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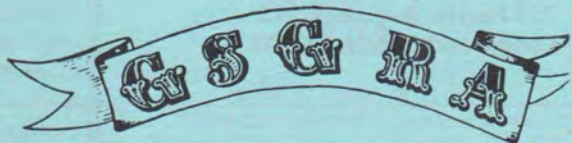
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Plan now for the holiday party

Thom Brennan is graciously opening up his house for the chapter's annual holiday party. (It may seem far off, but December and the holidays are just a few short weeks away!)

So mark your calendars right now for the evening of Saturday, Dec. 6; we'll gather at 6:30 p.m. for tree-trimming, caroling, games, food and plenty of fun (plus, a special video surprise!) (no, not *that* kind of video).

Tom's house is at 5268 Ellenwood Dr. in

Eagle Rock. To get there:

From the 5 north: Take the 2 north. Exit at Colorado. Turn right. At the second traffic light (Ellenwood Drive), turn left. The house is on the right.

From the 5 south: Take the 134 east. Exit at Harvey Drive. Turn right, and then take the next left (Broadway). At the third light (Ellenwood), turn left. The house is on right.

Confused? Call Thom for better directions at (213) 256-7868. And we'll see you there!

Show your L.A. pride as we host board, contest

Our chapter has the privilege of hosting the quarterly meeting of the GSGRA state board of directors on Nov. 1, and the annual Mr./Miss/Ms. GSGRA competition as well. The board meeting will be at the Burbank Airport Hilton, which is providing the space free of charge. The meeting will mark the debut of our newly elected second-alternate, Thom Brennan (congratulations, now get to work). And that evening, the Rawhide will host the fun of the contest. Come out to the meeting and the competition, and let's show GSGRA a really good time!

What happened in August? We can't remember

Because of technical difficulties (a faulty tape recorder), the minutes from the chapter's August meeting are not as complete as we might like. That means we're at the mercy of the notes and memories of our secretary, Jim Hoffman, and assistant secretary, Lenore Mankoff. The chapter membership agreed to adopt, as the official record, the minutes that Lenore and Jim have put together. If any member has anything that needs to be noted in the official record, be sure to contact Jim or Lenore by Nov. 20 so they can make sure it's part of the records.

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 each month. ■ The GSGRA-L.A. logo, "L.A. Rodeo" logo, rodeo poster, newsletter and web site are Copyright 1997 GSGRA-L.A. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 1, Mr./Miss/Ms. GSGRA competition at the Rawhide, North Hollywood
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1 GSGRA State Board meeting, Burbank Airport Hilton

Sunday, Nov. 2, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting at David Smith's, 1812 Stanton Ave., Los Angeles
2 p.m.

Nov. 7-9 TGRA Rodeo, Houston

Saturday, Nov. 8, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles
10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting at Guy Johnson's, 7924 Woodman Ave., Apt. 39, Van Nuys
2 p.m.

DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 6, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach
10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6, **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY** at Thom Brennan's, 5268 Ellenwood Dr., Eagle Rock
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA
2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting at Mike DeYonker and James Rose's, 15633 Horace St., Granada Hills
2 p.m.

JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 10, **CHAPTER MEETING** at the Center, 1625 N. Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles
10 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11, **RODEO COMMITTEE** meeting, site TBA
2 p.m.

Jan. 16-18 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Phoenix

Monday, Jan. 19 David Medzerian's Undies Monday's Party and GSGRA/AGRA Fund-raiser at Charlie's, Phoenix



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From the Rodeo Corner...

By Mike DeYonker
Vice President for Rodeo Operations
and 1998 L.A. Rodeo Event Director

Welcome to the Rodeo Corner. I am excited about the high energy surrounding this year's directors and committee chairs. There are lots of new ideas and a renewed sense of accomplishment following on last years successes. L.A. Rodeo '98 is well under way and we have confirmed most of this years committee chairs.

In the accounting area: Accounting Director: Nils Peterson; Accounting Manager: Lenore Mankoff; Box Office Manager: Jeff Graham; Beverage Manager: Stevan Bailey; Scrip Sales Manager: Daryl DeMarco.

For the rodeo production: Rodeo Director: Roger Bergmann; Assistant Rodeo Director: David Medzerian; Contestant Coordinator: James Rose; Announcer Coordinator: Joseph Olney.

In the festival side: Festival Director and Logistics Coordinator: Steve Creber; Vendor Coordinators: Lisa Boies and Mikey Davis; Security Coordinator: Mary McGough; Volunteer Coordinator: Paul Thompson; Parking Coordinator: Jeff Taylor; Rodeo

Entertainment: Scott Hilderbrandt.

In the publicity house: Publicity Director: David Smith; Buckle Sponsorship and Grand Marshall Coordinator: Guy Johnson; Merchandise Coordinator: Ruth Hilderbrandt.

For the hotel soiree: Hotel Director: Andie Joseph; Hotel Entertainment: Guy Johnson.

There are still several open chair positions in the five different. If you are interested, please contact the Event director as soon as possible. The officials' invites will be going out shortly, so if you have someone in mind or would like to offer your service in any of those areas, contact the Rodeo Director or the assistant.



The chapter's new rodeo logo is featured prominently in the 1998 poster.

Our Nov. 2 Rodeo Planning Meeting is going to focus on our Budget and the process of using it. Every committee chair needs to plan on attending this meeting and it is doubly important for the directors. Please plan on attending.

This year remember to visit our web site for continuous updates on the L. A. Rodeo and for late breaking news releases.

and working with her in the chapter....

Rodeo is all in the family! When I joined the chapter, I thought it would be great to somehow get my son, Scott, to join so we could do it together as a team.

Then, when Jeff Graham joined the family, he found he enjoyed the rodeo and he joined. At the 1997 rodeo, Jeff's parents co-sponsored a buckle; now Boyd and Jerri Graham have joined the chapter. How's that for a rodeo family...

We have one other new member, Brad Duerre. He was a volunteer at the last rodeo, and wants to go on helping wherever he can. (If the name sounds familiar, his brother is Kevin Duerre, who dances with Floyds Cloggers.) ...

Update: We received a nice note from Roy Benavidez, our friend from the Rawhide. He is improving and hopes to see us soon...

Bylaws—Bylaws—Bylaws International - State - Chapter

All members of G.S.G.R.A. are entitled to a copy of the bylaws of G.S.G.R.A., the bylaws of the chapter with which they are affiliated and the bylaws of I.G.R.A. We have found that most members do not want these copies so, in the interests of economy and the ecology, copies of bylaws are provided only on request.

All contestants receive a copy of the I.G.R.A. rule book so please do not ask for bylaws just to get rodeo rules. (Let's not kill any more trees than we absolutely have to!)

The bylaws of G.S.G.R.A. are many pages long and the I.G.R.A. bylaws are even longer. Printing and postage costs at more than \$10.00 per set prohibit general distribution. We ask that you only request the bylaws you actually need and that you enclose three dollars if you are requesting the bylaws of only one organization and five dollars if you are requesting the bylaws of both organizations to help cover the cost involved. Checks should be made payable to G.S.G.R.A. No cash please. All requests for copies of the bylaws will be honored with or without payment.

Remember that the bylaws of I.G.R.A. are for the International Rodeo Season and are amended only once a year at the International Convention. This means that I.G.R.A. bylaws serve until the end of October and the revised bylaws from convention take effect on November 1.

G.S.G.R.A. and I.G.R.A. bylaws may be ordered from the address below. For Chapter bylaws please contact your Chapter Bylaws Chair or Chapter Secretary.

New this year thanks to the hard work of our State Bylaws Chair, Michael DeYonker, you can get a copy of the State Bylaws on computer diskette.

Call Michael for more information (818)366-3643.

Send Written Requests to: G.S.G.R.A. Inc.
Attn. Bylaws Committee
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And news from the Membership Committee...

By Ruth Hilderbrandt
Chapter Membership Chair

A few notes from the Membership committee ...

It was nice to see the attendance at the last chapter meeting. Attendance has improved lately ... we've seen some faces we haven't seen in a while ...

Thom Brennan was there with a big boo-boo. When someone asked, "What did the other guy look like?," his reply was, "Steak." Hmmm...

Big congratulations to member Sheri Braasch on her marriage to Ronnie Scoggins. I was told by Sheri that he will be joining

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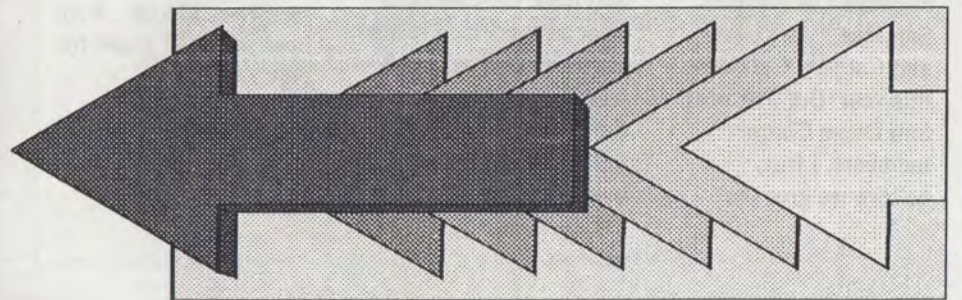
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Rodeo Wrap-up

Thanks to everyone who helped make Rodeo '97 a success. Whether you served as a Round Table committee person or volunteered for an hour, without all the volunteer help we could not produce such an event.

Just after the rodeo finished I traveled to Washington DC to see how their rodeo was produced in comparison to ours. They put on a great rodeo and have good attendance at their dance parties. I also attended Los Angeles, San Jose, Las Vegas and Calgary's Rodeos this year. But fear not San Diego Chapter members, I truly believe we give the

BEST Rodeo and Dances in the country!

As with many rodeos around the country, our attendance was down this year. Add to that, the fact that we now know many San Diegans, and visitors from Los Angeles and Orange Counties, did not want to drive to Ramona. The Thursday rains hampered attendance at this years Boots & Briefs benefit, but Friday and Saturday Dance's were full of Hunky Cowboys and many Cowgirls.

We should have a full financial report of Rodeo '97 available at the November General Membership meeting. Also, at that meeting you will have the chance to elect a new Vice President of Rodeo Operations. I have enjoyed my term in this office and unfortunately cannot do one more year as I had

one more year as I had originally planned. I will be out of the country at Gay Games '98 for 4 weeks next summer.

We learned a lot this year and I am sure that Rodeo '98 Roundtable will take all of the lessons learned and create an even better 10th Annual San Diego Gay Rodeo! See ya round the barn!....

Chapter Dinner

This year the Chapter dinner will be held at the Bayou Bar and Grill. On Nov 16, 1997 No host bar from 6:00pm to 7:30pm with dinner to follow. Dinner prices are for members is \$15.00 and for non-members \$25.00. You need to let J.J know by Nov 13.

FROM V.P NANCY

1997 was a very exciting year for GSGRA-SD. I am very proud to have been on the board. I had the opportunity to work with a lot of great people. Thanks to all of you! I would like to give a special thanks to Jay Wilpolt. He displayed a lot of courage and tenacity in producing the rodeo in Ramona. He was up against a lot of hurdles and he cleared them all. Great job Jay Rick Washburn did a great job as Rodeo director. Rodeo 97 would have not been such a rewarding experience without Jay and Rick. Thanks once again to all of you who volunteers hundreds of hours to make Rodeo97 happen. I hope we see y'all next year

Elections

We need all members at the Nov meeting. We are about to elect a new board. at this meeting. JJ is the chair of the nominating committee. so if are planning on running for a office please contact him, and of we will take nominated from the floor.

This also a good time to see what committees are doing and plaming for the next year. At this meeting we will also be picking our Member of the Year. So please mark the date and plan on being here.

Did you know?

Did you know that if you rent a car from Avis, that the Chapter gets 2% back. Our discount # is T238313. So when you make a reservation just tell the rental agent this number (1238313). Also you will need the "Member Saving Card", you can pick this card up at the office

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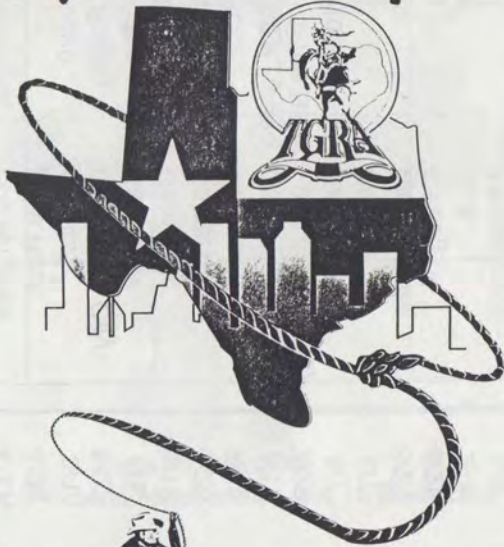
1998 Rule Change. To make sure your membership is valid for registration at a rodeo, G.S.G.R.A. must receive your renewal at the Long Beach address no later than the 15th of the month before your membership expires. For more information check with your Chapter Membership Chair or call State Membership Chair, Joseph Olney (562)498-3488.

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(There's lots of stuff out there, we really liked this one, *thanks Andie.*)

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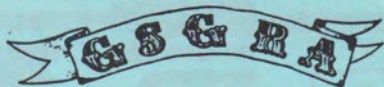
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GSGRA State Dance Championships

California's dance teams are always among the best at the annual
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in the spring to represent California!

WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS...

... or contact one of this year's GSGRA champion dance teams or
state administrative vice president Steve Creber for the latest info!



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