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May 1999

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Chapter



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WHAT'S THE CHATTER?

We thought the BigHorn Rodeo in Las Vegas was one to remember, *Sammy Van Galder* did it again! At LA Rodeo 15 he *won* his second buckle in Steer Riding and the *Mens Buckle in Bull Riding! Congratulations Sammy!* It was a great ride on Sunday and the Chapter showed their stuff by sticking it out in the cold, wet, and windy day for Sunday's events. We definitely had a good cheering crowd. We had to promise LA not to have the same weather for our rodeo. Cold and Wet in August?! A note of thanks goes out to *Lin Daugherty* for hosting a great Easter event! We again failed to find all of the Easter Eggs, but Lin's instruction on how to lunge a horse (or mule as the case may be) was awesome. Watch for more classes. And a final note for the month, Capital Crossroads is still waiting for its newest member to come out of the chute, at last report from parents, Annie and Nena Kinney. Maybe May!?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Watch the next Chute for the form, or contact Jeff Bosacki on the hotline, or at the website: <http://www.gsgra.org/cc> (Click on Rodoe '99 - Sierra Stampede, then click on Volunteer form and e-mail to Jeff)

Dates: August 20-22, 1999

Location: Hotel: Heritage Hotel and Convention Center
800-972-EXPO or 916-929-7900

ENTERTAINERS NEEDED

Forms will be out this month. If interested in performing, please contact Scott Singer on the hotline or at the website: <http://www.gsgra.org/cc> (Click on Rodoe '99 - Sierra Stampede, then click on Entertainment form and e-mail to Scott)

BARN DANCE - May 15th

Our annual barn dance has taken on a new location and style! Join us for the Capital Crossroads presents the Country Barbecue and Hoedown. Tickets \$6 with GSGRA membership. See following page for details.

CAMPING -COUNTRY WESTERN - MEMORIAL WEEKEND - May 28-31

Join the chapter at *Edgewater Resort* for a Country Western weekend on the shores of beautiful Clear Lake. Weekend features the Dave Miller band. Campsites are \$25/day, 1-2, and \$38/day for 3-4. Cabins are available for \$85-250. Minimum three night stay on holiday weekend. Check out their website www.edgewaterresort.net or call 1-800-396-6224 for details and reservations, or contact the hot-line.

SPECIAL NOTES

Congratulations to the new State Board Representatives: Chuck Valdes, spokesperson, Billy Hughes, and Lin Daugherty. Alternates will be: Marshall, Dean, and Herb Smith. We also need volunteers for the PBS/ KVIE pledge drive on Saturday, June 5, from 7:15 to midnight. We will be manning the phones in an effort to do public service and promote the Sierra Stampede. Contact Bill Haise at 916-649-3826.

CALENDAR

May

- 1 --SPECIAL EVENT AT FACES starting at 8pm. Watch for a special mailing or call the hot line for details.
- 8-9 -- State Board Meeting and Annual Convention, Long Beach, hosted by GLAC, call chapter hotline for details. 8-9 -- State Board Meeting and Annual Convention, Long Beach, hosted by GLAC, call chapter hotline for details.
- 15 -- **Capital Crossroads 3rd Annual Barn Dance**, 3pm. at the ranch of Bruce and George.
- 18 -- Rodeo meeting 7:30pm at Marshall's, 6054 35th Ave. 451-9439.
- 22 --Chapter "Last Saturday of the Month", C&W dancing at Faces (20th and K St.), 7:30pm.
- 29-31 -- Country Western weekend at Edgewater Resort. See above note.

June

- 12 -- Sacramento Gay Pride Day at Southside Park, 6th and T St.,Volunteers needed
- 13 -- Rodeo and Chapter meeting 1pm. **Nominations for next year's officers** will be taken at chapter meeting. Location TBA.
- 26 --Chapter "Last Saturday of the Month", C&W dancing at Faces (20th and K St.), 7:30pm.



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STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Congratulations to the following Chapter members on their election as Chapter State Board Representatives or Alternates at the April 7, 1999 General Membership meeting.

Representatives
Dan Bradford
Nancy Novak
Ken Valdez

Alternates
Kelly Gilliland
Joseph Berry

These people are one of your primary contacts with the GSGRA State Board. Please see them about any concerns or items that you would like them to bring to the State Board's attention.

The next State Board meeting is May 8 & 9, 1999 in Long Beach.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TIME CHANGE

Beginning at the April 7 meeting, the format of the General Membership meetings will be a little different. From 7 to 7:15 pm we will have a little social time to greet old and new friends and get caught up on events, gossip, etc. The meeting itself will start at about 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

CALENDAR

Dates for May 1999

May 4	7 PM	Board Meeting
May 5	7 PM	General Membership Mtg.
May 8, 9		State Board Mtg. in Long Beach
May 19	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
May 22-23		Long Beach Pride

Dates for June 1999

Jun 1	7 PM	Board Meeting
Jun 2	7 PM	General Membership Mtg.
Jun 16	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
Jun 18-20		San Jose Rodeo

Greater San Diego Chapter - May 1999

Greater San Diego Chapter Directory

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***I Don't Know What SplashDance Is,
 But It's Coming!!***

BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words From The BAC President...

Hello BAC Members:

I would like to thank all the New Members that participated in the April 15th Rodeo Roundtable and Chapter Meeting. It is always great to see New Faces and the energy you bring to the Association. Your input is always welcome.

The First Meet and Greet, was a GREAT success I would like to take a few moments to thank a few of the helpers Bob Pulliam, Jeffery Sumerall, Brian Syth, Richard and Clancey and of course Mike Barela, without your help we could not have had such a success. I am sure all the New Members and some of the Not so New Members had a GREAT Time. However I am still not sure they had enough to EAT. JUST KIDDING. Well, we will have to do this again. I wonder where????..

May is going to be another busy month with things to do. Only a few more months to go for our own Rodeo. It should be a Great time for everyone. Lets all pitch in and HELP produce an Event the State will be talking about into the next Millenium.

I would like to recognize the New State Board Members that where elected at the April 15th Meeting. They are Myself, Doug Graff and Brad Roberts. The alternates ate TJ Dietschak and Jerry Anaya. Also elected at this meeting was our New Secretary Mike Barela. Congratulations to all of you. I look forward to working with each of you.

Well, stay cool and enjoy the sunny days because I sure do love those hot days and no I am not just talking about the MEN. I love our Girls just as much.

Our regular monthly chapter meeting and Rodeo Roundtable have been combined until after the Rodeo. I hope to see you at the meetings. Please Check out our Voicemail (415 561-9228) often. Thanks to TJ he updates with all the latest information.

Bill Gorman
BAC President



To My Fellow BAC Members

There is something remarkable and unique about he Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Bay Area Chapter. For one thing, it really is a club, not just an organization whose "membership benefits" amount to little more than having your name on a mailing list and receiving a monthly copy of the Chute.

When you join the GSGRA/BAC, you don't belong to it - it belongs to you. You have the option of meeting with others in large or small groups. You have the opportunity to help out the gay community in a social way. You are accepted as a member in good standing immediately, and welcomed as one or its chapters own.

Over the past year or so I have looked in from the outside helping out where and when I could, feeling the origination out so to speak, and I must say I am, and continue to be impressed. The senior leadership of the chapter is outstanding in helping the community and promoting rodeo. They accept you into their group and enlist your suggestions, support and help for the start.

I am looking forward to many years of membership with this organization and from what I see, feel and have experienced, life long ties and friendships will be built.

Thank you Billie and Craig, for bringing me to this organization and for allowing me to become part of the functions and events that the GSGRA/BAC provides to the gay community.

Robert Pulliam
Bay Area Chapter

Bingo News

Bingo Committee: Brian Syth – Co Chair – email at Briman1160@aol.com
Mike Barela – Co Chair – email at Mikegsgra@aol.com
Bob Pulliam
Doug Graff
Adrian Arteche

Please get in touch with these hard working folks and join them for some fun times at the bingo games. It's always a great time, and volunteers are always needed, and appreciated.

BINGO!

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

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

Fun Things About to Happen

May 8 & 9 – GSGRA State Convention in Long Beach

May 15 - CCR Barn Dance in Sacramento.

May 23 – Two Stepping into Spring BBQ Fund Raiser.

May 30 – Sundance Saloon Fundraiser

June 5 and June 12 – Work party – start at Craig’s and go to fairgrounds.

June 11 – Appreciation Dinner

June 12 – San Jose Pride!

There’s lots of other stuff on the drawing board, so check the hotline every week. Make it a habit!

Of course, the Bay Area RODEO June 16, 17, and 18! This one is going to be a blast! With tons of events and things to do. Pool Parties. EXTRA PRIZE MONEY! Book your rooms now at the San Jose Hyatt. We’re going to throw a party like you’ve never seen!

Chapter Meetings

THURSDAY May 6th- Rodeo Roundtable

THURSDAY May 20th – Chapter Meeting & Rodeo Roundtable

THURSDAY May 27th – Rodeo Roundtable

THURSDAY June 3rd – Rodeo Roundtable

THURSDAY June 10th – Chapter Meeting & Rodeo Roundtable

Meetings are at the San Jose Hyatt at 7:00 PM

Everyone is welcome, and needed!

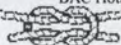
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Gay Rodeo Association
 Bay Area Chapter

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Volunteers are needed for all areas of the Rodeo. Contact any of the BAC Officers to sign up. It's a lot of fun, don't miss the excitement!

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership records are strictly confidential. G.S.G.R.A. is an organization of men and women. Ownership of a horse is not required to be a member. Membership fees are for one year from the date of receipt. Family memberships are available to any two persons residing at the same address. Members must be at least 18 years of age. Some G.S.G.R.A. events are held in locations with age restrictions that would exclude members under the age of 21.

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NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
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BIRTHDAY	/ / <small>Year Optional</small>	
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		MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO: G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee 4226 East 15th St. Long Beach, Ca 90804

*You better
do what
Mama
Membership
says*



**Invite
a friend
to join**

Monthly Membership Statistics

	Start 4/1/99	Expired 4/30/99	New	Renewals	Transfers	End 5/1/99
Greater L.A.	98	17	8	14		103
Bay Area	80	7	0	2		75
San Diego	92	9	1	5		89
Capital Crossroads	36	5	2	2		35
Non Affiliated	21	3	3	2		23
Total	327	41	14	25	0	325

	7/1/98	8/1/98	9/1/98	10/1/98	11/1/98	12/1/98
Greater L.A.	117	118	111	109	107	108
Bay Area	71	74	77	73	79	75
San Diego	111	108	101	104	109	103
Capital Crossroads	36	33	30	31	29	28
Non Affiliated	29	27	25	24	22	22
Total	364	360	344	341	346	336
	1/1/99	2/1/99	3/1/99	4/1/99	5/1/99	6/1/99
Greater L.A.	112	107	113	98	103	
Bay Area	74	69	83	80	75	
San Diego	105	99	92	92	89	
Capital Crossroads	31	29	33	36	35	
Non Affiliated	22	18	21	21	23	
Total	344	322	342	327	325	0

The Royal Word

Sashes have been popping up everywhere in the past couple of months. GSGRA Royalty was present in Las Vegas for the Big Horn Rodeo (even though Sammy spent his stage time in the hospital getting stitched up). Thank you Mr. UGRA for covering and getting his stuff back.

Another fun time was had by all during a Bay Area Chapter fundraiser at the 1220 Club in Walnut Creek March 27, 1999. Watch for more events at this club. They know how to have a great time.

Sammy Van Galder will be at Sacramento's Coronation April 24, 1999 to congratulate Emperor Ernie and Empress Danielle. A special moment is planned in honor of Sacramento's former Empress LaTish and GSGRA's Brandy Watters (former Grand Duchess of Sacramento & Empress of Fresno). Our Miss GSGRA will be missed dearly.

Looking forward, the royalty will be present at Sacramento's Barn Dance on May 15, 1999. The Double B Ranch is a great setting for a BBQ and Dance. If

you're not careful, you may find yourself recognizing some of the landscape from "movies".

Look out Hayward! Your hometown girl has plans for you. Join Ms. GSGRA, Lenora Almadova and the rest of the royalty team at the Turf Club on Sunday, June 6th for a BBQ and show. BBQ will be from 2pm - 5pm. The show will be from 4pm - 7pm. This is a royalty fundraiser for the David Watkins Memorial Fund. Hope to see you all there.

Billie's Bye Line

To all the Members of GSGRA, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for, allowing me to represent you during the past 12 months as the Executive Vice President. It has been a learning experience for me, and I have learned a lot about Royalty and Dance both Great parts of this wonderful Association that we all belong to. This organization is full of wonderful men and women that truly care about people.

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I know wherever I go I will run into all of you throughout the coming years. I encourage everyone to get involved and run for office. Its is one of the ways to really recognize some of the great leaders of this organization and the many hours they put in to keep us all going.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist, please don't hesitate to ask. I wish the new Officers that will be elected at the State Convention on May much success in the year to come.

Always thinking of you. God Bless
Bill Gorman
Executive Vice President GSGRA

A Routine Traffic Stop

"Sir, I noticed that your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?"
"Officer, I noticed that your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating donuts?"



Time to say Goodbye

Sadly we must report the passing of a very special person. Eloy Galindo passed away unexpectedly two weeks ago. Eloy was born on September 21, 1963 in Mexico City. He came to the United States in 1989 without knowing no English. He went to night school in Long Beach where he got his (second) High School Diploma. Eloy continued to take additional classes at Long Beach City College, and later at Mt. San Antonio College where he received a Certificate in Data Processing. Eloy worked in the travel industry for nine years, and was a licensed tax preparer.

On June 11, 1995, Eloy met Roger Bergmann on the dance floor at Floyd's in Long Beach. On December 15th Eloy moved to Pomona to be with Roger, and by New Years Eve they both agreed that the move would be permanent.

Eloy was a member of GSGRA - GLAC for three years and served as a Timer or Scorekeeper at numerous rodeos on the IGRA circuit. In December 1997, Eloy and Roger opened "Canyon Travel and Income Tax Service" in San Dimas, Ca.

On April 11, 1999 Eloy's body was cremated, and Roger has taken his ashes to his family in Mexico City. Eloy is survived by his Life Partner, Roger, his mother, Rosa Irene Avila Lobo; his father, Eloy Galindo Mercado; three younger sisters, Rosa Irene, Laura Elena, Rosario; and additional relatives.

A Mass for Eloy was held on April 17th in Mexico City, and a memorial service will be held at 6pm on May 8th at Brothers Mortuary, 244 Redondo Avenue, in Long Beach. The Memorial Service will be followed by refreshments and music on the patio.

GSGRA ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 8-9 in Long Beach

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter will host the 1999 GSGRA Annual Convention on May 8-9, 1999, in Long Beach. All GSGRA members are welcome!



REGISTRATION:

Convention registration is \$35 for GSGRA members or guests, including lunch both days, if postmarked by May 1. For registrations postmarked after May 1 or on the day of the

event, the registration fee is \$50.-- Mail your checks to GSGRA President Craig Rouse, 4744 Bannock Circle, San Jose, Calif. 95130. (Information packets -- with basically what's listed here -- are in the mail to all state reps; if you'd like one, call Craig at 408 378-6167 or e-mail him at ropinride@aol.com)



HOST HOTEL:

We are pleased to have The Westin Long Beach as our host hotel for the state convention. The hotel, at 333 E. Ocean Blvd., will be the site of the IGRA convention in July, and is offering the same special rate of \$92 per night during our state convention (this is about half of what other groups are charged at this five-star, ocean view hotel). Please make your reservations soon, because this special rate is subject to availability. Call 562 436-3000 and ask for the GSGRA rate.



MEETING LOCATION:

The meetings will be held at The Center, 2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach.

-- Take the 710 Freeway into downtown Long Beach (go toward the Aquarium, not toward the Queen

Mary), and exit at Broadway, which is a left exit.

-- Go east on Broadway about two miles (you'll pass a Vons, cross Alamitos Street and pass some bars), then go left at the traffic light at Cherry Avenue. -- Go just a few blocks to Fourth Street and turn right. The Center is on your immediate left, next to the Art Theater. There is parking behind the building (turn left at the first street past the theater).

(From the Westin: Take Ocean Drive east to Cherry Avenue and turn left. Continue a few blocks to Fourth Street and turn right; The Center is on your immediate left.)

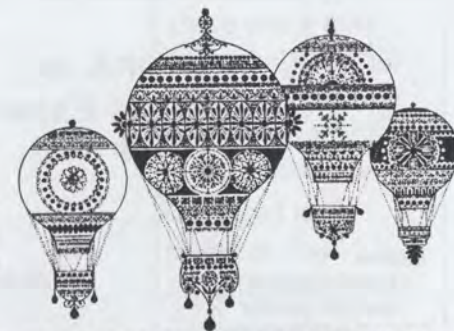
MEETING TIME: 10 am- 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, and 10 am- 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9. Lunch will be served both days at about 1 p.m.



AFTER THE CONVENTION

We'll try our best to wrap things up in time for you to enjoy Long Beach's legendary beer busts:

- Saturday until 7 p.m. at the Mine Shaft, 1720 E. Broadway Long Beach.
- Sunday until 7 p.m. at the Brit, 1744 E. Broadway, or at Ripples, 5101 E. Ocean Blvd.



FLY DIRECT TO LONG BEACH:

Your best bet is to fly into the Long Beach Airport. Direct flights into Long Beach are available from Oakland and Sacramento on the new discount carrier Winair. Call 800-4-WINAIR (800 494-6247). (Unfortunately, flights into Long Beach on America West and American are from out-of-state.) -- The Los Angeles and Orange County airports each are about a half-hour from Long Beach. Reno Air, Shuttle by United and Southwest serve both airports from the Bay Area; America West serves Orange County from Sacramento.



QUESTIONS?

E-mail GSGRA-LA at larodeo@larodeo.com or call the chapter hotline at 562-498-1675

GSGRA, Inc
Revenue vs Expenses
 March 1999

	<u>Mar '99</u>
Income	
Dance Contest	150.00
Interest Income	
David Watkins	0.76
Money Market Acct	6.00
Rodeo Sanction	52.96
Total Interest Income	59.72
Membership Income	
Membership Dues	
Memberships New	80.00
Memberships Renewal	1,280.00
Total Membership Dues	1,360.00
Name Tags	12.00
Total Membership Income	1,372.00
Total Income	1,581.72
Expense	
Dance Contest Expenses	273.80
General Administrative	
Banking	
Return Items	-150.00
Service Charges	0.00
Total Banking	-150.00
Internet Charges	50.26
Office Supplies	51.93
Telephone	54.54
Trustee Expenses	403.00
Total General Administrative	409.73
Membership	
Name Tags	209.18
Newsletter	198.57
Postage	250.00
Total Membership	657.75
Total Expense	1,341.28
Net Income	<u>240.44</u>

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Money Counts you know!!!!!!

GSGRA, Inc
Balance Sheet
 As of March 31, 1999

	<u>Mar 31, '99</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
WFB - David Watkins Fund	480.98
WFB - General Operating	-115.46
WFB - Savings	4,593.03
WFB Rodeo Sanction	25,523.41
Total Checking/Savings	30,481.96
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	8,241.58
Total Accounts Receivable	8,241.58
Total Current Assets	38,723.54
Other Assets	
Equipment	2,307.28
Total Other Assets	2,307.28
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,030.82</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	42,392.48
Retained Earnings	-1,602.10
Net Income	240.44
Total Equity	41,030.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>41,030.82</u>

There was a man who computed his taxes for 1998 and discovered that he owed \$3407. He packaged up his payment and included this letter:

Dear IRS:

Enclosed is my 1998 Tax Return & payment. Please take note of the attached article from the USA Today newspaper. In the article, you will see that the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 for hammers and NASA has paid \$600.00 for a toilet seat.

Please find enclosed four toilet seats (value \$2400) and six hammers (value \$1029). This brings my total payment to \$3429.00. Please

note the overpayment of \$22.00 and apply it to the "Presidential Election Fund," as noted on my return.

Might I suggest that you send the above mentioned fund a "1.5 inch screw." (See attached article...HUD paid \$22.00 for a 1.5 inch Phillips Head Screw.)

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

Sincerely,

A satisfied taxpayer



A Word From Our Chapter President

Folks, first I have to take a minute to thank every one of you who contributed to the success of last month's L.A. Rodeo. Contestants, spectators and volunteers alike had a great time despite the rain. And the great turnout at both dance parties and at Saturday's rodeo have offset the smaller attendance on Sunday. Special thanks go to:

- Event Director Steve Creber, Rodeo Director Tracy Keiper and all of our rodeo committee chairs and their assistants.
- Our new circuit sponsor, Bud Light, and especially Wendi Stephens, James Ramey and Jeff Devore of Anheuser-Busch.
- Our other major sponsors -- Jim Beam, Toyota of Hollywood, Wet Products International and the Hilton Burbank Airport -- and our travel partners, Avis and America West Airlines.
- Stevan Bailey and the staffs of the Rawhide/BCS/David Magazine.
- Everyone who showed up throughout the event, especially the 250 people who paid to stand in the rain on Sunday

(and most especially, those two diehard spectators who stayed to the bitter end!).

- All of our volunteers, whose hard work is easily overlooked.

When you run into any of these folks -- especially our business sponsors -- please let them know how much you appreciate their support. That will make it easier to get them to help us next year!

If we learned one thing this year, it's that things must be done early for the rodeo to be a success -- and that lots of people need to be involved. We really need the help of every chapter member. Please take a minute right now to decide what you will be doing between now and April 2000 to ensure the success of L.A. Rodeo 16. There are many easy things that can be done beforehand and still leave you free on rodeo weekend to play or compete -- we need to get sponsors, distribute fliers and publicity, perhaps work a booth at the San Diego Rodeo or at a pride festival. Think about it, and help your chapter make the 2000 rodeo an even bigger success!

--- David Medzerian

Join in the Long Beach, L.A. pride parades!

Two important developments on the Pride Parade front since last month: -- For Long Beach Pride, May 22, we'll concentrate on the marching unit we've done so successfully the past few years. (Horses are just too much trouble in Long Beach,

given the route and the setup and takedown locations.) As you know, Long Beach Pride always puts us at the very start of the parade, where we carry the flags of the 50 states.

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Pride parades, cont.

That means we need lots of people -- in fact, we can handle more than 50! So please come along and bring your friends -- rodeo members or not -- on Sunday, May 23. Lineups take place on Ocean Boulevard between Junipero and Temple, and you should be there by 9:30 am at the latest. Wear your 1999 L.A. Rodeo T-shirt!

We can do L.A. Pride after all: The parade is actually Sunday, June 13, a week before the Bay Area Rodeo. We'll likely focus on a horseback contingent as usual. Charlie Colella has agreed to coordinate the entry; for details, leave a message for him on the rodeo e-mail box at larodeo@larodeo.com or on the rodeo hotline, (562) 498-1675.

Nominations set for 1999-2000 officers

In accordance with chapter bylaws, the Nominations Committee has completed its report for the June elections of chapter officers. The elections will be held during the chapter meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at The Center in Long Beach. The Nominations Committee reported it received these nominations (all are current officers, and all accepted nomination):

- President: David Medzerian.
- Administrative Vice President: Amy Griffin.

- Rodeo Vice President: Steve Creber.
- Secretary: Lenore Mankoff.
- Treasurer: Thom Brennan.

In addition, nominations can be made from the floor during the election meeting: those nominated from the floor must be present to accept, or have indicated in writing their willingness to accept. All nominees must be a chapter member in good standing for a minimum of one year.

May meeting combines chapter, state convention

The May 8 meeting of the chapter Executive Board will be held in conjunction with the GSGRA state convention at The Center in Long Beach.

The state convention is an important event, and it would be great if many of you can attend. To satisfy chapter bylaws, we will call the chapter Executive Board meeting to order at 10 a.m. as

scheduled, then recess until later in the afternoon.

Please try to attend the state convention; this is your chance to let your voice be heard, and to help decide how the chapter should cast our votes on the important state issues that will be decided. Look for registration information elsewhere in this newsletter.

To each chapter member: A challenge

As indicated so clearly in last month's newsletter, membership in all GSGRA chapters is off. (In fact, throughout IGRA membership numbers have been falling for years.) But membership is the core of our organization. David Medzerian has a challenge for each of you:

"I know that every one of you has at least one friend who comes to rodeos and keeps thinking of joining but never actually gets around to it; you probably know several people like this. Here's the challenge: Before the end of May, I want every one of you to bring in at least one new member to the chapter. (continued)

Challenge, Cont.

This is the perfect time, since folks still have this year's rodeo fresh in their minds. I know we can do this -- and it will be a great way to start gearing up for next year!"

The membership form is in this newsletter, so tear it out and persuade at least one of your friends to send it in.

A sad note

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Eloy Galindo, who passed away unexpectedly April 11. Eloy was a very active member of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter, one of those folks who didn't much care to attend the meetings but was very supportive of the rodeo behind the scenes. He frequently worked as a rodeo timer, and worked very hard to put together GSGRA travel-benefits programs with his previous employer as well as his own business, Canyon Travel Service. We will miss Eloy's participation and his friendship, and our thoughts are with his family and especially Roger Bergmann, Eloy's partner of many years.

Let's have a playday, a buckout, a gymkhana

We keep talking about it, let's do it: Let's plan a playday, a buckout, a gymkhana. These events could be everything from a rodeo playday in a bar, where we do pretend events; an outdoor playday, with a mix of pretend and real events; a gymkhana with horse events; or a

buckout with rough stock. We all want to do it -- so let's make it happen! Many members have facilities where we could hold such things; send an e-mail to David Medzerian at davidm@link.freedom.com and we'll get something scheduled.



Your Rodeo Association Wants YOU!

- Participate in chapter activities
- Volunteer at rodeos and activities
- Attend chapter meetings and participate in chapter leadership!

You'll only get out of your chapter what you put into it! Help with your local chapter, and you'll get **so much more** out of your GSGRA membership!

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CALENDAR

MAY

May 8
10 AM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
In conjunction with the GSGRA State Board Meeting.
The Center, Long Beach

May 22

LONG BEACH PRIDE
March with your chapter, and bring your friends to march too! See elsewhere in this newsletter for details

JUNE

June 5
10 AM

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS and CHAPTER ELECTIONS
The Center, Long Beach

June 13

L.A. PRIDE
Ride your horse! email Charlie Collela at larodeo@larodeo.com for details

June 18-20

Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose, CA

June 25-27

Heartland Rodeo
Omaha, NE

JULY

July 17
10 AM

BOARD MEETING
The Village, Los Angeles



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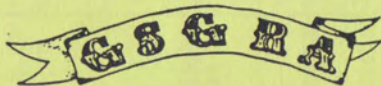
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