


# CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year  2001

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose  
June 15-17, 2001

L.A. Rodeo  
Los Angeles  
April 27-29, 2001

IGRA Finals  
Rodeo  
Palm Springs  
October  
18-21 2001

San Diego Rodeo  
San Diego  
September 21-23, 2001

# The Chute

April 2001

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



## Rawhide Bar to Sponsor a New Award in 2001

### The Cowboy Spirit Award.

It's almost time to Rodeo!!! For those of you who don't know, the Los Angeles Rodeo is the largest on the International Gay Rodeo circuit, with well over a hundred contestants annually and over 10 thousand in attendance for the Rodeo and related events. The Rawhide is pleased to announce that for the first time in LA Rodeo history an award will be given to the man or woman who embodies the essence of the Cowboy heritage, as evaluated by a panel of judges and their peers. This award will be named: The Cowboy Spirit Award.

The winner will be given a custom saddle donated by the Rawhide Bar and Equine Supply, along with a custom hat compliments of Kings Western Wear. There will be 2 fundraisers prior to the event, held at the Rawhide Bar, on March 30th and again on April 26th. The final presentation will be held at the after awards party held at the Rawhide on April 27th, 12:00 midnight immediately following the awards ceremony at the Hotel.

This letter serves as your personal invitation to the kick off party held at the Rawhide Bar on Friday March 30th starting at 8 pm. All proceeds of the evenings festivities will fund the award and all surplus funds will go to the GSGRA LA Chapter. Please join us for what should prove to be a very special evening. For directions or additional information, call us at (818) 760-9798 or go to: [www.rawhidebar.com](http://www.rawhidebar.com)

With esteem... from your friends at the Rawhide Bar

### The Elections Are Coming

On Saturday May 12, 2001 at the Annual Meeting of Members we will hold elections of the Officers of G.S.G.R.A. The offices we will be having elections for are President, Administrative Vice-President, Vice-President of Rodeo Operations, Secretary and Treasurer. These offices have a (1) year term. We will also be having a Trustee election and the term for this office is 3 years. If you would like more information about these offices or would like to nominate someone, please contact your local Chapter President or Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813. In the next issue of the Chute, we will publish the list of candidates running for each office.

### 11th Annual Country Western Dance Competition

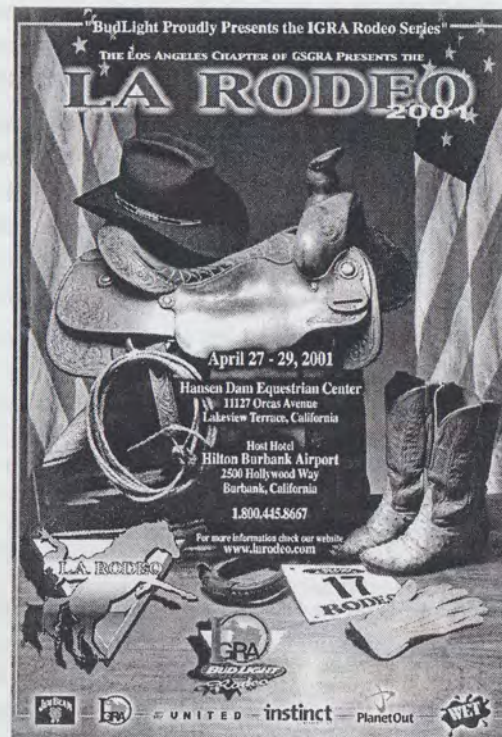
The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association be hosting its 11th Annual Country Western Dance Competition on May 12, 2001. The contest will be held at Kickers in San Diego at 0800 pm.

There will be four divisions: Division IV (1st Time), Division III (Amatuer), Division II (Intermediate), and Division I (Advanced). Please refer to the rules to determine your appropriate division. All contestants will dance a two-step, waltz and freestyle. The first place overall couple in each division will be eligible to represent G.S.G.R.A. at the I.G.R.A. dance finals in Long Beach, CA on July 28, 2001. For further information, please contact Ken Valdez at 619 299-7813.



### The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

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The Golden State Gay Rodeo  
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Ruth Hilderbrandt

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## To All Members Of G.S.G.R.A.

March 25, 2001

As you may already know, several important actions took place at the March 10-11, 2001, meeting of the GSGRA State Board. The board – which includes the executive officers as well as representatives from each chapter -- decided to do a special mailing to ensure you were quickly and fully informed about what has taken place.

### SACRAMENTO RODEO:

The Capital Crossroads Chapter informed the State Board that it would not be presenting a bid to hold a GSGRA-sponsored rodeo in Sacramento this August. As a result, we have informed IGRA that GSGRA would be removing its GSGRA Sierra Stampede (Sacramento) from the IGRA calendar.

The Sacramento group also stated its desire to "reserve" that date; that information has also been passed to IGRA, although it appears unlikely that any IGRA-sanctioned event could be held then: IGRA rules allow additions to the rodeo schedule only at regular IGRA board meetings before April 30, and the next IGRA board meeting is in late May.

### CAPITAL CROSSROADS CHAPTER:

The Capital Crossroads Chapter was suspended from further participation as a chapter of GSGRA. The chapter has adopted new bylaws designed to allow it to separate from GSGRA and eventually become an independent member organization of IGRA; unfortunately, those new bylaws are in conflict with GSGRA's bylaws, and the GSGRA State Board had no choice but to suspend the chapter from further participation as a chapter of GSGRA. The vote was unanimous.

As a result, all GSGRA members who had been affiliated with the Capital Crossroads Chapter have automatically been shifted to member-at-large status; their GSGRA memberships remain valid, but as members-at-large rather than affiliates of the chapter. Each affected person can remain a member-at-large, or they can affiliate with one of the other GSGRA chapters (Bay Area, Greater Los Angeles, Greater Palm Springs or Greater San Diego) if they prefer.

### PRESIDENT:

Mark Marshall, the founding president of the Capital Crossroads Chapter, stated he felt it was inappropriate to continue in his post as GSGRA president and resigned. In accordance with GSGRA bylaws, a special election was held

and David Medzerian, our IGRA trustee, was elected to serve as GSGRA president until the next election of GSGRA officers, at the May GSGRA convention.

It is important to note that the entire State Board meeting remained polite and businesslike. We can all be proud that, although contentious issues were discussed through the entire meeting, everyone involved in the meeting remained professional.

The next step for the GSGRA State Board and chapters is to decide what will be our organization's position regarding the Sacramento group's intention to become a member association of IGRA apart from GSGRA. Under IGRA bylaws, a new IGRA association cannot be created within another association's territory without the existing association's consent. The Sacramento group cannot apply to become a member of IGRA without the consent of the GSGRA State Board.

To help make the decision, the State Board is seeking input from the former Capital Crossroads Chapter members to gauge the level of support for an independent IGRA organization in Sacramento. The four GSGRA chapters also will be discussing the pros and cons of having the Sacramento group as a separate IGRA association. Please give some thought to this and be sure your chapter and State Board representatives know your feelings.

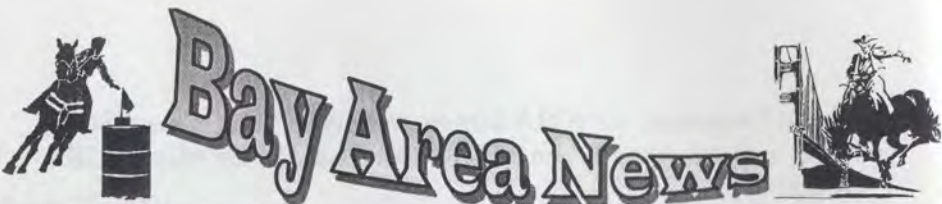
Keep in mind that despite these significant developments, life goes on. Everything continues on track for our upcoming rodeos in L.A., San Jose, and San Diego, as well as the two IGRA events we are hosting this year, the IGRA Convention this July in Long Beach and the IGRA Finals Rodeo this October in Palm Springs.

While this is a challenging time for all of us, your input and interest will help the GSGRA State Board and chapters make the best decision and keep gay rodeo strong in California. Thanks for your interest and your support.

### The GSGRA Executive Board

David Medzerian, *President*;  
Sammy Van Galder, *Administrative Vice President*;  
Nancy Novak, *Rodeo Vice President*;  
Bill Chapman, *Treasurer*;  
Ken Valdez, *Secretary*;  
Roger Bergmann, *Councilor*





# Bay Area News

Bay Area Chapter Website: <http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html> Hotline: (415) 561-9228

## EVENTS

-APRIL-

- 22, Sunday  
Spring Rodeo  
Fund-raiser – Sundance Saloon
- 29, Sunday  
Eagle Tavern Rodeo Fund-raiser

-MAY-

- 4 & 5, Friday & Saturday  
Bay Area Chapter Royalty  
Contest  
Cinco de Mayo Dance. Rodeo  
Playday

-JUNE-

- 10, Sunday  
San Jose Pride
- 15, 16, 17, Friday - Sunday  
2001 RODEO & FESTIVAL
- 23, Saturday, 7:15 p.m.  
Chapter Meeting & Barbeque,  
Time & location to be announced

### Chapter Meetings

All are at 7:15 p.m., the San Jose Airport Hyatt  
April 12, Thursday  
May 10, Thursday

### Rodeo Roundtable Meetings

All meetings are the San Jose Airport Hyatt  
April 7, Saturday – 9 a.m.  
April 19, Thursday – 7:15 p.m.  
May 3, Thursday – 7:15 p.m.  
May 17, Thursday – 7:15 p.m.  
June 7, Thursday – 7:15 p.m.  
June 14, Thursday – 6 p.m.

## Cowboy Talk

On March 10, 2001 The Capital Crossroads Chapter (Sacramento) broke away from GSGRA and IGRA. They are no longer affiliated or sanctioned by GSGRA or IGRA. There are many reasons, sides, and stories associated with this high drama. The bottom line: it is unfortunate that we have lost a California chapter and rodeo.



With that said, the Bay Area Chapter would like to take this opportunity to welcome any and all of you, the Capita Crossroad Chapter members, who wish to remain in excellent standing with GSGRA and IGRA. We would love to have you and your energy, commitment, and integrity join our team.

Warm weather is just a little reminder that OUR rodeo is just around the corner. We took a walk around the fairgrounds and are really excited about all of the changes. We will have a new arena, grandstands, covered and protected vendor stalls, and so much more! Our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Rodeo will be, without a doubt, the best ever!

We still need Buckle and Ribbon sponsors, volunteers, arena crew volunteers, ticket sales volunteers, decorators.... Oh, did I mention volunteers?

Keep your calendar open. We have lots of fun things planned: Cinco de Mayo Education/Royalty day, Spring Dance at the Sundance Saloon, fundraisers at The Eagle, Renegades and the 1220! I really hope to see you guys and gals out there having a great time and supporting YOUR Bay Area Chapter.

Your President,  
Tonio



**BAC cooking up some heat at the Eagle Tavern fund-raiser!**  
*(The three photos in this issue)*

## Dear Bay Area Chapter Members,

I would like to tell you a story, a True Story. I had the greatest honor to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the 2000-2001 Millennium Dynasty Step-down of Emperor John Carrillo (of the Bay Area Chapter) and Empress Suzie Wong, of San Francisco on March 3. This was a truly spectacular evening, showing the true Integrity & Diversity of the San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Community and Royalty.

GSGRA, IGRA, and IGRA Royalty were presented to the Royal Court and I was proud to be one of the GSGRA representatives presented. GSGRA and IGRA were mentioned several times through out the evening, highlighting Emperor John's new passion, Rodeo and his membership with Bay Area Chapter of GSGRA.

I was impressed by the solidarity of community that the Royal Court commands from the Bears, Leather Community, Gay & Lesbian organizations – all pulling together to put on one hell of an event, not only for themselves but for guests from around the country. Teamwork, cooperation, and unity is what I saw come out of this – folks lending a helping hand were needed; no judgment, no criticism, just folks celebrating the crowning of a new

Emperor and Empress for 2001-2002 and the sense of community.

As a member of this chapter I am solidifying my strengths to get our Chapter out of this slump of non-commitment, of the "let the other fella do it" mode. Someone once said, "We are as strong as our WEAKEST link"; we cannot allow any breaks in this chain, not even with our weakest link – non-commitment. We have a lot of great things going on in our Chapter: fund-raisers, Rodeo training classes, and our 2001 Rodeo in June, but we cannot do these without OUR community. Each of you is a link in our organization that cannot be broken, bent or tossed aside by any other member of our own chapter or organization.

As time progresses, I hope you will join me in reaffirming your commitment to Our Community, the Bay Area Chapter, and each other. We need to PUT OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE, to work together, to build our Chapter, to mend those fences that have been overrun by words that, while they hurt, cannot break any one of our links. Integrity & Diversity, what strong and powerful words.

Bob Pulliam,  
VP Rodeo Operations  
GSGRA-Bay Area Chapter



Bay Area Chapter Celebrates its  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo & Festival**

June 15, 16 & 17, 2001



We are just 3 short months away to the Bay Area's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo and we are a long way from just sitting on our laurels and letting the other guy do it.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer Coordinator: Harry Miller email: [RSVPNET@msn.com](mailto:RSVPNET@msn.com) or fill out the form on our web site [www.gsgra.org/bac](http://www.gsgra.org/bac)

*Volunteers are needed to work in these areas:* Rodeo Arena and Fairground Set Up, Arena & Chute Crew's, Security, Fairgrounds & Hotel, Pool Party, Contestant Registration, Ticket Sales, Guest Relations, etc.

**BUCKLE, RIBBON & BANNER SPONSORSHIP**

There are many ways you can help with Rodeo 2001; one is to sponsor a Buckle, Ribbon, or an Arena Banner. Sponsorship helps ensure we will have the best little Rodeo on the GSGRA Circuit. Buckles are a hot item, and just think: if you sponsor an event Buckle you'll get free banner space, tickets to the events, and special thank you gifts. You are also encouraged to present your Buckle to the winner of the event; just think of that Cowboy or Cowgirl you might meet - your dreams may come true! Contact the Buckle & Banner Coordinator, Michael Barela, at [mikegsgra@aol.com](mailto:mikegsgra@aol.com) or see sponsorship information on our web site.

We've secured the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds again for our Rodeo! The Grand Stand area will house our Rodeo Vendor Area. It has concrete floors and is enclosed under the Grandstand next to the Dance Floor, Food Court, and of course the Rodeo 2001 Arena. If you know anyone who wishes Vendor space either at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds or at our Host Hotel, the San Jose Airport Hyatt, please

contact our Vendor Coordinator, Jim Mackenzie, at [jamack@tcsn.net](mailto:jamack@tcsn.net) or see Vendor Information on our web site.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

We are returning to the San Jose Airport Hyatt Hotel - the perfect spot to relax after a hard day in the chutes, or watching our Cowboys & Cowgirls compete their fannies off. The special rates are \$85.00/Double or \$95.00/Triple. When making your reservations please mention "BAC 2001 Rodeo" to get our special rate. Contact the Hyatt directly by calling 888-975-1234 or 408-993-1234. If you book your rooms on-line with the Hyatt, also contact our Hotel Director, Michael Barela at [mikegsgra@aol.com](mailto:mikegsgra@aol.com) to assure you receive our Rodeo Special Rate.

For any other information feel free to contact me directly at [pulliam101@aol.com](mailto:pulliam101@aol.com) or by calling our Rodeo 2001 Hotline at 415-561-9228.

Bob Pulliam,  
 2001 Rodeo & Festival Event Director



**Golden State Gay Rodeo Association**



**Bay Area Chapter PRESENTS**

**R·O·D·E·O 101**

Open to all members of GSGRA

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2001  
 Time: 9:00 AM  
 Location: Calero Ranch



**PRICE**

Trail Rides - Free-GSGRA Members  
 \$25.00 Non Members  
 BBQ - \$5.00 Members & Non Members  
 Dance Lessons - Free to GSGRA Members

**Schedule**



9:00 AM - Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM - Basic Horsemanship Training

11:00 AM - Basic Horse Riding Lessons & Trail Ride

(You Must Attend Horsemanship Class To Trail Ride)

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM instructions for

Camp Events, Roping on Foot, Roller Roper Roping Training, Chute Dogging, Steer & Bull judging & Horsemanship speakers.



Western Dance Classes will be taught at the Hyatt Hotel  
 (See reverse side for additional information)

There will be no stock, this is theory for dummy practice.



**HIGH - NOON BBQ**



Horse Clinic deadline is Friday, April 27, 2001. Contact Tonio Contreras at [Gauchol0@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Gauchol0@ix.netcom.com) or at 408-781-5947

**DON'T FORGET**

The Bay Area Chapter is celebrating its 10th Annual Rodeo & Festival

**June 15, 16 & 17, 2001**



Santa Clara County Fairgrounds & San Jose Airport Hyatt



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# STOP THE PRESSES

BAC Nominations for State Reps

BAC State Representative	John Carillo
BAC State Representative	Jabby Lowe
BAC State Representative	Bob Pulliam
BAC State Representative - Alternate	Michael Barela
BAC State Representative - Alternate	Antonio Contreras
BAC State Representative - Alternate	Greg Harvey
BAC State Representative - Alternate	Alan Register
BAC State Representative - Alternate	Hugh Walker



GSGRA-Bay Area Chapter  
 Cinco De Mayo  
 Dance & Show  
 \$10.00 Cover Charge  
 At The Door



DATE: Saturday, May 5, 2001  
 Time: Dance Lessons 6:00 PM  
 Dance & Show 8:00 PM  
 Location: San Jose Airport Hyatt  
 Mediterranean Center

## 2001 RODEO ROYALTY CONTEST

Be there for the Crowning of Mr. Ms. & Miss

Bay Area 2001 Rodeo Royalty

Don't forget about  
 Rodeo 101  
 Education Day  
 See Reverse Side  
 of this flyer

Dance the  
 night way and  
 celebrate with  
 the Bay Area  
 Chapter

Special \$85.00 Rodeo Rate at the San Jose Airport Hyatt for  
 our 2001 Cinco De Mayo Dance Party  
 Call (888) 975-1234 or (408) 993-1234

## I.G.R.A. CONVENTION DELEGATES

The process is underway to select our delegates for the I.G.R.A. Convention to be held later this year in Long Beach. Roger Bergmann has been a appointed Nominations Chair and he is interested in hearing from you if you want to be a delegate or if you would like to nominate someone else to be a delegate. The Stranding rules regarding selection of delegates are reproduced below. If you have questions contact Roger either my e-mail at [canyontrvl@aol.com](mailto:canyontrvl@aol.com) or by telephone at (909) 596-4594. The Nominations Committee consists of members from all GSGRA Chapters so if you prefer you can also make nominations at your Chapter meetings or by contacting your Chapter President or Committee member.

## GSGRA Standing Rules: RULE 15.2 SELECTION AND ELECTION OF IGRA DELEGATES:

1. Nomination Process
  1. Nominations Committee
    1. The President shall appoint a Nominations Committee Chair. The committee will include, but not be limited to, one member from each chapter. The chapter is responsible for providing the person to fill the committee position.
    2. The committee chair and its representatives should not be persons considering nomination and selection for IGRA Delegates.
    3. The committee should actively solicit for nominations for every category.
    4. Candidates may be nominated in more than one category.
    5. Potential candidates may nominate themselves.
    6. Nominations will be accepted in person, by mail, fax, e-mail or by phone message.
    7. The nominations committee will be responsible for verifying each candidate's eligibility for selection and will include membership validation.
    8. The Nominations Committee will conduct and run the election.
  2. Qualifications
    1. Candidates must be a member in good standing at the time of nomination and commit to maintaining membership until after the IGRA Convention.
    2. Any nominee who allows their membership to expire before the final day of the convention will be assumed to have resigned from the delegation.
    3. Nominees must commit to be at convention all day for each day of committee meetings and convention plenary sessions. (All day indicates 8:00 am to completion of business).
    4. Categories
      1. The Board of Directors will determine the size of the delegation, with a minimum of six delegates as defined below, all others will be considered alternates. To best represent the interests of GSGRA at the IGRA Convention, candidates shall be nominated in the following categories.
 

GSGRA Trustee to IGRA	GSGRA President
By-laws	Rodeo Production Team
Contestant/Rodeo Rules	Dance/Royalty
1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate
      2. Nominations into a category should be consistent with the person's ability to properly represent that category. The same candidate may be nominated into more than one category, however once a candidate is elected to represent a category, that candidate automatically becomes ineligible to be elected to a second or subsequent category. Nominations into the Alternate category should be considered as to the nominee's ability to represent as many of the specific named categories as possible. Each nominated candidate must accept nomination in person at the Board of Directors meeting or in writing to the Nominations Committee Chair and/or the State President if unable to attend. The Nominations Committee Chair prior to the selection process will verify acceptance of nomination.
        1. The nomination process will begin by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, at least three months, prior to the election date.
        2. The nomination and election process will be outlined in the monthly newsletter for the entire nomination period.
        3. All nominees names will appear in the latest published newsletter preceding the Board of Directors meeting at which the selection of delegates will take place.
        4. A separate mailer outlining the nomination and election process will be mailed to each eligible member at least 30 days and not more than 45 days in advance of the Board of Directors meeting at which the selection of delegates will take place.
        5. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the election.
  2. Selection Process
    1. Selection and voting of the eligible candidates will occur at the first scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the New Year. When the IGRA Convention is held in California, the GSGRA delegation may be selected at the second Board of Directors meeting of the calendar year, with the nomination process adjusted accordingly.
      1. The election process will be by secret ballot.
      2. Voting will follow the standard voting procedure of a regular Board of Directors Meeting.
      3. Each category as named above in the nomination process, except the Trustee and the President, will be voted upon separately.



4. The election of the Trustee and the President will be automatic. In the event that either the Trustee and or the President decline nomination or are unable to attend, a comparable number of positions will be added after position number 6 to be Delegate(s) At Large.
  5. In the event there are no nominations in a category, a new position(s) will be added after position number 6 to be Delegate(s) At Large.
  6. Candidates not elected in categories 3 through 6 will automatically be nominated to all remaining categories.
  7. In all categories, other than 1 and 2, a simple majority will elect the candidate. (Simple majority is defined as more than 50% of the total available vote).
  8. In the event of a tie, or if none of the candidates in a category receives a simple majority, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be selected from the group and a run-off vote will occur. This process will continue until one candidate receives a simple majority of the vote.
  9. In electing Alternates, the Board of Directors is to make a good faith effort to consider candidates representing chapters not yet represented in the delegation.
  10. Once all Delegate and Alternate positions have been filled and it is determined that any of the Chapters are not represented in any of those positions, the Chapter President or their selected designee will automatically become part of the reimbursed delegation to IGRA.
3. Reimbursement of Expenses
1. The budgeted amount for reimbursing expenses for the IGRA delegates, alternates, Chapter President or their designee and trustee, as selected in Article XV, Rule 15.2 Section 2, will be divided evenly amongst all participating members of the delegation.
  2. Reimbursement for expenses will be for 50% of hotel room rates and taxes, (maximum of 4 nights) plus 100% of air, train, or personal vehicle expenses to a maximum of the individual share of the budgeted amount. (Vehicle rental expenses at convention are not reimbursable unless required in the course of representing the delegation. Prior approval of the Board of Directors must be obtained).
  3. Receipts for travel & hotel expenses must be submitted to qualify for expense reimbursement.
  4. Reimbursement of expenses will normally be made after the completion of IGRA Convention.
  5. Selected delegates, alternates and trustee may request an advance of expenses. This advance will not exceed 50% of the individual share of the budgeted amount. The request must be submitted in writing and signed by the qualified delegate, alternate or trustee stating the amount of the request, date needed by, and the statement that the requester agrees to reimburse GSGRA in the event that they do not attend convention. The balance of the expenses will be reimbursed following submission of receipts for all expenses.
  6. Specific expense reimbursements may be submitted and paid in full, up to the maximum individual budgeted amount, in advance if receipts for the paid amount are submitted with the request (i.e. airline or train ticket showing amount paid).
4. POST ELECTION PROCESS
1. Delegation Reserves
    1. Delegation reserves are defined as being those persons who accepted nomination and were not elected into a specific delegate category or alternate position.
      1. The results of the election, nomination in each category and the outcome, will be kept for one year following the election.
      2. The results will be kept separate by category to include alternates.
      3. Each of the categories will be placed in a sealed envelope and labeled on the outside with the category.
      4. The entire results of each category will be placed in a large envelope and sealed. It is to remain sealed in the Elected GSGRA Secretary's possession.
      5. In the event an elected delegate is unable to fulfill their duties and attend the convention, the seal on the election envelope may be broken only by the Elected GSGRA Secretary at the specific direction of the President. The procedure for filling the vacancy will be completed as follows:
        1. The first alternate will be come a delegate.
        2. The second alternate will be come the first alternate, and so on.
        3. The reserve candidates will be reviewed and the person who received the next maximum number of votes will be invited to attend the convention as a member of the elected delegation. This process will be followed until the vacancy is filled or all reserve candidates have been exhausted.

Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2001

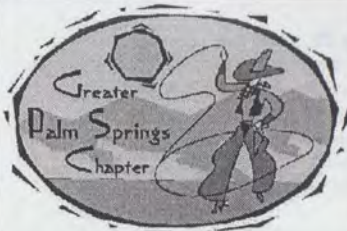
ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	9,410.88
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	17,894.72
Memorial Accounts	2,424.49
Total Checking/Savings	29,730.09
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	5,541.58
Due From Capital Crossroads	2,873.95
Due From Greater Los Angeles	7,850.00
Total Accounts Receivable	16,265.53
Total Current Assets	45,995.62
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>46,919.62</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	-3,193.34
Net Income	6,234.21
Total Equity	46,919.62
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>46,919.62</b>

Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison

Ordinary Income/Expense	Mar '00 - Feb '01	Budget	\$ Over...
<b>Income</b>			
Dance Contest	337.94	900.00	-562.06
Donations 536.50			
Interest Income	471.06	500.00	-28.94
Membership Income	22,091.00	12,420.00	9,671.00
Merchandise Sale	24.00	300.00	-276.00
State Convention	500.85	800.00	-299.15
Total Income	23,961.35	9,041.35	
<b>Expense</b>			
Buckle Sponsorships	800.00	800.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	582.61	270.00	312.61
Education 318.00	1,500.00	-1,182.00	
General Administrative	5,075.68	5,800.00	-724.32
IGRA Convention	3,460.00	1,500.00	1,960.00
Membership	6,949.47	4,150.00	2,799.47
Merchandise	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Mr Ms Miss	859.34	500.00	359.34
Professional Fees	690.00	800.00	-110.00
State Convention Expenses	151.55	500.00	-348.45
Taxes	810.00	800.00	10.00
Total Expense	19,696.65	16,720.00	2,976.65
Net Ordinary Income	4,264.70	-1,800.00	6,064.70
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	230.00	500.00	-270.00
Kevin Weeks Memorial	1,610.00		
Reserve Funds	1,329.50	2,000.00	-670.50
Total Other Income	3,169.50	2,500.00	669.50
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expens	700.00	700.00	0.00
Rodeo Loss	500.00		
Total Other Expense	1,199.99	700.00	499.99
Net Other Income	1,969.51	1,800.00	169.51
Net Income	6,234.21	0.00	6,234.21





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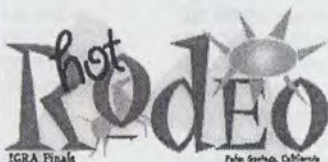
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Howdy All,

First, a HUGE "THANK YOU" to GLAC for hosting the State Board Meeting in Long Beach. You did a great job! Although there were some very serious and sensitive issues at that meeting, TEAM GSGRA handled each and every issue in a very professional manner. The TEAM moved forward to protect and grow GSGRA. I look forward to being a part of a GROWING TEAM GSGRA! We experienced the "family" of GSGRA in a way that should make us all feel "a part" of a great organization. Now it is time to move forward with assisting those members who are most affected by these actions, the members of CCC. We need to embrace them and make certain they feel they are part of the TEAM GSGRA. I encourage each of the GPSC Members to in some way, make contact with those CCC members that are now Non Affiliated, and encourage them to stick with GSGRA and grow their Chapter once again. It is similar to a cowboy or cowgirl being "down" in the arena...help always arrives. We need to practice that same spirit during this transition for the CCC members that want to move forward.

Next, it is with great pleasure that I announce the newest business member of GPSC....(thanks to BIG AL)...WELCOME..."C\*A\*M\*P PALM SPRINGS", one of Palm Springs Premiere Men's Resort. Welcome guys!

I also want to encourage all the GSGRA Team that is planning on staying at the host hotel, the Marquis, for FINALS 2001, to make your reservations SOON...all levels of rooms are going FAST! You can obtain the hotel information on the IGRA website at the FINALS 2001 link. Looking forward to seeing you all at the GLAC Rodeo this month!

Happy Trails,

**Barry Hamm, President**



**Chapter Meeting**

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Board of Director's Election**

Details of the location and time should have already been received, in not call (760) 946-4641 or (760) 318-7702

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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

When I was growing up my grandfather instilled in me that you are only as good as your word. So from very early on I learned to not to say what I didn't mean. When I accepted this job as your President I vowed to put you, the members, first. I vowed that every decision I made with your support, had your best interests at heart.

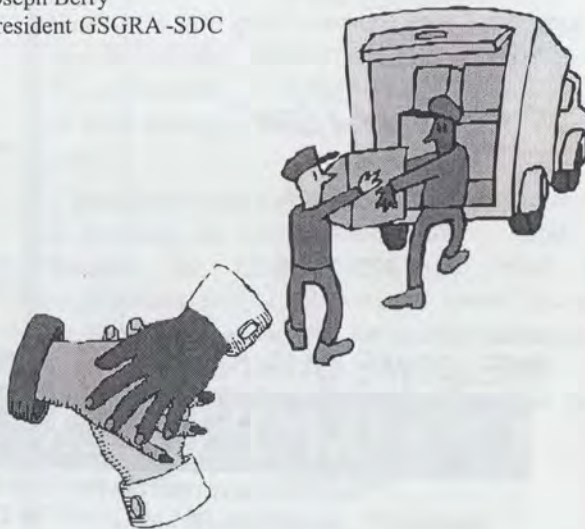
Through a process of careful research and discussion we voted as one body to close the office. The reason was clear, to keep the chapter a viable part of the association as a whole.

By the time you read this letter the office will be closed. It will be different at first and I realize this, however with your support we will get through this time of difficult transition. I urge you, the Chapter, to stand behind your vote of yes, "For Action Without Works Is Dead". We must realize that this is only an inconvenience as long as we choose to make it one.

In closing, I call upon you to stand behind your decision and make GSGRA-San Diego Chapter the best in all of GSGRA. We are all in this together and if there is anything I can do for you the Chapter, please let me know. As I will and have already asked of you.

A special thanks to the few chapter members who have acted upon their vote of yes and the one who abstained, by "Suiting up and Showing up" to make the closing move a reality.

Joseph Berry  
President GSGRA-SDC



## STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The past State Board meeting was held in Long Beach during March and as you may have heard, several interesting events took place. First and foremost, our bid to hold San Diego Rodeo 2001 was approved by the state finance committee and state board. Congratulations go to Robert Farley, Joseph Berry and all who worked on the bid and budget presentation.

During the individual chapter reports, the Capitol Crossroads chapter announced that they had re-written their bylaws. As a result, the organization now known as the Capitol Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association, made clear their wish to be recognized by IGRA as a separate entity, and much discussion followed. In order for this to happen, GSGRA must issue a statement affirming the release of the Sacramento area from our "sphere of influence" as all IGRA member associations have a certain geographical area in which they operate. As you can imagine, this is a topic of much debate and the prevailing thought was that this must be discussed at the individual chapter level before the representatives there were ready to commit to a vote on the issue. The time for San Diego's discussion is our next Chapter meeting! If you have a stance or a concern on this issue, please show up and give us your input so that we representatives to state can do our job.

In the discussion regarding the Capitol Crossroads chapter, it was discussed that Capitol Crossroads had ceased to be a GSGRA entity, and their chapter charter was revoked. Also, since GSGRA commits to rodeo events on the IGRA calendar and Capitol Crossroads was no longer a chapter of our organization, the board voted to remove the August Sacramento rodeo from the IGRA calendar. Mark Marshall, our State President of the time and also a member of the Capitol Crossroads chapter, then resigned from the office of State President stating a possible conflict of interest by finishing his term. The State Board of Directors then voted in David Medzarian as interim State President and will serve in that capacity until a new President can be elected in May.

Among the other items discussed were the idea for the state to use its bargaining power to obtain a statewide stock contractor, a proposed bylaw change to place the IGRA Trustee on the Executive Board of the State Board of Directors, and a standing rules proposal (which passed) that allows the selection of state delegates to IGRA convention to be done at a later time (state convention) this year.

If you would like to see any state bylaws changed, NOW IS THE TIME to get with our state bylaws chair to get those changes prepared! In the same light, if you have any input on rodeo rules or IGRA bylaws that should be changed, now is the time to start preparing them for the IGRA convention in Long Beach in July. The next state board meeting is the Annual Meeting of Members (a.k.a. convention) and will be held at the Mission Valley Marriott on May 12th right here in our beautiful home town. Many important events will take place at this meeting including the election of our IGRA trustee from GSGRA and the selection of state representatives to IGRA convention. Please note that the person elected to the position of Trustee at this meeting will represent us for a term of three years. Our state dance contest will also be held the same night. Call 619-298-4708 for more information. See you there!

P.S. Just a reminder: LA's Rodeo is coming up at the end of this month. Let your friends know! People generating excitement about rodeo in general is good for all of us, and I am sure we will appreciate the same sort of support from other organizations when it's our turn in September.

-Robert Kojima•State Board Representative•robertkojima@yahoo.com



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**April 27-29 LA Rodeo**—Hanson's Dam Equestrian Center and Hilton Burbank Airport Hotel

**May 16**—GSGRA Royalty Fundraiser at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's

**May 17**—GSGRA State Dance Contest at Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's

**May 18**—Baton Rouge Roundrobin Softball Tournament—Morley Field

## DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT

As you may have heard, our Royalty Team, along with former royalty, are planning an all-out shin-dig on the Friday night of Rodeo weekend. An 1800's-style western casino is planned with lots of gambling tables, entertainment, and a slew of saloon "girls" to keep everyone happy. It's going to be a phenomenal event, but we can't do it without the help from our members (all GSGRA members are invited to get involved). We are still looking for a tremendous amount of volunteers, and a number of chairs for specific committees. The committees that are still needing chairs or volunteers are: publicity, give-aways/donations, mailing/rsvp, underwriting, advertising, signage/decorations, pre-party, and entertainment. If interested, contact Miss Reva at [Desnagogo@aol.com](mailto:Desnagogo@aol.com) for more information.

## GSGRA-GSDC MEETING SCHEDULE

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the San Diego Chapter.  
April 3, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)  
April 17, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)  
May 1, 2001—General Membership 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)  
May 12, 2001—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm (held at Twiggs Coffeehouse)  
May 16-17—GSGRA State Convention (Marriott Hotel)



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## GSGRA-GSDC ROYALTY REPORT

### TINA RHINESTONE TURNS 100

Wanted to let you all know that Tina Rhinestone celebrated her first century on this planet this month. We are all so happy for her! Not to be outdone however, our illustrious leader, Joseph Berry celebrates his 102<sup>nd</sup> on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for the update Tina. Happy Birthday to all. Can't be there though, I will be going in for a nip and tuck. I had a Birthday too,

Anyhow, it has been a tremendously busy month once again for the Royalty. We welcome Michelle back from her NY trip. She says she learned a lot, loves her new job and is looking forward to a very productive year as Ms. GSGRA.

### DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT

We are all working full tilt on making this very special event come to fruition. Table sponsorships are coming along, the logo for the event is finalized and we now have the Imperial Court de San Diego on board. We are still looking for volunteers. Primarily we need a chair for the Event Sponsors Pre-Party. Anyone interested? You can reach me @ [Desnagogo@aol.com](mailto:Desnagogo@aol.com). I will look forward to hearing from you.

The entire Royalty Team would like to send out a heartfelt congratulations to Lou Sedlacek for his win of the Mr. San Diego Leather. He is already doing a great job. I have run in to him at a couple of events around town and it has been less than a month since he has been sashed. And BTW, if one is going to run into a big strapping man in leather, he is one of the best. His runners up deserve a big smooch as well. They would be Phil. (Gabe) Rosman, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, and Eric Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up. Miss Reva and Lou are planning a huge fund-raiser following the Mr. IML in Chicago. Hmmm, Jell-O, it's not just for desert anymore.

Tina Rhinestone and Miss Reva, at least their boy counterparts, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Special Food Pantry from monies raised at Rodeo 2000. They were very appreciative of our efforts. I would like to thank Henry and Greg for taking the photos that evening.



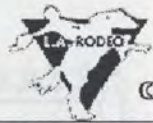
The weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>, we traveled to Long Beach to watch DeShannon become Empress of the Court of Long Beach. You know, she looks fabulous in white, but white dinosaur? I didn't know you could get dinosaur skin anymore. Oh, that's right, you can't, it obviously was from a much, much earlier era. We all wish her well. She is sure to give it her all and do a fabulous job.

Coming up is LA Rodeo. Look for Miss Reva in the Arena. Not competing silly, but pulling chutes in a fabulous Nicole Miller beaded number. DeShannon will be there right by her side. Look for Ron and Michelle in the Arena too, competing. Best of luck to all contestants.

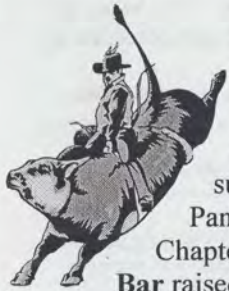
Until next time, happy trails. No pun intended.

-Miss Reva





## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER



### Fundraising Events Kick Up some Coins

Congratulations to our new GLAC Fundraising Chairs **Bill Paige** and **Ron De Contreras** for accomplishing so much in such a short period of time! The fundraising frenzy began with Pancake Breakfast at **The Porch Café**, which raised \$776 for the Chapter. "Return to Country" Fridays in February at the **Rawhide Bar** raised a grand total of \$700. Our evening at **Piston** raised \$350 and "Country Show Down" at **The Dance Factory** raised \$750, which was originally to be split between GLAC and the Imperial Court. As a pleasant surprise, the Imperial Court presented GLAC with a check for the amount that they had raised for themselves... *thank you Imperial Court!* And last, but certainly not least, the Country BBQ & Beer Bust at **Fire Island** raised over \$2,000 for the Chapter!! Thank you to Hussie & Ho (aka Chuck & George) & to everyone else who helped out. Don't forget to show extra special attention to businesses that have helped us out with fundraising... **The Porch Café, Rawhide, The Dance Factory,** and **Fire Island** would love to see your happy, smiling faces again to say thanks.

Don't miss upcoming activities including "Fundraisers on Sundays" – **OZZ** on April 1<sup>st</sup>, **Ripples** on April 7, **Silver Fox** on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and **Micky's** on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bill & Ron have also scheduled "Bar Run" Promos to increase our visibility in our local communities. We will be in Long Beach on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>, in the San Fernando Valley on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, and even in Palm Springs on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us when we are in your neighborhood. Events and times are listed in the Calendar section in this issue. Additional information can be found on the Web at <http://www.larodeo.com> or by calling Bill at (562) 961-3160 or (562) 883-3322 or Ron at (562) 621-9121 or (562) 743-1804.

### ~ MORE Meetings NOT to MISS! ~

Chapter Meeting: 10:00 A.M., Saturday, April 7, 2001 at the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. *We will be electing the new State Board Representatives, Alternates and Convention Spokesperson at this meeting.*



Board Meeting: 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 5, 2001 at the Long Beach Center.

## GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Continued)

### And the Nominees Are...

The following nominations have been received for the Executive Board of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA. The elections will be held at the annual meeting of the membership on **June 9, 2001** at the Center in Long Beach. In addition to the nominations below, **additional nominations may be taken from the floor during the meeting.** Indication that a nominee has "no response" to their nomination means they did not have an opportunity to respond prior to the deadline for publication in the Chute.

#### PRESIDENT:

Drew Oberbeck – Accept  
Sherry Le – Decline  
Phil Lucier – Decline

#### ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT:

Sherry Le - Accept  
Phil Lucier - Decline  
Mitch Gil - Accept  
Connie Risch - Decline  
Roz Campbell - No Response

#### TREASURER:

Mark Jensen – Accept

#### V.P. OF RODEO OPS:

Paul Thompson - No Response  
Tracy Keiper - Decline  
CJ Colella - Accept  
Roz Campbell - No Response

#### SECRETARY:

Lenore Mankoff - No Response  
Devon Deming – Accept  
Cyndi Pais – Decline

### Do you have friends & family??

Maybe someone you know is looking for a way to spend more time with you or get more involved with your hobbies... **LIKE RODEO!!** It's never too late to lend a hand! There are MANY volunteer shifts still available. To find a position that works for your mom, your best friend, or your ex-lover, contact Sunnie Rose at [RodeoVolunteer@aol.com](mailto:RodeoVolunteer@aol.com) or call the chapter hotline.



*Thank you to all of the volunteers who have already committed to working at this year's rodeo and to all of the organizations that have joined in the fun (PAWS – L.A., L.A. Bears, Blades Hockey Team, Avatar Club... we love you all!) Don't forget to thank our wonderful volunteers when you see them working hard at the Rodeo!*

Are you, a friend, or your employer looking for **publicity**? There are still rodeo sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. Please check the L.A. Rodeo website at: <http://www.larodeo.com> for more details or e-mail **Devon Deming**, Program Coordinator at [dmdeming@yahoo.com](mailto:dmdeming@yahoo.com) for program ad information. Also, check out the L.A. Rodeo website for information on pre-sale locations in your neighborhood for L.A. Rodeo tix & vendor information.



# CALENDAR

## APRIL 2001

APRIL 1 4 PM	<b>GLAC FUNdraiser @ OZZ</b> 6231 Manchester Blvd. @ I-5 Fwy Buena Park, CA (714) 522-1542
APRIL 3 8 PM	<b>LONG BEACH BAR PROMO</b> Bird of Paradise, Britt, Mineshaft
APRIL 6 7 pm	<b>SF VALLEY BAR PROMO</b> Rawhide, Bullet, Apache
APRIL 7 10 AM	<b>GLAC CHAPTER MEETING</b> Hansen Dam Equestrian Center 11127 Orcas Avenue Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342
9 P.M.	<b>HUSSEY 'N HO FUNDRAISER @ RIPPLES</b>
APRIL 8 4 PM	<b>GLAC FUNdraiser @ SILVER FOX</b> 411 Redondo Avenue Long Beach, CA (562) 439-6343
APRIL 13	<b>PALM SPRINGS BAR PROMO</b>
APRIL 14 7 PM	<b>LONG BEACH BAR PROMO</b> Hamburger Mary's, Club Broadway, Executive Suite
APRIL 19 9 PM	<b>LONG BEACH BAR PROMO</b> Executive Suite (Latin)
APRIL 20 9 PM	<b>SF VALLEY BAR PROMO</b> Oil Can Harry's (Country)
APRIL 21 9 PM	<b>SF VALLEY BAR PROMO</b> Oil Can Harry's (Disco)
APRIL 22 9 PM	<b>GLAC FUNdraiser @ Micky's</b> 8857 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA (310) 657-1176
APRIL 27-29	<b>17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL L.A. RODEO</b> Hansen Dam Equestrian Center 11127 Orcas Avenue Lakeview Terrace, CA 91342



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