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### CHAPTER BOARD ELECTIONS

**T**here was a good turn out of members for the elections of the 1999 Executive Board that were held at our General Membership meeting on November 4, 1998.

**C**ongratulations to the follow people that were elected:

President - **Dan Bradford**

Executive Vice President Administration - **Robert Kojima**

Vice President Rodeo Operations - **J. J. Jennings**

Secretary - **Marshall Kline**

Treasurer - **Del Castillo**

**I**f you are interested in serving as a Chairperson, Assistant Chairperson or member of any of the Chapter or Rodeo committees, contact one of the Board members as soon as possible.

**Now is the time to get involved  
by being a part of the committees  
that will be shaping the  
1999 San Diego Rodeo!**

Submitted by Dan Bradford

### DATES FOR DECEMBER 1998

Dec 1	7 PM	Board Meeting
Dec 2	7 PM	General Membership Meeting / Officers & Chair Reports
Dec 16	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

**Please take note that the Rodeo Roundtable meetings have changed from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Wednesday.**

## Greater San Diego Chapter - December 1998

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

**A**t the November General Membership meeting, the members present also submitted the name of the person they felt best fit the requirements for the **Ralph Martinez Member of the Year Award**. This can be any member that shows the positive leadership characteristics and attitude needed to help the San Diego chapter accomplish its goal of putting on the best Rodeo possible each year. This person shows by their outstanding spirit, hard work, and willingness to help others that they believe in and support the goals of the Chapter

**T**he member selected for this award for 1999 was **Robert Kojima**. **Robert** did a great job as Executive Vice President for Rodeo 98 as well as serving as Committee Chairperson for a number of positions. Congratulations to him!

**H**onorable Mention goes to the following members that also received recognition by their peers as exemplifying the spirit of this award: **Charles Bowling, Jonathan Hewlett, Nancy Novak and David Pickle**. Congratulations to all of you.

### CHAPTER DINNER

**A** great time was had by about 30 members that attended the 1998 Chapter Dinner held at **Marc's Bar and Grill** on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Besides the wonderful food and atmosphere and the sparkling company, the group was entertained by the members of the outgoing Board who presented their Committee Chairs with a variety of humorous gifts and awards that related to events that happened during the past year and Rodeo. **J.J.** admitted that some would only be understood by a few people and that some were in questionable taste, but all were presented in fun and in appreciation for everyone's hard work.

**O**n the more serious side, the outgoing President, **Nancy Novak**, introduced the newly elected Executive Board and then recognized all the Committee Chairs and presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for their time and efforts for the past year. The **Ralph Martinez Member of the Year Award** winner was announced and presented to **Robert Kojima**.

**A**lso, a special plaque was presented to **Neil Holmes** in appreciation of all the extraordinary work he has done over the past years. He is responsible for the outstanding sets and decorations we see at the Rodeo dances and other functions. Things like the towering, toe-tapping, smoking cowboy boot and giant revolver that graced the dance floor at the Marriott hotel and the equally great stage design.

**A**fter dinner, many of the members went over to **Kickers** for nightcaps and dancing. Thank you to **Charles Bowling, Robert Kojima** and **J.J. Jennings** for all their work in setting up this year's Chapter Dinner.

## Greater San Diego Chapter - December 1998

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**H**owdy. Let me start by saying how honored and proud I feel to be elected as President of the Greater San Diego Chapter of the G.S.G.R.A. I know I have some big boots to fill to maintain the standards and accomplishments of past Presidents of this organization. With your help, I will do my best to continue their traditions. I am looking forward to working with all the great people that have been making the San Diego Rodeo one of the best Rodeos each year.

**A**long those lines, I also want to bring more talent into the Chapter. If you think that owning a horse and riding and roping are the only things we need for a successful Rodeo, you are wrong. The Chapter needs a whole array of talents and abilities to put on a great Rodeo. Just look at the list of positions and committees that we have. There are over 35 of them and they need people with talents like bookkeeping, office administration, teaching, event planning, fundraising, coordinating entertainment, set design, soliciting sponsors, vendors, volunteers and advertisers, publicity and so much more. We have many people that can and have been doing these things but we can always use more. So if you have that friend that has been hesitating about becoming a member, now is the time to bring them into the Chapter. Or if you have been hesitating about serving on a committee. I would also love to see some of our senior members come to more meetings so that they can offer their valuable experience and guidance to our organization.

**S**o, I would like to say to the outgoing Board and Chairpersons, congratulations on a great 1998 Rodeo. And to the oncoming Board and Chairpersons, in the tradition of G.S.G.R.A., congratulations, now get to work on RODEO '99.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

### MEMBER MEETING REMINDER SERVICE

**I**f you are like me, sometimes you need a reminder about the Chapter meetings. To help members remember the dates and times of meetings and events, the Board would like to offer a phone reminder service to those members that would like it. This service would consist of a discrete phone call to you a few

days before the scheduled meetings and major events.

**I**f you are interested, please fill in the information below and return it to the San Diego Chapter office or leave the requested information on my voice mail at (619) 298-4708 ext. 3272.

Name:

Phone Number:

Best time to call:  8:00 AM - Noon  Noon - 4:00 PM  4:00 - 8:00 PM

## GSGRA, Inc Balance Sheet As of October 31, 1998

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

WFB - David Watkins Fund	992.61
WFB - General Operating	-301.67
WFB - Savings	4,686.43
WFB Rodeo Sanction	25,280.37

#### Total Checking/Savings

30,657.74

#### Accounts Receivable

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8,241.58

#### Total Accounts Receivable

8,241.58

#### Total Current Assets

38,899.32

#### Other Assets

#### Equipment

2,307.28

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2,307.28

### TOTAL ASSETS

41,206.60

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Equity

#### Opening Bal Equity

42,392.48

#### Retained Earnings

-2,610.00

#### Net Income

1,424.12

#### Total Equity

41,206.60

### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

41,206.60

## Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison

	Mar - Oct '98	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Dance Contest	300.00	975.00	-675.00
David Watkins Memori...	380.00	800.00	-420.00
Interest Income	466.28	496.00	-29.72
Membership Income	10,078.00	10,080.00	-2.00
Merchandise Sale	12.00	800.00	-788.00
State Convention	720.00	1,000.00	-280.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>11,956.28</u>	<u>14,151.00</u>	<u>-2,194.72</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Buckle Sponsorships	400.00	600.00	-200.00
Dance Contest Expenses	544.01	500.00	44.01
Education	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
General Administrative	1,976.40	3,186.00	-1,209.60
IGRA Convention	2,620.00	2,500.00	120.00
Membership	2,897.75	3,400.00	-502.25
Merchandise	0.00	1,117.00	-1,117.00
Mr Ms Miss	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Professional Fees	0.00	385.00	-385.00
State Convention Expe...	1,294.00	1,200.00	94.00
Taxes	800.00	1,800.00	-1,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>10,532.16</u>	<u>15,788.00</u>	<u>-5,255.84</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>1,424.12</u>	<u>-1,637.00</u>	<u>3,061.12</u>

The following message is from Rev. Charleston to the Trinity College community:

### *A Chaplain's Reflection*

*I saw on the news today that Matthew Shepard died. He was the 22 year old man from Wyoming who was beaten and tortured and left to die for no reason other than he was a homosexual. This tragic murder has raised a national debate again, the kind of periodic soul-searching our society goes through whenever a crime of hate startles us into awareness. The burning of Black churches, the bombing of innocent people, the death of a shy young man from Wyoming: these events suddenly shake us out of complacency and remind us that fear, prejudice and rage are always the shadows just beyond the light of our reason. And so people suddenly start to speak out. There are voices of outrage and grief. Voices of sorrow and demands to know why such a thing could happen.*

*And predictably, there are also defensive voices: the governor of Wyoming trying to explain why his state has no laws to protect people from hate crimes and the leadership of what is called the Christian "right wing" trying to explain why their national ads against homosexuality don't influence people to commit such violence against gays and lesbians. In the days to come, these many voices will fill our media and the cultural consciousness it imprints until we are once again lulled into the more familiar patterns of our lives, dozing*

*off as a nation until the next tragedy rings the alarm of despair.*

*As the chaplain for our own community, I would like to invite us all to consider Matthew's death in another way. Not through the clamor or denials, not through the shouts or cries of anger: but rather, through the silence of his death, the silence of that young man hanging on his cross of pain alone in the emptiness of a Wyoming night, the silence that ultimately killed him as surely as the beatings he endured.*

*Silence killed Matthew Shepard. The silence of Christians who know that our scriptures on homosexuality are few and murky in interpretation and far outweighed by the words of a savior whose only comment on human relationships was to call us to never judge but only to love. The silence of well meaning educated people who pretend to have an enlightened view of homosexuality while quietly tolerating the abuse of gays and lesbians in their own communities. The silence of our elected officials who have the authority to make changes but prefer to count votes. The silence of the majority of "straight" Americans who shift uncomfortably when confronted by the thought that gays and lesbians may be no different from themselves, save for the fact that they are walking targets for bigotry, disrespect, cheap humor, and apparently, of murder.*

*Crimes of hate may live in shouts of rage, but they are born in silence. Here at Trinity, I hope we will all*

*listen to that silence. Before we jump to decry Matthew's senseless death or before we seek to rationalize it with loud disclaimers: I hope we will just hear the silence. A young man's heart has ceased to beat. Hear the silence of that awful truth. It is the silence of death. It is the silence that descends on us like a shroud. At Trinity, as in Wyoming, we are men and women surrounded by the silence of our own fear. Our fear of those who are different. Our fear of being identified with the scapegoat. Our fear of taking an unpopular position for the sake of those who can not stand alone. Our fear of social and religious change. Our fear comes in many forms but it always comes silently. A whispered joke. A glance to look away from the truth. A quick shake of the head to deny any complicity in the pain of others. These silent acts of our own fear of homosexuality are acted out on this campus every day just as they are acted out every day in Wyoming.*

*Through silence, we give ourselves permission to practice what we pretend to abhor. With silence, we condemn scores of our neighbors to live in the shadows of hate. In silence, we observe the suffering of any group of people who have been declared expendable by our society. As a person of faith, I will listen, as we all will, to the many voices which will eulogize Matthew Shepard. I will carry that part of our national shame on my shoulders. But*

*I will also listen to the silence which speaks much more eloquently still to the truth behind his death.*

*I will listen and I will remember. And I will renew my resolve never to allow this silence to have the last word. Not for Matthew. Not for gay men or lesbian women. Not for any person in our society of any color or condition who has been singled out for persecution. Not in my church. Not in my nation. Not in Wyoming. And not at Trinity College.*

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*Meanwhile, in Provo, Utah at an October 15 ceremony in which students expressed their grand wishes for the future, a 13-year-old boy's wish was that, "Gay men should be crucified on Main Street and lesbians be burned at the stake. "Not only was that boy given three days' suspension, not only did his parents agree to that discipline, but anti-gay activist Gayle Ruzicka of the Utah chapter of Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum felt compelled to say that, "Our children need to know that we don't hate homosexuals, we grieve for their lifestyle choices."*  
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# Peace On Earth

# Want some Goodies?

The Membership Committee is working on a benefits package for members. We want your membership card to become "The Card With Clout". We are currently negotiating with several businesses soliciting discounts and other benefits for you in return for showing your G.S.G.R.A membership card.

What we need now is ideas. Is there a business in your community you would like to see on the list of business offering benefits? Your know, a local clothing store, a bar, a theme park. No business is too large or too small, we are willing to ask anyone, after all the worst they can do is say no!

Write us, call us or e-mail us. We need the name of the business and the city it's in and any other information you may have like contact person, full address, telephone numbers. We'll take it from there.

Watch The Chute for details as this program develops.

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## We Couldn't Help it, *Really.*

We apologize for there being no Capital Crossroads section in "The Chute" this month. We tried, believe me, we tried! You see, there was this nasty little gremlin out there on the net that decided that the computer wizards were not going connect and that was it. A news letter is available and members of the Capital Crossroads Chapter should call (916)451-9439 or e-mail [gsgra\\_cc@hotmail.com](mailto:gsgra_cc@hotmail.com).

# 9TH ANNUAL G.S.G.R.A COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 10, 1999 7:00 PM  
AT THE BURBANK  
HILTON HOTEL

FOR CONTESTANT ENTRY FORM  
AND INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT BILL GORMAN AT  
(408) 926-8485

M E R R Y  
CHRISTMAS!





## WOW BAY AREA CHAPTER

Congratulation on your hosting of the State Board Meeting and of the Royalty Contest a job well done. I must tell all GSGRA members that the Bay Area Chapter did a **outstanding job** of hosting the board meeting and the royalty contest. It was a lot of hard work, There was a home cooked meal for lunch with all the trimmings thank you Jeff and all the cooks. The royalty contest was a flawless piece of work by Bill Gorman and Douglas Graff thank you guys. And above and beyond the call of duty thank you Terry Lee for getting us from Fox Tells the bar where the royalty contest was concluded back to the hotel, The hotel shuttle was delayed an hour and Terry Lee arranged for two BAC members to take some of us back to the hotel in there cars. I just wanted to say Thank You to all the Bay Area Chapter members for taking great care of us and for all your hard work. From all the Board members and the Alternates of Greater Los Angeles

Chapter Thank you very much from, Thom Brennan, Kevin Weeks and Al Wright Alternates: Michael DeYonker, Steve Creber and IGRA Trustee David Medzerian.



## Direct from Bucking ham Palace

This is it! The last update from your 1998 Royalty. It's been a great year. We will cherish all the great memories we have in our show up in a few years). hearts (ok and a few black mail pictures that will

We had a great time at the State Board Meeting in San Jose with many of you from around the state and the great turn out from the Bay Area Chapter. It was a super night and a perfect way to end our year. We are looking forward to staying active in California Rodeo, Royalty and Dance. If you would like help...ask the new Royalty! Just kidding, you know we are here for you...just give a holler.

Congratulations to Sammy, Jerry, Lenora and Brandy. Best of Luck to you. Enjoy your year. You too should feel free to call on us if you need a sounding board, advise or help. Welcome to the family, now get to work!

All the best!

*Doug Graff, Mr. GSGRA 98  
Nena Bradeen, MS. GSGRA 98*



## From the desk of the President of Vice

I would like to take this time to THANK the Bay Area Chapter for hosting the State Board meeting. YOU DID A GREAT JOB.

We had our state Royalty Contest in San Jose at Foxtails and I would like to thank the 1998 Royalty Team of:

Mr GSGRA Doug Graff  
Ms GSGRA Nena Bradeen  
Miss GSGRA Alex Michael

You did a GREAT JOB, the New team I hope will have as much fun as you had lets welcome the 1999 GSGRA Royalty Team.

Mr GSGRA Sammy Van Galder  
Capital Crossroads  
Ms GSGRA Lenora Almadova  
Bay Area Chapter  
Miss GSGRA Brandy Watters  
Los Angeles  
1st Runner Up to MR GSGRA  
Jerry Anaya Bay Area Chapter

CONGRATULATIONS it was a very close contest everyone did a great job. I am very proud of the 1999 Royalty team and wish them success. Lets remember acknowledge our State Royalty Team and use them as Good Will ambassadors for the Rodeo Association.

Now it is the Holiday Season lets take time to be careful and safe in the things we do. Slow down and enjoy this Special Season and the friends we have met throughout the past years. It is my wish to you;

This time of year when the air is full of cheer, that I wish for you and yours, Joy, Happiness and May all your wishes come true in the coming New Year.

Hope to see each and everyone of you in the New Year.

*Bill Gorman, EVP GSGRA*



## "San Diego Brings Home A Bounty of Buckles & Ribbons from the International Gay Rodeo Finals!"

This year San Diego rodeo contestants brought home 29 Ribbons and 6 Belt Buckles from this year's Finals Rodeo held in Phoenix AZ. The San Diego Chapter of GSGRA hung around after the Awards Ceremony to show off their bounty and pose for photo.

After having Won the All-around Cowboy title at the San Diego Rodeo David Renier had a great finish at Finals coming in Third for All-around just being beat out by Dennis Terrell. This was the case for the Barrel Racing Buckle also. After having placed 2nd both days in Barrels, David just missed winning the buckle. The same goes for Randy Funderburk, he placed 1st and 3rd in barrels and missed the buckle by a mere 1/100th of a second. He and his horse Lightfoot will certainly be back next year to try again.

Renier still had room for a few buckles to fit into



his saddle bags though. He and his horse Biscuit got the Flag Racing Buckle AND the Pole Bending Buckle. As if that wasn't enough, along with his Team Roping partner Kirk Carter, they stole the Team Roping Buckle away from Dennis Terrell and Andy Anaya after they had held onto that title for too many years to count. Great going guys!

Kirk Carter didn't do too shabbily either. Along with his horse Cody-Fred, Carter placed 3rd in Breakaway Calf Roping, and with his partners Renier and Sunny Rose got a 1st in Wild Drag Racing. He got 1st and 5th in Steer Deco with Renier and of course got the buckle in Team Roping.

David Spence placed in both Goat Dressing and Steer Deco, and of course just missed the Buckle by hundredths of a second. He and his partner Carl Stange were hoping for their 1st IGRA buckle but will have to wait till Little Rock, AR next year.

Randy Funderburk will have to wait for that buckle next year too. But what a show he had, placing in Barrels and Flags both days, 3rd in Goat Dressing and coming in 1st place on Steer Riding.

After placing 1st at the San Diego Rodeo in Calf Roping on Foot, Michelle Chagnon still didn't have enough points to qualify for finals so she was missed this year in the arena. But Bonnie Boone could not be missed. After a 2nd and a 1st in Barrels and a 1st both days in Flags, Bonny and her horse Jack ran away



with both buckles. She would have been in contention for All-around Cowgirl but needed to qualify for one of the Camp Events.

It was a Wet weekend with lots of comradery between the contestants and the spectators and a good time was had by all. But a round of applause should go out to our local talent that did so well at this years Finals Rodeo.  
**Congratulations!!!!!!**

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### As one door closes....

As some of you may already know Geraldine Graham made her Transition on November 6 at the age of 72. Gerry and Boyd have been proud members and supporters of the LA Chapter for 2 years. We would like to Thank the members of the Los Angeles Chapter for all the overwhelming Support, cards, E-mails & phone calls, The love of our friends really makes a difference. A special Thanks goes out to Joseph Olney and Mom Hilderbrant for being there every step of the way.

Sincerely,  
*Boyd and Jeffrey Graham*

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### L.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The invitations are in the mail for the December 12th event and as usual the party will also be an opportunity to do some good. This year you can bring a toy for the *Pediatric Aids Network* and *Tuesdays Child* and some canned food for the *Food Bank*. See you there



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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### Finals Rodeo a Great Success for GSGRA and L.A. Chapter Members

Congratulations to the many GSGRA and L.A. chapter members who were invited to and participated in the Finals rodeo, held October 22-25th. in Phoenix. All in all, GSGRA members won seven out of the twelve events, and ten buckles, a third of the total! Congratulations, guys and gals!

Here are the L.A. current and former chapter members who won buckles:

Bonnie Boone	Barrels, Flags
Waldo	Bronc Riding
David Renier	Poles, Flags
David Renier, Kirk Carter	Team Roping
Lisa Joyce, Darrel Kessler and	
Shawn Smith	Wild Drag

There were many ribbons, too, far too many to list here. Good show, folks!

A member of GSGRA was selected as Mr. IGRA for 1998. Our congratulations to Doug Graff of the Bay Area Chapter.

Last month's issue went to press too early for this information to appear. Sorry!

This is the first time in a very long while we've listed the buckle winning chapter members who've won in a recent rodeo. If you would like (or would not like) this to continue, let us know what you think. Please email us at [newsletter@bidstrup.com](mailto:newsletter@bidstrup.com) or drop us a note at P.O. Box 265, Perris, CA, 92572, and we'll count your vote.

### Sunday Beer Bust Successful Fundraiser

Sunday, the 15th of November, the chapter was invited to a beer bust at the Fault Line, on Melrose in Los Angeles. Many members showed up - and quaffed enough suds to help out the chapter to the tune of over \$400. Special thanks to the folks at the Fault Line, to Guy Johnson for all his help, and to KZLA for their

donated gifts, which made great raffle prizes.

Sorry there wasn't a notice about this in last month's Chute, but the event was organized after the Chute had already gone to press. One more reason to send David Medzerian your email address!

### Several Key Contracts for 1999 Rodeo Ready

Congratulations to the hard-working members of the rodeo committee, especially the chairman, Steve Creber, Logistics chairman, Paul Thompson, and Rodeo Director Tracy Keiper who have succeeded in getting many of the major contracts for the 1999 rodeo ready to sign. In the board meeting on November 1, it

was reported that deals with the hotel, stock contractor, trash collection and several others have been approved and will be signed soon. Savings of several thousand dollars over last year's costs were identified in these and several other contracts. Good show, gang!





## Calendar Changes for 1999 Rodeo Season

It was announced by IGRA recently that the Saguaro Regional Rodeo in Tucson and the Colorado Springs rodeos have been cancelled for this season. Hopefully they will be back next year. There were also some date changes

announced; San Jose will be held on the 19th and 20th of June, Albuquerque will be on August 14 and 15, and Wichita will be over the Easter weekend. Mark your calendars!

## Sponsorship Changes For 1999

Loss of the Miller Lite national contract for the sponsorship of IGRA rodeos nationwide has meant some changes for the local chapters. In particular it has offered them the opportunity to cut their own deals with local beer distributors, and your L.A. chapter is taking advantage of the situation. IGRA nationally is rumored to

be negotiating with Anheiser-Bush for sponsorship by Bud Light. If however, that contract isn't signed in time for the 1999 rodeo, your chapter has seen interest expressed by Miller's distributors as well as others. Your chapter is in negotiation with several other corporate sponsors for sponsorship deals for next year's rodeo.

## Dates for Next Year's Meetings Announced

Here's the meeting schedule for 1999:

Date:	Location:	Meeting:
Jan. 9	Long Beach	Board, Rodeo
Feb. 13	Long Beach	Chptr., Rodeo
Feb. 27	To Be Announced	Rodeo Rndtbl
Mar. 13	Burbank Hilton	Board, Rodeo
Mar. 27	To Be Announced	Rodeo Rndtbl
Apr. 24	L.A.	Chapter
May 8	(at GSGRA conv. in Long Beach)	Board
June 5	Long Beach Ctr.	Chapter
July 17	L.A.	Board

Aug. 14	L.A.	Chapter
Sept. 11	Long Beach	Board
Oct. 9	Long Beach	Chapter
Nov. 6	L.A.	Board
Dec. 4	L.A.	Chapter

Long Beach meetings are held at The Center, 2017 E. 4th St., except as noted, and L.A. meetings are held at The Village, 1125 McCadden Place (though the L.A. meeting place may change during the year). Meetings start at 10 AM. Board, chapter and rodeo meetings are open to the public, so make your voice heard and attend!

## Beach Bonfire Set For December 6!

Mark your calendar for December 6 for another great beach bonfire. If you haven't been to one of these, they're terrific fun and not to be missed. It's a chance to sit and gossip with lots of chapter members and officers. This month's bonfire is set for Sunday, December 6 at Bolsa Chica State Beach (off of Pacific Coast Highway between Warner and Golden West in Huntington Beach), between guard towers 17 and 18 at 6:00 PM. Bring something to snack on, a beach chair and a jacket. Parking fee is \$6, so carpool with friends and save some money. No alcohol is permitted on the beach (so be sneaky). See you there!

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. Email to <newsletter@bidstrup.com> or mail to Box 265, Perris, CA, 92572. All published materials, including the chapter logo, "LA Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter,



## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec 5  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING**  
at Hilton Burbank Airport
- Sunday, Dec. 6  
6 PM  
**Beach Bonfire, Bolsa Chica State Beach**
- Saturday, Dec. 12  
**Chapter Holiday Party**  
Watch your mailbox for your invitation!

### JANUARY

- Saturday, Jan. 9  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING, RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Long Beach Community Center  
2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach
- Jan. 15-17  
**Road Runner Regional Rodeo,**  
Phoenix

### FEBRUARY

- Saturday, Feb. 13  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**  
Long Beach Community Center  
2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach
- Saturday, Feb. 27  
**RODEO ROUNDTABLE**  
location to be determined, watch this space!

### MARCH

- Saturday, Mar. 13  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**  
Burbank Airport Hilton
- Saturday, Mar. 27  
**RODEO ROUNDTABLE**  
Location to be announced

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# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## Words From The BAC President...

### Chapter Members

I am very proud of our association. As you know, we hosted the State Board Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the San Jose Hyatt. Your involvement and commitment to provide a fun and pleasant experience was recognized and appreciated by everyone in attendance. I received numerous compliments from the attendees, and was told repeatedly that you, the Bay Area Chapter Members, made everyone feel right at home. Let's always remember that when we house guests from other Chapters to open our doors and show everyone we know how to take care of our guests.

In keeping with the Holiday season, be safe and careful. May the season and the coming year bring you love, joy, and all the happiness in the world. These are my thoughts for you and yours.

Bill

## Back Shed



You just don't know what'll happen, or what you'll hear, when you show up for one of the Beer Busts or other events. Now, if you were there, you might know which well-known figure didn't find his way home until 7:00 A.M. Friday morning after a recent event. Or, maybe you'd have heard about the other chapter member who went roaming about in the back alleys of SOMA, but, oops....forgot to take off his name badge. Oh well. Then there's the bathroom incident....but, that's another story.....

## Congratulations To

Our very own Doug Graff, the new Mr. IGRA!

To ourselves! The Bay Area Chapter won the spirit award at the recent State Board Meeting. Did you know that we had the most members of any GSGRA Chapter at Finals in Phoenix. Now how about that!



## 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

### BINGO!

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

BINGO	
14	25 34 52 68
1	24 38 51 69
4	26 48 74
3	23 43 46 63
6	20 39 56 70



It's time for our Snowflakes & Spurs Holiday Party. Check the Hotline for details. Don't miss this party, it's one of the best!

## Chapter Meetings

THURSDAY December 17th - Chapter Meeting

This month, the meeting will be at Craig & Brad's. We'll have a potluck dinner and tree trimming party, with the meeting to follow afterwards. Directions will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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