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RODEO SCHEDULE

Road Runner Rodeo - Phoenix, AZ	Jan 16-18
IGRA University - St Louis MO	Feb 13-15
Cowtown Rodeo - Fort Worth, TX	Mar 5-7
Bighorn Rodeo - Las Vegas, NV	Apr 2-4
Rodeo in The Rock - Little Rock, AR	Apr 30-May 2
Comstock Stampede - Sparks, NV	May 14-16
Great Plains Rodeo-O.K.C., OK	May 28-30
Rodeo Wichita-Wichita, KS	June 11-13
Zia Regional Rodeo - Albuquerque, NM	June 18-20
North Star Rodeo - Minneapolis/St Paul, MN	July 2-4
Canadian Rockies Intl Rodeo - Calgary Alb	July 2-4
Rocky Mountain Rodeo - Denver, Co	July 9-11
Southern Spurs Rodeo-Atlanta, GA	July 23-25
Greater Motown Intl Rodeo Part V - Detroit, MI	July 30-Aug 1
L.A. Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA	Aug 6-8
Bay Area Rodeo - S F Bay Area, Ca	Aug 20-22
Windy City Rodeo - Chigago IL	Aug 27-29
Salt Lake City Rodeo - SLC, Ut	Aug 27-29
Show Me State Rodeo - Kansas City, Mo	Sept 3-5
Atlantic Stampede - Washington, DC	Sept 10-12
Capital City Rodeo - Austin, TX	Sept 10-12
San Diego Rodeo - San Diego, Ca	Sept 17-19
IGRA Finals Rodeo - Omaha, NE	Oct 14-17
20th IGRA Convention - Denver, CO	Nov 11-14
International Dance Competition - Denver, CO	Nov 13

All Information 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 data source is IGRA as of 11/19/2003.



THE BEST SHEET COMES FROM THE CHUTE

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*May your
 Christmas be Merry
 Your Chanukah Happy
 and your
 Kwanzaa Joyful
 and
 May your New Year be
 prosperous and filled
 with all that you might
 wish for yourself.*

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PRESIDENT SSSAAAYYYSSSSSS

I wanted to take this time to say "Thank You" to everyone who came out and voted in November. I am truly honored for the trust you have given me as your new President. I would like you to know, I have an open door policy and want you to feel free to talk to me about any concern you may have. We will be trying new things this year and I am looking forward to hearing from everyone. I would like to see us become a team and look out for one another. I want 2004 to be the most exciting year in our chapter history, as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of G.S.G.R.A. Remember "All work and no play makes Jack a very dull boy," so lets have some fun. In closing, I would like to wish you a Wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Kenny Valdez
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ELECTION RESULTS

At our Annual Meeting of Members, held on Tuesday, November 4th, elections for the Executive Board positions were held. Our new Executive Board members are: Ken Valdez, President; Ed Wallum, VP Rodeo Operations; Kelly Gilliland, VP Administration; Roberto Romero, Secretary; and Mike DiNucci, Treasurer. Congratulations and Good Luck. Now get to work!

MORE ELECTION INFO

Elections for the position of Alternate State Representative will be held at the January 4th General Membership Meeting. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact one of the Executive Board Members (listed above) for more information.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Due to the Holidays, the December Membership Meeting and the December Rodeo Roundtable Meeting will be held consecutively on Tuesday, December 1, beginning at 7pm.

The regular meeting schedule will return with our first General Membership Meeting of the new year on January 6th, 2004.

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop

**MAMA'S KITCHEN
FOOD DRIVE**

Mama's Kitchen is having a non-perishable food drive to help fill their grocery bags for those in need this holiday season.

When attending the General Membership meeting or the Round Table meeting in the month of December please bring one or more of the following items listed to be donated by the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association Greater San Diego Chapter. This is a way to help all those who are in need of some extra help this season. This will also help GSGRA-GSDC say that we are still here caring and support the community for the past fifteen years.

- Small Package of pancake mix
- Instant oatmeal
- 14-20oz box of cereal
- 16oz jar of peanut butter
- 16oz jar of Jelly
- 1 lbs bag of rice
- 1 lbs of Dried Pinto beans
- Boxes of pasta
- Packets of Pasta Dinner
- Boxed juices
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Good such as Fruits soups and veggies
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Tuna Fish

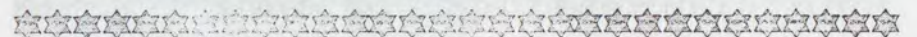
If you have any further question please contact Ken Valdez 619-299-7813 or Kelly Gilliland 619-697-5609.

Kelly Gilliland
GSDC VP Administration, 2004



MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Chapter Dinner was held on November 18 at Fiddlers Green. Over 37 members and guests attended. The highlight of night was the announcement of who was named member of the Year. The Member of the Year was Ed Wallum. Way to go Ed!



LETTER FROM THE VP RODEO

Howdy!

I would like to begin by thanking the San Diego Chapter for re-electing me to serve another term as their VP of Rodeo Operations. It is with great honor that I accept the responsibilities of this office and look forward to a fun and successful 2004 rodeo! Even though September seems like a distant month when we are so focused on the holidays, year-end activities, etc., but in reality it's just around the corner and we need to make sure we are prepared! So, we are going to start meeting and planning right away. We will have our first rodeo roundtable meeting immediately following the general chapter meeting on December 2nd, 2003. The chapter meeting will not last more than an hour, so we should be able to start the roundtable meeting around 8:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. The most pressing order of business will be to fill coordinator positions. We have many new members and I would love to see you step forward and volunteer for either coordinator positions or as members of the different committees. The more bodies and minds we have helping to produce the rodeo the better! Please don't be afraid to put your name in for any position you might be interested in. Don't worry if you know someone else is interested or that someone did the job last year. I, along with the board's input, will be trying to insure that everyone who wants a position will get one and that it's a position that they can be successful at. I will be personally interviewing everyone who is interested in a coordinator position because we want to make sure that you know what your responsibilities will be and to make sure you and the position are a good match. The worse thing that can happen is to set someone up for potential failure. We all have skills, aptitudes and talents and we need to try and utilize these appropriately. Coordinators work hard, but should also have fun while doing their jobs. I am very excited about the upcoming year and producing the best rodeo on the IGRA circuit! We learned a lot as a team this past year and I am confident that we can take this wisdom and coupled with the excitement and enthusiasm of our membership (both veterans and new!) we can accomplish great things! We have a lot of hard work before us, but as I looked around the room at the annual chapter dinner last month, I realized how lucky I was to be able to work with such an incredibly talented and wonderful group of individuals, and what an easy job I was going to have this coming year.

Let's rodeo!

Ed Wallum
VP Rodeo Ops 2004

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandie E., James G., Joe H., Donald K., Mark L., AJ M., and George M.

A BIG "HOWDY" FROM SD

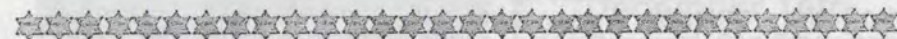
On behalf of the San Diego Rodeo Royalty, we would like to thank everyone from our sister chapters for coming down and supporting the San Diego Rodeo! All of us at the GSDC hope that you enjoyed our hospitality as much as we enjoyed playing host - and we're all hoping your calendars are getting marked right now for next year's rodeo, September 16-19, 2004.

We would also like to thank everyone in the L.A. chapter who came down to Kicker's for our volunteer appreciation party - the Rawhide Wranglers were the hit of the night!! Here's to the continued success of the group!

As the 2004 rodeo season approaches (as well as the busy holiday seasons), we wish everyone safe travels wherever you're headed - and if you find yourself down in beautiful San Diego, be sure to say "howdy!!" to us!

Here's to a GREAT 2004 - and even better rodeos!!

Scott Grant, Mr. San Diego Rodeo 2003
Christy Brown, Miss San Diego Rodeo 2003
Kelly Gilliland, Mr. San Diego Rodeo First Runner-Up 2003



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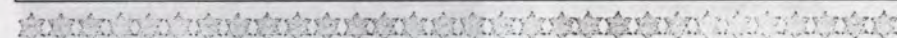
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Bay Area News



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Letter From Your President

There is sooo much I'd like to mention this month, but I'll try and keep things to a minimum. First of all, I'd like to give huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of our sash winners!! Phillip, you did GREAT and never sounded better; Anita, you pulled it all together to make it all happen; Angelica, you worked Reba's "Fancy" in such a way that even Doug Graff was jealous; Ed, I'm very proud that you were able to bring back an IGRA sash; and last but not least, Eric, we couldn't be prouder that you were able to bring back the Mr. IGRA title back to San Francisco!! I hope each and every one of you truly understands how proud we are of you, and we're all anxious to see what you have in store for us over the coming year! Our State and International Royal Teams have never been stronger in representing the Bay Area, so THANK YOU for all of your efforts. And on a much lighter note, I am proud to welcome our newest member of our Royalty Team, Mr. Jim Hauck (aka "Corky", "Wynonna", etc.). I don't remember ever laughing as hard as I did that entire weekend. I wish that each and every chapter member could have been part of that entire experience which took place over pageant weekend.

Not only did the Bay Area host an awesome G.S.G.R.A. Pageant, we also hosted a very successful State Board meeting. Probably the most important news from the meeting is that the State Board has approved our "Best Buck in the Bay 2004" Rodeo!! Its final people, we're having a sanctioned rodeo next year! I hope all of you are just as excited as I am in wanting to get started on next year's rodeo. We're also starting to head into the final stretch for our 20 year anniversary for G.S.G.R.A. This should be quite the event in Los Angeles this next year.

My final item is to wish each and every one of you a GREAT Holiday Season! I hope Santa brings you every item on your list, and that all of you make it through the holidays safely and soundly.

Adrian Arteche
BAC President

Next Chapter Meeting

**Tuesday, December 9th
7:00 pm**

**Marlena's
488 Hayes Street, San Francisco**

Don't Miss It!

Congrats!

*You've all done the
Bay Area Chapter proud...*

Mr. IGRA 2004
Eric Hanson

Mr. IGRA 2004 1st Runner-Up
Ed Morgan

Miss GSGRA 2004
Anita Name

Miss GSGRA 2004 1st RU
Angelica Devarox

Mr. GSGRA 2004 1st RU
Philip Evans

Miss Closet GSGRA
1st Runner-Up
Corky Whitehead

SUNDANCE SALOON CHAPTER NIGHT

The Bay Area Chapter continues with Chapter Night at the Sundance Saloon on the 2nd Sunday of Every Month!

Join other chapter members and friends for a fun night of dancing at Sundance Saloon. What better way to get some relief from all your holiday shopping than with a little two-stepping?

**Sundance Saloon
December 14th
550 Barnveld, San Francisco
6:00-11:00 p.m.**

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Mr Prez Speaks Out.....

Howdy and Happy Holidays, I truly can't believe it's already Christmas and that Thanksgiving will have come and gone by the time you read this. I swear, the years do rush by faster and faster.

First and foremost, congratulations to our new GSGRA Royalty Team. For those of you that missed it, we had an awesome event in San Francisco and all four members of the royalty team are simply, great. Everyone in the audience was really excited with the performances. I think we're going to have a Great year and I wish them all the best throughout 2004. By the way, if you haven't heard about the new members of the Closet Queen family, well, you missed a wild evening. I don't think I've laughed so hard in ages.

We had a very full board meeting this past weekend and we've got several new initiatives underway to introduce some new and exciting things, so keep your eyes peeled.

All to soon it'll be time to start the new year, and on the good side, that means, it's time for a new season of rodeos! The first one up is of course our neighbors in Phoenix. Let's kick off the new year right and have a huge turn out for their rodeo in January.

All the best and hope all your Xmas wishes come true.

See ya at the rodeo,

Jabby

TEAM GSGRA ROCKS THE IGRA FINALS!

Congratulations to all the GSGRA members that participated and supported the 2003 IGRA Finals in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We couldn't be more proud of your achievements. GSGRA's contestants, royalty, officials, and volunteers highlighted the 2003 IGRA Finals with an outstanding performance. GSGRA competed against the "cream of the crop" and came out on top! Congratulations to our buckle winners Eric Hanson (Mr. IGRA 2004), Renne R. (Flags), David S. and Drew O. (Steer Deco) and Renee R., David R. and Kirk C. (Wild Drag). In addition, we're proud of our GSGRA members that brought home a pile of ribbons: Calf

Roping on Foot: Al Wright 2nd; Breakaway: David R. 3rd, Kirk C. 4th;



Poles: Kirk C. 2nd; Wild Drag: Kirk C. 1st/5th, Renee R. 1st/5th, David R. 1st/5th, Cynbad 2nd, Drew O. 2nd, David S. 2nd, Goats: Phil L. 2nd, Drew O. 2nd, Kirk C. 5th; Steer Deco: David S. 2nd/4th, Drew O. 2nd/4th, Phil L. 4th, Shawn S. 4th, Kirk C. 3rd, David R. 3rd, All Around Cowgirl: Renee R. 3rd Runner Up; All Around Cowboy: Kirk C. 4th Runner Up. Way to Go GSGRA! We're extremely proud of the entire GSGRA Team that made it all possible!

Trustee Report

New People At I.G.R.A.

New I.G.R.A. Administrative Assistant Tommy Channel. January 1, 2004 Tommy will take over the job of Administrative Assistant from Patrick Terry. New IGRA Marketing Chairperson. Craig Rouse appointed a new Marketing chairperson Dean Liston. Dean will be assisting Rodeo's in Marketing and Sponsor compliance issues of each Rodeo. Rodeo production teams should be hearing from Dean soon. Craig also named the new Contestant Liaison, Will Lann (AGRA).

Sponsor Compliance Issues Addressed by IGRA BOD

After a very long discussion of the lack of sponsor compliance the BOD moved to change the way sponsor money is paid out to associations. Jabby Low summed it up best in an email to the GSGRA BOD. (IGRA is planning to significantly change the process for allocating international sponsorship money. While these details are still in process of development, we do know that money will be disbursed only to recognized associations (GSGRA versus individual chapters) and only a partial payment of the sponsorship funds will be provided prior to the rodeo. The balance of sponsorship money will be paid at the subsequent IGRA board meeting, potentially up to 3 months after your rodeo, and after verification that your rodeos have complied with all terms of the sponsorship contracts. Additionally, it is anticipated that a binding Letter Agreement will be implemented between IGRA and rodeo producing associations mandat-

ing contract compliance or risking forfeiture of sponsorship funds.) Along with the Letter /Agreement IGRA may also ask for each Rodeo to summit a Rodeo Bid not unlike the bid used here in GSGRA. I will be passing on more information on this after it is developed by IGRA.

Rodeo Schedule Update

The Trustee's approved adding 2 new rodeo's to the 2004 schedule. Rodeo Wichita

'04 Wichita, KS June 11-13, 2004, Southern Spurs Rodeo Atlanta, GA July 23-25, 2004. The Sooner State Rodeo Tulsa, Ok September 17-19, 2004 asks to be removed from the schedule. Heads up that the Capital City Rodeo Austin, TX September 10-12, 2004 will be requesting a date change at the next Trustee's meeting. The new date September 24-26, 2004 will be moving them off the duplicate date with the Atlantic Stampede.

IGRA University

The IGRA University will be at the Busch Learning Center St Louis, MO. February 13-15, 2004. Mark your Calendars. Last year GRGRA won the \$100.00 prize for having the most members attending. Thank you MR. Rouse.

NEW Rule Books Rodeo Resources CD and Updated Trustee's Check List

The new IGRA Rule Books 2004 are out. Check the first page to find major changes.

The 2004 Rodeo Resources CD has been released and CD's were passed out at the GSGRA Board of Directors

**Team
G.S.G.R.A.**

meeting in San Francisco.
The Trustee's approved an updated
of the Trustee's Rodeo Check List.

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TIME TO GET EDUCATED

In this month education article we will talk about throwing a rope. Begin-

ners need to learn a couple of aspects of calf roping. They need to learn basic rope handling—swinging and throwing the loop. A good way to start is by filling a bucket with sand, stand five or six steps behind the bucket; practice building as loop, swinging it and catching the bucket. We will talk about getting some "dip" in the front of the rope later. Just swing a flat loop over your head, and try to rotate your elbow upward a bit with each swing. Swing at a constant speed, and practice a through, extending your arm toward the target when you release the loop, with fingers pointing toward the target. When the loop settles around the target, let your fingers settle firmly around the rope, palm down; then quickly pull the slack down. Your arm will move almost in an arc down and back; then you immediately reverse the arc, moving your arm rapidly upward as you pitch the slack forward and high the air and release it.

From the bucket you can graduate to a regular dummy. You can pick up a

dummy calf head at any western or feed store along with a bale of hay. Stick the dummy's head in the bale of hay and the view is similar to that of a real calf. There are also many other dummies, many home made type. I will cover these in another article. I will talk about the dip in the January's article. This information provided the book Calf Roping by Roy Cooper which is part of our GSGRA Library. Roz Campbell
Education Chair
Education @GSGRA.com



THE CHUTE GOES HI-TECH

We are in process of converting *The Chute* to be distributed by e-mail. The target date is February 2004 and as soon as we have the conversion complete, all members who have an e-mail address on file with the membership committee will have their monthly copy of *The Chute* delivered directly to their computers. To confirm we have your correct e-mail address on file contact the membership committee at membership@gsgra.org.

Team

G.S.G.R.A.

WE WANT YOUR OLD PROGRAMS!!

That's Rodeo programs, *silly!* As part of our 20th anniversary celebration we are hoping to put together a complete set of programs and posters for all G.S.G.R.A. rodeos. If you have any you would be willing to donate, let us know. Call Joseph Olney (562)498-3488 or e-mail membership@gsgra.org.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The 20th Anniversary Committee is looking for a design image to help celebrate our 20 years of Gay Rodeo. Got ideas? Read on.....

Concept Design The 20th Anniversary image should incorporate the heritage of 20 years of gay rodeo in the Golden State. The image should incorporate the art deco styling of the birth- place of the GSGRA, Long Beach (the Great Los Angeles area). Additionally the image should include the Spanish heritage of California and all That encompasses.

The image should preferably not use a Double X (XX) format to represent twenty years.

Artwork Requirements

The 20th Anniversary image should be produced in full color electronic artwork as well as black and white electronic artwork. The artwork should be easily reproducible in print media, electronic media publishing, web design usage, as a stitched design for clothing, ability to be silk screened, used in metal work, etc. The artwork should be sizeable down to a recognizable and small enough format to be used on a business card style advertisement. Submissions should be sent in electronic format to the selection committee showing both the full color and black and white version.

Timing and Information The 20th Anniversary image should be presented to the selection committee no later than December 31, 2003. All images will be reviewed and discussed by the selection committee with an effort to select a finalist or series of finalist. If more than one finalist is chosen, the selection committee may choose to ask for revisions or additions to the artwork in a final round. The selection committee will notify the winner once the image is selected. Once the artwork is selected it will become the sole property of the GSGRA.

Contest GSGRA, in an effort to draw as many potential interested artists into the design capacity, will be having a design contest. All candidates must fulfill the requirements listed above.

The selected finalist will receive: Two weekend passes to each of the 20th Anniversary GSGRA Rodeos. One round trip ticket to anywhere in the 48 continental states on United Airlines. A biography page added to the 20th Anniversary commemorative booklet (to be written and provided by the artist) and a biography published in *The Chute* during the Anniversary celebrations.

Questions and submissions should be sent to: GSGRA, 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804 or rivertowncowboy@comcast.net
All entries become the property of GSGRA, Inc.

Team

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To use the American Airlines program and get 5%-10% off call 800-433-1790 and give the 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.

Treasurer's Report

	To Date	Budget	Over Budget
Income			
Dance Contest	220.00	350.00	-130.00
Donations	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Merchandise Sale	30.00		
State Convention	0.00	1500.00	-1500.00
Membership dues	10431.00	12000.00	-1569.00
Interest	51.29	0.00	51.29
Total Income	10732.29	13950.00	-3217.71
Expense			
Buckle Spans	200.00		
Dance Contest	533.40	350.00	183.40
Education	-100.00		
General Admin	3398.12	5585.00	-2186.88
Membership	4720.33	6065.00	-1344.67
Merchandise	300.00	0.00	300.00
Mr Ms Miss	358.01		
State Conv Exp	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00
Taxes	820.00	800.00	20.00
Total Expense	10229.86	13800.00	-3570.14
Net Ordinary Inc	502.43	150.00	352.43
Other Inc/Exp			
Other Income			
DWM Fund	250.00	500.00	-250.00
Reserve Funds	0.00	1500.00	-1500.00
Total Other Inc	250.00	2000.00	-1750.00
Other Expense			
DWMF Exp	1400.00	700.00	700.00
Total Other Exp	1400.00	700.00	700.00
Net Other Inc	-1150.00	1300.00	-2450.00
Net Income	-647.57	1450.00	-2097.57

BALANCE SHEET

	Oct 31, 2003
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash in bank	11,500.08
Reserve Fund	2,195.55
Memorial Funds	850.61
Total	14,546.24
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts receivables	8,465.58
Doubtful accounts	31,358.94
Total AR	39,824.52
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid expenses	720.00
Total	720.00
Total Current Assets	55,090.76
Fixed Assets	
Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	924.00
Total Fixed Assets	924.00
TOTAL ASSETS	56,014.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	44,118.48
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	12,543.85
Net Income	-647.57
Total Equity	56,014.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	56,014.76

If you were not in San

Francisco... the weekend of November 22/23 you missed one of the best GSGRA get-togethers yet. The stated purpose of the gathering was a Board of Directors meeting but we all know that was just an excuse to party, party, party, but don't tell Jabby. Oh, it's true, we did get lots of work done during the day but it was the *après meeting* that we really came for. Friday evening we all ended up at Marlana's and what a night that turned out to be. Entertainer after talented entertainer came to the stage but the real highlight was the now world infamous, semi-bi-annual-ish, search to find a new GSGRA Closet Queen. Three great (hidden) talents answered the call, Corky Whitehead, aka Jim Hauck, CeeCee Huntley, aka Cody Boggio and Butch Nichols, aka Kelly Gilliland. (Please note: all Vice Presidents of their Chapters, HmMMMM!!). Finally, after hours and hours of arduous competition a new star was born, and Closet Queen II, Cody Boggio was coroneted, long may (s)he reign.

Saturday was equally as much fun at the Mr. Ms and Miss GSGRA pageant only this time the contestants knew they were going to compete when they arrived. Huge congrats go out to our new Royalty Team for 2004, Mr. GSGRA Eric Ziegler and first runner up Philip Evans and Miss GSGRA Anita Name (aka Aaron Lindsey) and first runner up Angelica Devarox who we know will represent our great organization stunningly in the next year.

This report would not be complete if we did not take the opportunity to congratulate the new Mr. IGRA, none other than our very own Eric Hansen from the Bay Area Chapter who walked away with the International Title way ahead of his competition in Tulsa, OK a few weeks ago. Eric, you are truly a star.

So, for all our new Royalty, International, State and Closet, congratulations, you dun good, *now get to work!* The David Watkins Memorial Fund needs you.



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Merry Christmas!

Did someone say Party?

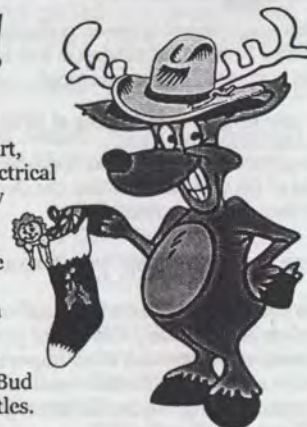
Once again it's that time of year to cook like Martha Stewart, decorate like Nordstrom's, light the yard like Disney's Electrical Parade and enjoy spreading holiday cheer with your fellow chapter members.

After the chapter/rodeo meeting, we will be heading to the home of Paul Thompson for the annual party. The party will be potluck and BYOB. We will be serving turkey, ham and roast beef. We need you to bring all the trimmings and treats. Please bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert to serve ten people. Our sponsors have provided Bud Light, Bacardi Silver and loads of Pucker to wet your whistles.

There's going to be a gift exchange. So bring a wrapped \$15.00 gift if you want to join in the fun of picking a gift or stealing one that's already open.

The address is: 4640 Saint Clair Ave., Valley Village 91607. Phone - (818) 760-6633

Take the 101 to Laurel Canyon, go North on Riverside (1st light north of the freeway, Gelson's is on the corner). Turn left on Riverside Blvd. St. Clair is the 2nd street on the left, west of Laurel Cyn. A map is available on the calendar page of the LA Rodeo web site.



Special Announcement



There will be a proposal to change part of our Bylaws at the Feb. 1, 2004 meeting in Long Beach. There is interest in changing section VI, part 4, QUORUM OF MEMBERS. Anyone interested in being a part of the discussion about what to propose please email Bylaws@larodeo.com

Member of the Month

Will is a dedicated member of GLAC. He has assisted at many of our events including, most recently, the Santa Barbara Pride, where he helped promote rodeo and taught roping. Getting a start as a volunteer in our bucking chutes, this year Will was certified as an IGRA Judge. Congratulations Will and thank you for your support.



Will Hutchison

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Private Shopping Night at King's Western Wear

Join GLAC, King's Western Wear, and Oil Can Harry's for an evening of shopping and holiday cheer! On Friday, December 19, after King's closes to the public for the day, GLAC will host a private evening of shopping open only to GSGRA members and "Friends of the Rodeo!" At this special event, from 8PM to 10PM, you can do some shopping for yourself or for your holiday gift list, and get a 10% discount off of your total purchase. Invite your friends to come along, because for this night only, everyone gets the discount!

After your shopping spree, walk on over to Oil Can Harry's for our monthly L.A. Rodeo night. Like all Fridays, admission is free to GSGRA members. We plan to have special entertainment, so this is sure to be a fun evening!

So join us at King's starting at 8PM, and then finish off the evening at Oil Can Harry's!

King's Western Wear is at 11450 Ventura Boulevard in Studio City, one block east of Oil Can Harry's. See the December calendar page at www.larodeo.com for maps and information.

Are you getting your mail?

Are you getting occasional e-mail messages from GLAC? We send out meeting notices and agendas, minutes of previous meetings, announcements of upcoming events, and other important information to the chapter e-mail list. If you're not getting this information, you're missing out! To add yourself to the chapter mailing list, send a message to Larry at "president@larodeo.com" and he'll get you signed up!



Season's Greetings from our President

Wow. I can't believe that it's already the holiday season!

In 2003, GLAC saw its fair share of both achievements and challenges. We once again put on a great rodeo, but had uncooperative weather. Resolving our tax situation has been costly, but we're now all caught up and working on certification as a 501(c)(3) charity. Our membership level is as high as it's been in years, and we're working to increase our visibility. Our rodeo was even named by Los Angeles magazine as one of the best events in all of L.A.!

2004 will bring its own challenges, as we step into new territory with our first-ever August rodeo. I am completely convinced that this year's rodeo, with the promise of warm, sunny summer weather, will be a fantastic success. But we can only get there with the hard work of everyone in the group!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed time and effort toward improving our chapter this year. Thanks to all the contestants who were out there risking life and limb to keep our rodeo crowds entertained! For everyone who helped, either a lot or a little, behind the scenes or in the arenas, your efforts were, and are, important. Everyone should be very proud of our association!

In what can sometimes be a hectic time, remember to take a moment this holiday season to stop and appreciate the good things about your life. I hope that will include a special thanks for the fellowship that we share through rodeo.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

--Larry

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Mark your Calendars...

December 7, 2003, 10:00 AM
GLAC Chapter Meeting
Plummer Park Community Center,
7377 Santa Monica Blvd. W. Hollywood

December 7 After the Rodeo
Meeting GLAC Holliday Party
At the home of Paul Thompson.

December 13, 2003, 6 to 10 PM
Country Night At
Hamburger Mary's
740 E. Broadway, Long Beach
(562) 983-7001

December 19, 2003, 8pm to 10pm
Private shopping at
King's Western Wear
11450 Ventura Blvd. Studio City, CA

December 19, 2003, 9:00 PM
Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's.
11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA
(818)760-9749

Future Chapter Meetings
January 7 (Long Beach)



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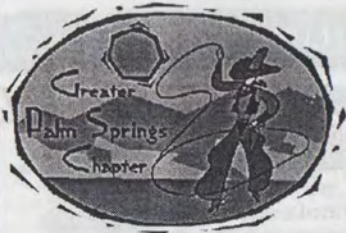
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hey Ya'll,

Christmas season is just around the corner so I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope everyone gets what they ask from Santa.

By the time you get this we will have gone to our State-Board meeting in San Francisco, so we will have to update you in the next Chute issue in January. For those of you interested we will find out at the meeting if we have gotten the OK for our Play-Day in February.

We would like to say thank-you to the Lark and its staff for hosting our fundraiser we had in October. We had a great turnout and would also like to thank Cindy Mifkovic for donating a beautiful saddle rack that she made for our merchandise line. Would like to congratulate Chase Wyatt for our big winner of the saddle rack. More thank you's go out to Ed Thompson, Keith Wiley, Sharon Ballardo, chase Wyatt, Rosie Sierra and Judy Galloway for volunteering their time to help out with selling tickets, dance contest and merchandise booth. Judy has been coming up with some great merchandise for our raffles. Way to go Judy "COWGIRL-UP"

We had a great time at Pride fest and being in the parade. Another big thank-you goes out to our volunteers that helped run the chapter booth and the Script Booth, JG Avila and daughter, Teryl Ridgeway, Sharon

Ballardo, Lothar Muench, Ed Thompson, Keith Wiley and Bobbi Keim. With the money we made from the script booth we paid off our bill to them, also we will be getting some donations from Pride for the extra sales we brought in. Thanks to Jack President of Desert Pride for allowing us to work off our debt. We also had a really great time in the parade thanks to Rosie Sierra and Randy Heinz for the use of their trucks which we decorated and carried the chapter flag and American Flag. Keith Wiley was a big hit with his western attire introducing "Diamond" his wrap around horse. Diamond truly was the hit. Way to go Wiley and Diamond.

Would like everyone in the chapter whose birthday is in December to come join us at the Lark for a Sagittarian Hoedown. Come have some fun and have a piece of cake with us. It will be held at The Lark date to be announced.

Would like to Thank 'Twisters' for hosting our fundraiser on November 16, 2003 and for making the bar the chapters new home. Thank you Keith and Jeff for all your wonderful hospitality and welcoming us to your establishment.

Next meeting will be December 7, 2003 will be sending out an email for the location so keep an eye on your emails. Those of you who don't have emails addresses we will be calling.

Please be safe and we will talk to you next year.

Sincerely,
Sylvia mower
President

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

December 7, 2003 at 11:00am

Location: DBL Realtors
1345 N. Palm Canyon Dr
Palm Springs, Ca

1 block north of Denny's and right across the street from Las Palmas hotel