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# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## Words From The BAC President...

Members of BAC,

I would like to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU for one of the BEST RODEO'S our guests have seen in a long time. As I walked around the crowds of contestants and spectators, the comments were "Outstanding Job", "San Jose is on the MAP as a GREAT PLACE for Rodeo". That is because of all of you. THANKS AGAIN.

To the MANY volunteers, GREAT JOB and I can't THANK YOU enough for without your help this event, as GREAT as it was, would not have been possible. THANK YOU so very much from the bottom of my HEART (don't tell anyone but I do have one). Any chapter president would be proud to work with a group like you. I have been blessed to have you as part of the Bay Area Chapter and I THANK YOU again.

Chapter Officers and Rodeo Roundtable Members - OUTSTANDING JOB! It's been a long, but a wonderful year, and you should take a moment and be PROUD of the job you did not only this weekend but throughout the year. Our guests had a great time because of all the work you did throughout the year, and it really showed this weekend. I am so very PROUD of all of you. What an outstanding job – congratulations!

Invited Officials, thanks for the many hard and long hours you put in this weekend, keeping everything on time and moving. It is people like you that make Rodeo what it is. THANKS AGAIN.

Contestants. GREAT JOB, the best display of teamwork and sportsmanship I have seen in a long time. You bring out the best in each other for all of us to see. Thank you for attending this year Bay Area Rodeo and hope to see you next year. Be safe and take care remember this is a sport we all love.

Well, enough rambling EVERYONE THANK YOU AGAIN, GREAT JOB, BE PROUD.

Bill Gorman  
BAC President



## Special Notes

From the chapter members to the officers and rodeo staff. THANKS! Y'all did a superb job. You don't hear it said enough, but thank you, thank you, thank you. Putting on these events, and just keeping us organized, can be a thankless, and hugely time consuming job, and it's one that many of us can't take on. So, to those who give of themselves so much, thanks again. We may not say it enough, but the chapter does truly love and appreciate each of you for your work, your contributions, and your caring.

## Bingo News

We've gone fishing – so, no bingo for now. Thanks to all those that volunteered their time and effort. Your contributions were invaluable. The Chapter owes you a huge debt. Thanks also to all our loyal patrons who joined us for the games. We sure had fun, and hope you did to.

## Back Shed



Recently a few Club Cochina members (and a previously rumored, but until now unconfirmed, husband) enjoyed themselves at the Russian River in Guerneville for the annual Stumptown Days Western Weekend. A certain "high-ranking" Royal was even spotted, by the light of the moon, shaking the bushes on the outer banks of Fife's Resort. (Just how do those Royals get nasty spots out of their clothes?) Throughout the weekend in this small river community, the melodious 'twang of Mr. IGRA was also heard serenading the cowboys in and out of the bars. Even the contestants in the "Esther Williams" swim competition enjoyed the spoils of our past rodeos.

Too much happened at the rodeo to get it all covered, in this issue anyway. Let's just say that a certain person should never be trusted to back a car up in the parking lot ever again, and another person of note became so excited while testing his new digital camera that he missed the shot of a lifetime and got instead, a chair. You had to be at the pool party to truly appreciate it, but, if you know who the special guest was at the pool party, you can probably come close to guessing the rest. Oh, and just who was that making out with one of the invited officials late Saturday night?????



## Fun Things Coming Your Way



July 4 – Meet & Greet BBQ at Billie's Swim Palace. 4-9 PM.

July 15 – Nominations for Chapter Officers at the Monthly Meeting.

July 17 – State Board meeting at the San Jose Hyatt. 10 AM – 5 PM. Please feel free to drop in and see our leaders in action.

July 23 through 25 – IGRA Convention in Long Beach. Don't miss this! We also need volunteers to help. The Bay Area Chapter is responsible for the Dance Competition.

August 14 – Hot August Nights BBQ Fund Raiser  
At The Eagle Tavern.  
Volunteers needed here to!



August 20 through 22 – Capital Crossroads Sierra Stampede. Don't miss the inaugural rodeo for the Sacramento Chapter! This promises to be a HUGE event.

## Chapter Meetings

THURSDAY July 17th – Chapter Meeting  
Officer nominations are due.  
Call the Hotline for time and location of meeting.

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# BAY AREA RODEO SAN JOSE JUNE 18-20

We had a blast! Hope you were here!





# THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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### The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Monthly Membership Statistics

	Start 6/1/99	Expired 6/30/99	New	Renewals	Transfers	End 7/1/99
Greater L.A.	108	5	2	4	0	109
Bay Area	69	7	1	5	0	68
San Diego	88	9	2	4	0	85
Capital Crossroads	41	3	4	0	0	42
Non Affiliated	24	0	0	0	0	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>328</b>

	8/1/98	9/1/98	10/1/98	11/1/98	12/1/98	1/1/99
Greater L.A.	118	111	109	107	108	112
Bay Area	74	77	73	79	75	74
San Diego	108	101	104	109	103	105
Capital Crossroads	33	30	31	29	28	31
Non Affiliated	27	25	24	22	22	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>344</b>
	2/1/99	3/1/99	4/1/99	5/1/99	6/1/99	7/1/99
Greater L.A.	107	113	98	103	108	109
Bay Area	69	83	80	75	69	68
San Diego	99	92	92	89	88	85
Capital Crossroads	29	33	36	35	41	42
Non Affiliated	18	21	21	23	24	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>328</b>





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 916-978-4040 hotline  
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## What's the Chatter?

Congratulations to the Bay Area Chapter for another great rodeo. And congratulations to Sacramento's contestants competing at the Bay Area Regional Rodeo. New mom, Annie Kinney & her wild drag team won a ribbon as did Sammy Van Galder for Chute Dogging.

Aspen Rose Kinney made her debut and stole the attention in the stands during rodeo weekend while other daughter, Andrea, made sure the animals in the petting zoo were well fed and petted.

The chapter made a great showing at Sacramento's Pride Festival, June 12, 1999. Thanks to all that volunteers their time and efforts at the booth and around the grounds. Sacramento now knows there's going to be a rodeo.



The stampede is on. Planning stages are in full swing as August 20<sup>th</sup> draws near. Now is the time to get involved. If you have a talent or an interest, please contact a chairperson below. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome and encouraged. Your bodies are more useful when we start staffing volunteer positions. VOLUNTEERS are needed for everything. Volunteer forms are available on the chapter's website.

Arena Grounds	Sammy Van Galder	916-737-7610
Hotel	Mark Marshall	916-451-9439
Corporate Sponsorship	Matt Bowers	209-529-9000

Security	Mark Marshall	916-451-9439
Entertainment	Scott Singer	818-772-0561
Vendors	Jim Joseph	916-863-5467
Volunteers	Jeff Bosacki	916-978-4040
Finance	Bill Hause	916-649-3826

There is a new website!! Go look and see what's new and coming on line for the Sierra Stampede! Surf the web at [www.SierraStampede.org](http://www.SierraStampede.org) and see what's coming up for the rodeo. Thanks to Matt Bowers and Herb Smith for their efforts in getting this new site up and running. Great Job guys!

Mark your calendars for **August 20 – 22, 1999**. Get your reservations in and get ready to RODEO!

Host Hotel: Heritage Hotel & Convention Center  
 800-972-EXPO or 916-929-7900  
 Group number 52169 or Sierra Stampede Rodeo

Rodeo Grounds: Central Park Horse Arena  
 Rio Linda, CA  
 (15 minutes northwest of the host hotel)

## Reminders

Nominations for offices are open and being accepted. Annual elections will be July 18, 1999. If you would like to run for an office, please don't wait until the day of elections. Speak up now and get involved. The success of the chapter is in the hands of its members.

Next rodeo committee meetings are June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and July 27<sup>th</sup> – Marshall's  
 Next chapter meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> at Lin Daugherty's in Marysville (530-742-8695)  
 GSGRA State Board Meeting – July 17, 1999 San Jose Airport Hiatt  
 July 31, 1999 Last Saturday of the Month C/W Dancing at Faces 8-10:30pm  
**CALL THE HOTLINE FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS: 916-978-4040**





CAPITAL CROSSROADS SIERRA STAMPEDE

August 20 - 22, 1999 Sacramento CA

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Sacramento, CA □ August 20-22, 1999

Volunteer Registration Form

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

You can sign-up for as many shifts as you like. One 3-hour shift gives you free admission to the rodeo plus all dance events at the host hotel. You will also receive a rodeo volunteer pin and Rodeo T-Shirt at the end of the rodeo. (Instruction: Place an "X" in the appropriate unshaded box(es))

DAY	HOTEL		RODEO			
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6-10p						
10-1p						
SAT (7-10a)						
10-1p						
1-4p						
4-7p						
7-10p						
10p-1am						
SUN (7-10a)						
10-1p						
1-4p						
4-7p						
7-10p						
10p-1a						

Please complete and either mail or fax to the address/fax below, or shift yourself on our website.

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SIERRA STAMPEDE	Phone: (323) 667-1763	Click on Rodeo 99
ATTN: Jeff Bosacki, Vol. Chair	Email: rodeovol.ccc@gsgra.org	Click on Sign-up OnLi
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## L.A. Chapter Elections Held

The annual chapter elections for the Los Angeles chapter were held during the June chapter meeting, and now your chapter has a full slate of officers. Most of last year's officers were prevailed upon to run again, and the ones who did were all elected. The exception was Thom Brennan, who declined to run again as treasurer, so our webgirl, Mark Jensen was persuaded to run and was elected. In return for being let off the hook, Thom promised he'll help Mark every step along the way -- and we'll hold him to it! Thanks to Thom for all his hard work over the past year.

Here's the outcome of the other elections:

- ◆ David Medzerian, president
- ◆ Amy Griffin, Administrative Vice President

- ◆ Steve Creber, Vice President/Rodeo Operations
- ◆ Lenore Mankoff, Secretary

Finally, a special election was held to fill the post of Second Alternate State Board Rep. The post became open when our own Mike DeYonker was elected at the recent GSGRA convention as GSGRA State VP for Rodeo Operations; state rules prevent a GSGRA board member from being a state rep, too. Elected to the Second Alternate position was Steve Leigeber, who will join State Reps Thom Brennan, Steve Creber and Kevin Weeks and First Alternate Ruth Hilderbrandt in representing us at the quarterly State Board meetings. As we always say: Congratulations, Steve! Now get to work!

## The New Importance of Fundraising

As you must know, this year's L.A. Rodeo -- while being a hell of a lot of fun -- suffered financially because of Sunday's record-breaking rainfall. The rodeo was well on target to be a huge success -- Friday night's dance, Saturday's rodeo and Saturday night's dance were all at or above last year's attendance levels. But because we are one of the few rodeos on the entire circuit in which Sunday is bigger than Saturday, the bottom line suffered a lot due to the rain (we were down more than 2,000 people at the gate). Because of the losses sustained this year, fund-raising will be our No. 1 priority as we put things together for 2000. Call Rodeo VP Steve Creber right away at 562 624-1011, or e-mail the chapter at larodeo@larodeo.com, if you have any ideas for:

- ◆ Fund-raising, big or small.
  - ◆ Serving on a Rodeo Fund-raising Committee.
  - ◆ Pushing hard to get corporate sponsorships.
- We need everyone's help!

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## Thanks, L.A. Pride Volunteers!

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter was well-represented at this year's Christopher Street West celebration: A huge contingent of GSGRA members volunteered their services as beer-pourers during the festival on Saturday and Sunday. The chapter will receive a generous work-grant from CSW for each worker -- \$5 an hour for each worker -- and we also get to keep the tips earned during our shifts. (The tips alone are almost \$200!).

Thanks to beer pourers Roger Bergmann, Thom Brennan, Kirk Carter,

Steve Creber, Sue Downing, Erin Eaton, Jeff Graham, Ruth Hilderbrandt, Scott Hilderbrandt, Tracy Keiper, Steve Leigeber, David Medzerian (who also served as one of the five parade judges), Joe Olney, Penny Parrish, Nils Peterson (who brought along a bunch of his coworkers from Aetna!) David Renier, Connie Risch, and Jeannine Tuttle. If we left anyone off the list, it's only because we had so many volunteers -- thanks to everyone!

## New Chapter Address

To reduce costs -- and to improve our mail service -- the chapter voted at the June meeting to discontinue our previous mail-forwarding service and instead get a regular U.S. post office box.

With this change, we'll be able to get a year's worth of mail service for what a

month has been costing us, and the change will also allow us easier access to our mail whenever we want it, instead of waiting for the periodic forwarding from the mail service. The P. O. box is in the works -- the new address will be announced as soon as we get it!

## Chapter Meeting Schedule Changes Announced

The chapter meeting schedule has been revised somewhat, partly due to an unexpected conflict with a state board meeting, and partly to move the L.A. meetings to less-expensive digs. (The Village, where we've been meeting, charged us \$45-60 per meeting; to compare, The Center in Long Beach charges us about \$15.) Please note the revised schedule for the remainder of 1999:

- ◆ Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., Chapter Board meeting at Thom Brennan's house (directions below). (This replaces the Saturday, July 17, meeting.)
- ◆ Saturday, Aug. 14, 4 p.m., Chapter meeting followed by POTLUCK at Thom Brennan's.

- ◆ Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m., Chapter Board meeting at The Center, Long Beach (unchanged).
- ◆ Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m., Chapter meeting at The Center, Long Beach (unchanged)
- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m., Chapter Board meeting, location in L.A. to be announced.
- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m., Chapter meeting, Hilton Burbank Airport.

Remember that all meetings are open to everyone. (Thom lives at 5268 Ellenwood From the 5 North, take the 2 North and exit at Colorado. Go right, and go a few blocks turn left at the traffic light at Ellenwood Keep to right at the fork in the road. Thom's house is on the right after the road joins back together.)



## Sunset Dinner & Horseback Ride Proposed

The L.A. Chapter Activities committee is organizing one of the most fun horseback rides you could hope for: a sunset ride through Griffith Park to a Mexican restaurant in Burbank, and back again. If you've ever been on one of Sunset Ranch's famous dinner and horseback rides, you know what a fun ride this can be.

The ride will begin at Sunset Ranch in Griffith Park. It goes up, over the ridgetop, with terrific views of the city, and then descends into Burbank at the Equestrian Center. We'll stop for dinner there, then ride back to the ranch. This famous ride, one of the unique features of Griffith Park, is an experience you'll remember for many years to come. It's truly an event not to be missed!

So put September 11 on your calendar, and invite a friend!

This very popular trail ride requires us to reserve our horses well in advance, so we need to know who will be coming. If you're interested, you'll need to let Connie or Sue know right away -- by July 5! This is because we must have a minimum of ten, and we have to put down a deposit of \$300 to reserve the ride. As many as 25 horses could be available to us, but you'll have to let Connie and Sue know. Email Connie and Sue at [surfdogs@pacbell.net](mailto:surfdogs@pacbell.net) or call one of the chapter officers for their phone number.

More details, such as directions, will be in upcoming editions of the Chute.

## Rollerskating Night

Sunday nights are gay nights at the Moonlight Roller Way, 5110 San Fernando Road in the valley, and your chapter has scheduled a rollerskating night on Sunday, July 18. You're invited to come and check out the scenery!

If you are interested, the doors open at 7:30 PM and the party will be on till closing

at 11. The price is \$5, skates included, if you show your GSGRA membership card, \$6 plus \$2 for skates without. So head up the 134 freeway to San Fernando Road and go south about 6 blocks. If you get lost, the phone number is 818-241-3630.

## August Bowling Night Announced

If you're interested in a chapter bowling night, keep an eye on the August edition of the Chute. Our activities co-chairpersons, Connie and Sue, have announced that they're

organizing a bowling night for sometime in August. We don't have many details yet, but watch this space. We'll have an announcement for you in the next issue.

## Volunteers Still Needed for Convention

The national IGRA convention is going to be held in Long Beach between July 29-August 1, and if you're planning to attend, why not plan to volunteer, too? You can have a great time and help your chapter and the state association show the country we can put on a great convention!

If you'd like to help, call David Medzerian at 562-436-1810 or email him at [davidm@link.freedom.com](mailto:davidm@link.freedom.com).

There are a wide variety of positions that are available, and you're sure to find something that will be fun and interesting. Give him a call right away!

## CALENDAR

### JULY

- July 3-4 INLAND PRIDE  
U.C. Riverside Campus  
Riverside
- July 2-4 CANADIAN ROCKIES  
INTERNATIONAL RODEO  
Calgary, AL
- July 9-11 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL  
RODEO  
Denver, CO
- July 13  
7:30 PM BOARD MEETING  
Thom Brennan's home  
5268 Ellenwood  
Eagle Rock
- July 18  
7:30 PM ROLLERSKATING NIGHT  
5110 San Fernando Road  
Burbank
- July 28-Aug. 1 IGRA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Long Beach, CA  
Call David Medzerian to volunteer!

### AUGUST

- August 13-15 ZIA REGIONAL RODEO  
Albuquerque, NM
- August 14  
4 PM CHAPTER MEETING  
& POTLUCK  
Thom Brennan's home  
5268 Ellenwood  
Eagle Rock
- August 20-22 SIERRA STAMPEDE  
Sacramento, CA
- August 27-29 WINDY CITY RODEO  
Chicago, IL



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**SPECIAL ELECTION**

Don't forget that there will be a Special Election to fill the position of Chapter Secretary at the July General Membership meeting. Nominations are being accepted by any Executive Board member and will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. To be eligible for nomination for election to this office, a candidate must be a member of the Chapter, in good standing, for a minimum of six months prior to election and commit to maintain their membership for the duration of their term in office. And of course, the willingness to spend all their free time doing their duties. (just kidding about the last part, sort of)

Submitted by Dan Bradford

**CHAPTER BY LAWS**

There will be a special meeting of the membership to vote on changes/amendments to the Chapter ByLaws. This Special meeting will be held after the close of the August General Membership meeting on August 4, 1999. Any Chapter member wishing to present a change or amendment to the Chapter By Laws can submit these to the membership, in writing, at this Special meeting.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

**SplashDance  
Sept. 17, 1999**

**CALENDAR**

**Dates for July 1999**

Jul 2-4	Calgary Rodeo
Jul 6 7 PM	Board Meeting
Jul 7 7 PM	General Membership Mtg.
Jul 16 9 PM	Chapter Daddy Bear Contest at KICKER's
Jul 17 & 18	State Board Mtg. in Bay Area
Jul 21 7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
Jul 24 & 25	San Diego Pride
Jul 29-Aug 1	IGRA Convention in Long Beach hosted by GSGRA

**Dates for August 1999**

Aug 3 7 PM	Board Meeting
Aug 4 7 PM	General Membership Mtg./ Special By Laws Meeting
Aug 8	Hillcrest Street Fair
Aug 14-15	Orange County Pride
Aug 14-15	Albuqueq. & Detroit Rodeos
Aug 18 7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
Aug 20-22	Sacramento Rodeo
Aug 28-29	Chicago Rodeo
Aug 29 TBA	Chapter Beach Party at The Hole

**Greater San Diego Chapter - July 1999**

**ROB APPEL'S**

**"S P L A S H D A N C E"**

**IS COMING TO SAN DIEGO GAY RODEO  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
RODEO WEEKEND**

**at  
MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY'S  
POOLSIDE**

In the spirit of an ESTER WILLIAMS movie musical, come see ROB APPEL'S aquatic spectacle "SPLASH DANCE" with:

***Synchronized Swimmers,  
Attractive Models,  
Broadway-Country  
Stars and Dancers.***

Tickets are on sale now by calling the rodeo office for reservations at (619) 298-4708.

Seating is limited (500 guests only) so reserve early for "Splash Dance" promises to be an evening to remember.

**Benefit for GSDBA Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund and Special Delivery.**

Individual Tickets ...	\$40.00
VIP Poolside Tickets and VIP reception with "stars" after the show...	\$100.00
Rodeo attendees (surcharge) ...	\$20.00
(Special price with advance purchase of Rodeo week-end package)	



## Greater San Diego Chapter - July 1999

**KICKER's and The San Diego Chapter of GSGRA**

Proudly presents

**A GSGRA FUNDRAISER**

# **DADDY BEAR CONTEST**

**ShowTime  
AT 11 PM**

**CASH PRIZE**

**Friday, July 16, 1999**

**9:00 to 11:00 P.M.**

**at KICKER's**

**308 University Avenue,  
San Diego**

**50/50 Raffle,  
&  
Entertainment**

**Beer/Soda Bust  
10 Beverage tickets  
for \$5.00**

### **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

The Vice President of Rodeo Operations and this year's Rodeo Director are looking for a few interested people

that would like to learn all the ins-and-outs of putting a great rodeo. If you are interested, contact JJ Jennings or Nancy Novak for details.

There are still a few other Committee Chairs and Assistant position open. See any Executive Board member for info.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

## Greater San Diego Chapter - July 1999

### **SAN DIEGO PRIDE**

The Greater San Diego Chapter of GSGRA will once again be coordinating the Country Village at the San Diego Pride. Like always, we will need lots of bodies to make this a grand San Diego event. Come to the July General Membership meeting to find out where you can help out. Or contact one of the Executive Board members to find out what's needed. Some of the things we need people for are;

- help setting up and decorating the Country Village and Country Dance tent.
  - people to carry the 50+ State and other flags in the Pride Parade on Saturday
  - and of course help taking everything apart again after it's all over.
- If you haven't been involved with Pride before, it really is a fun and exciting experience, so come on down and have some fun.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

### **IGRA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

In case you haven't heard yet, the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association is the host of this year's IGRA Convention which is scheduled for July 29 through August 1, 1999 in Long Beach. This is the closest the convention has been in a while, so if you're interested in seeing the process of how all the things they do get done, this is a good opportunity to do so.

The Greater San Diego Chapter is looking for volunteers to operate the "Office Services" area at the Convention. We need people that have office administrative, typing and word processing skills. If you can type on a computer, we need your help. Contact Dan Bradford at (619) 298-4708 voice mailbox 3272 for details or to volunteer.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

### **SAN DIEGO PRIDE HORSE CONTINGENT**

We are looking for members to make up a horse contingent for the San Diego Pride Parade. The parade will be held on July 24, 1999. This is open not only to San Diego Chapter members, but to any GSGRA members. If you're interested, please leave a message for Kirk Carter at (619) 298-4708 voicemail ext. 5227. Love to see you all there.



**COWBOYS  
&  
OTHER ANIMALS**

**COUNTRY WESTERN  
DANCE**

to benefit: **PAWS/LA**

Largest Country Western Dance Floor  
**24,000 SQUARE FEET !**

**SATURDAY, JULY 3, 1999**  
**9:00pm to 2:00am**

at the Beautiful

**WESTIN BONAVENTURE HOTEL**  
Downtown Los Angeles

**GENERAL ADMISSION**

**\$10.00**

INFORMATION  
(818) 508-6982

**PARKING - \$6.00**



**Royalty News**

June was a great month for the royalty. Pride festivals, Rodeos, shows, where do I begin.

The royalty hosted a fund raiser at the World Famous Turf Club. The barbecue chicken and hot links along with all the fixin's were a big hit with the Hayward crowd.

Entertainment was lined up by Ms. GSGRA Lenora Almadova and kept the place hopping with energy and fun! Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the David Watkins Memorial Fund.

The royalty team sold raffle tickets at the Bay Area Regional Rodeo for a Limited Edition - numbered - Montana Silversmith buckle. It was a beautiful buckle and it was won by Dan Van Ost in the Bay Area. Congratulations Dan, wear it with pride. Proceeds from the raffle were split with the Bay Area Chapter Royalty's David Watkins Memorial Fund.

Coming up, be sure not to miss the royalty at the Rainbow Room in Hayward on Sunday, July 18, 1999! Eat, Drink and be merry with us as we put on a show benefiting the Breast Cancer Society.

We'll be coming to towns near you, soon. We thank you for your support and are happy to be a part of the GSGRA.

**The Rev. Jerry Falwell** has stepped in to clean up childrens television. A couple of weeks ago he "outed" the apparently homosexual Tinky Winky, a character from the Teletubbies show, because:

He's purple, the gay color. He has an antenna shaped like a triangle, the gay symbol, and, he carries a purse, something all gay people do.

Why is Reverend Falwell picking on Tinky Winky when there are many more likely targets?

**FRED FLINTSTONE.** His nickname on the Bedrock bowling team is Twinkle-toes Flintstone. The show's theme song ends...well have a gay old time He wears an orange dress with little triangles on it and he hangs out with Barney far more than Wilma.

**BUGS BUNNY.** Often stands with hand on hip. Plays a hairdresser in one episode. Frequently dresses in drag. Loves to throw on a top hat and tails and belt out Broadway show-tunes with his buddy Daffy who, its worth noting, has a lisp.

**POPEYE.** Eats lots of salad. Wears a sailor suit, even though he hasn't been on a ship in years. Does little sailor-dances. Dates a flat-chested transvestite named Olive Oil Best friend named Wimpy.

**BATMAN & ROBIN.** Robins nickname: Boy Wonder. Batmans real name: Bruce. Both wear tights. They're in great shape. They like to show each other their grappling hooks.

**PEPPERMINT PATTY** (from Peanuts). Has a deep, gravelly voice. Wears pants, not dresses like the other Peanuts gals. Plays a mean game of football. Likes to taunt Charlie Brown. Always hanging out with that androgynous Marcie. Wears comfortable shoes. Nickname: Sir.

**THE PINK PANTHER**  
Nuff said...



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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**ROAD**

**All road lead to Long Beach for the IGRA Convention 7/28/99-8/1/99**