

The Declaration of Independence

Few Americans are aware of the tremendous sacrifices made by the brave and selfless men who signed the Declaration of Independence. Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked or burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of war.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers, nine were farmers and large plantation owners. Nine were well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well the penalty would be death if they signed and pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Some personal stories of the signers: Carter a wealthy planter whose ships were swept from the sea and he died in rags. He was hounded by the move his family made to Congress without his possessions. Vandals or soldiers destroyed the homes of Clymer, Hall, Ellery, Francis and John Hart.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Cornwallis had quickly urged General Washington to open fire on the dwelling. The home was destroyed. Nelsonman. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year, he lived in the forests and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians; they were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. They pledged: "For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

The 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence are:

John Adams	Samuel Adams	Josiah Bartlett	Carter Braxton
Charles Carroll	Samuel Chase	Abraham Clark	George Clymer
Elbridge Gerry	Ellery William	Floyd William	Benjamin Franklin
Burton Gwinnett	Lyman Hall	John Hancock	Benjamin Harrison
John Hart	Joseph Hewes	Thomas Heyward, Jr.	William Hooper
Stephen Hopkins	Francis Hopkinson	Samuel Huntington	Thomas Jefferson
Francis Lightfoot Lee	Richard Henry Lee	Francis Lewis	Philip Livingston
Thomas Lynch, Jr.	Thomas McKean	Arthur Middleton	Lewis Morris
Robert Morris	Robert Morton	Thomas Nelson, Jr.	William Paca
Robert T. Paine	John Penn	George Read	Cesar Rodney
George Ross	Benjamin Rush	Edward Rutledge	Roger Sherman
James Smith	Richard Stockton	Thomas Stone	George Taylor
Matthew Thornton	George Walton	William Whipple	William Williams
James Wilson	John Witherspoon	Oliver Wolcott	George Wythe

We should be truly grateful for men with such high principles and great sacrificial regard for Truth.

Celebrate your Fourth of July with a spirit of remembrance!!!

CALIFORNIA RODEOS

For the year 2002

Bay Area Rodeo - San Jose
June 14-16, 2002

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 19-21, 2002



San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 20-22, 2002

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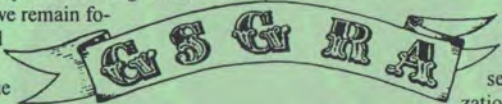
July 2002

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

TEAM G.S.G.R.A.

Howdy,

This is a tough one to write. When I joined GSGRA a few years ago I never expected to be in this position. I'm overwhelmed with the honor of being elected president. I promise to do my best (disclaimer - I tend to think outside the "box" now and then), but I need help from each and every one of you. I bet that most of you are like me, you joined to have some fun, attend our rodeos, and meet some other fun folks. I know I didn't join to spend all my free time working on another "job", nor did I join to spend all my hours of relaxation arguing. So, first and foremost, I want to say that one of my primary views is that we should be having fun. I believe that this organization is about building friendships and creating an extended family of relationships. Sometimes family members argue and disagree, but, as long as we remain focused on our goals and realize that everyone brings their own unique talents, views, and



energies into our family and because of that we're stronger, then we should manage to overcome these disagreements. If you're focusing on personal disagreements you've lost sight. Stay focused on having fun.

This past weekend the Bay Area Chapter held their rodeo. The awards ceremony on Sunday night was one of the most inspiring and emotional ceremonies I've been to in a long time. I was recharged. Christy. Drew. Y'all embody the essence of what we're about. Your dedication and perseverance are examples to us all. As Drew said, it's about teamwork.

I remember when I first became aware of GSGRA. I was blown away (it was LA, the "last" rodeo at the Equestrian Center). Here were hundreds of folks with similar interests. It fundamentally changed me and the course of my life. I also realized that it was important that I participate in the organization, not just as a spectator, but that I work to ensure its ongoing

health. I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that this wonderful opportunity we have before us remains alive and available for those that follow. (I fully realize that some of you reading this are responsible for the majority of us even having this option, and hope that everyone in our organization realizes what a debt we owe you.)

This coming year will no doubt hold challenges for Team GSGRA. We've certainly had some over the last few years. Challenges either beat you down or help you grow, and it's often your choice. I believe growth is the preferable path. I hope each of you will choose to be an active member of Team GSGRA this year. By the time you read this all of the committee chairs and chapter reps will have received a proposed agenda for this coming year's activities. There are some fundamental changes I would like to see made within our organization. I believe we need more

direct and open communication between the membership and the board (that's a two-way street by the way). I believe we need to have more members, both affiliated and unaffiliated, active at the state level. I believe we need to create a statewide awareness of Team GSGRA. I believe that we must develop a proactive campaign to increase our membership base. I believe we need to somehow create a heritage that can be passed along to those that follow so that everyone remembers those who came before. We need to remember our "family ancestors". There's more and everyone needs to realize that a committee chair can't do the job alone. It takes a team to make this thing work. I would very much like to hear from unaffiliated members and believe that you can play a vital role in Team GSGRA. The San Diego chapter will host the next board meeting in August. If I don't see you there, I'll see you back in San Diego in September for their rodeo. See you at the rodeo. *Jabby*

DENVER IS DEFINITELY ON..... and we don't mean on fire!

Despite national coverage and media hype, Colorado is NOT on fire. The Hayman Fire currently burning in Colorado is south of Denver and the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are in no present danger and RMRR 20 remains on schedule. For further updates, please visit the CGRA web-site at CGRA.net or the IGRA web-site at IGRA.com under the July calendar or you can call the CGRA Rodeo Director, Tommy Channel at 303-766-5630 or CGRA President, Ken Pool at 303-887-6877. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Denver July 12, 13, 14, 2002 to celebrate 20 years of gay rodeo.

Ken Pool, President and Tommy Channel, Rodeo Director



The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

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President's News

Hey Ya'll,

I commend Judy in her efforts to get the Finals T-shirt bill paid. To date we only have about 10 requests for a shirt, so please get those requests in.

July is going to be a busy month for us. We have back-to-back events in Palm Springs. July 4th we'll be joining HeadHunter's in their celebration. JG, Sylvia, Scott and Rusty are just a few of the great talents that will be performing. Then on July 6th we'll be at Desert Palms Inn for a pool party. We have lots of raffles, a wonderful lineup of entertainment, games and prizes. It's only \$10 for a barbecue dinner and all the beer you drink.

We just began work on a "Barn Dance" for November. As soon as the committee has finalized the details I'll let you know.

Stay safe -

John Johnson
President

UPCOMING EVENT

POOL PARTY

JULY 6th, 4 pm

Desert Palms Inn

67-580 Highway 111
(Behind Target)
Cathedral City
(760) 324-3000

Beerbust and BBQ - \$10.00

Live Entertainment

JG Avila, Scott Allen,
Sylvia Mower, Digital Soldier,
Emcee: Brian van de Mark

Raffles

Tickets \$1 each
6 for \$5
Texas Stretch for \$20

Games and Contest

Wild Drag Race

Speedo and Boots Contest

Volleyball

Team Tug-Oh-War

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 760-322-6224

Next Membership Meeting

Sunday

Desert Palms Inn

July 7th

67-580 Highway 111
(Behind Target)
Cathedral City
(760) 324-3000

10:30 AM

MEMBER OF THE MONTH - Special recognition goes to ZALE HARRIS. She is a true athlete and a strong competitor in the sport of Rodeo. She has been a competitor in IGRA Rodeo for 5 years. Competing in Chute Dogging, Steer Deco, Barrels, Poles, Flags and Wild Drag. Zale's illustration of Cowgirl dress will take your breath away. Her willingness to involve herself in a recent fundraiser brought in a third of the revenue. We are so lucky to have her in our Chapter. **COWGIRL UP!**

RODEO TRAINING PROGRAM - "CALF ROPING ON FOOT" will be the training topic conducted by SYLVIA MOWER at 11:00 a.m. prior to our next General Membership Meeting at DESERT PALMS INN on Saturday, 6 July.

RODEO TEAM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM - We are proud to announce the membership has voted to resume our Sponsorship Program. Members who are interested in competing, becoming certified as a timer, Scorekeeper, Arena Director, Chute Coordinator, Judge, Rodeo Director, or attending the IGRA University, please mail your request for a Sponsorship Information Package.

IGRA FINALS T-SHIRT DEBT FUND - Great News Folks! The check is in the mail. Thanks to all the generous donations from Judy, Doug, Lori, Brian, GPSC and an anonymous donor, we have reached our goal to pay OSA GRAPHICS \$1,357.00 for the finals T-Shirts. Thank you all.

Judy Galloway
Vice President - Rodeo Operations

ORDER FORM - 2001 IGRA FINALS - HOT RODEO - T-SHIRTS

Please send your order to: (Make checks payable to: GPSC Rodeo)
Greater Palm Springs Rodeo Chapter, PMB 147, 4741 E. Palm Canyon, Palm Springs, Ca 92262

Name _____

Address _____

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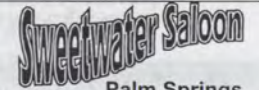
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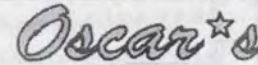
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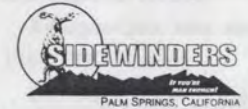


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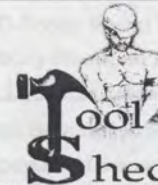


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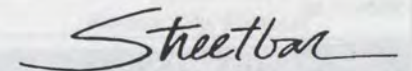
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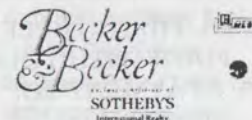
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LET'S RODEO

THE GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

A Member Association of the International Gay Rodeo Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Individual.....\$40.00 — Family.....\$75.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
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BIRTHDAY	<input type="checkbox"/> Year Optional	
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*You better
do what
Mama
Membership
says*



Team G.S.G.R.A.

*Remember: It's not nice to
fool Mama Membership*

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

July 2002

- 2 SD-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 London-England Pride
- 6 Pool Party BBQ and Beer Bust
Desert Palms Inn 4-8pm
- 6 BBQ and Fund Raiser(SD)
at JJ and Ken's
- 9 BAC-Membership Meeting 7pm
- 9 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 12-14 Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Denver, Colorado
- 13 San Bernardino Pride
- 13 Spaghetti Dinner at
San Diego MCC
- 17-21 Lazy Bear Weekend
Russian River
- 21 Yard Sale and Bake Sale
at SD G&L Center
- 23 SD-Rodeo Round Table 7pm
- 25-28 18TH IGRA Convention
Cleveland, Ohio
- 27 APLA Summer Party at
Universal Studios - L.A.
- 26-28 San Diego Pride

August 2002

- 9-11 Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 17 State BOD Meeting
San Diego (location tba)
- 18 BAC-Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers
- 23-25 Windy City Rodeo
Chicago, Illinois
- 30-1 Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City, Missouri

September 2002

- 2 Labour Day
- 6-8 Atlantic Stampede
Washington, D.C.
- 14 Pasadena Pride
- 20-22 San Diego Rodeo
San Diego, California

**The August Board of
Directors meeting will be held
in San Diego and not L.A.**

Bay Area News



Bay Area Chapter Website: www.bayarearodeo.com Hotline: (415) 561-9228

Howdy,

WOW! What a Rodeo! What a weekend! I can't remember when I had so much fun at a rodeo. Doug and team ---- way to go!!!! I think you've set a very high bar for next year's Best Buck in the Bay team to strive for.

That's just the rodeo. What about that royalty contest? Hope you were there for the big event at Marlena's. I was totally blown away. We've got an awesome team in place for this coming year. I'm sure you'll be seeing and hearing a lot from them as the new chapter year unfolds. Please join me in wishing all of them a huge congrats.

Now comes the month when we all take a deep breath and relax. Then things start off again. First up, the Nominating Committee is active and taking names. The ByLaws Committee is also working on revisions to be presented at the August annual meeting. In late July it's time for the Up Your Alley Fair - calling all volunteers!

Please thank everyone involved in planning and running this year's rodeo. Put on your thinking caps for things we can do to improve next year's activities. We've got a lot of energy, let's keep it moving forward.

See ya at the rodeo!

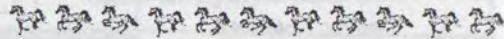
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Nominating Committee News

Please send nominations for next year's BAC Officers to Frank Early at SFRodeoFrank@yahoo.com or call him at (415) 474 - 3326.

Missing Steer Rope

Last seen at Los Angeles Rodeo, Sunday morning, behind the chutes. Red Steer Rope, right-hand with leather braided handle. Large brass bell (smashed) with 2" leather strap. Bell has a "Rock and roll rodeo gear" oval sticker on one side, and a red Aids Ribbon on the other. It's very sentimental to me. Debbie Andrews: wmbullrid@aol.com, (909) 582-0353.



Western Warehouse

in Milpitas offers a 10% discount when you present your GSGRA membership card

Western Wear & Tac
Winner's Circle
in Antioch—18th and A

10% discount
with your GSGRA card. Have problems,
call 510-231-1111 ext 101.

All information is believed accurate at time of printing. All events and times subject to change.

Welcome New BAC Royalty

Congratulations to the newly crowned **2002 Bay Area Chapter Royalty Team!** Introducing (from right to left) your new Mr. BAC **Eric Hanson**, Ms. BAC **Kristi Lee**, Miss BAC **Sofonda Boyz** and 1st Runner Up Miss BAC **Anita Name**. This team did a fantastic job representing the Bay Area Chapter at the Best Buck In The Bay! Look forward to seeing exciting things from this group in the future. Best wishes to the royalty for a successful reign!



These venues have been very supportive of our chapter and have taken an active interest in supporting this year's Best Buck in the Bay. If you're looking for something to do on one or two evenings during the week, why not return the favor and pay them a visit for some great dancing and good times?

Sundance Saloon, SF: Every Sunday from 6:00 - 11:00 pm.
<http://www.sundancesaloon.org>

Bench and Bar, Oakland: Every Thursday from 7:30 pm.
<http://www.bench-and-bar.com>

Club 1220, Walnut Creek: Every Tuesday starting at 8:00 pm

BAC Meetings

The Chapter's Annual Meeting, with elections of new officers and changes to bylaws, is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th. However, it may need to be moved to Wednesday, August 14th. Please look for final meeting location/time information in the August Chute, on the web, the BAC Email updates, and on the hotline.

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2002 MEETING SCHEDULE

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER.

JULY 2, 2002—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 7PM

JULY 9, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM
(TENTATIVE)

JULY 23, 2002—RODEO ROUNDTABLE 7PM
(TENTATIVE)

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT TWIGG'S COFFEESHOP



Twigg's Tea & Coffee
4590 Park Blvd at Madison
near the University Heights
sign
619.296.0616
www.twiggs.org

"the official coffeeshop of the GSGRA-GSDC"

CHAPTER EVENTS

- JULY 6TH BBQ "FUN"RAISER @ JJ's & KEN's
- JULY 13TH..... SPAGHETTI DINNER @ MCC
- JULY 21ST YARD SALE & BAKE SALE @ G&L CENTER
- JULY 27TH & 28TH ... PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

WIN A WEEKEND TO THE SD RODEO

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE DANCE FLOOR ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND JOIN US AT DIAMOND SPUR, AN 1800'S STYLE WESTERN CASINO. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE EVENT AN EVEN GREATER SUCCESS THAN LAST YEAR, YOU CAN HELP US WHILE HELPING YOURSELF. BELOW YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION REGARDING PRE-TICKET SALES AND INCENTIVES PROVIDED TO YOU FOR MAKING THOSE ADVANCED SALES.

TOPAZ SPUR PARTNER (10 TICKETS)
ONE ENTRY TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT

EMERALD SPUR PARTNER (25 TICKETS)
TWO ENTRIES TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT

RUBY SPUR PARTNER (50 TICKETS)
WEEKEND PASS TO SAN DIEGO RODEO FESTIVITIES

SAPPHIRE SPUR PARTNER (100 TICKETS)
TWO ENTRIES TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT
DINNER FOR TWO AT HOTEL PRIOR TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT

DIAMOND SPUR PARTNER (400 TICKETS)
TWO ENTRIES TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT
DINNER FOR TWO AT HOTEL PRIOR TO DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT
TWO NIGHTS AT HOTEL (FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT)




FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SY IVERSON @ 619.287.4106 OR DESGNAGOGO@AOL.COM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE RODEO. THERE ARE MANY COMMITTEES THAT NEED CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS, ASSISTANTS AND GENERAL HELPERS.

PLEASE CONTACT JIM JENNINGS IF INTERESTED:
SANDIEGOJJ@AOL.COM



SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER


DELICIOUS FOOD BY CHARLES BOWLING
SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2002
7:00 PM
MCC, 4333 30TH ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92104
\$10.00 DONATION
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
CALL (619) 977-9686 FOR INFO



YARD SALE/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2002
8 AM-1 PM
THE LESBIAN & GAY MEN'S CENTER PARKING LOT
3909 CENTRE ST
SAN DIEGO, CA 92103

TALK TO A BOARD MEMBER ABOUT DONATING
ITEMS OR BAKED GOODS



UPDATES FROM OUR SECRETARY

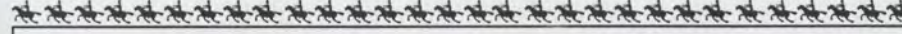

Don't forget about all of the available information on the GSGRAGSDC E-Group at Yahoo!® (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSGRAGSDC/>)

Things such as the current Chapter Roster, current minutes for both General Membership and Rodeo Roundtable Meetings, folders with information about: Event Administration, Sponsorship Agreements, Task Lists for committee chairs & Vendor information.

The E-Groups site will be continuously updated to help facilitate communication and provide support files for members.

I can be reached at sdrodeosecretary@yahoo.com if you have any comments, suggestions or requests

Kelly Gilliland
Secretary
GSGRAGSDC



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Greetings, and a big HOWDY from your Administrative Vice President. Let me introduce myself for those of you that don't know me well. It all started when a friend took me to my first Gay rodeo, it was the 1990 Finals in Phoenix.

I started to volunteer at the San Diego rodeo in 1991 and have been a member of the Greater San Diego Chapter for the past 10 years. I think I've served on most of the Chapter and Rodeo committees and served as a Chair/Co-Chair of Archives, Bylaws, Community Outreach, Donations, Member Discount, Logistics & Mobility and Vendors at one time or another. I was Asst Merchandise for 2 years and Merchandise Co-Chair for 2 more, Newsletter for 4 years, Volunteers for 3 years, State Board Rep for 4 years and 1999 Chapter President.

I mention these things to point out that over the past 10 years, I have seen the Chapter and our Rodeo grow, change and evolve into where we are today. Some years seem like things changed easily and other times it seemed to be much harder to make things happen the way we wanted them to happen. I'll let each of you decide where this year falls for you. The Chapter has had a lot of changes and a lot of challenges this year.

One thing I have learned over the past 10 years is that by working together, the RODEO HAPPENS!! All we have to do is keep working, pushing, pulling, creating and doing whatever needs doing. Some things are easy; other things seem to take a lot more effort to get done. Another thing I've learned is the no matter what it takes, the effort is worth it. It's worth it when you meet that new volunteer or contestant that just found out that there are other people that are gay and that like to do the same things they do (like compete, dance or just dress up in western drag).

There are a lot of people out there that appreciate what we do and it's worth it when they make a point to thank you for your efforts and hard work. And it's worth it just for the good feeling you get for a job well done. So just keep at it and if you need help getting something done or just want company while you do it, just ask someone to help you. You'll find lot of people willing to be there with you.


Dan Bradford
Administrative Vice President
GSGRA-GSDC

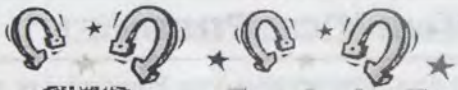


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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER



GLAC Members Made Us Proud at "The Best Buck in the Bay"!!!

Congratulations to our recent-former GLAC President, **Drew O.** and our favorite Mama, **Christy C.**, who took home the honors of All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl (respectively... we think) at BAC's rodeo on June 14-16, 2002!! Christy's run at the rodeo was especially impressive as she trucked

home with buckles for Calf Roping on Foot, Team Roping, Breakaway Roping, Pole Bending, and Wild Drag!!! WOW!!! Also notable was that her winning Team Roping partner this weekend was her winning partner of 11 years, **Belinda M.** They agreed that winning the buckle at this rodeo was an extra special anniversary present!! Other GLAC buckle winners at "The Best Buck" were... **Drew O. & David S.** (with Christy) in Wild Drag, **Rod V.** in Calf Roping on Foot, **Phil L.** in Breakaway Roping, and **Drew O. & David S.** (without Christy) in Steer Decorating! Congratulations to all GLAC members who traveled to San Jose to compete and had a great time representing GLAC to our northern neighbors. One of the GLAC tables at the awards ceremony (the one with Christy, Drew, David, Belinda, Phil and Rod, of course) was stacked so high with buckles and ribbons (see photo below) that the sight prompted the newly elected GLAC President **Larry A.** to say... "Wow... these are my people!" in disbelief. Larry, we hope we always make you proud! In other news, the infamous Miss Closet GSGRA 2002, Rocky Lee, made a surprise



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Miss Closet GSGRA made an appearance at the BAC award ceremony... Can you guess the true identity of Rocky Lee? (See side photo at right... :))



Thank you President Drew!!!

It is with gratitude and thanks that we say goodbye to President Drew who has served the GLAC chapter with love and enthusiasm for the last two years. Our chapter has accomplished goals beyond our wildest dreams under his leadership. His never-ending energy and excitement for rodeo have been amazing and his friendship to each and every chapter member is true. We can't be sad because we know he won't go far (especially with Rocky, I mean, Phil serving as our current State Board Speaker). In fact, those who know him best will shed a tear of joy for Drew and buy him a stiff drink for making it through two long hard years of dedication to this chapter. The overwhelming success of the 2002 LA Rodeo at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center was a tribute to his leadership. Thank you President Drew for your selfless giving and your huge heart!! (And watch out, Larry, you have BIG shoes to fill... and I'm sure you know what they say about that!)

A final note from President Drew... (In fact, his closing speech...)

Two years ago, I pledged to you that if elected to the office of President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of GSGRA that:

- I would serve as a member of a team;
- a team which was dedicated to promoting the sport of rodeo;
- a team that would foster the country-western lifestyle in the gay & lesbian community;
- a team that would challenge each of you to become more involved;
- a team that would seek new and innovative ways of doing business;
- a team that would pursue excellence in all it does;
- a team with vision for the future.

That commitment has been fulfilled! You have successfully accomplished my vision. You have become a renowned Team! A team I proudly call TEAM LA!

In April of this year, the culmination of Team LA's efforts was realized in a rodeo of near perfection! It was an amazing rodeo where new and innovative ideas were used to promote the sponsors, the community, and the sport. Team LA did it! Team LA successfully created an environment in which rodeo fans, officials, contestants, royalty, volunteers, and sponsors joined together as part of a family. With a doubt, the 2002 LA Rodeo set a rodeo standard by which all future rodeos will be judged. Team LA wowed both the community and the IGRA circuit! Simply put, Team LA did it! (Cont. on following page...)

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(Cont. from previous page...) As I leave the office of President, I encourage each of you to continue working to better yourself and strengthen Team LA. I challenge each of you as a member of Team LA to do more. I challenge you to support your new Board with your time, your talents, your hard work and your innovative ideas. I challenge you to hold yourself more accountable and to forgive your teammates. I challenge you to learn from your past accomplishment and/or mistakes. I challenge you to be bigger and better than ever before. I challenge "TEAM LA TO DO MORE!"

Thank you!
Drew

Congratulations to GJAC's NFW Executive Board...

President: Larry Andrick
Admin. VP: Lenore Mankoff
VP of Rodeo: Paul Thompson
Treasurer: Mark Jensen
Secretary: Keith Arruda
More from them in the next issue...

Final Notes...

Thank you to Sue D. for working her tail off to bring you updated web pages!!! Watch your e-mail and the web calendar for our next chapter meeting and our Hamburger Mary's Fundraiser both on July 13th!!

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ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	6,247.28
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	1,790.33
Memorial Accounts	1,375.49
Total Checking/Savings	9,413.10
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	4,266.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	1,950.00
Greater Palm Springs	37,608.75
Total Accounts Receivable	43,825.33
Total Current Assets	53,238.43
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	54,162.43

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	5,546.36
Net Income	4,737.32
Total Equity	54,162.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	54,162.43

**When the Money
Man Speaks,
Everybody Listens**

	3/2002-2/2003	Budget	Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Donations	1,000.00	100.00	900.00
Interest Income	16.29	250.00	-233.71
Membership Income	5,680.00	15,000.00	-9,320.00
State Convention	1,360.00	1,500.00	-140.00
Total Income	8,056.29	17,200.00	-9,143.71
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	600.00	600.00	0.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Education	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
General Administrative	903.33	4,085.00	-3,181.67
IGRA Convention	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Membership	4,255.08	6,065.00	-1,809.92
Mr Ms Miss	101.75	1,000.00	-898.25
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
State Convention Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Taxes	1,300.00	800.00	500.00
Total Expense	7,160.16	17,200.00	-10,039.84
Net Ordinary Income	896.13	0.00	896.13
Other Income/Expense			
Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	560.00	500.00	60.00
Reserve Funds	1,260.50	1,500.00	-239.50
Total Other Income	1,820.50	2,000.00	-179.50
Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	1,820.50	1,300.00	520.50
Net Income	2,716.63	1,300.00	1,416.63