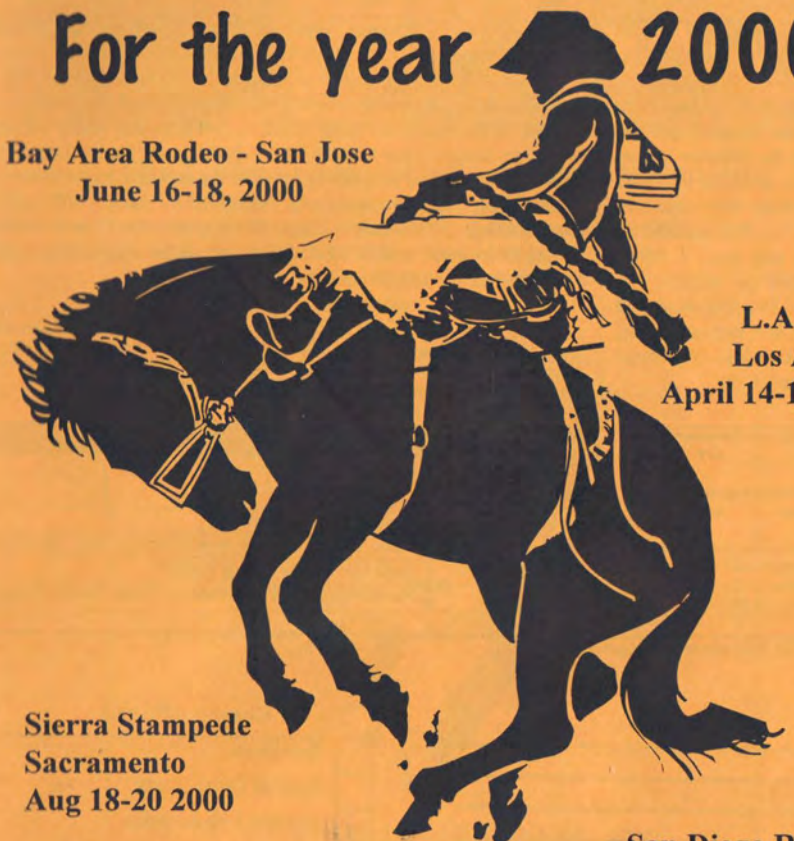


CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year 2000

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
June 16-18, 2000

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 14-16, 2000



Sierra Stampede
Sacramento
Aug 18-20 2000

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 21-24, 2000

The Chute

April 2000

The Official Newsletter
of G.S.G.R.A.

G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee
4226 East 15th Street
Long Beach, Ca 90804

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L.A. Rodeo 2000 - April 14-16
The Sunshine Rodeo

GSGRA State Convention



Friday, May 5 — Sunday May 7 2000

Need a place to stay?

The Sommerset Suites hotel is offering special rates to GSGRA Convention attendees. Located two blocks away from Kickers and less 5 minutes from the Mission Valley Marriott, studio and one bedroom rooms are available fully equipped with a mini kitchen, free continental breakfast, pool and spa, 1 bdrm: \$109, studio \$99 per night. For reservations call 800-962-9665 and ask for the GSGRA corporate rate, **group code CF-0000**. You must call prior to April 27th.

The San Diego Chapter welcomes the GSGRA State Board Convention to San Diego. The weekend starts with a kickoff party at Kickers with a 10 for \$5 beer special (good from 7pm until 10:30pm) on Friday night. Convention itself will be on Sat and Sun (Sunday if needed) at the Mission Valley Marriott, and Saturday Night will see the State Dance Contest at Kickers starting at 7pm. Lunch on Saturday is included in your registration fee and will be provided by Chef's Wok. The Mexican Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday will benefit the San Diego 2000 Rodeo. Prepared by master chef David Pickle, tickets to the event will be available at any of the convention events or at the door for \$15.00.

Mission Valley Marriott: 8757 Rio San Diego Drive San Diego, CA 92108: 619-692-3800
 Kickers / Hamburger Mary's: 308 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103: 619-491-0400
 Sommerset Suites: 606 Washington Street: San Diego, CA 92103: 800-962-9665
 San Diego Chapter Office: 3758 30th Street; San Diego, CA 92104: 619-298-4708

Questions about the event?
 Contact Ken Valdez 619.299.7813

Questions about Registration?
 Contact Craig Rouse 408.378.6167

Mail all registration entries to:
 Craig Rouse
 4744 Bannock Circle
 San Jose, CA 95130

Schedule

Time	Event
Fri 8:30p-11:00p	Kickoff party at Kickers
Sat/Sun 10a-4p	State Board Convention at Mission Valley Marriott
Sat 7p-10p	State Dance Contest at Kickers
Sun 1p-4p	Mexican Dinner Fundraiser at David Pickles House

Attach this portion and send with registration fee

Registrant 1
 Name _____
 address _____

Email _____
 Phone _____

Registrant 2
 Name _____
 address _____

Email _____
 Phone _____

Chapter Affiliation

- Bay Area
- Capital Crossroads
- Greater Los Angeles
- Greater San Diego
- Greater Palm Springs
- No Chapter Affiliation

Total (\$25.00 / person)

Please make all checks payable to
G.S.G.R.A.
 And mail registration entries to:
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It's that time of year again.....

Let's Rodeo



April 14 – 16, 2000
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center
 &
The Burbank Airport Hilton
(562)498-1675

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Greater San Diego Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's just amazing the amount of energy that goes into our organization, and the fun that our members have doing it! Recently, the bus trip to the Rawhide, Chili Cook-Off, and our appearance at the GSDBA Scholarship Benefit were fun and represented the chapter well. Look for many more Rodeo events, fundraisers and activities in the future.

I am happy to see chapter members having fun along with hard work at our chapter events. On the note of fun and hard work, the weekend of May 5-7 is going to be a good one. With a fundraiser at Kickers on Friday night, State Board Convention Saturday and Sunday, the State Dance Competition at Kickers on Saturday night, and to cap it all off, world-renown chef David P.'s Mexican Dinner Fundraiser for us on that Sunday, it will be a fun and busy weekend indeed.

In closing, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Steve and the LA chapter members who greeted us so warmly during the Rawhide bus trip. Everyone who went up had a great time, and you truly made us feel welcome.

GSGRA—San Deigo Rodeo Chapter is pleased to announce the charities for Rodeo 2000. The organizations chosen to receive the proceeds raised during Rodeo 2000 are Special Delivery and Auntie Helen's. The recipient of the Boots and Briefs fundraiser, is yet to be determined. Come out and enjoy the festivities of Rodeo 2000 knowing that you will be helping to raise money for these two very worthwhile San Diego AIDS organizations. Remember, it can't get done without your support.

Rodeo 2000—September 21st thru September 24th

We would love to hear from you. If you would like to contact us, or get information on our organization, please do so at:

HOTLINE/ VOICE MAIL: (619) 298-4708

FAX: (619) 298-4709

E-MAIL: gsglasan@aol.com

WEB PAGE: www.sandiegorodeo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEAD FOR THE HILLS!

Join the San Diego Chapter of GSGRA for a fun filled weekend of camping at the Second Chance Ranch, near Lake Henshaw in late July. All you need to have a great time is a tent, something to rest your body on and some grub to fill your stomach. There are plenty of things to do to fill your day, whether you choose to hike the trails, lounge by the pool, venture into the nearby town of Julian or dance the night away under the stars. The low cost of enjoying this spectacular setting is only \$15 per night per person. So what are you waiting for? Mark your calendar for the weekend of July 29th and call Jon Strmiska at (619) 298-4708, extension 5787 for further information or to request a reservation form.

STATE BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for State Board Representative will take place at the General Membership Meeting on April 5, at 7pm. Be there to vote and show your support for the new State Board Reps.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND BEER BUST

Come to Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's on May 5th, and bring along any of those people you know that have wanted to join the Association but haven't made the commitment yet. Remember, all new members that sign up get some marvelous signing bonuses and don't forget to tell them about the great discounts they will receive as members (see our membership discounts also in this issues). If that doesn't convince them, have them locked in the JAILHOUSE until they sign up.

STATE DANCE CONTEST

We want to have all of our members at this event being held at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's on May 6th. Come out and support the dancers that are competing and welcome all of the delegates from the other GSGRA chapters that will be in town for the State Convention. With all these Cowboys and Cowgirls loose in town for the weekend, who knows what can happen!

MEXICAN FIESTA AND DINNER

This event will be held at David P.'s house from 1 pm to 4 pm on Sunday May 7th. For \$15.00, you will get a WONDERFUL Mexican meal, superb company, and an afternoon that will be talked about for years. If you remember, we did this at David's house a few years ago, and it was a huge event. This is a BYOB affair. Tickets will be available at the April General Membership meeting or call Charles at (619) 280-9732 for information or tickets.

CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS

A Great Big Rodeo THANK YOU to everyone that entered his or her fantastic chili in our CHILI COOK-OFF that was held on Saturday, March 11th. From our Chapter, we had Gary, Ed, David and Jill. From Bears SD, Mike (the newly elected Mr. SD Leather, 1st RU) and Tony form SDRH. The winner was Gary, but let me tell you, we had some wonderful samples of great chili. Everyone that paid \$5 to sample each of them and vote for their favorite really got their money's worth. Thank you also to all of the friends of the Rodeo, patrons of the Hole, Steve and Debbie, and all of the Chapter members who showed up to support this event. Remember, fundraisers aren't successful without your support.

RIDE INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Did you know?

The fourth San Diego Gay and Lesbian Rodeo was held on Sept. 25-27, 1992 at Del Mar Fairgrounds Equestrian Center.

The 1992 board members were:

President: Ralph Martinez
Executive

Vice Pres: Mikel Edwards

Treasurer: Bill Chapman

Secretary: Vince Coco

Rodeo Dir:

&

Vice Pres: Carl Peterson

Arena Dir: Erin Eaton

Grand Marshal:
Will Jamarron

RODEO NOTES

The fifth annual Bighorn Rodeo was held March 4th and 5th in Las Vegas, NV. The rodeo drew 144 contestants nationwide, with almost 70 horse contestants. The weather was warm on Saturday with sunshine and clear skies, but proved to be the windy, cold dessert that it can be on Sunday. Cold weather, wind & rain made for a very uncomfortable day. The following contestants from the Greater San Diego Rodeo Chapter competed at Horsemen's Park: Bonnie Boone, Ted Caldwell, Ron Call, Kirk Carter, Charlie Cole, Randy Funderburk, Jason Hott, Clayton Jacobson, Jason Martin, David Renier, Larry Rose, & Ed Wallum. Congratulations to Jason Hott & his rodeo partner for winning the Steer Deco buckle, and Bonnie Boone for winning the women's Pole Bending & Barrel Racing buckles. Bonnie was also 2nd runner-up in the Women's All-Around. In the Men's All-Around, David Renier was 4th runner-up, and Kirk Carter & Randy Funderburk tied for 5th runner-up.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's	10%
Fiddler's Green Restaurant	20%
Brian's American Eatery (New)	10%
Boot Barn	10%
Boot World	10%
Ace Hardware—Hillcrest	10%
Wild Bill's Western Wear	10%

Our apologies go out to those of you who were enjoying our little history of the Gay and Lesbian Rodeo. We hope to continue with the saga next month.

We are still looking for people interested in becoming State Reps. If you are interested, please call (619) 298-4708 and leave a message for Nancy Novak at x6668.

April 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 Gen. Mem. Mtg./St. Board Election 7pm	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Time						
9	10	11	12	13	14 LA Rodeo	15 LA Rodeo
16 LA Rodeo	17	18 Rodeo Round- Table 7pm	19	20	21	22
23 Easter Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Desert Rodeo Lives.....

A group of members in the Palm Springs area have submitted a petition for a new chapter charter. It is indeed a pleasure to report that the petition is in compliance with our bylaws and has been placed on the agenda for our upcoming convention to be held in May. The new chapter will be known as the Greater Palm Springs Chapter of G.S.G.R.A.



President elect Barry Hamm will head up a B.O.D. which will include J.G. Avila, E.V.P., Doug Belk, V.P. Rodeo Opps., and Lorry King, Secretary and Treasurer. The new Chapter will serve the areas of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and already has 30 members, of which more than 20 are new members.

Congratulations folks and welcome to the world of Gay Rodeo.

Nomination for G.S.G.R.A.

Officers

The five Officers of G.S.G.R.A. serve terms of one year and are elected at Convention. The Nominations Committee has received several nominations, additional nomination will be accepted from the floor. To be eligible, nominees must have been a member in good standing for a period of at least one year on the date of the election.



At the time of publication, the following nominations have been received:

President: Roger Bergmann*
Bill Chapman
Michael DeYonker
Doug Graff*
Sammy Van Galder

Executive Vice President:

Michael DeYonker
Sammy VanGalder

V.P. Rodeo Operations:

Michael DeYonker
Nancy Novak

Secretary:

Clint Johnson*
Mitch Gill
Herb Smith

Treasurer:

Bill Chapman

* have declined notation.

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- You understand why the good Lord didn't intend everyone to wear it.
- Nobody expects you to change the tire.
- You know how to get the waiter's attention.
- You can tell your sexual compatibility with a potential partner by the way he holds his drink.
- You know that being called "a cheap slut" isn't actually an insult
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L.A. Rodeo

Entertainers, Did you receive your invitation to perform? The L.A. Rodeo will have entertainment at the hotel only this year so performance times are limited. If you are interested please call Scott at (562)495-4554 or e-mail at larodeoent2000@aol.com. We regret that we will not be able to accommodate entertainers that have not confirmed their performance times in advance.

QUOTABLE QUOTES!!!

Here's the first quotable quote of the new millennium and it may end up being *THE* quote of the new millennium.

Monica Lewinsky (on CNN's Larry King Live discussing her miraculous Jenny Craig weight-loss):

"I've learned not to put things in my mouth that are bad for me."

CALLING ALL DANCERS

G.S.G.R.A. will be hosting the Tenth Annual Country Western Dance



Competition in San Diego, California.

The event will be held at Kickers on May 6, 2000 and start at 8:00 PM. Kickers is located at 308 University Ave, San Diego.

The contest is going to be a lot of fun. Here's a little info about the contest. There are four different divisions: First Time, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. The required dances are Two-step, Waltz and Freestyle. Couples who compete in the dance competition represent the Golden State Rodeo Association and go on to perform at rodeos and country western events around the country. The top two couples in each division will be eligible to compete in the International Gay Rodeo Association Dance Finals August 4 - 5, 2000, in Las Vegas - convenient for our California Couples. (GSGRA will even pay the entrance fee for the 1st place overall couple in each division.) Everyone has a great time and gets a chance to be cheered on by their peers at Kickers.

It's going to be a super contest.

If you have any questions about the contest or the rodeo association, please contact Ken Valdez at (619) 299-7813 or e-mail him at kendance@cs.com

The Royal Word --

The royalty team apologizes for not having a submission in the March 2000 CHUTE. We have just been so busy!!

February was a very busy month with fundraisers, shows and rodeos. March has been just as busy with the Big Horn Rodeo in Las Vegas and an appearance for the Capital Crossroads Chapter in Redding at their fundraiser for the Sierra Stampede in August 2000.

The Royalty Team will be heading to Los Angeles for the LA Rodeo April 14 - 16, 2000. Come join us for some bronc busting, bull riding, and barrel racing fun. Miss Erica K is getting very good at entertaining a crowd.

The Royalty Team has been invited to Palm Springs on April 29th for a fundraiser benefiting the group of cowboys and cowgirls re-starting the new chapter in the Desert. We look forward to joining them for a grand ole time. Hope to see you there.

Some royal advice to the many potential candidates we've heard are interested in the 2001 royalty -- come out to the functions in your area, and if possible, travel to those that you can travel to. You'll benefit so much from the experiences and friends you'll make along the way.

See you all soon at a function near you.
Matt, Alex, and Erica K



Greatest Moment of Pride Essay Contest

Frontiers Magazine this month invited submission of non-fiction essays for their "Greatest Moment of Pride, Essay Contest." Past essays have focused on coming out, mentors, family, obstacles and myriad other topics. The essay can be about almost anything that has to do with being proud of who you are.

Continued.....

WHAT: The length can be from 500 to 1,500 words. Photos are happily accepted.
WHEN: Essays must be received by May 12, 2000
HOW: Stories may be submitted on paper or on disk, in plain ASCII text or Word for Windows. They can be mailed to P.O. Box 46367, West Hollywood, CA. 90046. Essays may also be e-mailed to us at editor@frontiersweb.com Whether you mail or e-mail, please be sure to mark your entry "Pride Contest," and include your name, address and a contact phone number.
WHY: In addition to inspiring all of our readers and showing off your talents, we're offering prizes. First place prize is \$150, Second place is \$100 and third place is \$75.

For more information contact:
 L.J. Carusone
 webmaster@frontiersweb.com

So, I'm sitting here.....

in my hotel room in Hong Kong, working on the April issue of The Chute and some other stuff. The TV's on in the background, tuned to STAR Network here, and there's a show about odd tourist things to do around the world, I think it's actually "Bizarre Attractions", when the host starts talking about rodeos in the US. I sort of turn around to see where and what, and gee, the folks aren't dressed like "normal", and the host mentions that this is a rodeo with a difference, in fact, it's the Gay Rodeo, and they mention the IGRA, and they're specifically talking about *THE LA RODEO!* They mention that it's in April each year. The film clips were from the Equestrian Center days, and I'm pretty sure it was the last rodeo there. I definitely saw Anita Martini in full view. Talk about a small world, huh!

Contributed by: *Jab Lowe*

	Start	Expired	New	Renewals	Transfers	End
	03/01/2000	03/31/2000				04/01/2000
Greater L.A.	105	19	4	22		112
Bay Area	63	5	1	4		63
San Diego	80	7	3	6		82
Capital Crossroads	76	2	12	5		91
Non Affiliated	26	6	1	3		24
Total	350	39	21	40	0	372
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	07/01/1998	08/01/1998	09/01/1998	10/01/1998	11/01/1998	12/01/1998
Greater L.A.		117	118	111	109	107
Bay Area		71	74	77	73	79
San Diego		111	108	101	104	109
Capital Crossroads		36	33	30	31	29
Non Affiliated		29	27	25	24	22
Total		364	360	344	341	346
	01/01/1999	02/01/1999	03/01/1999	04/01/1999	05/01/1999	06/01/1999
Greater L.A.	108	112	107	113	98	103
Bay Area	75	74	69	83	80	75
San Diego	103	105	99	92	92	89
Capital Crossroads	28	31	29	33	36	35
Non Affiliated	22	22	18	21	21	23
Total	336	344	322	342	327	325
	07/01/1999	08/01/1999	09/01/1999	10/01/1999	11/01/1999	12/01/1999
Greater L.A.	108	109	112	106	107	107
Bay Area	69	68	74	73	78	74
San Diego	88	85	84	84	77	78
Capital Crossroads	41	42	50	53	70	70
Non Affiliated	24	24	22	22	28	27
Total	330	328	342	338	360	356
	01/01/2000	02/01/2000	03/01/2000	04/01/2000	05/01/2000	06/01/2000
Greater L.A.	113	113	105	112		
Bay Area	75	75	70	63		
San Diego	80	85	80	82		
Capital Crossroads	77	78	76	91		
Non Affiliated	28	28	26	24		
Total	373	372	357	372	0	0

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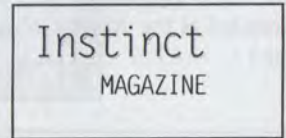
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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Words from the President...

At last, it's rodeo time!

This has been a challenging year for all of us, but thanks to some very hard work by Rodeo VP Steve Creber, Rodeo Director Tracy Keiper and their team, we are set for our most successful event in years. *A request: Let's all do everything we can to make this the best rodeo for everyone involved.* Be nice to our volunteers, without whose work we couldn't put on the event. Be nice to our contestants; some folks -- especially our horsepeople -- are facing some new challenges this year, but we want them to know how important they are. Be extra nice to our spectators and sponsors (they pay the bills!). And if there's anything you can do over rodeo weekend to make life a little easier for Steve, Tracy and all of their assistants, it would definitely be welcome! Remember, this event belongs to all of us, and it's up to every one of us to help make it smooth and successful. Please keep in mind that what you'll see April 14-16 represents the best ideas of the folks who took the time to be involved. When you walk around the rodeo this month and see things you might do differently, please don't complain; instead, make a mental note on what we can do better next time -- and be sure to be involved in the summer and fall, when many of these decisions have to be made!



On to nominations...

The election of new chapter officers will take place at the **June 10** meeting. The Nominations Committee -- **Thom Brennan** and **Nils Peterson** -- have worked long hours the last few months to compile the nominations and get individuals' acceptances or declines (those who hadn't replied either way are listed, too); thanks, guys, for your very hard work. I am very excited about the nominations, including the number of new names; we're sure to have another great year. *Remember, nomination also can be made during the election meeting.* Here are the nominees:

PRESIDENT: Drew Oberbeck accepted (Thom Brennan, Charlie Colella and David Medzerian were nominated but declined).

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT - Lenore Mankoff accepted; **Devon Deming** and **Sherry Le** have not replied (Amy Griffin and Nils Peterson declined).

RODEO VICE PRESIDENT - Tracy Keiper and **Paul Thompson** accepted; **Sunnie Rose** has not replied (Steve Creber declined).

TREASURER: Mark Jensen accepted.

SECRETARY: Lenore Mankoff accepted.

(One note: The election of the chapter's State Board representatives will take place as scheduled at the April 2 chapter meeting. All nominations for those jobs come from the floor.)

David Medzerian, GLAC President

LOS ANGELES RODEO INFORMATION

Did you miss the PaRtY at Fire Island?!?!



Don't worry! Even though you missed out on a terrific time, there are three more wacky rodeo kick-off parties yet to come! Not only are these parties loads of fun, they are a terrific way to raise money for our chapter and to get the word out about The L.A. Rodeo. At each of the parties listed below, we will be raffling off 24-Hour Fitness Memberships and Boot Barn Gift Certificates, so bring your friends and support GLAC and The L.A. Rodeo!!

Sunday, APRIL 2, 2000, 4:00 PM

(After the CHAPTER MEETING at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center)
Mickey's, 8857 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

(310) 657-1176

<http://www.mickys.com/>

Directions to Mickey's:

From the 101 Fwy, exit Santa Monica Blvd. and go west for 4.6 miles. Mickey's is on the north side of the street (right side). Micky's is located 1/2 block east of the intersection of Santa Monica Blvd. and San Vicente Blvd. in the Heart of West Hollywood. Parking is available in the Pacific Design Center parking lot (located on San Vicente Blvd. just south of Santa Monica Blvd.), and various places around town and on the street. (Please be careful where you park and read the parking signs carefully!)

Sunday, APRIL 9, 2000, 4:00 PM

Rawhide, 10937 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91604-2524

(818) 760-9798

Directions to Rawhide:

From the 101 Fwy., exit Vineland Blvd. Continue 2-3 miles on Vineland and turn right on Burbank Blvd. Rawhide will be on your left. Rawhide is also a pre-sale location for L.A. Rodeo tickets.

In addition, you can start your rodeo weekend on Thursday, APRIL 9, 2000 with a trip to **Oil Can Harry's, 11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604-2610, (818) 760-9749** Although this is not an "official" L.A. Rodeo Kick-off Party, many of your friends will be showing up at Oil Can Harry's to start the weekend off right! Oil Can Harry's has been a longtime supporter of the L.A. Rodeo and is also a presale location for Rodeo tix.



MORE LOS ANGELES RODEO INFORMATION

L.A. Rodeo Tickets Available for Purchase ONLINE

Presale tickets to the world famous L.A. Rodeo and Country Fair are now available for online purchase at the IGRA Country Store, <http://www.igracountrystore.com>.

There is also a link to the IGRA Country Store on the GLAC home page at <http://www.larodeo.com>.

Bookmark both!

Out with Rip, In with Hussie & HO...

Rip Taylor, who was previously announced as the Grand Marshal for the 2000 L.A. Rodeo was, unfortunately, unable to commit on the dates for L.A. Rodeo weekend. Our new Grand Marshals for L.A. Rodeo are the infamous **Hussie & Ho**. This fabulous

twosome has done an enormous amount of work to benefit our own rodeo association and other community groups. In addition, they will be joining us at every one of our upcoming Rodeo Kick-off Parties. Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and meet them!

Support L.A. Rodeo Sponsors!

Please continue to support the following sponsors of IGRA/GSGRA and the L.A. Rodeo: Bud Light, Avis, Instinct Magazine, 24-Hour Fitness, The Burbank Hilton, United Airlines, Wet, Galpin Motors, Altman Winnebago and Re:Source. Show them their sponsorship is valuable.

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United is offering special L.A. Rodeo discounts of 5 percent, 10 percent or more for travel to several IGRA events this year, including:

- Salt Lake City Rodeo** June 3-4
- Bay Area Regional Rodeo** (San Jose) June 17-18
- IGRA Convention** (Las Vegas) Aug. 5-6
- Sierra Stampede** rodeo (Sacramento) Aug. 19-20
- IGRA Finals Rodeo** (Albuquerque) Oct. 19-22

Our chapter can earn free tickets if sufficient people use our group code.

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MORE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER INFORMATION

State Convention to be Held in San Diego

Convention is the one GSGRA meeting each year where our votes aren't cast by our three State Board Representatives. Instead, votes at State Convention are cast based on the size of each chapter. Any L.A. Chapter member who comes to Convention will help decide how to cast our GLAC votes. The revival of the Palm Springs Chapter will be discussed along with many other issues that affect our state organization and our chapter. In addition, new GSGRA officers will be elected. Also, the GSGRA Dance Competition will be held on Saturday, May 6th at Kickers starting at 8:00 PM. The exact location and cost of State Convention will be announced next week. Watch for more

information in the next Chute, or check the GLAC Web Page at:
[Http://www.larodeo.com](http://www.larodeo.com)

The following nominations for GSGRA Officers have been received:

President: Roger Bergmann*, Bill Chapman, Michael DeYonker, Doug Graff*, Sammy Van Galder
EVP: Michael DeYonker & Sammy VanGalder
VP Rodeo OPS: Michael DeYonker & Nancy Novak
Secretary: Clint Johnson*, Mitch Gill & Herb Smith*
Treasurer: Bill Chapman
(*Have declined their nominations.)

Renewed Members and More ...

Welcome back to **Richard Knight, Flint Freeman, Gene Keyes, Steve Black** and **GERALD HILL** who have renewed their memberships. And warm wishes to **Ruth Hilderbrandt, Craig Mount, Robert Gervasoni, Flint Freeman, Sherry Le, Larry Reiners, Scott Hilderbrandt-Graham, Robert Monterone, Kevin Kochenower, and Joe Martinez** who all celebrated

birthdays in March. We'll spank each of you at the next Rodeo Kick-off Party!

As usual, you can e-mail newsletter content and/or comments to me at:
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I look forward to hearing from you!

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CALENDAR

APRIL

- Apr. 2
10 AM
GLAC CHAPTER MEETING
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center*
- Apr. 2
4PM
RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY
Mickey's, West Hollywood
8857 Santa Monica Blvd.
- Apr. 9
4PM
RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY
Rawhide, North Hollywood
10937 Burbank Blvd.
- Apr. 13
9 PM
RODEO KICK-OFF PARTY
Oil Can Harry's, Studio City
- Apr. 14-16
THE L.A. RODEO
Hansen Dam Equestrian Center*

MAY

- May 6-7
GSGRA CONVENTION
San Diego, California
- May 13
10 AM
GLAC BOARD MEETING
Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Center
- May 26-28
GREAT PLAINS RODEO
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

* Directions to Hansen Dam Equestrian Center: From the I-5 northbound, take the 118 fwy. east to the 210 fwy. East and exit at Osborne Street. Turn left from the exit and move to the right lane. Turn right onto Foothill Blvd. and right onto Orcas Avenue (signal light). Follow the two lane road under the freeway into the HDEC.

2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

- 10 am Sat. June 10, Long Beach ("annual meeting of members" with chapter elections)
- 10 am Sun. July 9, Burbank Hilton (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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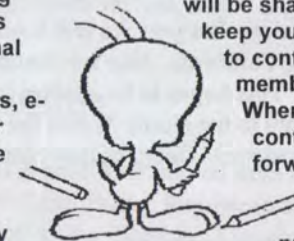
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WHAT's THE CHATTER?

Howdy, and Welcome To all the new Members of Capital Crossroads Rodeo Association.

The Chapter has been busy since the beginning of the year, and, as a result, we have obtained new members. Capital Crossroads is now the second largest chapter in GSGRA. We have also been able to raise funds to help support our up coming rodeo. Our first event was a SUPERBOWL NACHO Party at the Mercantile Saloon with CGNIE's Mr. Gay Cowboys' - Sacramento (Zack and Zach). This was a fun event and we were actually able to gather a pretty good crowd on Super Bowl Sunday. The next event was a GSGRA Royalty / Capital Crossroads fund raiser and BBQ at the Club Paradise in Stockton. This event was a lot of fun and the turnout was fantastic. A GREAT time was had by all despite the rainy weather. The entertainment provided by the GSGRA Royalty was great; as always. However, the show stopper was a version of Y.M.C.A. That even the Village People would have approved of. Capital Crossroad's Village People were **Stacy (cowboy), Wes (cop), Marshall (leatherman), and Ed (construction)**. What started out to be a well rehearsed routine quickly turned into an Ad-lib number that had the whole place rocking and laughing. It was difficult to say who what the bigger cut-up as each tried to out do the other for attention. Normally, names would be changed to protect the innocent - BUT!, there were no innocent, so we revealed everyone! Now we just need to find an Indian and a Military Man. Watch for this group to appear again somewhere (void where prohibited by law). Mother's lock up your innocent sons. Next up, was the HANKY-PANKY CASINO NITE at the Mercantile Saloon. This event was chaired by Alex and was a big success; THANKS ALEX. If you wore a HANKY, you got drinks all night at Happy Hour Prices thanks to the Mercantile Saloon. As club members sold food and manned the blackjack tables, everyone had a lot of fun.

By the time this issue of the Chute reaches you, we will have done another membership and fund raising drive to Redding California. Also we would have completed a Country Western Dance Contest at Faces. This hopes to be another fun event with entertainment and a chance to meet our neighbors to the North. Watch the next issue of the Chute to follow the saga of the Capital Crossroads Gang, as they Stampede into Redding to Pillage and Plunder.

The 3rd Annual Barn Dance and BBQ is just around the bend on May 20, 2000. It will once again be held at the Double B Ranch in Thornton, Ca. (same location as last year). Special Thanks go to George and Bruce for letting us use their place again. There will be a BBQ from 3-6:00pm with Music, Dancing, and Entertainment. We had a great event last year and a huge turn-out. Don't Miss the Fun this year, C'Mon Out! Watch for further announcements and cost here and on the web-site (www.gsgra.org/cc).



Las Vegas Rodeo

The Las Vegas Rodeo was a great success and the Capital Crossroads Chapter of GSGRA had a large turnout. Everyone had a great time at the rodeo and parties meeting new people and visiting old friends. CONGRATULATIONS to Sammy who won Wild Drag on Saturday (once a sash boy, always a sash boy) and to Gary Wharton who tied for 3rd place in Steer riding. This was Gary's first time out - WAY TO GO! Gary fractured his shoulder and did not ride on Sunday; sorry Gary, Speedy Recovery. To everyone that competed from Capital Crossroads, GREAT JOB and Go For The GOLD in L.A.!

Las Vegas is known for entertainment and gambling. It has often been said that you can lose your pants in Las Vegas. Well, we don't want to mention any names <subliminal: Wes>, but the word on the streets is that one of our members <subliminal:Wes>, lost his pants and he wasn't gambling; maybe he was, in a way. It seems that all this anonymous person <subliminal:Wes > had to wear was his DRAG outfit that he uses for the Wild Drag Event and the shirt on his back. Coincidence or Choice? You Be The Judge! Inquiring Minds Want To Know? This individual <subliminal:Wes> claims that his luggage fell off the back of the turnip truck going from the airport to the hotel. Watch for this story on Jerry Springer. All kidding aside, Wes did lose all of his luggage from the Shuttle between the Airport and the Car Rental Agency. The luggage ended up somewhere on the freeway, but was never located. Wes, was able to buy a few items at a local Sheplers (what a guy won't do to go shopping - really!). Wes, took it as well as could be expected despite his large financial loss. We're SORRY Wes!

State Board Representatives

Due to the length of the General Chapter Meeting, an item that was not taken up was that of the nominees and election of State Board Representative. There must be a 30 day announcement of candidates prior to the election. The new Representatives must be in office for the State Board Meeting, May 6-7 in San Diego. This means that we will have to nominate individuals by mail and then hold a SPECIAL GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING on **April 30th at Lin Daugherty's Place at 12 NOON** to Vote. *Please e-mail your choice to the secretary.ccc@gsgra.org as soon as possible. If you do not have e-mail, please send or phone your nomination into the Chapter.*



C ALENDAR

April

- 1 --Country Western Dance Contest, *Faces* - 2000 K Street 7PM
 --LaGrange CCPRA rodeo
- 8-9 --Oakdale PRCA rodeo
- 8 -- Del Paso Art Show 6PM (Mark Marshall for info)
- 9 -- Rodeo Meeting
 3PM -- Holiday Inn Downtown,
 4PM -- 6054 35th Avenue (Mark Marshall's Residence)
- 14-16 -- LA Rodeo
- 29 --CGNIE Coronation, Towe Auto Museum, Sacramento CA

30 ! -- ELECTION: State Board Representatives

Lin Daugherty's Residence, 12 Noon
 POTLUCK, Holiday Celebration (Easter 1 week late)
 Goat Dressing, Goat Roping (bring your ropes), Egg Hunt

May

- 5-7 -- GSGRA State Board Meeting - San Diego, Ca.
 GSGRA State Dance Competition at Kicker's, San Diego
- 6-7 -- Sonora PRCA rodeo
- 10-11 --San Jose Pride Weekend
- 13 -- Del Paso Art Show 6pm (Mark Marshall for info)
- 20 -- 3rd Annual Barn Dance - Double B Ranch, Thorton Ca.
 BBQ 3-6:00pm, Music, Dancing, Entertainment into the nite.
- 21 -- General Chapter Meeting - Double B Ranch - BRIEF meeting & Clean-up.
- 26-28 --IGRA: Oklahoma City

June

- 2-4 --IGRA: Salt Lake City, UT (First Rodeo)
- 9-11 --Camping Trip to Shasta Lake (Zack and Stacey Spears)
- 16-18 --IGRA: Bay Area Rodeo
- 17 -- Sacramento Pride Festival - Rodeo Street Dance at Faces
 * volunteers needed to staff the Rodeo Booth
- 23-25 -- IGRA: Omaha Nebraska



24-25 --San Francisco Pride Weekend



ELECTIONS

State Board Representatives for Capital Crossroads

- WHEN: Sunday, April 30th, 2000 @ 12 NOON
- WHERE: Lin Daugherty's Residence
- WHY: New board members take office on Sunday May 7th at the GSGRA State Board Meeting
- POTLUCK: Bring your food and something to share
- EVENTS: Goat Dressing, Goat Roping (bring your rope)
 Duck Herding, Egg Hunt



BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words from the Pres!

Greetings all! Hope your spring is off to a fantastic start.

Recently, I've attended several Imperial Court functions. San Francisco and San Jose Coronations and a variety of other events produced by the court. I'm amazed at the amount of effort that is put into even small events by their members. They have a tremendous amount of commitment to their respective groups and to our community.

Naturally, I began to compare their family to ours. Much like I did when I was a kid. Tommy's Dad was always so much more fun than my own...and Jason's brother was way cooler than mine. But when it comes down to traditions...I like my family's so much more. After all Brian's mom put raisins in her stuffing!!

Yesterday we did our annual beverage bust at the Eagle in San Francisco. Our team was an incredibly smooth running machine. Folks came out of the woodwork to help out. We took new members into our crew and produced an event of which to be very proud.

The months ahead will be filled with exciting challenges as we prepare for the 9th Annual Bay Area Regional Rodeo. There are many, many things left that need care and feeding. I sure hope you'll look at us, your rodeo family, with the same amount of pride that I have and offer to lend a hand. There are few things more satisfying than rodeo weekend when you see a city guy or gal, intently watching rodeo competition, dancing their first 2-step or catching their first calf. These moments are made possible because once upon a time, a few country folks thought it would be a great idea to bring Rodeo to the gay community. I hope you'll consider lending a hand in the months ahead.

Even if your life is over the top with demands, I hope you consider swinging by one of our many events in the months ahead. Come hang out and put a real face on this thing we call rodeo. You never know...you just might help us convince an outsider that raisins do taste good in stuffing!

Yours in a rodeo way,
Douglas Graff

PS. Best of luck from the BAC to LA on your rodeo! We'll be there rooting for you!



Happy Easter

Congratulations to...

At the Vegas Rodeo!

Marci Garcia – First Place – Chute Dogging
Marci Garcia – Second Place – Wild Drag
Doug Graff – Fifth Place – Goad Dressing

Doug Graff – Fourth Place – Steer Deco
Doug Graff – Second Place – Wild Drag

Rodeo Stuff

April 9	Rodeo Roundtable	May 11 Rodeo Roundtable
May 18	Chapter & Roundtable Meeting	May 25 Rodeo Roundtable
June 8	Rodeo Roundtable	June 10 Rodeo Workparty
June 15	Chapter & Roundtable Meeting	June 16 Rodeo
June 17	Rodeo	June 18 Rodeo
June 19	Tear down & Clean-up	

(All dates subject to change)

Fun Things Coming Your Way

Country's back in the South Bay! Join us at TD's on April 2nd for a fabulous fundraiser. BBQ from 2PM till 5PM. Open dancing from 4 till 5, then lessons for an hour, then more open dancing!

Grab those balls, bowling balls that is. It's time for another Bowl-A-Thon. Join the gang on April 22.

April 30 is the date for a social at Renegades!

Head to the Hayward Turf Club on May 14th for an awesome fundraiser.

BAR-B-QUE: It's just about time for our world-famous Sunday afternoon fund raisers at the Eagle Tavern. See you there on Sunday, May 21st.

April Chapter Meeting - **Thursday, April 20th** at 7:30 in San Francisco. Check the hotline and the website for details on location.

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.

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