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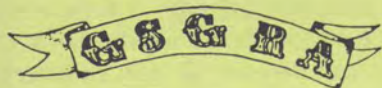
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## Open Letter to the Membership of G.S.G.R.A.

Dear Members of GSGRA

Last year GSGRA rodeos had a negative income of around \$40,000! Now with the lost of the Miller Contract from IGRA, GSGRA finds itself going into this years rodeos down another \$20,000! I am reminded of the first two lines of Charles Dickens' Tale of Two Cities: "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."

I hope that we have seen the worst of times and hope for a profitable future. It's a known fact that the more successful we are the more our communities benefit from grants and donations. Each Chapter will need the help from its memberships, more than ever to help produce rodeos, dances and Royalty Contests. Please become active in your local Chapters. I believe we can create the best of times.

Each local Chapter will now have the opportunity to contact local distributors for Corporate Sponsorships. I will be working with each Rodeo Director/Event Coordinators to help get the additional money needed to produce our rodeos. GSGRA currently has no plans on canceling any of our rodeos!

As rodeos drop of the circuit and Associations drop out of IGRA, GSGRA stands financially secure. I believe we are the best Association within IGRA, I believe this because of our members, Chapter Officers and GSGRA Officers, Committee Leaders, Royalty and Dance Champions.

This November I will be heading off to Palm Springs to attempt to our Desert

Empire Chapter Started again and have been working with interested parties in the Fresno area to start up our Central Sierra Chapter. I look forward to our upcoming Rodeos and the hosting of the IGRA Convention. I would also like to thank you, the membership for making me proud and making GSGRA the great organization it is. To all of our hundreds of Volunteers..THANK YOU and to all of our Rodeo Contestants, Dance and Royalty competitors; good luck in the upcoming season.

*Craig Rouse,  
President  
G.S.G.R.A.*

### Avoid Animal Bites

Each year animals, many of which are pets, bite millions of people. Listed here are some ways you and your family can avoid animal bites;

Never tease or pet unfamiliar animals

Leave mother animals alone when they are with their babies

Never enter an unfamiliar dog's territory (its yard, home, or car).

Don't handle or feed wild animals

If a bite breaks the skin, wash the area with soap and water. If you notice any swelling, redness, or pus draining from the cut, call your doctor immediately.

Also, check with your doctor about getting a tetanus booster shot. If you were bitten by a pet, ask its owner for proof of a rabies immunization.

*Brad Roberts, EMT, RRxt  
Rodeo Medic*

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# L.A. News



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**GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER**

## Still more events on the schedule

Sue and Connie are at it again with more events on the chapter events schedule. And before we forget, thanks to both of them — and to our friend Mike Ferguson — for the fabulous barbecue and barn dance in July!

Coming up:  
☛ **SAT., SEPT. 12: "BRING A FRIEND (NOT NECESSARILY A MEMBER)" HORSEBACK RIDE.** Here's your chance to show a friend how much fun our chapter events really are. The ride is from 10 a.m. to noon; meet at 9:30 a.m. at Osborne Stables, near Hansen Dam (follow Osborne up through the homes a few miles; it's on the

opposite side of the California Polo Club). Rent a horse or bring your own. And bring a bag lunch with you; the group will chow down together after the ride. Cost is \$20-25. **Reservation required;** call Sue or Connie at [surfdogs@pacbell.net](mailto:surfdogs@pacbell.net) or (714) 828-3438.  
☛ **SAT., OCT. 17: THE BEACH BONFIRES CONTINUE...** 6-10 p.m. at Bolsa Chica State Beach (off PCH between Warner and Golden West in Huntington Beach) between guard towers 17-18. Bring snacks, a beach chair (jackets suggested), and your own drinks (alcohol is prohibited, so be sneaky). Entrance is \$6.

### ANYONE CARE TO BE NEWSLETTER EDITOR?

► David Medzerian has decided that his plate is full enough. Our chapter president, state IGRA trustee and rodeo grand-entry czar is stepping down as chapter newsletter editor. That leaves a great opportunity for someone to take over this rewarding job. Yes, it's a lot of work, but in the last several months (thanks to E-mail) chapter members regularly submit items to be included. And since the state newsletter chair is our very own Joe Olney, you can usually buy yourself a one- or two-day extension on the deadline. (Also, David will gladly help you, though that could be a minus instead of a plus.) If you're thinking about it, give David a call at (562) 436-1810.

### Location of meetings in Los Angeles moves

The L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center in recently opened its new community facility, "The Village," and they've moved all community-group meetings there. That means that when it's time for chapter general meetings to be in L.A., they'll be in the new facility. It's at 1125 N. McCadden Place, just north of Santa Monica Boulevard one block east of Highland Avenue. The December general meeting will be there; the October meeting is in Long Beach.

And keep in mind that General Chapter Meetings and Chapter Board Meetings all start at 10 a.m. (There was one spot in the last month's newsletter where the time was listed incorrectly.)

Sorry about any confusion either of these has caused.

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. ■ All published chapter materials (including the chapter logo, "L.A. Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter, "LARODEO.COM" and web site contents) are Copyright 1998 GSGRA-L.A., a California non-profit corporation. Any use without prior permission is a violation of federal copyright law.



## Rodeo news: Drinks, rodeo director lined up

L.A. Rodeo 15 may not be until April 9-11, 1999, but things are coming together fast. Now is the time to let Rodeo VP Steve Creber know what you'd like to do! Contact him at [screber@usa.net](mailto:screber@usa.net) or (562) 624-1011.

Two major developments this last month:  
☛ **BEVERAGE DEAL APPROVED:** At the August meeting, the chapter membership approved a contract with Beverage Catering Services (the Rawhide's catering service) to provide beer and bar services for the L.A. Rodeo. The arrangement is nearly identical to the agreement that's covered the last two L.A. Rodeos, and provides us with a convenient (and financially beneficial!) way of ensuring

that the beverage needs of our thirsty spectators are covered.

☛ **RODEO DIRECTOR SIGNS UP:** After a heavy dose of lobbying from Steve Creber, Tracy Keiper has agreed to be Rodeo Director. Roger Bergmann and Erin Eaton (both of them former L.A. rodeo directors themselves) already have offered their help and have met with Tracy. She'll be great in this key role because she understands what makes a good rodeo (and what doesn't work, too!) as well as anyone. To get in touch with her and offer your help, drop her an E-mail to [eatonkeiper@earthlink.net](mailto:eatonkeiper@earthlink.net) and let her know what you can do. (To Tracy: Congrats! Now get to work.)

### New web address up; toll-free phone line next

To make it more convenient for people to find the chapter's web site, we have a new address: [www.larodeo.com](http://www.larodeo.com) was approved by chapter membership during the August meeting.

When James Rose built our original web site, an address like this one was considered but not done to keep expenses down. But as the internet has grown, marketing experts say it's clear that the most useful web sites are those with easy-to-remember address. Hence the change to LARODEO.COM; look for the address to be used extensively as we promote the April rodeo. (For traditionalists, the old web-site address still works.)

Our new "webmaster," Mark Jensen, has also made some changes to what's inside the site. Take a look at it and let him know what you think (suggestions are welcome!).

Next on the technology front: Members in August also OK'd setting up a toll-free phone number for people to use to reach the rodeo hotline. Both this and the new web address make it easier for people to get important information about the rodeo — and make us look even more like the professional organization that we are.

### A HALLOWEEN OFFER...

► Here's an easy way to raise a few bucks for the chapter. Stevan Bailey's team from Rawhide is planning on handling the beverage operation during the West Hollywood Halloween festivities on Santa Monica Boulevard. He'll need volunteers to help — volunteers who will earn work-grant money that the chapter will get! Interested in being right up front on Oct. 31? Let Stevan know at [Besca@aol.com](mailto:Besca@aol.com) and be sure to tell him you're with GSGRA-L.A.!

### Give me your @address

To keep everyone better-informed, I'm putting together a list of chapter members' E-mail addresses for my use. I'll only use this list to send reminders of events, meetings and other news, and will never distribute the list to anyone.

If you have an E-mail address that I don't know about, please send it to me at [davidm@link.freedom.com](mailto:davidm@link.freedom.com) and I'll add it to my list. Thanks!

— David Medzerian



# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5-6 Show-Me State Rodeo, Kansas City
- Saturday, Sept. 12 Chapter trail ride at Osborne Stables (see previous page)  
10 a.m.-noon
- Sunday, Sept. 13 **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING** at Cousins Coffee and Tea on Broadway (by the Brit), Long Beach  
10 a.m.

## OCTOBER

- Oct. 3-4 San Diego Rodeo (and Atlantic Stampede, Washington, D.C.)
- Saturday, Oct. 10 **CHAPTER MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach  
10 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 17 Chapter bonfire at Bolsa Chica State Beach (see previous page)  
6-10 p.m.

Oct. 23-25 IGRA Finals Rodeo, Phoenix

## NOVEMBER

- Sunday, Nov. 1 **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING** at Hilton Burbank Airport  
10 a.m.
- Nov. 7-8 TGRA Rodeo, San Antonio
- Saturday, Nov. 14 GSGRA State Board meeting and Royalty Contest, San Jose

## DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec. 5 **CHAPTER MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Village, 1125 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles  
10 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12 Chapter holiday party at Thom Brennan's house, Eagle Rock

## JANUARY

- Saturday, Jan. 9 **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Red Carpet Club, John Wayne Airport, Orange County  
10 a.m.



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## NEWS from the 1998 IGRA Convention

*By David Medzerian & Craig Rouse*

There is plenty of news out of the IGRA convention, which was held the first weekend of August.

### MILLER SPONSORSHIP OVER AT THE END OF 1998:

As you probably have heard, Miller Brewing Co. has chosen to end its national sponsorship of IGRA at the end of 1998. This is a corporate business decision; Miller is instead putting its support of gay and lesbian events into its local and regional representatives.



This of course means that each California rodeo is out \$5,500. But this also presents great opportunities. Individual rodeos can now seek sponsorships from any beer company. And rodeos may be able to get even more locally than the national IGRA contract provided (for instance, before the national Miller contract was in place, L.A. did much better with its local distributor).

The Miller representatives at the convention were very helpful in providing contact names and useful information on getting sponsorships — not just from Miller but from any company.

### DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE FOR 1999 UNITED SPONSORSHIP:

United had a representative at convention who also provided a lot of useful information. As you know, IGRA has a sponsorship deal with United for 1998, one that applies to convention and finals and doesn't prevent individual rodeos from having their own airline sponsors. Discussions are continuing with United for a 1999 contract; both IGRA and United are aware that GSGRA insists that such a contract must not be mandatory on rodeo-hosting groups.

### TRUSTEES MAKE TWO RULE INTERPRETATIONS:

Two rule interpretations came from the trustees, interpretations which take effect right away. The first involved chute dogging. IGRA rules allow a contestant to begin "dogging" only after crossing the line, but there was no description of what "dogging" actually is. The judges clarified this by saying that dogging is any action — other than just controlling the steer — done in an effort to "dog" the steer. You'll be fine as long as you wait until the whistle to start "dogging."

The other rule interpretation applies to rodeo hosts. It was noted that in goat dressing, some rodeos tie the goats to a weighted object (like a concrete block) while others are using stakes in the ground. IGRA rules state that, for safety reasons, the goat must be tied to a



weight and not a stake. So if you're planning on throwing an IGRA rodeo anytime soon, be sure your goats are tied to a weight and not a stake.



#### RODEO-RULE CHANGES ON THE HORIZON FOR NOV. 1:

Most all decisions at convention take effect with the new rodeo year, which begins Nov. 1 after 1998 finals are over. There were a number of small changes, ones you might not even notice. There were two changes you won't be able to miss:

Starting in November, rodeos are no longer required to hold a Saturday morning contestant meeting. This will be a relief to many — but it puts a lot more responsibility on contestants: You'll have to make sure you know exactly what changes might have been made when you're at registration on Friday and throughout the whole rodeo. The other significant change was to the Wild Drag Race, which will look very different. Here's how it will work beginning with the new

rodeo year. When the chute opens, the team will drag the steer across the far line. Once the steer is across the line, that's when the drag will mount the steer. Then, the team must get the steer back across the line (toward the chute); time stops when that happens. The thinking of the delegates was that it would make for a more exciting and more competitive event.

Remember, the two rule changes don't take effect until Nov. 1!

#### FINALS, CONVENTION SCHEDULED THROUGH 2000:

Previously the 1998 finals already was set for Phoenix and the 1999 finals set for Little Rock. At convention, delegates awarded the 2000 Finals to Albuquerque.

For conventions, you know that the 1999 will be hosted by GSGRA in Long Beach. Our friends in Nevada were awarded the 2000 convention in Las Vegas. And there's a benefit for us, too: NGRA has agreed to help us at the 1999 convention in exchange for our helping them at the 2000 convention.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED, BUT TWO-YEAR TERMS AHEAD:

The 1997-98 IGRA board all were re-elected to their posts (KGRA's Linda Frazier is president, NMGRA's Robb Sisneros is vice president, AGRA's Ron Trusley is secretary and CGRA's David Hill is treasurer). But in a major change, delegates decided that by the year 2000 IGRA officers will be elected to two-year terms.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAMPION DANCE TEAMS:

As always, GSGRA dance teams set the pace for the rest of IGRA. Congratulations to our teams and their awards:

In Division 2: San Diego's *Tiy Ocasio Torres and Paul Casey*, champions

In Division 4: San Diego's *Daniel Greene and Mark Balmer*, third place (Congratulations, too, *Karalyn Brindel and Dee Wallace* for their second-place performance in Division 2. The team, from the Bay Area, represented NGRA in the competition.)

#### ONE FEWER ASSOCIATION AS MONTANA LEAVES IGRA:

IGRA now has 20 member associations with the departure of Montana's Big Sky Gay Rodeo Association. BSGRA's contributions to IGRA included hosting the annual IGRA convention in 1993 and hosting their own rodeo in Billings in 1996.

#### GOOD JOB, GSGRA DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:

The GSGRA delegation did a great job of making sure that California's chapters, rodeos, members and contestants were well-represented.

The delegation included: Delegates Steve Creber (L.A.), Doug Graff (Bay Area), David Medzerian (L.A.), Nancy Novak (San Diego), Brad Roberts (Bay Area) and Craig Rouse (Bay Area); and alternates Mike DeYonker (L.A.) and Ken Valdez (San Diego). Other GSGRA members who attended convention representing other associations as delegates and alternates were Amy Griffin and Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz. Good job, everyone.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

News from Nancy;

Well, Rodeo 98 is almost upon us. WoW!!! What a year. I would like to thank all of you for your help this year. I know the association could not have done it without all of your hard work. More importantly, I could not have done it without all your support. If I had the space and time I would thank all of you individually: but I don't. I feel that I am truly lucky to have worked with such a great bunch. I know that the rodeo association will be in good hands for many years to come. I believe next year will go much more smoothly. That means we can have a lot more fun and not work quite so hard. I would like to thank Paul and Robert for sticking with the board through our many transitions. I can not recall a year where the board positions were so frequently changed. I would also like to thank all the chapter chairs and coordinators and their assistants. I am very proud of you all, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

**ELECTIONS:** That's right it's just about that time of year again. We will be holding our annual meeting on November 4, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in running please see the nominating committee (which we still need). **I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL THOSE PEOPLE INTERESTED IN COMMITTEE CHAIRS OR RODEO COORDINATORS; WE WILL PASS AROUND THE CLIPBOARD TO SIGN UP FOR THOSE ON NOV. 4. THE PREVIOUS YEAR COORDINATORS, OBVIOUSLY, HAVE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.** That is as long as they apply within a month of the annual meeting. Please let the board know right away if you would like to continue with your current position.

Well, since you won't have a chance to read October's newsletter until after rodeo...

**YEE-HAA  
LET'S RODEO !!!**

Submitted by Nancy Novak

**KICKER'S GETS HONORED**

IGRA has awarded Chris Shaw, the owner of Kickers/Hamburger Mary's, with their Directors Award. To have all the sister organizations of GSGRA San Diego vote to give this award to someone in our community is quite an honor.

Chris Shaw said IGRA and GSGRA are "incredible organizations, very efficiently run" and has said he is proud to receive this award from them. Chris has supported Gay Rodeo from the first year he opened the doors in April of 1991 on what is now a nationally famous Country/Western Dance bar. Being a Silver sponsor to the Rodeo for all those years is definitely great, but his support of Rodeo goes deeper than just money. Kicker's has kept the year round interest of the people who like Country/Western music and dancing. Offering free dance lessons all week long only helps keep San Diego's interest in Country/Western thriving. He sponsors several contestants on the Rodeo circuit and a first rate clogging troupe that performs at many rodeos and other events. He helps with Rodeo Playdays and many fundraisers for our chapter. And the dance floor is always open for use by our local dance competitors to help they win their various awards.

Congratulations to Chris and everyone at Kickers/Hamburger Mary's from all of us at the San Diego Chapter.

Submitted by David Spence

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★ Don't miss the ★  
★ Rodeo Playday & ★  
★ Membership Drive ★  
★ at Kickers on September 4, ★  
★ 1998 at 7 PM. ★  
★ Bring in all those people that have ★  
★ been promising to join the Chapter ★  
★ but haven't quite made it yet. ★  
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**GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER - SEPTEMBER 1998**

**SAN DIEGO PRIDE**

San Diego Pride 1998 was a huge success. From our mounted Color Guard, marching 50 flags, Decorative Rodeo fans, music, DJ's, Country Village, entertainment and AIDS Walk participants, the event was the most successful ever. All the participants and staff of SDLGP noticed all the extra work we put in this year. AIDS Walk San Diego said that this was their largest volunteer and walker sign up they have had! Special thanks go to Bob of AIDS Walk, Mandy and Kim of SDLGP, Kirk for organizing the horse contingency, Neil for our fabulous "Bar Nun" and set design, Ed for being my gofer, Hamburger Mary's for providing the food, Ric for taking care of the Merchandise booth, Marshall for help with the parade flags, Shawn for choreographing the decorative fan unit, Nancy for the hay, all our faaabulous entertainers and all the volunteers that helped over the weekend. Most of the time I had more volunteers than I knew what to do with! Isn't that a first!

Mark your calendars for 1999 (last weekend in July). It'll be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for SDLGP. And we are planning to extend our festival to Laurel Street. I have heard rumors that they will provide us with a country entertainment stage. Finally, our "Country Village" will be complete.

With Pride over, our attention focuses even more heavily on Rodeo. Just around the corner, the big "grind" is ahead of us. With all the work we are doing to prepare for our event, I would like this opportunity to remind us of two things:

1. HAVE FUN!  
Remember, we LOVE doing this.
2. Don't lose sight of the goal.

We are here to put on an event that will promote Gay and Lesbian Country while RAISING FUNDS for the community. Our "team" is stronger than ever and as rodeo time approaches, keep up the good work and keep in mind that we are all still on the same "team".

If Pride is any measure of our pending success for Rodeo, I look forward to us having THE time of our lives and giving gobs and gobs of money back to our community! Keep it up and now, get back to work.

Submitted by Robert Kojima

A SPECIAL THANKS to those G.S.G.R.A. members that brought horses and rode in the Pride Parade on Saturday, July 25. Randy Funderburk, David Renier, Ken Hart, Steve Wollert, Rob Buchcannon, Vince Coco & David Spence. Thanks to Chris Gregory for the use of his horse for the Riderless Horse Ceremony.

Submitted by Kirk Carter

**SAN DIEGO DANCER EARN TOP HONORS**

Congratulations to Tiy Ocasio Torres and Paul Casey. On August 1, 1998, they earned a First Place Overall in Division II at the IGRA Dance Finals in Baltimore, MD. They placed First in Two Step, Waltz and Free Style.

Congratulations also to Daniel Greene and Mark Balmer. They came in Second Place Overall in Division IV. They took Second in Two Step and Waltz and First Place in Free Style.

Submitted by Ken Valdez

**DANCE CONTEST AT THE SAN DIEGO RODEO**

On October 3, 1998, the San Diego Chapter will be presenting the 6th Annual "Twist and Shout" Couples Dance Contest. Couples will have the choice of three Divisions, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. The dances offered are Two Step, Waltz and Free Style. Couples may dance as many dances as they choose.

Also, coming back this year is the Jack & Jack, Jill & Jill, Jack & Jill Contest. Here will be three Divisions. They are Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. The dances offered are Two Step and West Coast Swing. Couples are randomly paired for the contest.

For further information, please contact Ken Valdez at (619) 298-4708 ext. 5825

Submitted by Ken Valdez

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR THE SAN DIEGO RODEO**

San Diego Rodeo '98 Ticket Packages are on sale for a reduced price until September 27, 1998. The \$58 package, good for the entire Rodeo weekend, is available for just \$40. After Sep. 27, the package price will go up.

Ticket packages can be purchased at our outlets in San Diego at Kickers/Hamburger Mary's and Obelisk Bookstore, in Los Angeles at Different Light Bookstore, Rawhide and Oil Can Harry's and in San Francisco at Jaguar Bookstore Castro. They also can be ordered using the order form in the 1998 San Diego Rodeo Trifold or by contacting the San Diego Rodeo office. The telephone number is (619) 298-4708; the FAX is (619) 298-4709.

Submitted by David Spence



# San Diego Rodeo Volunteer Sign Up Form

## INSTRUCTIONS

Fill in the information requested in the Volunteer Identification section

Please CIRCLE the shift the corresponds with the position and shift for which you are volunteering. You can volunteer for multiple shifts and/or positions by CIRCLING each one for which you are volunteering.

	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Accounting	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am
Door Crew	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am

Please be aware that some positions or shifts require only a limited number of volunteers. Once that number is reached, you may be asked to fill a different position or shift. Please fill in this form and return it to the address shown below as soon as possible to insure that you get the position/shift that you want.

Mail this form to:

**GSGRA San Diego Chapter  
ATTN: Volunteer Committee  
3768 30th Street  
San Diego, CA. 92104**

Or Fax to:

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If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Rodeo Office and leave a voice mail message for one of the Volunteer Coordinators. The telephone number is (619) 298-4708. Select Voice Mailbox 3272 for Dan B. or select Voice Mailbox 5445 for Kelly G.

## HOST HOTEL

### Marriott Mission Valley

POSITION	THURSDAY October 1, 1998		FRIDAY October 2, 1998		SATURDAY October 3, 1998		SUNDAY October 4, 1998		MONDAY
Accounting	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am			
Door Crew	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am			
Merchandise	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	6 pm-10 pm	9 pm-1 am	
Security	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	
Set Production	1 pm-5 pm		1 pm-5 pm	8 pm-12 am					8 am-Noon
Vol. Check In	5:30 pm-9:30 pm	9:30 pm-1:30 am	5:30 pm-9:30 pm	9:30 pm-1:30 am	5:30 pm-9:30 pm	9:30 pm-1:30 am	5:30 pm-9:30 pm	9:30 pm-1:30 am	
Vol. General Pool	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	6 pm-10 pm	10 pm-2 am	

## RODEO GROUNDS

### Del Mar Fair Grounds Equestrian Center

POSITION		FRIDAY October 2, 1998	SATURDAY October 3, 1998	SUNDAY October 4, 1998	MONDAY
Merchandise			2 pm-6 pm	10 am-2 pm	2 pm-6 pm
Security			10 am-2 pm	2 pm-6 pm	7 am-10 am
Ticket Crew				2 pm-6 pm	7 am-10 am
Vol. Check In				10:30am-2:30pm	2:30pm-6:30pm
Vol. General Pool			7 am-10 am	10 am-2 pm	2 pm-6 pm
Secretarial Crew		6 pm-12 am (AT HOTEL)	6 am-6 pm	6 am-6 pm	
Arena Crew	TWO DAY COMMITMENT REQUIRED		7 am-7 pm	7 am-7 pm	
Chute Crew	TWO DAY COMMITMENT REQUIRED		7 am-7 pm	7 am-7 pm	
Roping Crew	TWO DAY COMMITMENT REQUIRED		7 am-7 pm	7 am-7 pm	



GSGRA San Diego and AIDS Walk San Diego

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

at  
**Metropolitan Community Church**

on  
**September 11, 1998 at 7:00 PM.**

**Tickets  
\$10.00**

For the first time GSGRA San Diego will join forces with AIDS Walk San Diego. Since both events are being held on the same weekend, the two organizations are working to promote each other. The Board members of both organizations will be dishing up the pasta and sauce at this event. The proceeds will be split. Tickets will be \$10.00 and are available by calling the Rodeo office at (619) 298-4708. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the dinner.

**Metropolitan  
Community  
Church  
4333 30th Street**

**DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1998**

Sept 2	6 PM	Board Meeting
Sept 2	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Sept 4	7 PM	Membership Drive & Playday at Kickers
Sept 8	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
Sept 11	7 PM	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Sept 15	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
Sept 22	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting
Sept 24	7 PM	Volunteer Orientation at Rodeo Office
Sept 25	7 PM	Volunteer Orientation at Rodeo Office
Sept 26	2 PM	Volunteer Orientation at Rodeo Office
Sept 29	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

**DATES FOR OCTOBER 1998**

Oct 1 - 4	SAN DIEGO 10th ANNUAL RODEO	
Oct 7	6 PM	Board Meeting
Oct 7	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Oct 20	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED  
FOR THE SAN DIEGO  
RODEO**

All GSGRA Rodeos run on Volunteer Power. The San Diego Rodeo is no different. If you have the time to help, please fill out the Volunteer Sign Up form located in this issue of the Chute and return it to the San Diego Rodeo Office.

Volunteers get into the event they work FREE and also receive other awards specially made for and only available to volunteers.

For more information, contact Dan at (619) 298-4708 ext. 3272

Submitted by Dan Bradford

**Royalty News**

Happy Dog Days of Summer! First my apologies for missing last month's chute. In the middle of changing jobs and spending three weeks on the road with the new one, I missed the deadline for publication...but I'm back with an update.

Although I haven't been to any rodeos in July, I did manage to get the rodeo message out in a couple of locations. State convention was a blast in Sacramento. I presented the David Watkins Memorial fund with over \$300 for our Finals contestants. Thanks to all who were so generous during my guest Bartender stint at the Rawhide on Pride weekend! I think it was one of the best meetings I have attended in a long time. We got down to business and accomplished what we needed to and then moved on to an afternoon of fun and bonding among all of the state Chapters. The afternoon heat and Apple Pucker put us all in a great mood for the spontaneous pool party! Thank you President Rouse and Secretary Johnson for the synchronized swimming.

I was also able to sing a couple songs at Faces in Sacramento. I must have impressed someone important as I've been asked back for the Sacramento "Out Fest" on Labor Day weekend!

International convention in Baltimore was another great weekend for California Royalty. Alex was able to join us for Thursday and Friday night. We did our job well and even talked the DJ at the Country Bar into letting us do a couple numbers for all the International folks. We also learned a good deal about planning events for Convention '99 in Long Beach!

Baltimore also made me realize how limited my support of dance has been.

At the dance competition on Saturday night, I realized that I had never met the 4 dance competitors representing California...shame on me. These folks work extremely hard to master there events...harder than many arena competitors with much less support from us as a state. We need to work on that. So... Congratulations to Daniel Greene and Mark Balmer of San Diego, who competed in the First Time category, and to Tiy Torres and Paul Casey, also of San Diego, who competed in Division II. Although Dee Wallis and Karalyn Brindley were technically dancing as NGRA members, you all represented our state very well. I am proud to claim you as ours. But I'm also sad that it took me (us) this long to truly appreciate all of your hard work. Again I'm sorry, and if I can help in any way, please let me know.

Just this week, I was invited to be a part of a music video shot at Foot Hill College in Los Altos. It was part of a local special on all the fund raising that happens at the Silver Fox, a local bar owned by Dennis Andrews the Bay Area Rodeo Grand Marshall. It was tons of fun and some great exposure for Gay Rodeo.

Finally, I helped with the Joe Clark memorial fundraiser for Camp Sunburst. It was a great night and we raised over \$5,000! Huge thanks to Dennis Andrews and the patrons of the Silver Fox again.

It's been a hot busy summer leading into an even busier fall. Keep you eyes open for another White Trash Party coming in September as my Mr. IGRA fund raiser. If you missed the last one...don't miss out on this one!

*Goug Graff  
Mr G.S.G.R.A.*



GSGRA, Inc  
P&L Budget Comparison  
March through July 1998

	Mar - Jul '98	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Dance Contest	300.00	975.00	-675.00
David Watkins Memorial Fund	380.00	500.00	-120.00
Interest Income	298.05	310.00	-11.95
Membership Income	6,943.00	6,300.00	643.00
Merchandise Sale	12.00	500.00	-488.00
State Convention	720.00	1,000.00	-280.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,653.05</b>	<b>9,585.00</b>	<b>-931.95</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Banking	192.00	50.00	142.00
Buckle Sponsorships	400.00	400.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	198.26	500.00	-301.74
General Administrative	1,172.80	2,185.00	-1,012.20
IGRA Convention	2,620.00	2,500.00	120.00
Membership	1,641.43	2,625.00	-983.57
Merchandise	0.00	778.00	-778.00
State Convention Expenses	1,294.00	1,200.00	94.00
Taxes	800.00	800.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,318.49</b>	<b>11,038.00</b>	<b>-2,719.51</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>334.56</b>	<b>-1,453.00</b>	<b>1,787.56</b>

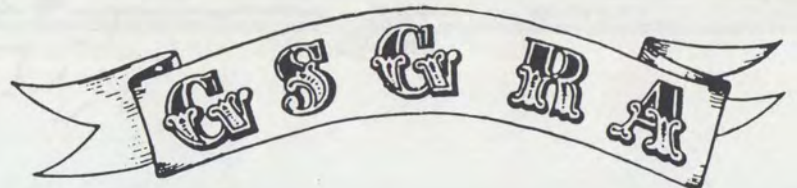
Balance Sheet  
As of July 31, 1998

	Jul 31, '98
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
WFB - David Watkins Fund	987.69
WFB - General Operating	-1,855.00
WFB - Savings	5,302.34
WFB Rodeo Sanction	
Checking - Rodeo Sanction Fund	33,374.73
Due From Bay Area Chapter	-7,741.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	-500.00
<b>Total WFB Rodeo Sanction</b>	<b>25,133.15</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>29,568.18</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	7,741.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	500.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>8,241.58</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>8,241.58</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>37,809.76</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Equipment	2,307.28
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>2,307.28</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>40,117.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	42,392.48
Retained Earnings	-2,610.00
Net Income	334.56
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>40,117.04</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>40,117.04</b>



GSGRA, Inc  
Profit and Loss  
July 1998

	Jul '98	Mar - Jul '98
<b>Income</b>		
Dance Contest	0.00	300.00
David Watkins Memorial Fund	380.00	380.00
Interest Income		
David Watkins	1.67	8.27
Money Market Acct	8.60	42.08
Rodeo Sanction	50.06	247.70
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>60.33</b>	<b>298.05</b>
<b>Membership Income</b>		
Membership Dues		
Memberships New	530.00	1,840.00
Memberships Renewal	1,185.00	5,080.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>1,715.00</b>	<b>6,920.00</b>
Name Tags	3.00	23.00
<b>Total Membership Income</b>	<b>1,718.00</b>	<b>6,943.00</b>
Merchandise Sale	12.00	12.00
State Convention	720.00	720.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,890.33</b>	<b>8,653.05</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Banking		
Return Items	75.00	75.00
Service Charges	29.00	117.00
<b>Total Banking</b>	<b>104.00</b>	<b>192.00</b>
Buckle Sponsorships	0.00	400.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	198.26
General Administrative		
Copying	63.88	63.88
Meeting Expenses		
Board Travel	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
Postage	12.17	12.17
Telephone	92.81	249.45
Trustee Expenses	115.70	247.30
<b>Total General Administrative</b>	<b>884.56</b>	<b>1,172.80</b>
IGRA Convention		
Annual Dues	400.00	400.00
Registration	55.00	720.00
Travel	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total IGRA Convention</b>	<b>1,955.00</b>	<b>2,620.00</b>
Membership		
Name Tags	165.35	528.64
Newsletter	82.26	362.79
Postage	250.00	750.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>497.61</b>	<b>1,641.43</b>
State Convention Expenses	0.00	1,294.00
Taxes		
State	0.00	800.00
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>3,441.17</b>	<b>8,318.49</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-550.84</b>	<b>334.56</b>





# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## Words From The BAC President...

In the words of Carol Burnett, "I'm so glad we had this time together. Just to have a laugh and sing a song..." You know the rest.

It has been great being President of the BAC for the past year and a half. I'm proud of what we have accomplished. The chapter has grown, we've produced two great rodeos and most importantly, we've made great strides in putting the FUN back in Gay Rodeo. I'm excited that you let me be a part of it.

But now it's time to pass on the torch. With my new job and increased demands, coupled with my desire to step up to the International Royalty (God willing), I need to streamline. By the time this letter reaches you, there will be a new BAC President. Whoever that is, I wish you the best of luck and want you to know if you need a sounding board, just call.

I also encourage all of our members to be a part of the solution. If you see something you'd like to change, speak up! Let your officers know and volunteer to help change it. Great things happen because someone gives a shit and wants to make them better. Give a shit!

On that note, I'll again say thank you for supporting the BAC and me. It's been a great ride, but the buzzer is ringing and it's time to get off and let the next rider have his/her turn.

All my love,

Doug Graff  
BAC President '96 - '98



## Chapter Meetings

Check the Rodeo Hotline for the time and place of the September Meeting.  
We're having a blast! Don't miss out.

## New Mailing Address

GSGRA-BAC  
PO Box 611033  
San Jose, CA 95161-1033

## Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

⇒ The BINGO committee needs callers and floor people. If you like to be heard or can help out on the floor selling Cherry Bells, working the door or providing security, call the rodeo hotline or send email to the BINGO committee chair, Bill Gorman (billieg69@aol.com).

## Up & Coming Events

FOLSOM Street Fair!!!

**BINGO!**

BINGO games are held every Wednesday at the Hyatt San Jose.  
Spread the word!

<b>BINGO</b>
14 25 34 52 68
1 24 38 51 69
4 26 48 74
3 23 41 46 63
6 20 39 56 70

OAKLAND PRIDE!!!

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## **W**HATS THE CHATTER

As you will note by your updated August newsletter, we as a chapter off to a busy start for the new fiscal year. We started off the month by a bus trip to San Francisco for the Giants "Until there's a cure day". We departed the Townhouse and headed up the road to the Edge in San Francisco for our first libation. The trip goes much faster in a bus where you are able to use all those commuter lanes. After a quick stop, and rounding up everyone from there shopping (including antiques – I don't know where Sammy thought we would put it), we arrived at the ballpark and enjoyed a good ol' tailgate party. We were fortunate to have a bus from Santa Rosa pull up next to us – they shared beer and we shared hotdogs. A good source of excitement for our rodeo next year was also established. Although the Giants managed to loose in the ninth to Atlanta, and the wind chill must have been below freezing, a great deal of enthusiasm was shared by members and guests alike. We then settled back for an easy drive, since we weren't driving, and enjoyed the video monitors throughout the bus, and watching Good Will Hunting for the trip home.

By the time you have received this, we will also be gearing up to enjoy a campout weekend (9/11-13/98). Details on just how much camp will be included in the next letter.

At our August 18<sup>th</sup> chapter Rodeo meeting:

Approved corporate sponsor packet  
Looking at scheduling a Saturday at Lin's for goat decorating, et al.  
Next meeting set for September 20<sup>th</sup>  
Approval of rodeo name: Capital Crossroads Sierra Stampede  
Review of hotel contract  
Rodeo Site Selection is still in progress  
Approved booth at the Rainbow Festival Labor Day Weekend  
Approved Beer Bust at the Mercantile Saloon after the Festival

## **P**RESIDENTS CORNER

I am pleased to tell the chapter, for those who weren't at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, that we have received the endorsement of the Sacramento Aids Foundation (SAF) for our August '99 rodeo. All though this may not appear to be that significant, SAF is a major force within our community, having raised \$175,000 at their "Let the Miracles Begin – Academy Awards night" alone. This was done primarily through acquiring major corporate sponsorship! They in their endorsement, by President and Chairman of the Board, Scott Christensen, will open many of the same doors to help in our funding. The chairpersons bring a wealth of experience to their areas. Chuck Barricman will be Rodeo Director (as opposed to Event Director, who was formally called rodeo director), and has 12 years of judging and knows all the best for staffing the arena. Scott Singer will be Entertainment chair, and has been chair for the LA rodeo 5 of the last 7 years. Sammy Van Galder as State Vice President of Rodeo Operations, will be taking on logistics, which include arena, stock contractor, and hotel. Jeffrey Gordy, business director for the Beverly Garland (our host hotel) will be handling the Saturday night party. Mike Silva, along with Chuck Valdes, Paul Klein, and myself, will be heading up the Sponsorship effort. He has been active with Capital Cities Aids Project in their fund raising activities. Jeff Bosacki, who is the western United States coordinator for the Names Project, will head up the volunteers. Billy Hughes will be working with Joe Vanetti (a vendor at many gay events) will head up coordinating vendors. Brian Koeber will be in charge of communications to make sure that all our efforts are relayed to sponsors and members alike. *There is a place for you!*

The rodeo event committee has met almost weekly since July. The rodeo is going to happen, but you as members, and those friends, who are supportive but didn't want to take an active role, are going to be needed to bring this event to completion. Please call the hotline (916.451.9439) and let us know where you would like to help. There is a lot of footwork to be done even if we are starting 12 months ahead. I would also highly encourage you to attend the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to see what is developing and where you might best be of help!

## **E**VENTS

In the meantime the chapter is also going to focus on having fun together. The bus trip and camping trip in August are just the beginning. We will be hosting a beer bust at the Mercantile Saloon on Sunday, September 6. Please give us your support for this event where we are highly visible. The



success of our rodeo will depend a great deal on how we market it to our local community.

The camping trip planned for August 28-30<sup>th</sup> was postponed due to several scheduling conflicts. We are now scheduled to head to the mountains September 11-13<sup>th</sup>. We will be camped at Calaveras Big Trees (just east of Angel Camp), which is about an hour and a half drive. The area has a great camping facility, hiking, and fishing. Best yet, the chapter is looking at sponsoring the cost of the campsite, so the only cost to members would be your food, and the cost of any excursions you would like to participate. There will be excursion trips organized for Saturday, including Moaning Caverns (rappelling optional), Columbia State Park, and the old living ghost town. Please call the hotline for details.

We are also planning several events for October, including another barn dance, so watch your calendars and participate in Capital Crossroads best year yet!

## **C**ALENDAR

### September

- 6 – Rainbow Festival Beer Bust
- 11-13 Chapter Camping Trip
- 20 – Rodeo Meeting and potluck

### October

- 2-4 San Diego and D.C. rodeos
- 18 – Quarterly Business Meeting – 1pm Marshall's
- 20 – Rodeo Meeting
- 24 – Rodeo Finals
- 30 – Capital City Aids Dance 'O' Rama
- ? – Barn Dance

### November

- 14 – State Board meeting
- 17 – Rodeo Meeting



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RELEASE FORM

## Capital Crossroads Membership List Release

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give the Capital Crossroads chapter of GSGRA permission to publish my address / phone number in a FOR MEMBER ONLY distribution list to members of Capital Crossroads. I am aware that this list will have a statement stating to all members that this list is for Rodeo Operations only, and will not be released for any other reason. I also understand that when a SECURE WEB SITE is published, chapter members will be able to access this address / phone information over the Internet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please check address and / or phone number for the one(s) you want released for easier communication between chapter members.

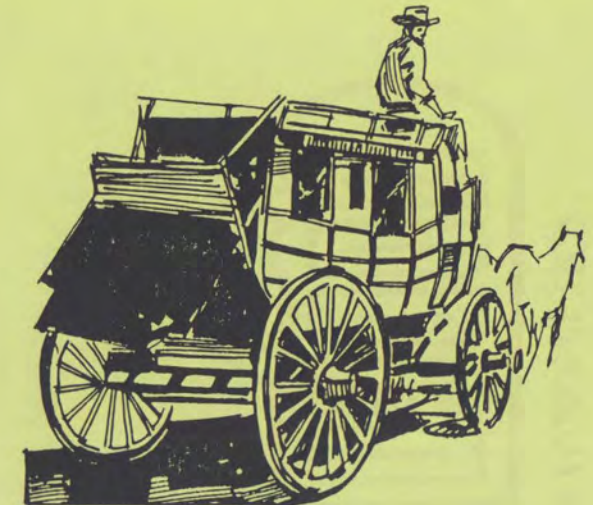
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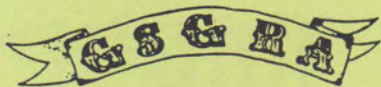
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Please mail this back to:

Capital Crossroads  
PO BOX 189305  
Sacramento CA 95818



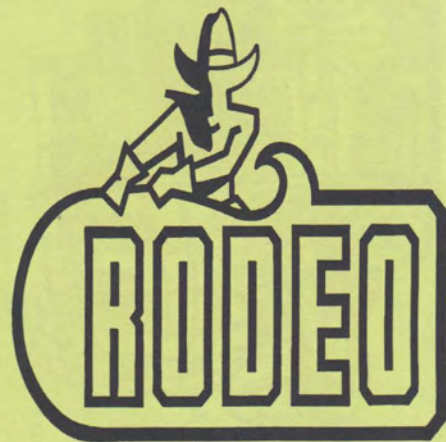




**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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