postmarked no later than March 25, 1997. Tickets will also be available at participating outlets through April 6, 1997. Call Rodeo Hotline for more information.

Presale Ticket Locations:

Floyds - Long Beach
 Oil Can Harrys - Studio City
 Rawhide - North Hollywood
 Different Light Bookstore - West Hollywood

HOST HOTEL

Burbank Airport

Hilton
and Convention Center

Burbank Airport Hilton

2500 Hollywood Way
 Burbank, CA

(800) 468-3576 or (800) HILTONS

Rates: \$77.00 per room, \$87.00 per suite

Ask for special low group GSGRA rate available until March 28, 1997. Substantial room rate increases will occur after that date.

The hotel is approximately 45 minutes from LAX and 2 minutes from Burbank Airport. The Burbank Airport Hilton provides free shuttle service to the hotel from the Burbank Airport. The hotel provides ample complimentary parking for registered guests.



THE L.A. RODEO AND COUNTRY FAIR

April 11-13

ADOPT A BAR PROGRAM

Publicity materials will be ready by Feb. 1 for placement in our favorite watering holes and other locations. Perhaps your favorite bar or business would like to help us promote our rodeo, and perhaps you would like to be the liaison with that business. All you have to do is check in once or twice a week to be sure that they have sufficient supplies of brochures, etc., and make sure they get more when needed.. Contact Joe Olney at (310) 498-3488 if you would like to sign up.

WORKING GRANTS

Nonprofit organizations that would like to provide volunteers for our rodeo might be interested in our working grants program. The organizations help us by bringing in volunteer help, and benefits after the rodeo with a grant based on the work done. Contact Roger Davis, our volunteer coordinator, for more information or if you know of an organization that might be interested. (213) 951-0219.

BEER POURERS NEEDED

Yes, that's right, beer pourers — the one job everyone wants to do. For years, we haven't needed pourers, but this year we do and are signing people up now. Give Roger Davis a call and get your name on the list. (213) 951-0219.

VENDOR SPACE AT A PREMIUM

The reservations have started coming in, and it looks like we will be a sellout again this year. If you know someone planning on taking a booth, now is the time to make the move. Michael DeYonker is the one to call and sooner rather than later. (818) 366-3643.

BUCKLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

A limited number of buckle sponsorships are still available, but they're going fast. For details or to sponsor a buckle, contact Guy Johnson. (818) 989-1403

Royalty news

The Phoenix rodeo is behind us now, and fun was had by all. The Energizer Bunny award goes to Ms. GSGRA Nancy, who drove from San Diego at 4 a.m. Saturday to arrive at the rodeo grounds at noon, just in time for Grand Entry. Then she stayed until 5:30 to support Guy while he performed, then hopped in her car and drove back to San Diego. Thanks to Nancy for your support! If you haven't met her yet, make a point to get to know her. We're lucky to have her on our Royalty Team.

If you missed Phoenix, don't panic — you can make up for it by joining us at the Rawhide in North Hollywood on Feb. 8 for a GSGRA Beer Bust, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Royalty Team will be providing entertainment, and

we may even have a special appearance by our very own Sheba McEntire, first runner-up to Miss IGRA 1997. This promises to be a fun evening and a great way to meet members from other GSGRA chapters. (Be sure to wear your nametag to show your support!)

As always, it's not too early to start

preparing to run for the 1998 GSGRA Royalty Team. We already have several interesting potential candidates, so if you're thinking about it or have any questions, give any of us a call; we'll be glad to support you however we can.

Part of the GSGRA Royalty responsibility includes raising funds for the David

Watkins Memorial Fund.

The money is granted to GSGRA contestants who compete at the annual IGRA Finals Rodeo. It's a great way to support our state and our contestants how much we appreciate them. Unfortunately, if we don't have any money, we can't give out any grants! So be on the lookout at our three state rodeos this year for the Royalty, who will be selling 50/50 tickets. If you'd like to make a donation to the fund or have any

fund-raising ideas, give any of us a call.

Finally, be sure to mark March 7-9 on your calendar for the Big Horn Rodeo in Las Vegas, and March 21-23 for the Saguaro Regional Rodeo in Tucson. They both are associations that really know how to throw a party!

— Your 1997 GSGRA Royalty team



GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

FEBRUARY 97

NEW CHAIR'S FOR 97

Here are just some of the new chairs for '97. There are some positions open if you are interested in becoming a chairperson. All you need to do is contact Michael Taylor, (MR PREZ) for the information.

BYLAWS--JAY
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES--CLAY
PRIDE-- NEIL
PUBLICITY-- MIKE S,
COMMUNITY OUTREACH--NANCY
NEWSLETTER--JJ
MEMBERSHIP--NANCY
ARCHIVES--ROBERT
MERCHENDISE--DAVID/DAN

**IF YOU WANT TO BE ON A
COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTRACT
THE CHAIRPERSON TO JOIN IN
ALL THE FUN!**

ROUNDTABLE STAFF

well it is that time of year, JAY (mr. VP-rodeo) as announced his' 97 roundtable staff. The coordinators are:

ARENA: DAVE PICKLE
ASST: open
AWARDS: open
CONTESTANT REP: KIRK CARTER
ENTERTAINMENT: ROBERT
KOJIMA

KEN VALDEZ
FUNDRAISING: JIM JENNINGS (JJ)
ASST: open
HOSPITALITY: JOE MOREA
ASST: RICK HENSLEY
HOTEL: ANDY QUINTENZ
ASST: TERRY BERNTSON
MERCHANDISE: DAVID SPENCE
DAN BRADFORD

PROGRAM: open
PUBLICITY: MIKE SHEEHAN
ASST: OPEN
SECURITY: J.R. KEY
ASST: MICHELLE CHAGON
SET DESIGN: NEIL HOLMES
ASST: TERRY BERNTSON
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TAYLOR, NANCY NOVAK.
ASST PAUL FOX/
These folks have there work cut out for them, so if you want to help and/or get involved. CALL JAY, HE CAN FIND YOU A JOB!!

A reminder: Rodeo Roundtables are the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7pm.
**THE MARCH 18 ROUNDTABLE
WILL BE AT THE TOWN &
COUNTRY HOTEL!**

The next rodeo play day is scheduled for Sunday, March 16 at Kickers. Hope to see you there.

CAMPOUT PLANNED!!!!!!
August 8-10 at Rick's ranch. \$10 per person per night. There will be prizes for best outfits and the most absolutely fabulous campsite. Plan to attend!

MISS PEARLS (AKA HILIARY) HAS THE UPCOMING EVENTS: 15 FEB. VALENTINE PARTY

At Mike&Mike's home 4137 Rueda Dr. From 7pm till they kick us out. Also it is jj "b" day, and Miss Pearls wants to know if he is coming in his birthday suit. Food and drink provided by the chapter, but you knew that.
Phone for Mikes: 560-7817.

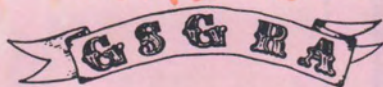
15 MARCH. ST.PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

At the home of Don and Rick. From 7pm till dawn. (just kidding.. to see if you read this or not) Food and drink provided by who else: THE CHAPTER. Phone to get there,274-3246

Miss Pearls does want each and everyone of you to come-out and enjoy these events "and don't piss me off..." also there will be more each month. So look here for all the events and just maybe some good old fashion gossip.

16 MARCH PIZZA PARTY - (DISGUIISING ITSELF AS A CLEAN THE OFFICE PARTY)

Come enjoy the fun and have some great eats and soda!

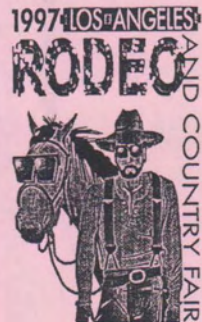


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