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Little Rock, AR
May 2004

14-16 Comstock Stampede

Sparks, NV

28-30 Great Plains Rodeo Oklahom City, OK Want your event listed in What Where and When?

We do!

Keep us informed and we will keep all GSGRA members informed. E-mail your suggestions and event details to us at membership@gsgra.org.



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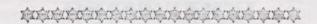


SD SENTINEL

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

January 6, 2004—General Membership Mtg 7pm January 6, 2004-Brief Roundtable Mtg 8pm January 20, 2004-Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm February 3, 2-004-General Membership Mtg 7pm February 17, 2004-Rodeo Roundtable Mtg 7pm

All Meetings will be held at Twigg's CoffeeShop





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PRESIDENT SSSSAAAAYYYYSSSS

I truly am looking forward to 2004. It's going to be our 16th Rodeo and it will be so sweet. I envision the San Diego Rodeo becoming a year round organization. Through events and activities, fundraisers and education, I would like to see us in the community promoting rodeo and making a difference in the community.

We have many new activities planned for the coming year. We are planning group outings to rodeos, educational seminars for rodeo, dance and royalty events, weekend getaways, fundraisers, club crawls, group dinners, movie nights, and more. I look forward to hearing all your ideas. Some of these events may be different from our normal routine, but I hope you give them a chance. Lets make this a great year for all of us.

President Kenny



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ERRAND BOY

Howdy all! It is a brand new year with lots of possibilities for the San Diego Chapter. But first off, I can not believe that we are already in 2004. I still do not know what happened with all of the time from the closing of Rodeo 2003 to now. It just disappeared. or more than likely, it got packed up in my move and I still have not got around to unpacking it. But alas, 2004 is here.

I know that you all had a fabulous Holiday season. I hope that everyone got to spend it with someone special and you got everything that was on your wish list. But I need to ask you all to put aside your worries about the New Year's Resolutions that you may be having a hard time keeping and think Rodeo. Yes I said it. Rodeo.

We are just around the corner for the first rodeo of the 2004 IGRA circuit. Can you guess which one?? Yep it is the PHOENIX Rodeo, also known more officially as the Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR). (Hint for all those who are thinking about running for either local or State Royalty, remember the official names not the nick names.) The RRRR will be starting unofficially on Thursday Jan 15th with some rodeo classes hosted by both AGRA and IGRA, check their website for detailed information and registering. With the Rodeo weekend ending on the evening of Jan 18th.

Focusing more on the local level, the board has been busy with getting a lot of details and projects started early. So come by to General Membership and Roundtable Meetings to get all of the up to the minute details and information.

I would like to add one special event to your January calendar. The last Friday of the month is January 30th and we are going to be having the finals for the Best @\$\$ in Denim Contest at Kickers. I know that there is going to be a lot of fine cowboy butts in some tight jeans there that night. I know it will help keep us all warm on a January night. So head on out to Kickers for the finals of the Best @\$\$ in Denim contest.

VP Admin Kelly Gilliland

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Our first Fundraiser for 2004
will be a Spaghetti Dinner on January 14 from 7 - 9 PM.
Charles B will be putting together all the fixins.
The dinner will be held at the
North Park Community Center at 4649 Hawley St.
San Diego, CA 92116.
The cost will be \$10.00 per plate.

See any Board member or Charles to purchase you ticket.

If you would like any further information or would like to volunteer, please contact Charles at 619 280-9732.



SD ROYALTY REPORT

A great big thank you to all of those who donated to Mama's Kitchen in our recent food drive - they greatly appreciate all the help they can get!! Did you know they now serve over 400,000 meals per year? This includes three meals a day to not only people with AIDS, but their dependent children as well.

But it should not only be at holidays that we remember the good work that Mama's Kitchen does - and as such, your royalty team will be sponsoring a monthly food drive to help them out. More information will be forthcoming at the next general membership meeting.

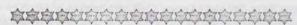
On a lighter note, we hope this season finds everyone safe and healthy - and mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 14th for a spaghetti diner!! Time and location to be announced, but aside from fabulous food, you'll be helping our San Diego Rodeo Association, so bring an appetite!

Happiest of Holidays to all wherever they might be taking you -

Scott E. Grant Mr. San Diego Rodeo 2003

Christy Brown Ms. San Diego Rodeo 2003

Kelly Gilliland Mr. San Diego Rodeo 2003 First Runner-Up



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ken B & Doc M

MAMA'S KITCHEN FOOD DRIVE

During the month of December, the members and friends of the Greater San Diego Chapter of GSGRA participated in a Food Drive for Mama's Kitchen.

They brought in nonperishable food items to fill the grocery bags for those afflicted with HIV/AIDS. The rodeo members were very happy to make this contribution to help others in our community.

Mama's Kitchen prepares and delivers three meals a day for every day of the year to men, women, and children affected by AIDS. They are the only meal



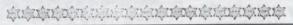
PHOENIX RODEO

Phoenix Rodeo is just around the corner, Jan 15-18!

A weekend full of fun and excitement is anticipated!

The board is trying to get as many members as possible to head out to Phoenix for one of the largest and First IGRA rodeos of the new year.

If you are interested in going and looking for some info on Air Fares, Hotel, transportation while there, and more importantly, a roomie for the weekend, please contact Kelly Gilliland at 619-697-5609 or vpadmin@sandiegorodeo. com or directly at kggill@cox.net for more information and getting on the list of who is going.



A MEMBER'S POEM

I WANT TO BE A COWBOY, NO. MAYBE A BULL

Here's this young cute cowboy if ever I saw one;
This wrangler rides up on his beautiful brindle to the bull I just helped load into the chute.

I was amazed as he quietly reached through the gate bars; The bull settled as he scratched it behind its ear, petted, and talked to this beast.

> I felt that to him this monster was more like a pet; This bull was an important part of his life and he of its.

Here I am near a cowboy and I am doing cowboy things; So then am I a cowboy now? His presence eased my eager edge.

Then I remembered;
To be with them was another reason why I am here.

Paul M., Rodeo 2003 Chute Crew Member, GSGRA - San Diego Chapter

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From the Desk of Our Fearless Leader.....

Howdy and Happy Holidays. Where does the time go? I can't believe how fast this year has flown by. A new year, a new rodeo year, and another year of three great GSGRA rodeos under our belts. For me, this has been a really great year. We're doing so much in GSGRA, and there's so much in store for next year. The board meeting in November was filled with lots of good discussion and information, and we've got several key projects underway. One of the biggest things we're looking into is the possibility of GSGRA

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board has authorized a committee to review this option and explore the issue, with a goal of making a decision in February, when, by chance, we're in Palm Springs for the last board meeting of the GSGRA "year". Doug Graff has agreed to chair the committee and will be coordinating the committee work with Thom Brennan. If you like to play a role in this committee please contact either of them, or me, and we'll get you up and running. One of the other new things we're looking into is a joint marketing campaign for out of state rodeo programs and publications

check out our test drive of this mar-

think. I'd like to thank the LA Chap-

keting idea and let us know what you

that are out of each

chapter's territory.

When you go to

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ter, and in particular Larry and Cody, for helping drive this proposal forward. Wishing everyone the best in the new

See va at the rodeo, Jabby



Time To **Get Educated**

This month we are going to follow up on calf rop-

ing with discussing the "dip". You get this dip with more elbow and wrist action, and by moving in to the target, increasing the downward angle of your loop as it swings. This dip is vital in calf roping, because it makes the loop curl upward, behind the calf's head; a loop that doesn't curl could catch a

front foot as well as the head. That's a bad catch that sets up a difficult tie.

You want a smooth, rapid swing; donut slow down the loop just before you throw-keep it going at the same rate of speed, quick release, extending your arm and fingers for good followthrough. Then rip the slack out and pitch it high. You can hold one or two coils of rope in your other hand; it really doesn't matter, just whatever you find you can handle best. Hold the coils high and close to the hand you are roping with.

Practice roping the dummy from different angles and different distances. In competition, you wont always have a perfect throw. If you've practiced throwing from different positions, you'll be ready to adapt to different conditions that arise in the arena. The whole idea of practicing is to train your muscles and your reactions. Your mind and muscles should automatically react to the situation at hand. This can only happen with lots of practice.

I will talk about your mental attitude during practice in the February article. This information provided the book Calf Roping by Roy Cooper which is part of our GSGRA Library.

\$10. Come join IGRA & AGRA for prac-

tice or instruction in all of the events in

the rodeo. We will have great instruc-

be done on the AGRA web site or E-

rodeoeventsdirector@agra/phx.com

tors for all events. Sign up for this may

Roz Campbell **Education Chair** Education @GSGRA.com

were not so enthusiastic!

The answer, fear not, nobody will be left out. When we make the move. everyone will be given the opportunity to opt out and those that do will continue to receive their monthly rodeo fix by pony express!

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via email will absolutely crash my com-

puter every month. If possible, I would

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Watch your mailboxes (snail and electronic) for more news.

IGRA RODEO SCHOOL

Phoenix - January 15-16 7-11 and 12 - 4 both days. Each class is

The Archives Committee Needs YOU ...

In anticipation of our 20th Anniversary year, a committee has been established to document and celebrate our past...the people, the events, and the history of our great organization. Our specific mission - "...to build a repository of our history so that all who follow can place into context the deeds and accomplishments of our predecessors." To that end, we have developed a number of objectives and an Action Plan. A committee of members representing every chapter has been formed at the state level and the work has begun compiling and organizing a complete history of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association.

The Hi-Tech Dilema!!!

From the GSGRA mail bag:

mailed to.

In a far, far away land. Away from the city traffic and poor air quality live 2 lesbians on 5 acres with nothing but wilderness and fresh air --- in a house that has no county water, no county gas, no cable TV - but we do have a well. trucked in propane, and satellite. To add to that, we trek 3 miles on a dirt road to get our mail from a rural mailbox at the nearest paved road.....of course, all of this in trade for where I lay my head at night is worth every part of it So, why am I writing you all of this mumble jumble --- I read in the December Chute that it is going "hi tech" and soon to be delivered via email.....With everything said above, I regret to inform you that there is no

An arduous task to say the least, the process of establishing the official Archives for the association will require participation and support from everyone. While we have a tremendous amount of information and data available...we will be looking for contributions and donations from our entire membership...past, present and future!

What can you do to help? At this point we are looking for contributions of any type of Rodeo memorabilia you are willing to part with. It can be anything from old Rodeo programs or posters to photographs from past GSGRA events to Rodeo pins, T-shirts or Ribbons. We

T-shirts or Ribbons. Will be compiling the who, what, when, and where and would like to supplement the written records with

visual representations wherever possible. Stay tuned for more specific requests, updates and further information about the committee and our progress. In the meantime, if you have anything you'd like to contribute, please feel free to send it to the Committee Chair, Steve Wollert or talk to one of the Chapter Archives Reps listed below:

Steve Wollert 6144 Capri Drive San Diego, CA 92120

If homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work "Hello. Can't work today, still queer." ~Robin Tyler



The following was published at the gates of Buckingham Palace....

Well, we have a great year to look forwarded to with our new Royalty Team. Eric, Phillip, Anita and Angelica are all very excited to get out and represent GSGRA.

I am happy to inform everyone of the charities that benefited from their required pageant fundraisers. Each of them had to raise a minimum of \$500 for a charity or charities of their choice. Money was raised for The Center of Long Beach, The San Francisco A.R.C. Center, The Transgender Law Center, The AIDS Emergency Fund and The Breast Cancer Emer-

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gency Fund. Great Job!

Members of the Roy-

alty Team have been seen at several events already. Events such as the Las Vegas Coronation, A Holly Dolly Christmas Show hosted by Mr. IGRA 2004 and many other Holiday Christmas Charity shows. Members of the Royalty Team will make their IGRA debut at the Phoenix Rodeo. Watch for two new Goat Dressing teams this season.

The Royalty Team would like to remind everyone that they are looking forward to working with all of our communities across the Golden State and invite you to keep us informed of the events in your area. Please drop us an email anytime by visiting the Royalty page on the GSGRA website.

Thank You,

John Carrillo V.P of Administration



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER



Wishing ya'll a Happy New Year!

It's the time of year when we look back at what we've done. It's amazing what we've accomplished and even more amazing what we've have ahead of us. We of the Newsletter Committee wish you all a happy, safe and bountiful New Year.

IMAGINETHAT7.COM Helps Raise Funds

Don't forget that by shopping at www.imaginethat7.com you help raise funds for the L.A. Chapter! A portion of all purchases made at this site go directly to GLAC. Check it out!

Phoenix, Here We Come!

The 2004 IGRA Rodeo season is off and running with AGRA's Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix on January 17th and 18th! Good luck and safe travels to all GLAC members who are making the trip to compete or to just have fun! Let's bring home some buckles!

See ya'll in February

The February chapter meeting is a SUNDAY, on Feb 1, and will be at the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride offices, located at 1017 Obispo Ave Long Beach, CA 90804 at 10AM.



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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Gay Laughter Benefit

The LA Rodeo and Hamburger Mary's proudly presents Night of Laughter. Come out and laugh yourself silly with Gay Comedians Mary Kennedy, Vicki Wagner, and Poppy Champlin. Thursday, January 22nd - show time starts at 8:00pm. Tickets are just \$15.00 per person. Proceeds raised will be donated to the LA Rodeo. Hamburger Mary's is located at 740 E. Broadway in Long Beach, (562) 983-7001.

The Web Site Is Your Friend!

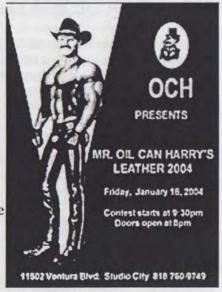
We are working to keep the GLAC website up-to-date with all the latest information about upcoming events, so keep an eye on www.larodeo.com for all the news!

We (Still) Need your Pictures

We are still working on building up a photo page on the website, and we need your good rodeo pictures to help make it work! (Also, we are working on a slide show that can be taken on computer disks to the local bars and played on the their video screens when we have events.)
If you have photos that we can use, send them to Paul Thompson at webmaster@larodeo.com and he'll get 'em on the site!

Fundraising by the bite!

Come join us on Country Night for an "All You Can Eat" spaghetti dinner on January 10th at Hamburger Mary's in Long Beach. Help raise funds to save the LA Rodeo and fill your belly at the same time. Enjoy all the salad, garlic bread, and spaghetti you want for just \$11.95 per person (beverages, tax, and gratuity are extra). Then jump out on the dance floor and enjoy two-stepping with D.J. Rosa. Dinner is from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Dancing from 6:00pm to 10:00pm



GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER (Cont.)

Mark your Calendars...

January 10, 2004, 10:00 AM GLAC Chapter Meeting The Center, Long Beach, CA

January 10, 2004, 5:00 - 8:00 PM "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner for \$11.95 at Hamburger Mary's 740 E. Broadway, Long Beach (562) 983-7001

January 22, 2004, 8:00 PM Night of Laughter-Hamburger Mary's 740 E. Broadway, Long Beach (562) 983-7001 Tickets \$15.00

January 16, 2004, 9:30 PM Mr. Oil Can Harry's Leather 2004 11502 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA (818) 760-9749 Door Opens at 8:30, contest at 9:00

January 23, 2004, 9:00 PM Rodeo Night at Oil Can Harry's. 11502 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA (818)760-9749

Future Chapter Meetings
January 10 (Long Beach)
February 1 (Long Beach)
March 6 (Los Angeles)
April 10 (Los Angeles)



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Letter From Your President

I hope each and every one of you had a GREAT holiday season! Thank goodness the busiest time of the year is finally starting to wind down and we can start concentrating on rodeos again! Speaking of rodeos, I hope many of you from the Bay Area Chapter that are attending the Phoenix Rodeo are successful in bringing home lots of buckles and ribbons! I'm sure you will represent both GSGRA as well as the Bay Area Chapter extremely well.

I also wanted to thank Deana and Eric for doing such a wonderful job at the "Holly Dolly Christmas" show at the Edge. All of you who performed did a GREAT job! And who ever thought that soap suds looked so much like snowflakes? Hmmmm.....interesting. We might have to borrow that idea for a rodeo party!

One last thing I'd like to mention is the upcoming beer-

bust that we are hosting at the Eagle Tavern on Sunday. February 15th. That is Valentine's Day weekend, it's also IGRA University weekend, and it's also IBR (International Bear Rendezvous) weekend! We will need several volunteers for this event, especially since many of you will be at IGRA University. Doug Graff and Clint Johnson are in charge of this event, so please feel free in contacting them if you'd like to help out. All of your efforts would be greatly appreciated. This event has the potential of being an incredible event for the chapter. I hope to see many of you there!

Adrian Arteche BAC President

Next Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th 7:00 pm

Marlena's 488 Hayes Street, San Francisco

Don't Miss It!

Private Shopping Night

Once again, your invited to a private night of shopping at the

Western Warehouse in Milpitas

> January 10th, 2004 Beginning at 8:30 pm

The doors will be closed to the public, but open to all GSGRA members and their friends.

For the best time on this shopping evening, leave the driving to us. Take the party bus from SF for only \$10/person.

For Complete Details, visit www.bayarearodeo.com

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. This will be
your first opportunity to show off
some of the great stuff you
picked up at our Private
Shopping Night. Don't miss it.

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

www.sundancesaloon.org

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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. New members affirm that they have not been denied membership in any other I.G.R.A. Member or Recognized Association.

Individual....\$40.00

Family.....\$75.00

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