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For the year 2003

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego
September 19-21, 2003

L.A. Rodeo
Los Angeles
April 11-13, 2003

Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose
June 20-22, 2003



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December 2002

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

From the desk of *The Prez*

Howdy and Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone's holiday season has kicked into a festive high gear by now. We had a really productive state board meeting in November and the BAC did a great job of hosting everyone. The royalty contest was great and there were some super performances on both Friday and Saturday nights. The outgoing royalty did a fantastic job raising money for the David Watkins Memorial Fund and I think we all owe them a huge thank you. I

think we've got some great folks on board for this year's royalty team and I'd urge all the chapters to start lining up the royalty to attend your functions throughout the year.

In other big news, LA is going to do a Buck Out in conjunction with the February board meeting, so now you've got more reasons than ever to head to LA in February. It sounds like it's gonna be a blast. Looking forward to the spring, the PS folks are already making plans for a long weekend of fun in the sun for our annual meeting in May.

The board approved three new ad hoc committees at the meeting, a committee to plan for our 20th birthday parties (yeah - how could we just survive with one?) in 2004, an archival committee, and an IGRA 2005 Convention bid exploration committee. If you'd like to help on any of these, or any of other committees currently working away, just drop me a note. We also are moving forward with new shirt designs and selection of a vendor to handle the sales. This would mean

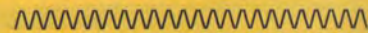
no more requirements of bulk orders and, with luck, the ability to order your shirt over the web. The board also approved recommendations from the Growth and Development Committee regarding new state-wide awards for members, volunteers and contestants. Some very cool stuff for this coming rodeo year! Finally, the board approved the bid request from BAC to hold a rodeo in June. They've got new rodeo grounds that are absolutely awesome!

As you'll recall, we'd previously announced the formation of the GSGRA Yahoo E-Group. We've been slow in opening it up for membership because

there wasn't much on there to look at. However, by mid-December you should have received an email invitation to join. If you haven't, just drop me a note. Inside the group you'll find committee reports, meeting minutes, and other helpful information. We will also use the poll feature to solicit feedback from the membership from time to time.

That's it for now, hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Jabby



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To The Bar**



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Happy Holidays

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ELECT

GREETINGS ALL,

HUMBLY HONORED TO BE YOUR 2003 CHAPTER PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SOME TIME TO DISCUSS A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE. OUR CHAPTER STANDS AT THE THRESHOLD OF A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY. THE TEAMWORK AND ENERGY CREATED BY THE 2002 RODEO IS PHENOMENAL. THIS MEMBERSHIP HAS ELECTED A BOARD WITH A PLAN.

THIS YEAR WILL BRING INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. WE HAVE A GOAL OF CREATING AND SUSTAINING A MEMBERSHIP 300 MEMBERS STRONG. WE INTEND TO DO THIS BY ACTIVELY ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES. WHEN OUR FRIENDS LOOK FOR SOME WAY TO BECOME INVOLVED AND FIT IN, WE SHALL OFFER THEM MEMBERSHIP TO THE FINEST SAN DIEGO SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. WITH THAT MEMBERSHIP COMES REAL VALUE WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS; SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES; AND REAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS THAT MAKE UP RODEO.

ALSO BROUGHT TO THIS YEAR IS THE COMMITMENT TO A 5 YEAR BUSINESS PLAN. OUR COMMON GOALS AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY EXPRESSED, AND YET TO BE DISCOVERED SHALL COME TOGETHER IN THIS BUSINESS PLAN. IT SHALL LAY OUT PRACTICAL WAYS TO GETTING TO WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED OUR IMPOSSIBLE GOALS. IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A RODEO WITH 10,000 ATTENDEES? CAN WE HAVE RODEO DANCES ON 10,000 SQUARE FOOT DANCE FLOORS? CAN WE HAVE A TOP NAME ENTERTAINER, SUCH AS ALAN JACKSON OR ALISON KRAUSE FILL AN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE WITH 10,000 PEOPLE? WE CAN REACH THESE GOALS WITH A PLAN. I AM COMMITTED TO CREATING THE MOST REASONABLE PLAN IN LINE WITH OUR VISION AS POSSIBLE.

THIS YEAR WILL BRING A RESURGENCE IN DIRECT RODEO INTEREST. WE SHALL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TEACHING RODEO ACTIVITIES. DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO ROPE? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CURIOUS AS TO WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THE MIND OF A BULL-RIDER AS SHE'S READY TO LEAVE THE CHUTE? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO BUILD YOUR OWN WILD DRAG RACE TEAM? YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SHALL BRING THESE TO YOU.

I WANT TO THANK OUR BOARD MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR AND YEARS PAST, FOR WITHOUT THEM THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT EXIST. THANK YOU! TO THOSE OF YOU WHO FEEL THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION HAS NO PLACE FOR YOU, PLEASE RECONSIDER. WE ARE A POWERFUL GROUP WITH A COMMON VISION FOR SAN DIEGO RODEO. WE ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING A PRODUCTIVE, FUN, AND EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL ORGANIZATION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM DRAMA AND SELF-SERVING INTERESTS.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU, THE MEMBERS, ATTENDEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND CONTESTANTS, OF THE SAN DIEGO RODEO. WE SHALL NOT LET YOU DOWN!

THANK YOU,
JAMES D. MIERA
PRESIDENT ELECT, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER, GSGRA



*The new board! L-R: Ken, Ed,
Kelly, Lewis, & James*

SAN DIEGO 2003

AUNTIE HELEN'S AWARDED \$5,000 !



THE GREATER SAN DIEGO CHAPTER OF GSGRA IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE DONATED \$5,000.00 TO AUNTIE HELEN'S, OUR DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY OF THE 2002 SAN DIEGO RODEO, DIAMOND SPUR CASINO NIGHT AND BOOTS & BRIEFS.

THE CHECK WAS PRESENTED AT OUR ANNUAL CHAPTER DINNER & AWARDS BANQUET TO ROCKY THOMAS BY KEN VALDEZ, OUR TREASURER.

DECEMBER FUNDRAISER



WE WILL BE HAVING A FUNDRAISER FOR THE RODEO CHAPTER AT KICKER'S ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2002 AT 7:00 P. M.

OUR THEME FOR THE EVENT WILL BE "WHO ARE WE?" WE WILL SHOWCASE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE RODEO.

THERE WILL BE A TWO STEP CONTEST, LIP SYNC CONTEST AND INDOOR RODEO EVENT. WE WILL ALSO INTRODUCE OUR NEW OFFICERS AND NEW MEMBERS.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THE FUN!



2002 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

THE RALPH MARTINEZ MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2002 WAS PRESENTED TO KEN VALDEZ AT OUR ANNUAL DINNER.

THE AWARD GOES TO THE PERSON WHO THE CHAPTER FEELS EXEMPLIFIES THE SPIRIT OF RODEO AND WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE DESERVING OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

CONGRATULATIONS, KEN, ON A JOB WELL DONE!



SAN DIEGO 2003



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Congratulations Sash Queens!

Congratulations to GLAC members **Helin Bedd** and **Larry G.** for winning the titles of Miss GSGRA and 2nd Runner-Up to Mr. GSGRA, respectively, at the GSGRA Royalty Competition on November 16th in San Francisco. Thank you to Bay Area Chapter for hosting a FABULOUS party for the State Board of Directors quarterly meeting and the annual GSGRA Royalty Competition, and to another GLAC Member **Phil L.** (AKA Ms. Closet GSGRA, Rockie Lee) for sitting on the judges' panel for the royalty competition and for making a surprise fundraising appearance with his "sister Sara" (see photo below). Rockie and Sara donated the proceeds from their performance to the new royalty as the first monies raised for the new year. Way to go, girls... thanks for your heart!



L: Helin Bedd is crowned by Miss GSGRA 2002, Tiger Lily. Middle and R.: Miss Closet GSGRA, Rockie Lee and her "sister" Sara make a special appearance.

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

GLAC Holiday Party December 14th...

"Come they told me parumpty de dum dum" We are now smack in the middle of the holiday season. The cooking, the parties, all the shopping to be done, and the mall parking lots bringing forth the spirit of the season with courteous drivers and ample parking....yea right! Well then come unwind at the Chapter Holiday Celebration!

Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 6:00 PM... Pot Luck Style!

Bring your favorite dish and beverage of choice. Also, bring a \$10.00 gift for a "White Elephant" exchange. The party will be held at the home of:

Cody and Keith
6021 Huntley Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92845
(714) 895-1201

If you didn't receive your announcement in the mail yet then send me an email at events@larodeo.com and I will promptly get one to you!

Happy Holidays Everyone!... From **CODY BOGGIO**, GLAC Event Chair



More Holiday Fun for Everyone...

Come join us on Sunday - December the 15th as we support **Devon Deming** and her choral group The West Coast Singers (Chorus of the Lesbian/Gay Community) for their holiday chorale concert, "Sleigh Bells Sing". It will be an afternoon of holiday songs old and new that are guaranteed to lift your spirits and touch your heart.

Tickets are normally \$23 for adults and \$12 - children/students/senior citizens... BUT West Coast Singers is offering GSGRA a special group rate of \$20.00 for adults! For the special rate, you can pre-order tickets at www.westcoastsingers.org. Just make sure you type GSGRA in the comments section of the online order form.

We will meet at the El Portal Theatre at 2:00 PM for a little socializing before the concert and so we can get seats together. The concert starts at 3:00 PM. If you would like to attend please send me an email at: events@larodeo.com so we know to expect you...

Bay Area News



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Letter from the President

I'm really excited in writing this edition of my letter to the chapter, mostly because there are a lot of great things to report! Where should I begin? Hmm...let me see...How about a great big congrats to our new Mr. GSGRA Eric Hanson!! Yes, Eric brought the Mr. GSGRA sash back to the Bay Area. Eric, we are all very proud of you, and like they say... "Now get to work!" I also have to give a big congrats to Ed Morgan, Mr. GSGRA 1st Runner-Up. I am "soooo" glad that I wasn't a judge, because the both of you did such a wonderful job. Ed, you truly are a star.

Not to steal any thunder from our State Board Representatives, but it looks like the State Organization will be putting in a bid to host the IGRA convention in 2005 here in the city of San Francisco! They have asked me to Chair the ad-hoc committee to put the bid together, so hopefully I'll be able to solicit quite a bit of help from all of you. Since the State of California will be presenting the bid, the other

chapters within the state are also on board in helping out. With this in mind, I would love to hear all ideas, comments and suggestions from members on how we can win the bid! I will also be seeking volunteers to be on this committee, so please feel free to contact me if you would like to help out.

The last big piece of news is that our bid for a rodeo in 2003 was just approved by the state! This means that the fun is just beginning for Doug and his crew. I'm sure you'll be hearing from Doug in regard to getting ready for our rodeo next June!

One more thing... The next chapter meeting will be at the house of Chris Caufield. This will be a Holiday potluck dinner as well. It would be great to get everyone together during the holidays before everyone gets too busy. I hope to see you all there!

Adrian Arteche

BAC President

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Chapter Meeting & Holiday Potluck

Tuesday Dec. 17th • 6 pm

Home of Chris Caufield
6027 Buena Ventura Ave
Oakland, CA

A Special Thanks to a Generous BAC Member

The Bay Area Chapter would like to extend a special thank you to one of our members, Bob Stanfill, for sponsoring the travel of Miss IGRA 1st Runner Up, Pussy LeHoot, to the GSGRA 2003 Royalty Competition here in San Francisco. Pussy was able to entertain Friday at Vintage Country (a fundraiser for the David Watkins Memorial Fund) as well as during the competition on Saturday evening. She also served as one of the judges for the Royalty competition. Thanks Bob for helping bring Pussy to town!!

49'er Football Party Sunday, Dec 1st @ 1:15 p.m.

Mr. GSGRA '03, Eric Hanson, hosts a day of great football, food, beer, and fun. Proceeds for this event benefit the Bay Area Chapter.

Club Rendez-Vous
1312 Polk Street, San Francisco
www.clubrendez-vous.com

SUNDANCE SALOON CHAPTER NIGHT

Beginning on December 8th, the Bay Area Chapter will be having a Chapter Night at the Sundance Saloon on the 2nd Sunday of Every Month!

Come at 6:00 pm for country dance lessons, stay all night for open dancing. Wear your Team GSGRA, BAC, or rodeo attire, and meet many other chapter members and friends.

Sundance Saloon
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6:00-11:00 p.m.
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G.S.G.R.A. Inc
Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2002

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Accounts	5,399.24
GSGRA Rodeo Reserve	2,404.95
Memorial Accounts	1,375.49
Total Checking/Savings	9,179.68
Accounts Receivable	
Due From Bay Area Chapter	4,266.58
Due From Greater Los Angeles	1,950.00
Greater Palm Springs	37,458.94
Total Accounts Receivable	43,675.52
Total Current Assets	52,855.20
Other Assets	
Depreciable Assets	924.00
Total Other Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	53,779.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	43,878.75
Retained Earnings	5,566.36
Net Income	4,334.09
Total Equity	53,779.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	53,779.20

G.S.G.R.A. Inc
Revenue vs Expenses and Budget Comparison
March 2002 through February 2003

	Mar '02 - Feb 03	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Dance Contest	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Donations	1,000.00	100.00	900.00
IGRA Annual Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Income	48.78	250.00	-201.22
Membership Income	9,272.00	15,000.00	-5,728.00
Merchandise Sale	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Convention	1,281.38	1,500.00	-218.62
Total Income	11,602.16	17,200.00	-5,597.84
Expense			
Buckle Sponsorships	400.00	600.00	-200.00
Dance Contest Expenses	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Education	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
General Administrative	2,276.15	4,085.00	-1,808.85
IGRA Annual Convention Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
IGRA Convention	1,080.00	1,500.00	-420.00
Membership	4,707.49	6,065.00	-1,357.51
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mr Ms Miss	131.35	1,000.00	-868.65
Professional Fees	0.00	800.00	-800.00
State Convention Expenses	823.92	1,000.00	-176.08
Taxes	1,515.00	800.00	715.00
Total Expense	10,933.91	17,200.00	-6,266.09
Net Ordinary Income	668.25	0.00	668.25
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
David Watkins Memorial Fund	560.00	500.00	60.00
Reserve Funds	1,760.50	1,500.00	260.50
Total Other Income	2,320.50	2,000.00	320.50
Other Expense			
DWMF Contestant Expenses	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Net Other Income	2,320.50	1,300.00	1,020.50
Net Income	2,988.75	1,300.00	1,688.75



Golden State Gay Rodeo Association
Greater Palm Spring Chapter

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The Lark
San Bernardino

The Desert Palms Inn
Cathedral City

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Palm Springs

The GPSC Board would like to express their sincere **THANK YOU** to **JG Avila** for his continued support, hard work and dedication to the Chapter.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Ya'll,

We had a Calf Roping on Foot Clinic and had a really good turn out.

We would like to welcome our new officers **Ethan Matthews** As Treasurer and **Rosie Sierra** as Secretary. Congratulations and welcome aboard. We also welcome back **Johnnie Yarbrough** to the chapter. Cowgirl Up !!!!!

We will be giving you our fundraiser dates and beer busts in the next issue.

Our next meeting will be **December 8th**, 2002 at 2:30 PM at The Lark in San Bernardino.

We had a great time at the State Board meeting in San Francisco. We would like to thank the **Bay area Chapter** for hosting a great meeting and all the wonderful entertainment.

We would like to put out a big thank you to the **San Diego Chapter**, they will be helping us to pay off a couple of debts, and to San Francisco who will also be helping. **THANK YOU !!!!!**

I also wanted to let everyone know that the chapter will not be filing bankruptcy as stated before. We are going to do our best and pay off our debts so that we can possibly have a rodeo of our own. I would like to ask all of **Our Members** if they have any ideas for fundraisers, dances, ect. So please contact me or one of the other members with your ideas.

We would like all of our members to become more involved with the **Chapter**, come out and have some fun with us.

Have a great month and stay safe. Will keep updating you for the meeting and upcoming fundraisers.

Sylvia Mower
President

Next Meeting
December 8th, 2002
2:30 PM
The Lark



I.G.R.A. RODEO SCHEDULE 2003

North Star Regional Rodeo
Minneapolis/St Paul, Minnesota
July 4-6, 2003

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo
Denver, Colorado
July 11-13, 2003

19th Annual I.G.R.A. Convention
Phoenix, Arizona
July 31-August 3, 2003

International Dance Competition
Phoenix, Arizona
August 2, 2003

Zia Regional Rodeo
Albuquerque, New Mexico
August 15-17, 2003

Windy City Rodeo
Chicago, Illinois
August 22-24, 2003

MGRA Show Me State Rodeo
Kansas City, Kansas
August 29-31, 2003

Atlantic Stampede 2003
Washington, DC
August 29-31, 2003

San Diego Rodeo
San Diego, California
September 19-21, 2003

17th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 24-26, 2003

Capital City Rodeo
Austin, Texas
November 8-10, 2002

Road Runner Regional Rodeo
Phoenix, Arizona
January 17-19, 2003

Cowtown Rodeo
Fort Worth, Texas
March 28-30, 2003

Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 4-6, 2003

LA Rodeo
Los Angeles, California
April 11-13, 2003

Rodeo in the Rock
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 25-27, 2003

Great Plains Rodeo
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 23-25, 2003

Southern Spurs Rodeo
Atlanta, Georgia
May 30-June 1, 2003

Salt Lake City Rodeo
Salt Lake City, Utah
June 13-15, 2003

Bay Area Rodeo
San Jose, California
June 20-22, 2003

Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo
Calgary, Alberta
June 27-29, 2003

Heartland Rodeo
Omaha, Nebraska
June 27-29, 2003

The above is believed to be accurate, however, we urge you to contact the



local producing Association or I.G.R.A. to confirm all dates, times and locations before making any commitments. Our

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