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October 2003

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

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

October 2003

- 3-4 *Banning Stagecoach Days*
- 3-4 *Kern County Fair Rodeo*
Bakersfield, CA
- 4 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting-10am*
- 4 *Bonfire- Bolsa Chica(LA)*
- 4 *San Dimas Western Days Rodeo*
- 4 *Royal Court de Santa*
Monica (Coronation)
- 7 *Chapter Membership Meeting 7pm (SD)*
- 11 *Country Night - Hamberger*
Mary's - Long Beach
- 10-11 *Santa Barbara Pride*
- 10-12 *NIRA Lassen College*
Susanville, CA
- 11-12 *Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo*
- 12 *Chapter Membership Meeting 7pm (PS)*
- 12 *Taking the Reins 4th Annual*
Family Day Barbecue
Paddock Riding Club
- 12 *LA / Valley Pride, CA*
- 17 *Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's*
- Studio City
- 18 *GLAC Roadtrip to Kickers SD*
- 19 *Aids Walk - Los Angeles*
- 21 *Rodeo Wrap-up Meeting 7pm (SD)*
- 24 *Grand National Member Night (BA)*
- 24-2 *27th Grand National Rodeo*
San Francisco, CA
- 31 *Halloween*

November 2003

- 1-2 *Palm Springs Pride*
- 8 *Owl Empire of Stanislaus County*
Modesto, California(Coronation)
- 8 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am*
LA (Location TBA)
- 29 *The Imperial Court of L.A. and*
Hollywood (Coronation)
- 15-16 *NIRA West Coast Regional Rodeo*
San Luis Obispo, CA
- 2-9 *Pro Bull Riders Finals*
Las Vegas, NV
- 27 *Thanksgiving*

December 2003

- 5-14 *National Finals Rodeo*
Las Vegas, NV
- 7 *GLAC-Chapter Meeting - 10am*
- 25 *Christmas Day*

January 2004

- 16-18 *Road Runner Rodeo*

Phoenix, AZ

February 2004

- 13-15 *IGRA University*
St Louis MO

March 2004

- 5-7 *Cowtown Rodeo*
Fort Worth, TX

April 2004

- 2-4 *Bighorn Rodeo*
Las Vegas, NV
- 30-2 *Rodeo in The Rock*
Little Rock, AR

May 2004

- 14-16 *Comstock Stampede*
Sparks, NV
- 28-30 *Great Plains Rodeo*
Oklahom City, OK

June 2004

- 18-20 *Zia Regional Rodeo*
Albuquerque, NM

We goofed!!!

Finals 2004 will be in Omaha,
not Wichita, as we previously stated.
We always recommend contacting
IGRA or the hosting Association
to reconfirm dates etc., before
making any commitment with
regard to any rodeo. Especially
if you heard about it here!!!!



THE BEST SHEET COMES FROM THE CHUTE

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October 23, 24, 25 & 26

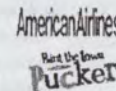
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The 17th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo is
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October
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SD SENTINEL

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meetings of the Greater San Diego Chapter of GSGRA.

October 7, 2003—General Membership 7pm
October 21, 2003—Rodeo Wrap-Up 7pm
November 4, 2003—Annual Meeting of Members 7pm
November 18, 2003—Rodeo Roundtable 7pm

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop

SD KO PARTY AT RAWHIDE

Howdy All!!

Scott from San Diego here, and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Rawhide for their hospitality to our visiting San Diego group last Sunday - we had a terrific time!!

Special thanks need to go to Larry Andrick, GLAC President, and the rest of the GLAC executive board, not only for inviting us up, but also for the free publicity. Thanks also go to the Rawhide for hosting the Beer Bust and allowing us to be a part of it! Kelly Gilliland would like to thank again all the people who graciously volunteered to be part of his pictures in his royalty scavenger hunt, and the San Diego Rodeo group wants to say thanks again to everyone there that day for making us feel so welcome!



On behalf of myself and the other members of the GSDC royalty team, as well as everyone involved with putting on the San Diego Rodeo, we would very much like to extend a hearty "y'all come on down!" to everyone in L.A. - please give us a chance to show the world we can be just as friendly as y'all are!! And don't forget to come and say "howdy" when you see us at the rodeo!!

Scott Grant
Mr. San Diego Rodeo 2003

A WORD FROM HOSPITALITY

I wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped me with the Pool party, Hospitality room, and the Hospitality desk. Robert V, Randall T, Brandi, Sherry, Doc, Robert M, Luis R, and Jon S. I also want to thank the places that donated food for our rodeo this year. Chef's Wok, Papa John's Pizza, and Hamburger Mary's. The hospitality and Pool Party was a great success this year. I couldn't have done it without the help of these volunteers and the donations of Pucker, Wet, and All Worlds Video. I hope this will encourage others to step forward for next year's rodeo and make it an even better event. I especially want to thank Ophelia for being our MC at the Pool party this year. There was a lot of laughter having Ofelia as our MC. I hope to see all of you again at The San Diego Rodeo next year.

David Neisinger
Hospitality Coordinator

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Nominations will be open at the October General Membership Meeting for anyone interested in running for an Executive Board Position at our Annual Meeting Of Members to be held in November. We are also looking for someone interested in Chairing the Nominations Committee. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please contact any of the current Executive Board members.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Howdy Y'all,

Well, by the time you're reading this, the 15th Annual San Diego Rodeo will have come and gone—hopefully y'all had a fantastic time and are still buzzing about it. Personally, I'm sleeping... but you know San Diego — always planning something.

So here goes:

On Saturday, October 18th, the Greater San Diego Chapter will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Party to thank everyone for their tireless contribution to a mighty successful San Diego rodeo! This party is open to all current and past members, as well as all those who have volunteered for any event the Association has put on in the past. Kicker's/Hamburger Mary's has donated the space and the food for this event. Food will be served from 8pm to 10pm, with dancing and festivities to follow.

To make it an even bigger event, the Greater Los Angeles Chapter will be transporting party-goers to and from Kicker's and the Rawhide. The cost of \$25 includes transportation and refreshments (I could use a Bud Light and some Pucker!) on the bus. Space is limited to 53 people and it's going quickly. Bring some jammies for the ride home! Contact Robert Kojima (robertkojima@yahoo.com, 310-709-7492) for more information.

The trip schedule is as follows:

LA (Rawhide) pickup at 6:00pm
Long Beach (TBA) pickup at 7:00pm
Arrive Kicker's at 8:30pm
Depart Kicker's at midnight
Long Beach dropoff at 1:15am
LA (Rawhide) dropoff at 2:00am

Come on out and let us thank you for your hours of service that you have provided to the San Diego Rodeo Association. We definitely could not have done it without you!

See you there!

Carlos P. Madrid
Volunteer Coordinator, San Diego Rodeo 2003
volunteers@sandiegorodeo.com

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ALLEY

AND, OF COURSE:

The volunteers, contestants, the coordinators, the entertainers, the spectators, and everyone else who makes our rodeo possible!

FROM THE DESK OF OUR FEARLESS LEADER

Howdy,

It's hard to believe that the summer's flown by and we're already into the fall season. As I write this, we're in the final count down for another great San Diego Rodeo. I guess this also means the rodeo season is coming to an end and it's time to get ready to go to Finals and cheer on the contestants from Team GSGRA!

It's also October, so the royalty contest is just around the corner. If you'd like to participate in the contest get that entry form in fast. At the August board meeting many of our committees

presented some

very good

action

plans.

Please take a

look at them

(available on the

GSGRA Members Yahoo E-Group) and consider joining a committee. There's lots of stuff underway that's going to bring some new things to the organization, so it's a good time to be involved.

See you at the rodeo,

Jabby

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, DOUBLE THE FUN

The Next Board Meeting will be a two day event. That's right, folks, plan on being in the fair city of San Francisco for two fun filled days because the BOD Meeting will probably, in fact will almost certainly be reconvened on Sunday morning.

(It's worth showing up on Sunday, if only to see how very un-pretty some Board Members are after a night on the tiles!!!)

Lest We Forget.....

Fellow GSGRA members:

My friend Katharine Messerschmidt is training to run a marathon in memory of her cousin, our friend Steve Creber, a former GSGRA vice president and L.A. Rodeo director who, in May, died suddenly of a stroke at age 35. The marathon is sponsored by the American Stroke Association, which does a couple of these fund-raisers each year around the country.

(This one is in January in Phoenix, but fund-raising is under way now.)

Katharine is hoping to raise \$2,600, but with our help I know she can do better. If you'd like to do so, making a donation would be a great way to remember Steve;

just make your

check out to

"American

Stroke Association"

and send it

to Katharine at

230 Broadway, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

I know she would appreciate your support.

Thanks,

David Medzerian

From Katharine:

May 31, 2003, proved to be a life-altering day for me: It was the day my 35-year-old cousin Steven died of a massive stroke. His doctor said it was a 1 out of 10 million chance this would happen to a healthy young man.

Not only did I look at myself and my mortality, but I was in such disbelief and denial to lose my "Cuz." I had just seen Steven three weeks prior at our family reunion, happy and healthy.

So, how could this have happened? We may never get an answer, but these are some statistics we do know:

>Every 53 seconds someone suffers a stroke.

> Every 3.3 minutes someone dies from a stroke.

> Stroke is the third leading cause of death behind heart disease and cancer.

> There are 4.4 million stroke survivors.

> 29 percent of people who have strokes are under age 65.

Just about a month

after Steven's

death I received

a flyer in the

mail. It was from

the American Stroke

Association about their

marathon (literally) fund-

raising to raise awareness and funds for

stroke research and education. The program

is called Train to End Stroke (TTES) and I

have committed to running a marathon (26.2

miles) on January 11, 2004, in Phoenix, Arizona.

I always told Steven I would do anything for

him, but to run a marathon for stroke was

not what I was thinking. I am ready for the

challenge and I invite you to be a part of my effort both emotionally and financially. My fund-raising goal is \$2,600 before race day. Your gift is a tax-deductible donation and an investment into the future for all stroke patients.

Thank you,, thank you, thank you in advance for your support and encouragement. Please keep me in your thoughts

and prayers

throughout this

endeavor as I

run in memory

of Steven and

others that have

been affected by stroke.

All my best,

Katharine Creber Messerschmidt

Please write checks to American Stroke

Association or if you want to charge it

you can call me with the info at (949) 515-

0516.

Send all donations to me at: 230 Broad-

way, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

**Team
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MR/MS/MISS G.S.G.R.A. 2004 Pageant



November 22nd 2003

**The Ramada Plaza Hotel, San Francisco
For complete details visit www.asara.org**

Trustee Report

Sponsors:

IGRA Quality Review of total Corporate Sponsorship Compliance indicates some rodeos are non-compliant. It is very important that Association President, VP Rodeo Ops, Chapter President, Newsletter Editor and Rodeo Director has a copy of the 9 separate contracts with our corporate sponsors. I have posted most of them in the GSGRA yahoo groups. I am working on getting all 9 posted soon. If you do not have access to the yahoo groups I can send you copies by us mail.

Finals 2003

October 24-26, 2003

Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E. 41st(21st & Yale) www.exposquare.com

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Select 5000 E. Skelly Dr.(I-44 & Yale). Phone 918-622-7000 or toll free at 1-800-465-4329. The Room Rate is \$69.00 when you mention IGRA Finals Rodeo through October 2nd, 2003. Arena Director is Kim Dawson. Chute Coordinator is Jay Beck The Judges are: Thom Sloan, Rick Jones, Jorge Ramirez, and Amy Griffin.

Campers

RV hookups are on site at the Expo Square Fairgrounds Full Service...

\$15.00 per night, Electric Only \$12.00 per night, Parking Only \$8.00 per night.

Party Bus

The Party Bus will transport you from the host hotel to the bars from 9pm-2am Friday and Saturday night. The cab ride from the closest bar (4 miles) is \$18.00 so we are trying to make it easier on you. The cost for one of our wrist bands for the bus is \$6.00 per night or \$10.00 for the weekend. The wrist bands will be sold at the royalty competition or at registration. I encourage you to purchase the bus pass. The police in Tulsa do not tolerate drinking and driving. Stay Safe!

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American Airlines

American Airlines Travel Discounts, To use the American Airlines program and get 5%-10% off call 800-433-1790 and give the **new** Star Number **S16294** and the rodeo you are going to. On all other travel on American Airlines use the Business Extraa Corporate ID Number **538389**. Please pass this number on to friends and family to use, as IGRA will benefit.

WANTED: USED BOOTS



One of the many safety rules at Taking the Reins is that all teens in addition to wearing a riding helmet must also wear riding boots. New or slightly used girl's and women's cowboy boots are desperately needed. If you have boots you can spare, your donation *will* help.

Taking The Reins is a beneficiary of The LA Rodeo and you can reach them at: 323-906-1560 to contribute.

Team

G.S.G.R.A.

See You In Siss Fransasco!!!

The next State Board of Directors Meeting will be held in San Francisco on November 22-23, 2003. All events will be at:

The Ramada Plaza Hotel
Civic Center San Francisco
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415)626-8000

Room rates are \$89.00 per night if you mention GSGRA. (\$12,345.50 if you don't).

Lunch will be provided on Saturday only. RSVP required for attendance at the meeting to get the proper head-count for lunch. RSVP to vpadmin@bayarearodeo.com.

The Mr. Ms. Miss. GSGRA Pageant will be at 9:00pm, all delegates and GSGRA members get in free with proof of membership.

Also, anyone signing up to join the GSGRA that night will get in free.



EDUCATION:



The education committee has been hard at work planning the Palm Springs Education Day. We are working out all the financials and should have a report for everyone at the next board meeting.

We are continuing to work on the Education web site and hope to have it up and fully running soon. If you have any lesson plans on rodeo education please forward me a copy to put on the web site for others to use. On the web site now are some schools to attend and some web sites for shopping. I will soon have on the web site a place to go horseback riding. I have been looking all over for buck out and gymkhana locations, if anyone knows of any please let me know.

We are still collecting training aids and educational materials; if any members have anything they would like to donate, please contact me at the e-mail below. I am hoping to have these items up on the web site for check out soon.

I apologize that I stated in the last "Chute" news that you could get an attendance roster at [Http://www.gsgra.org/education](http://www.gsgra.org/education). It is not there yet. I am going to send it out to each chapter's education chairs, if I have your email, if not I will send it to the chapter president. Please continue your education at the chapter level and report to the secretary of GSGRA through your state board reps.

At our next board meeting in November we will conduct a seminar on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest given by Avery Belka, one of the attorney's for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Everyone is invited to attend this seminar.

Roz Campbell
Education Chair
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hey Ya'll

I bet everyone is over this heat wave and can't wait for the cold brisk days once again. I know being out in the desert I am very ready. Now on to the important stuff.

We would like to wish Rick Johnson the best of luck as he has resigned from the position of Vice President of Administration and State Rep. He is moving on with his new goals. We are putting out to the entire chapter members that if anyone is interested in signing up for the position please let one of the board members know and we can talk to you about what the position entails.

Also due to our lack of financial funding we are unable to proceed with our Hot Rodeo 2004 planning. We have set our new goals for Hot Rodeo 2005, which we are on the IGRA schedule for - February 25, 26 & 27, 2005. To achieve that goal we must qualify for the State, which means we have to present a bid by July 2004. We must have \$7000.00 in the bank, have a rodeo director, a Rodeo round-table of approximately 12 coordinators and a plan to repay what debts we have left from 2001 finals. So we are asking all members of the Greater Palms Springs Chapter to become more involved. Come out and have some fun and get to know everyone.

We would like to welcome back Frank Delgado to our chapter. He has just moved back to California after serving as President for the New Mexico Chapter. Welcome back Frank.... COWBOY UP !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again I would like to ask members from all California chapters to sign up with us for the Pride fest Parade that will be held on November 2, 2004, this also includes all Royalty we would be honored to have all of you. We need 25 volunteers to help us carry the flags. So far we have 5 members signed up. Please contact me ASAP as we have 1 week left to get in the application.

I would like to thank all the members of Greater Palm Springs Chapter for helping us become a better chapter.

Have a great rest of the summer and I will talk to you next month.

Come join us for chapter meeting and dancing... Hope to see you there...

Sincerely,

Sylvia Mower
President

**Next Chapter Meeting
Ground Zero
October 12, 2003
7:00PM**



L.A. News



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

TAKING THE REINS FOURTH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY BARBECUE

This event is their annual fundraiser for the year. It is Sunday, October 12, 2003, noon to 4pm at The Paddock Riding Club. This is a fantastic event for the entire family featuring:

- Great barbecue by Outback Catering
- Live music by Mark Sellers & The Mobile Home Boys
- Professional portraits done on site by Studio 2 You
- Pumpkin decoration, roping & face painting
- Silent auction and numerous raffle items include:
 - o a signed script from the TV show "Friends"
 - o a signed jersey from the LA Sparks;
 - o jewelry;
 - o autographed comics;
 - o tickets to Universal Studios and Legoland;

many gift baskets and gift certificates to restaurants and spas.

All proceeds benefit Taking the Reins' Riding Program

The cost of the event is \$30.00

This event is by invitation only and requires reservations!

Call 323-9063-1560 or Fax 323-906-1565 to make your reservations.

GIAC Members and GSGRA Members go out and show how proud we are to support our charities

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Let's go for a walk!

Team LA is walking as a group at this year's AIDS WALK Los Angeles. Sunday October 19, 2003. Please contact Paul Alvarez to sign up at (562) 522-4535 or at events@larodeo.com. Come and show your support of our community.

Road Trip!

Join us on at Bus Trip to Kickers in San Diego! Saturday October 18, 2003 Only \$25!

Includes Pickup at Rawhide Bar in North Hollywood at 6:00pm and in Long Beach

at 6:45—7:00pm.. Your favorite Bud Light/Pucker refreshments on the way! The bus will depart form Kickers at Approximately 12:00am, returning to Long Beach around 1:15am and finally back at Rawhide at about 2:00 am! We will be running a Bud Light promo at Kickers—with \$3 wristband, drafts are only .50¢.

Contact Michael Hart at (562) 243-9466 or at michaelh438@charter.net or Robert Kojima at(310) 709-7492 or at robertkojima@yahoo.com for more information and for tickets.



A special Announcement

The Chapter Bylaws chair, Greg Garcia, has announced that a vote to change Article VI, Section 1- Date of Annual Meeting. As a result of moving our Rodeo date we need to move the Annual meeting date and Board Elections. We will also need a resolution to extend the current terms of the Board until the new election date. The vote will be taken at the November 8 Chapter Meeting, if you wish to discuss this change please attend the meeting or e-mail. Bylaws@larodeo.com