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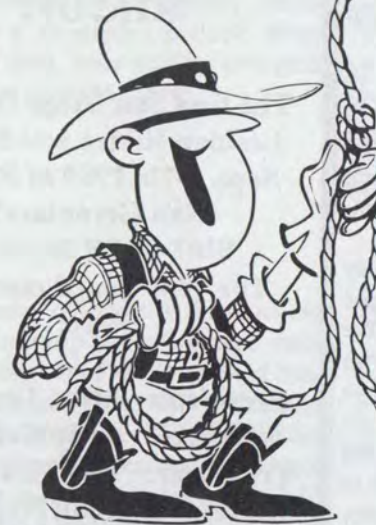


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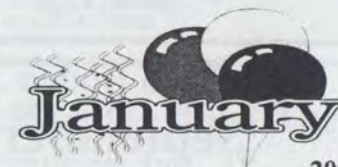
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**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**

Hey folks!

As your new Chapter President, I would like to start by congratulating the 1999 crew for putting together one heck of a year. This year's work has already started and I would like to thank the board for the long hours they have already put in establishing our 2000 budget and board operating procedures. If our work so far is any indication of our year to come, it's going to be a great one!

As promised, I will continue to emphasize the following two themes throughout the upcoming year: Making the chapter even more fun by adding events that everyone can enjoy, and getting more involved in our community.

Our donations committee is busy working on our next beneficiary for the 2000 rodeo, and we are currently in the process of establishing our contacts with the greater community. Keep your eye out for joint events to come.

As the hustle and bustle of the year's end approaches us, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Please, if you drink, get someone (!) to drive you home.

-Robert Kojima

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**Treasurer: Dean Hansen**  
**Secretary: John Northrup**  
**Rodeo Dir: Judy Galloway**  
**Arena Dir: Jeannine Tuttle**

**San Diego Rodeo 2000 will be held on  
September 21-24, 2000**

Hope to see you there!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TRAILRIDE**

Join us for a trail ride on Saturday, January 29th. Beginners are welcome, as are those with previous riding experience. A standard trail ride as well as a boogey ride will be offered. RSVP required. Please contact Nancy Novak at the rodeo office, x6668.

**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!**

For those of you who are into football for all it truly has to offer...tightends, sacking the quarterback, going for the long ones... this is the party for you. Join us at the Ric Wenzel's home at 2pm on **Sunday, January 30th** for a Superbowl potluck. Bring your favorite dish. Beer will be provided. RSVP to Ric at (619) 563-9095.

**RAWHIDE ROAD TRIP**

Tired of the same old faces in the same old bar, join us for a trip to our northern sister bar, the Rawhide. On **February 27**, a busload of San Diego's finest will be heading up to celebrate (okay, so it's just another excuse to drink and dance the day away). Cost: \$25/per person. Bus leaves at 3:30 from the Rodeo Office and will return at 10:30 pm. For additional information, contact Rick Hensley (619) 299-5070.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

State Board Elections will be held on 2/2/2000. Nominations will be accepted at the 1/5/2000 meeting and anytime up to the vote.

**HELP PRESERVE  
OUR HISTORY**

To all you rodeo fans out there who are interested in preserving our history: a group is currently being formed to organize and maintain the scads of photos, rodeo programs, and other memorabilia that has been collected over the years. If you are interested in helping out, contact Robert Farley at x7327 or simply attend the first meeting of the Archives Committee on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:15 PM. All thoughts and ideas are welcome.



Belated congratulations go out to Joe Avila for competing in the IGRA Finals in Little Rock.

**Rodeo roundtable will be held on the third Tuesday of the month beginning on Jan. 18.**

## SYSTEM SUPPORT

Howdy, all! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season and are looking forward to a prosperous and happy new year! I am currently embarking on a project as system support chair to update and consolidate our databases into a single, easy to use, system. I need help from the chapter chairs and rodeo coordinators for the past year. Any and all data, correspondence, etc., that you have for the last year needs to be forwarded to me either in electronic form or I'll even take paper! If you can please get this info to me by the end of January, it would be much appreciated by me and by this year's new chair and coordinators so they don't have to start completely from scratch. Thank you for your help.

- Ed Wallum

### ALL RODEO CONTESTANTS

2000 IGRA Rulebooks are available at the rodeo office.



### OFFICE NOTES

We are working to reduce our mailing expenses so if you are willing to receive correspondence by email, please send your email address to [gsglasan@aol.com](mailto:gsglasan@aol.com). Your email address will not be shared with anyone else. You will still receive the Chute by mail, and any other mailouts that cannot be sent via email.

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations go out to Neil Holmes, the 1999 winner of the Ralph Martinez Member of the Year award. Just some history on this award. This award was founded in memory of Ralph Martinez, who was one of the founding members of rodeo, and served three terms as president of the San Diego Chapter. This award is given to the member who has done the most to promote rodeo throughout that chosen year. Way to go Neil!

### CALENDAR

#### Dates for January 2000

Jan	TBA	Board Meeting
Jan 5	7 PM	General Membership Mtg.
Jan 18	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
Jan 29	TBA	Trail Ride
Jan 30	2PM	Superbowl Party

#### Dates for February 2000

Feb	TBA	Board Meeting
Feb3	7 PM	General Membership Mtg.
Feb16	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Mtg.
Feb 27	3:30PM	Bus Trip to Rawhide

## Greater San Diego Chapter - January 2000

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For anyone who is looking for an opportunity to get involved in the rodeo community, now's your chance. To sign up for one of the above posted listings or if you would just like to volunteer as an assistant contact Nancy Novak for more information.

**Happy New Year** from the Y2K Royalty Team. It is sure to be a great year for us and GSGRA.

In December, the Royalty Team was invited to the Capital Crossroads Chapter's "Christmas at the Crossroads." It was an exciting and festive event. Miss Erica K showed everyone what Santa gets to come home to in her red velvet and white fur-trimmed mini-Claus outfit. Boy, Santa sure is lucky! No wonder he only leaves the North Pole once a year. Miss K also cuddled up for photos to very special guests, the Millennium Men, calendar poster boys on the Millennium Men Calendar who stopped in to sign the month they appear on. Mr. April - WOOF! The more calendars signed, the more clothes came off. What a way to watch the New Year go by.

The royalty also helped Sacramento's Court of the Greater Northwest Imperial Empire (CGNIE) with their barn dance fundraiser. Thanks to the many that participated in the raffles and the show; even those that came from great distances and other chapters. Your support is greatly appreciated. The GSGRA royalty would like to extend their congratulations to the new Mr. Sacramento Gay Cowboys 2000: Herb "Zack" Kreiter and Zack "Toz" Jackson. The two Zack's will rule Sacramento together for the year 2000.

Looking ahead, the royalty team is planning to represent GSGRA at AGRA's Roadrunner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix, Arizona in January. See you there!

**GSGRA Y2K Royalty Team**

### **IGRA CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATIONS**

In accordance with G.S.G.R.A. Bylaws and Standing rules, nominations are now being taken for the IGRA Convention Delegation to best represent the interests of GSGRA, Inc. Nominees are taken to represent specific categories and are listed

below. Alternates will be considered as to the nominee's ability to represent as many of the specific categories as possible. GSGRA Trustee and President are automatic delegates. Nominee's at the time of going to press are:

**Bylaws & Standing Rules:** Dan Bradford, Roger Bergmann, Bill Chapman, Steve Creber, Mike DeYonker, Doug Graff, Clint Johnson, Brad Roberts.

**Rodeo Production:** Terrylee Allert, Roger Bergmann, Matt Bowers, Michelle Chagnon, Steve Creber, Erin Eaton, Jim Jennings, Clint Johnson, Nancy Novak, Brad Roberts, Tracy Keiper, Sammy VanGalder

**Contestants/Rodeo Rules:** Roger Bergman, Thom Brennan, Kirk Carter, Michele Chagnon, Bill Chapman, Christy Cotton, Steve Creber, Lin Daugherty, Mike DeYonker, Doug Graff, Jim Jennings, Nancy Novak, Drew Oberbeck, Brad Roberts, Sunny Rose, Kevin Weeks.

**Dance/Royalty:** Steve Creber, Mitch Gill, Doug Graff, Ken Valdez, Sammy Van Galder.

**Alternates:** Kat Bertram.

Nominees may or may not have accepted or declined their nomination. Nominees are listed in alphabetical order. Those not selected in a specific category will be automatically nominated as an alternate.

### **Mark Your Calendars for a Buckout.**

A Buckout is scheduled for Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 2000 in Acton starting at 10:00am. Events will include Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, and Calf Roping on Foot. Beginners are definitely welcome and there will be instruction in each event with a strong emphasis on safety. A free BBQ will follow the Buckout.

Directions and more info in next months Chute. Any questions, call Charlie at (661) 285-5306.

### **They're Back!!! Gay Rodeo is alive and well and living in Palm Springs and the Central Valley.**

Rodeo fans in the Central Valley and the Palm Springs areas, this is for you.

There is renewed interest in our favorite pastime and some members are interesting in restarting the Central Sierra and the Desert Empire Chapters of G.S.G.R.A. If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in then Doug and Barry in Pal Springs or Mitch in Central California would really like to hear from you. E-mail or snail-mail sent c/o the Membership Committee will be forwarded for you so drop us a line and get involved.

It will take 25 interested members, willing to commit to each new chapter, for the new chapters to get going so if you live in the right area and you want rodeo back in your back yard, get in touch.

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# BAY AREA CHAPTER



## Words from the Pres!

Words from the President.

I hope you've all recovered from the Holidays without too many scars! This time of year tends to bring out the reflection in all of us as well as the conqueror.

Just a little reflection on 99...we've built an awesome group of people enjoying C/W stuff (that's a technical term encompassing many activities) as well as each other. It's easy to see the camaraderie that we've built by attending any of our functions. Even our meetings have a fun tone to them.



Now on to the Visionary Stuff (there's that technical term again). How do we want to change the world? What is it we want the BAC to do this year that will make people say, "Hey, those Gay Rodeo Folks were sure nice/thoughtful/helpful/FUN people." We're in very good financial shape heading into this year's rodeo thanks to our Fundraising Crew doing some outstanding events already, so we don't have to be so completely focused on making money. Now is the time to step forward with an idea that will help us make our mark in the new Millennium!

One thing we are going to be spending a little time on this year is the concept of a "Sister Rodeo". At the last member meeting, I was given the OK to study what a "Sister Rodeo" would mean to the BAC. We'll be looking for another Rodeo, probably in the mid-west or east that would be willing to work on this project with us. Most likely we'd share By-laws and procedures as well as "Lessons Learned". I'm also envisioning a large group of BAC folks "invading" our Sister's Rodeo. I believe this experience could enrich us all!

## Rodeo Stuff

**WE'VE GOT A RODEO!** The Bay Area Chapter's Rodeo was approved by the State Board at the November meeting. Rodeo 2000 will be the weekend of June 16 - 18. As you know, we need a LOT of help to produce a rodeo, so get on board and help make this the best rodeo ever!



Rodeo Roundtable Meetings for January are:

Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the San Jose Airport Hyatt at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Doug Graff's house. This meeting will occur prior to our January Meet & Great event (see above). Call the hotline and watch your email for updates on the time.

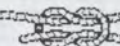
## Details Details

Ok.....so some of you don't check your email real often. And, it's the holidays. BUT, please please, if you didn't send me an email yet verifying your email address, shoot it off now. We're implementing a new email feature about chapter events, and it is only being sent to chapter members that have verified their email addresses. So, one more reason to make sure our records are up-to-date! Drop me a email note at [RodeoJab@aol.com](mailto:RodeoJab@aol.com). If you don't have email, then let us know your fax number and you'll get the same special notices! Just send your fax number to the BAC mailbox, and mark it to my attention. Thanks!



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## Fun Things Coming Your Way

**January Meet and Greet.** This time we're gonna be knocking some pins down. Plan to join us on **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** right after the Rodeo Round Table Meeting (see below) for some rocking bowling. Dim lights, drinks, and our group...you just know there's gonna be some fun had. We need to get an accurate head count to reserve the lanes, so please send Donnie an email or drop us a note in the snail mail no later than January 6<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Donnie at [boyfromsc@aol.com](mailto:boyfromsc@aol.com)



**Dancing at the 1220!** We're back! Mark your calendars now for **January 29<sup>th</sup>**! Everything kicks off at 8:00 PM. Club 1220 is located at 1220 Pine Street in Walnut Creek.

**LA Chapter's Play Day on February 6<sup>th</sup>.** All reports say this a lot of fun last time, and they're back, so if you missed the last one, head on down and join the party. Please contact Doug at [MRIGRA99@aol.com](mailto:MRIGRA99@aol.com) so we can get a headcount.

**IGRA returns to RENO.** Did you know IGRA first started becoming a reality 25 years ago in Reno? Well, now we're going back. Make plans now to attend the IGRA Reno Leadership weekend February 11 through 13. Questions? Drop us an email at [RodeoJab@aol.com](mailto:RodeoJab@aol.com)

**February Chapter Meeting.** Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the San Jose Hyatt at 7:30.

**BAR-B-QUE.** It's just about time for our world famous Sunday afternoon fund raisers at the Eagle Tavern. This year you get **twice the fun!** See you there on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.



**MUD FOOTBALL.** Coming soon to a muddy field near you in the spring. Keep alert for upcoming details.



Just to recap, we've had some really great fun events lately, an evening at the National Finals, an afternoon at the horse races, and the holiday ball. Things are just getting started to, so come on out and join the fun.

Remember, all events are subject to change after press time. So, make it a habit to check the hotline at **(415) 561-9228** and/or the webpage often.

## Thanks to...

Chris Caufield for hosting the December Meeting.

All the volunteers that worked so hard on the Christmas Party. What a fabulous job and an awesome party. Can't wait for next year!

What do you think? Let me know if you have any thoughts about what a "Sister Rodeo" program should include or if you have any suggested Rodeos.

Happy New Year Everyone!!

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## Bravely following Gregg's footsteps....

Dear Bay Area Chapter Members,

As Chapter Vice President, it is my responsibility to oversee dance and royalty at the chapter level. Well, it's been at least two to three years since the chapter has had local royalty. In trying to better focus my efforts, I am asking for feedback from all of you. If you could find the time to drop me a quick email, I would love to hear your thoughts on the matter. Why don't you think that local chapter royalty is as popular as in other chapters? What do you think we could do at the chapter level to get more people involved in running for royalty titles? It's this type of feedback that I would love to get back. All responses would be greatly appreciated, and please be as candid as possible. Your views on this issue will be extremely valuable to me. It will also help the rodeo committee make sure that we put on one hell of a rodeo as well!! I know that I speak on behalf of the BAC Executive Board in saying that we are committed to making this chapter something that all members can be proud of. Creating a fun organization, as well as putting on a fun and successful rodeo are two of our main goals for this year. Thank you in advance for your help.



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## Congratulations to...

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## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

### The Holiday Party Rocked!

The Bud Lite (and Pucker) was flowing and a fabulous time was had by all at the annual Holiday Party. A HUGE thank you to **Thom Brennan** for hosting a wonderful party and to **Sue Downing**, **Connie Risch**, and **Thom Brennan's Mom** for assisting with the preparations. Thanks also to all who brought toys or canned food. Your donations are truly appreciated during this holiday season.

### Upcoming G.L.A.C. Events

#### Beer Bust at Pistons on Jan. 9th

don't forget the upcoming beer bust fundraiser at Pistons on Sunday, January 9th, 2000. The last party at Pistons was a hoot and raised several hundred dollars for the upcoming L.A. Rodeo. This time around, Beer Bust at Pistons will be great fun again! Pistons is on Artesia Blvd. just east of Cherry Avenue in North Long Beach. To get there, take the 91 Freeway to Cherry, go south and turn left on Artesia; the bar is on your right.

#### Party in Phoenix on Jan. 17th

David Medzerian will be hosting his annual post-rodeo "Undies Mondays" party at Charlie's in Phoenix on Monday night,

January 17th, 2000. This event is a fundraiser for The L.A. Rodeo and AGRA and has become a post-rodeo tradition in Phoenix. Try to fit this fun evening into your schedule for Phoenix Rodeo weekend!

#### Rodeo Buckout on Feb. 6th

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter will be hosting a fabulous Buckout and Barbeque on SUNDAY, February 6th, 2000. This will be a great chance to practice calf roping on foot, chute dogging, steer riding, goat dressing, and steer decorating. Watch your mailbox for more detailed information or check the G.L.A.C. web site at <http://www.larodeo.com> as the date nears.

(Note: There will be no horse events here.)

### Important Election Information!!!

Although the elections of chapter officers isn't until June, we are starting the process early because three of our officers -- third-year President David Medzerian, second-year Administrative Vice President Amy Griffin and second-year Rodeo Vice President Steve Creber -- are not planning to run for re-election. **Nils Peterson** and **Thom Brennan** have agreed to serve as the Nominations Committee for the 2000 elections and will be collecting nominations for the five chapter officer posts to present at the April chapter meeting at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. In addition, nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual Election Meeting in June in Long

Beach. To run, you must be a chapter member in good standing on the day of the election (and you can nominate yourself). To make a nomination, contact Nils at (562) 435-2511 or Thom at (323) 256-7868 or at [tbngrendel@aol.com](mailto:tbngrendel@aol.com).

The chapter's *other* annual election will take place in April, when we select our three State Board Representatives and two Alternates. Nominations for these posts will be taken from the floor at the April chapter meeting. Representatives and Alternates will serve for a year beginning at the end of the annual GSGRA convention. This year's Convention will be held in May in sunny San Diego.

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## LOS ANGELES RODEO INFORMATION

### Charities and Grand Marshal Announced

At the December meeting, the chapter voted to have **L.A. Shanti**, **The Minority AIDS Project**, and the **Gilda Radner Ovarian Cancer Center** as the beneficiaries of the upcoming rodeo. This is the first year that Los Angeles has been able to put the charitable donation amounts into the budget *before* the rodeo. This means that these three worthy groups will be receiving the donation amounts whether or not the L.A. Rodeo makes money (in the past, donations were only given if there was surplus money after the rodeo, and unfortunately the last

several years there hasn't been any surplus afterward). The three groups are quite deserving, and we are looking forward to working closely with them for the rodeo. We also plan to make lots of money at this year's rodeo to help them out!

The chapter also voted to have zany comedian **Rip Taylor** as our Year 2000 Grand Marshal. More on Rip in the next newsletter... if you just can't wait, you can get a head start at <http://www.riptaylor.com> (no kidding!)

### L.A. Rodeo Booths in Phoenix and Vegas

Because of the great fund-raising and publicity success of our chapter booths at the Sacramento and San Diego rodeos, we're going to do it again at the upcoming Phoenix and Las Vegas rodeos. **Mark Jensen** and **Lenore Mankoff** have agreed to oversee the

booths, but they can't do it alone! Even those competing can stop by during those rodeos and give them a hand (or a well-needed break)! They would certainly appreciate the help!

### L.A. Rodeo Seeking Assistants

The chairs of the various rodeo committees are seeking assistants for the Year 2000 Rodeo. This can be a great opportunity to get more involved in the nuts and bolts of the Rodeo. Assistants will work alongside chairs learning what it takes to make the

Rodeo happen. All areas are currently seeking assistants, including entertainment, security, publicity, operations, and others. If you are interested, please contact **Steve Creber** at (562) 624-1011 or at [screber@usa.net](mailto:screber@usa.net).

### New Members and More ...

A hearty welcome to new member **Michael Welch** and welcome *back* to renewing members **Lenore Mankoff** and **Robert Morgan**. We look forward to a fabulous Rodeo Season 2000 with you! And warm wishes to **Sue Downing**, **Renee Garside**, **Jaun Gearity**, **William Goninan**, **Robert Hansen**, **Terry Lazarios**, **Philip Lucier**,

**Belinda Merritt**, **Renee Rettstatt**, **Rod Vilencia**, who all celebrated birthdays in December. Congratulations and Happy New Year to all! As usual, you can e-mail newsletter content and/or comments to me at [dmdeming@yahoo.com](mailto:dmdeming@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

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# CALENDAR

## JANUARY

- Jan. 8  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER MEETING**  
The Center, Long Beach  
2017 E. Fourth St., Long Beach
- Jan. 9  
**BEER BUST FUND-RAISER**  
Pistons, Long Beach  
2020 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach
- Jan. 14-16  
**ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO -- Phoenix, AZ**
- Jan. 17  
**GLAC/AGRA FUND-RAISER**  
Charlie's, Phoenix  
727 W. Camelback Rd. @ 7th Ave.  
602-265-0224

## FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5  
**STATE BOARD MEETING**  
Los Angeles  
Hilton Burbank Airport  
2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank
- Feb. 6  
**L.A. CHAPTER PLAYDAY**  
Time and Location TBA
- Feb. 19  
10 AM  
**CHAPTER MEETING**  
The Center, Long Beach

## 2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 10 am Sat. March 11, Hansen Dam (board)  
10 am Sun. April 2, Hansen Dam (chapter)  
10 am Sat. May 13, Long Beach (board)  
10 am Sat. June 10, Long Beach ("annual meeting of members" with chapter elections)  
10 am Sun. July 9, L.A. (board)  
4 pm Sat. Aug. 12, L.A. (chapter, with potluck after)  
10 am Sat. Sept. 16, Long Beach (board)  
10 am Sat. Oct. 7, Long Beach (chapter)  
10 am Sat. Nov. 4, L.A. (board)  
10 am Sun. Dec. 3, L.A. (chapter)



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## WHAT'S THE CHATTER?

Not to be out done, thanks to two of our members we now have a full house! Capital Crossroads' members **Zack Kreiter** and **Zach Jackson** (Toz - the other Zach) both came away with the title bestowed on by CGNIE of **Mr. Cowboy**. That gives us two Mr. Cowboys and three State Royalty! A big thank you to these two for helping continue the chapter's efforts in being a contributing force in the community. It was also nice to see these two be such gentlemen and share the title. As it turns out the results were locked away and the winner could not be determined. They graciously agreed to share the title, thus saving some face for a very good event and giving us even more representation in the community. **Thanks gentlemen!**

**CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSSROADS**, hosted by the chapter on **December 18<sup>th</sup>**, was a great success. Those that planned it and made it come together (**Stacey Spear** -chair, **Zach "Toz" Jackson**, **Jim Joseph**, **Billy Hughes**, and **Marshall**) are to be commended. A big thanks to **Paul Davis** and **Michael Fox**, who not only donated the use of their space, but also helped put the finishing touches on decorations. **Terry Sidie (Faces)** sponsored the liquor license and **Joseph (Joseph's and the Bolt)** provided the h'ors deouvres at cost, with the cost in turn covered by **Billy Hughes**. **Kevin**, from the **Townhouse** (2-8 shift), volunteered as our bartender, and **Sammy Van Galder** stepped in as DJ when the first two DJ's canceled. Thanks Sammy - you not only did a great job - you knew the crowd, you're cute, and you are a great entertainer. Speaking of great entertainment, who was that wild woman dancing with the millennium men? Was that Lin Daugherty? And speaking of wild, who was that masked man that bought the Yule Log (pastry) made by **Bill Hause** for \$200. Needless to say, the chapter did a great job supporting the function. It was wonderful to see the out of town support as well. No body told us that Cindy McCormick and Jennifer could dance so well! Let's get them over for Lady's night at Faces! Stacey and Toz are already busy planning next year's. One last comment, how many events can boast attendance by all the bar owners in town? Talk about your community support. It was good to see Don and Carl, former owners of the Townhouse, there as well! A **BIG** thanks to our **Royalty, Erika, Alex, and Matt**, for their help too!

After recovering from the Holidays will be focused on the Phoenix rodeo, but **get ready for February!** Take a look at the calendar and mark your calendar for the first ever **Hanky Panky Casino Night at the Mercantile on February 19<sup>th</sup>** and hosted by your current Royalty. See past and present Royalty deal those hot 21's and try your luck! Wear you hanky or bandanna and receive drinks for happy hour prices all night. **Dan Self**, member and bar manager, has been a great supporter! Let's help the Royalty with a fun event and continue supporting those who support us!

### From the President:

Howdy Everyone!

Welcome to the NEW MILLENNIUM!!! I hope y'all had a safe and joyous Christmas or Hanukkah Holiday season and a Fantastic New Year. The Rodeo Chapter had two big events in December. First there was the CGNIE benefit show and dance for the Sierra Stampede 2000. I'd like to thank CGNIE for all of their support and efforts. The turn out was great and everyone had a good time.

Next was the Christmas at the Crossroads party. Stacey and his Band of Merry Men did a great job on this one - THANKS STACEY & ALL THE CREW! This was a great event and a lot of fun. Terry Sidie (FACES), dropped by with the MILLENNIUM MEN and sold autographed calendars with \$3 from each sale going to our rodeo fund. Terry also presented us with a check from the CGNIE party for \$540 - THANKS TERRY! I'd also like to thank **Jon Hanson**, a NEW member, for his creative talents on creating the great artwork. Jon attended the November Chapter meeting, joined, and immediately went to work - THANKS JON! Finally, a SPECIAL THANKS to all the chapter members that came out and supported the chapter!

With the Holidays behind us, we now need to focus on Rodeo 2000. We are still in need of FUND RAISING IDEAS and MONEY!!! As I stated in previous announcements. We NEED \$7000.00 in the back by February 2000 in order to make a bid to have a rodeo. We have a long way to go in a very short time. The members of this Chapter did a great job on the first ever rodeo in Sacramento. Let's not let that hard work be forgotten. Let's start the new millennium with the force of a stampede. The Capital Crossroads Rodeo Chapter exists for you, and, because of you. Please help support the chapter and rodeo 2000.

Love, Health, and Happiness to all in 2000...

Herb Smith  
President, Capital Crossroads



**NEXT RODEO MEETING - JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT JOSEPH'S, 7:00P.M. BE EARLY, 6:00 P.M., AND JOIN MEMBERS FOR DINNER! IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT EARLY, BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND IDEAS. WE ARE ON TO "Rodeo 2000"!**

## CALENDAR

### January

- 11 -- Chapter Rodeo Meeting, 7:00P.M. at Joseph's Town and Country, come early and join members for dinner.
- 14-16 --Phoenix Rodeo
- 23 --Chapter meeting, 1:30; location: Jesse Swisher's home, 3716 Rock Island Dr., Sacramento CA 95827, call the hotline or 362-6697 for directions.

### February

- 5 --GSGRA State Board Meeting, Long Beach, 10:00a.m.
- 6 --GSGRA Buck out in Acton, CA (by Lancaster/Palmdale) hosted by the GLAC Chapter. Watch for details!
- 12-13 --RETURN TO RENO - a weekend dedicated to training and sharing of ideas of putting on a rodeo. Those interested in attending should contact Doug Graff, former Mr. IGRA, with the Bay Area chapter. Try to attend - it should be a very worthwhile event. Reno is just over the "hill" - let us this as a spring board for building interest in our rodeo as well!
- 15 -- Chapter Rodeo Meeting, 7:00P.M. Location to be announced.
- 19 -- HANKY PANKY CASINO NIGHT, at the Mercantile, 20<sup>th</sup> and L St. Call the hotline for details.

### Editors Note

#### Y2K, G.S.G.R.A. and *The Chute*

With the New Year, G.S.G.R.A. will transition to an entirely new computer software program custom designed for managing our membership records, all two thousand five hundred and eighty six of them. It's a big move and long since past due and with the Y2K thing, we have no other options, so, here we go.

The new software has great potential and we are looking forward to some really handy management tools but first we have to get things up to the level of the old system and that may take a month or two, then we will start looking for new features. At the time of going to press our data has been transferred and we see no problems but you never know. The February newsletter will be our first mailing using the new system for our mailing labels so if you don't get your copy of *The Chute* by March 1, 2000 give us a call and we'll get things checked out for you.

#### *It's Not his Fault!!!*

Whilst we're in the mood for some apologizing, here's one we owe to our Treasurer, Bill Chapman. Bill does a great job of taking care of our finances and he keeps sending us stuff to publish in *The Chute* but we have been having some formatting problems between his computer software and ours. Now we would love to blame this one on the Y2K thing too, but we can't. The truth is we just haven't had time to resolve the problems, but here's a commitment. We will carry whatever Bill sends our way for our next issue even if we have to hand transcribe the whole thing with a felt tip marker pen!!

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**Y2K.....A whole new Milenium just waiting to be Rodeoed in!!!!!!**