



Tri-state Gay Rodeo Assoc.

January Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS OF JAN 2nd MEETING

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 or so people. Ashley presided and gave a brief talk about the coming events in Lexington, and Indianapolis and the show at the Dock in February. He also announced the vacancy of the position of Vice President by Danny. Danny gave a short speech about some of the work he had done as Vice President and that he regretted leaving the position at this time but due to a recent promotion at work he would no longer have the time available for VP. He stressed that whoever accepts the position keep in mind that it is a demanding job and will last for the next year and a half.

Ashley announced that John (nominations Chairman) will be acting VP until a new VP is voted in at the next meeting. John presented how the nominations will be taken and passed out forms to those attending. Nominations will be taken by him until January 12th. The nominations must be accompanied by the form which lists the qualifications of the candidate. John will contact each candidate and then present an article to the newsletter for distribution prior to the February meeting. The article will present each candidate and his qualifications for the job. The board will meet January 16th to review the candidates and may make a recommendation to the general membership. The membership will vote on those candidates presented by Nominations committee. Only those nominations the committee feels meet the qualifications (as stated in the by laws), will be presented to the general membership.

The positions of Corresponding Secretary and Mr,Ms,and Miss chairman will also be voted on next meeting. Those wishing to make nominations please contact John.

It was discussed and voted upon as to which cities we wish to pursue as satellites. The following cities were voted to be actively pursued for satellite memberships; Louisville,Ky; Lexington,Ky; Indianapolis,Ind; Laffette, Ind; Ft.Wayne,Ind; Cleveland-Akron,Oh; Columbus,Oh; and Toledo,Oh.

Ashley played a few minutes of K.D. Lang's Song "Tune into my Wave" for the group. It was suggested that this be our theme for the coming

RODEO, and be the theme song for TSGRA. It was discussed and tabled till next month's meeting.

Ashley discussed the Gym Khana which is to be held April 21st. It will be an event held locally and will involve people and equestrian events, no livestock. Next meeting we will need to decide on entry fees for the event. Activities will include Goat Dressing, Mock Steer Decorating, Martha Washington Race, and Horsemanship events.

A major consideration for the next meeting will be, whether TSGRA is ready for their first Rodeo this summer. Ashley regretted not being able to attend the last meeting and that some confusion existed about our ability to get livestock and sanctioning for the rodeo. Ashley explained that he has already contacted a Gay Oklahoma livestock contractor who is willing to bring his livestock up here this August for considerably less than what local contractors will charge. He also explained that the International Gay Rodeo Association can not sanction a rodeo till the convention in July. However if we have the event announced, planned, and funded he feels that they will certainly sanction something which is already in the works. If the rodeo is not sanctioned it would only mean that the participants would not receive points for the events they participated in. If our prize fund is sufficient, people will come regardless of the sanctioning particularly since it is the first in this area. Ashley felt that if properly planned and executed the convention would certainly welcome a Rodeo in the new division 3. It was discussed that approximately 10,000 to 20,000 dollars would have to be raised by August depending largely on where we decide to hold the rodeo. We could also look to our satellites for assistance. The stock from Oklahoma would cost approximately \$4,000. This issue will need to be decided next month and will require the full support and effort of everyone.

Bob Moore asked that we please present him with articles for the newsletter by the second tuesday of the month.

Walt. Webster



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Jan.12- Board meeting for Elections
Jan.12,13,14 - Road Runner Regional Rodeo in
Phoenix Az. See an officer for more info.
Jan.16 - Committee Board Meeting
Jan.20 - Bar night at Spurs
Jan.26,27,28 - TSGRA Rodeo Weekend in
Indianapolis
Fri. Fundraiser at
"Jimmy's"
Sat. Fundraiser at "Unicorn" to Benefit
the Damian House
Sun. Brunch at the "Varsity"
Jan 30 - Regular Board Meeting for Committee
Reports

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 6 - General Membership Meeting at 1116
Race Street & Bar Nite @ Spurs
Feb.25 - TSGRA's 1990 Rodeo Kickoff Show at
the "Dock". This fund raiser will include
performances by Jeanie Logan & TSGRA
title holders and others to be MC'ed by
Hurricane Summers
Feb.27 - Board Meeting for Committee Reports

MARCH

- Mar.6 - General Membership Meeting at 1116
Race Street

APRIL

- Apr.21 - The First TSGRA Gym Khana will be
held, details to be announced.

In addition to these events the following Country
Western Nites are being held weekly in
Cincinnati.

- Sunday 5 to 10 @ the Dock
Tuesday 9 to 2 @ Spurs
Thursday 9 to 2 @ W.G.Magics

Anyone wishing to add something to the events
calendar please contact Bob at 431-1965 or Walt
at 251-8246

See you there!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Wow, when I stop and look over the membership
list for TSGRA, I have to pinch myself to make
sure I'm not dreaming. Then add to that, the
fact that we have only been around since August.
This is incredible. It all proves a point, my
mentor & "poppa" (as I lovingly refer to him) Mr.
Wayne Jakino, always taught me to think positive.
Being the owner of a large gay C&W Bar
(Charlie's Denver), the founder of C.G.R.A., &
the founding president of I.G.R.A., that man was
always busy and he told me "you can do it, you're
not tired". He was right, I learned that a positive
attitude will take you a long way. It isn't always
easy, but if you set a goal and don't lose sight of
it, you can make it.

That's what I want to say to you now. We have
an association, a great and dedicated membership,
and we can make a rodeo. It won't be easy and
yes there is a lot of hard work involved, BUT
WE CAN DO IT! I'm asking each and everyone
of you to think about this. Do we think we can?
Do we know we can?! I know we can. We are
a damn good group of people. We have members
from all walks of life, with different likes and
dislikes. Yet as one, Tri-state Gay Rodeo
Association is a very strong and hard working
organization. We will have a rodeo, we will help
our community and we will show everyone around
that TSGRA is strong and determined. I urge
you all to be at the February 6th meeting, several
important issues will be resolved.

In the mean time YES YOU CAN!!!

Lets Rodeo!
Your President
Ashley Heavrynn

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31 1989 TSGRA has \$542.50 in
its treasury.



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TSGRA ON THE MOVE

Howdy Ya'all! I hope you were at the January general membership meeting. A lot of significant things were discussed. Due to changes in work responsibilities two of our officers, Danny - VP and Allen - Corresponding secretary, reluctantly resigned. We'll miss their leadership. This left two open seats on the executive board. Nominations were accepted for the positions up to the night of Jan. 12 1990. Enclosed is a synopsis of the qualifications for the nominations for each position.

The general membership will vote to fill these two positions at the Feb. 6th general membership meeting. BE THERE!! Your vote is important. Also at the February meeting an official song and theme for our first Rodeo will be chosen. At the present time the only suggestion for the song is K.D. Langs "Tune into My Wave" with the Theme being "Tune into Our Wave". If anyone has other suggestions, please submit them to a board member before the beginning of the February meeting. We will also be voting on whether to join the Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition (G.C.G.L.C.) Though these items are significant, an even more important issue will be discussed and voted upon. The question is no longer "If we will have a Rodeo?" but "When". A vote will be taken as to whether to schedule a Rodeo for August 1990 or hold off till the summer of 1991. This is an important issue that will effect every TSGRA member and your voice should be heard.

Next, the Gym Khana, a fun social event with horsemanship events, plus goat dressing, Martha Washington Drag Racing, Wild Cowboy Riding and the fastest blow job contest will be held April 21st 1990. Much effort is necessary to organize and promote this fun fundraiser. Come join a committee and join the fun.

Speaking of committees, all committees (Rodeo Events, Western Lifestyles, Public Relations, Entertainment, Membership, Historical, Satellite Liaison, Special Events, By-Laws, Nominations, Audit, and Fundraising) need people. Due to the elections in February the Auditing Committee needs three to five volunteers to help audit the election results on February 6th. If you can help contact Craig Parker (241-5371) as soon as possible.

At the January meeting it was decided to focus on building Satellite organizations in several of the surrounding cities (see Highlights of January Meeting). If anyone knows of people in these areas that maybe interested in TSGRA, have them contact Rick McCormick (606)431-2692. Anyone who travels to one or more of these areas would be perfect to help out on the Satellite Liaison Committee. Rick is sure to have his hands full organizing these satellites, and can use all the help he can get.

As for my committee, Public Relations, I could use writers, artists and word processors for newsletters, posters, and flyers. Plus general assistance with mailing lists and stuffing envelopes. As things get rolling there are more and more responsibilities for each of the committees, and what we need is many people to each do a little bit instead of burning out ten to twenty members trying to do it all. Jump in, your talents are needed everywhere. You get out of an organization what you are willing to put into it.

The last weekend of January (26-28) TSGRA heads to Indianapolis. Additional info is in the upcoming events calendar and the attached flyer.

Sunday, Feb 25th, the TSGRA will host the "1990 Rodeo Kickoff Show" at the Dock. This show is going to be big. If interested in working under or behind the lights contact Bryant 662-5616 (Entertainment Committee). Special thanks to Hurricane Summers for donating her talents as M.C. and to W.G.Magics for footing the bill for our headliner "Jeanie Logan". Thanks to the Dock for providing the space.

I want to thank Craig Parker for providing the TSGRA logo, which you will be seeing a lot of. I apologize for an error in the December Newsletter, one of my rub-on letters rubbed off on the ad for Ray's Saddle Shop causing a ten thousand place error in the street address. The correct address is 11130 Reading Road. Anyone submitting articles or corrections to the newsletter please contact me at 431-1965.

Bob Moore
Public Relations



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LETTERS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

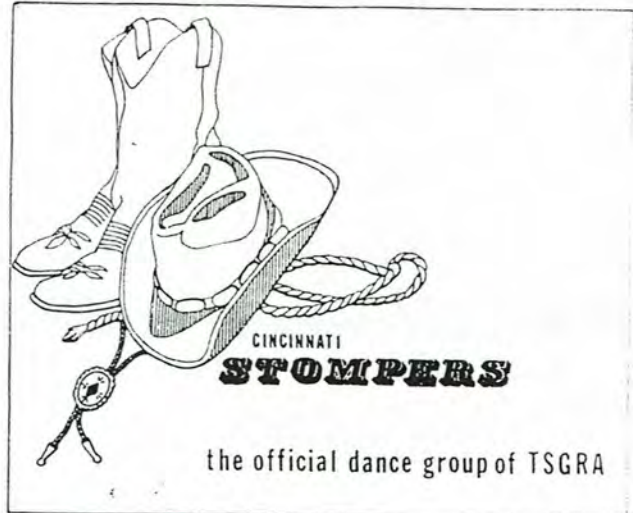
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

TSGRA membership dues of \$25.00 per person (due by 3/31/90) are currently being accepted. Members name tags will not be ordered until said dues are paid.

Dues may be paid by check, money order, or cash at each TSGRA general membership meeting on the first tuesday of each month or may be mailed (check or money order only) to the TSGRA home office at Brik's, 115 West Pike Street, Covington, Ky. 41011, attention: TSGRA.

A P.O.Box specifically for TSGRA is forthcoming. Watch your Newsletter for updated information.

Carl Minks
Membership Chair



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RODEO'S COMING!



The Tri-state Gay Rodeo Association (TSGRA) is a fast growing organization determined to bring the Gay Rodeo circuit to the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio area. Founded in Cincinnati Ohio in August 1989, it has already gained fame as the fastest growing chapter of the International Gay Rodeo. Our goal is to be the first organization to throw a gay rodeo east of the Mississippi, and to do this we need Tri-state support.

TSGRA is coming to Indianapolis the weekend of January 26,27,28. The agenda is as follows:

Friday Jan.26 - The TSGRA will have a fundraising event at Jimmy's. Members of TSGRA will be there to tell people about the organization, serve you cocktails and to get down for a wild and crazy country western night.

Saturday Jan 27 - The TSGRA will sponsor a fundraiser at the Unicorn for the Indianapolis Damien House. Gay Rodeo Associations are non-profit organizations founded to expand the opportunities for gay and lesbian social entertainment. All proceeds from the rodeo functions go back into the community. In addition to fundraisers to put on the Ohio Valley Regional Rodeo TSGRA will continuously strive to raise money for community projects such as the Damien House.

Sunday Jan 28 - will be a perfect time for everyone to meet our current TSGRA members on a one-on-one basis as we close out this weekend with a brunch at the Varsity.

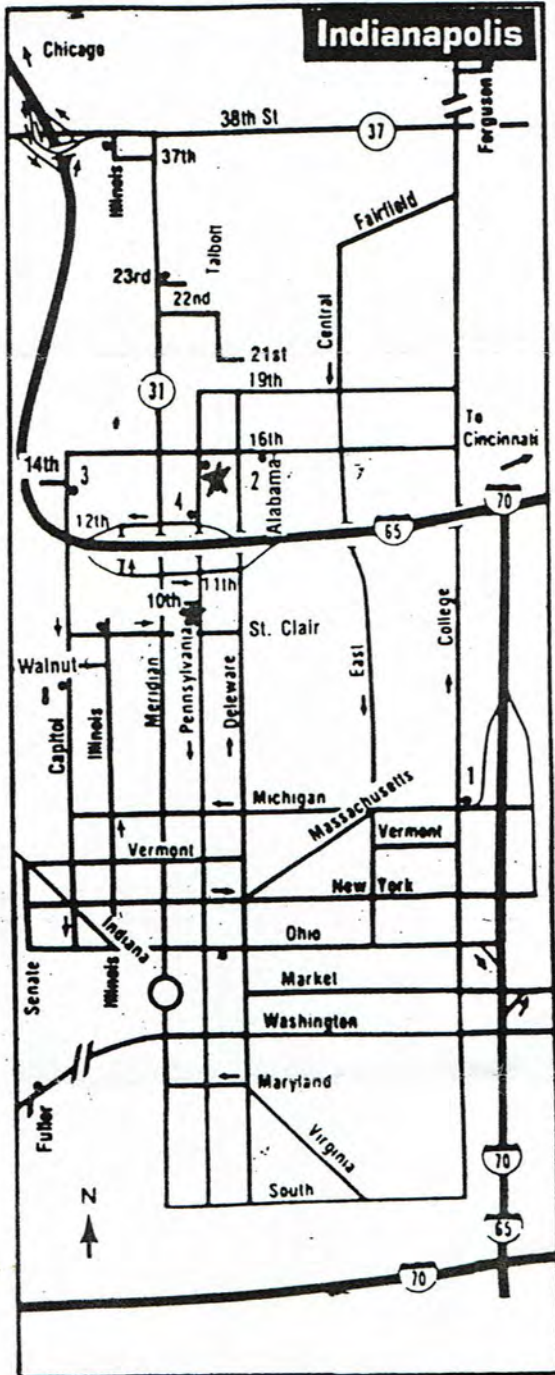
Organizing something as big as a Rodeo takes talent and hard work. If you don't ride a horse it doesn't mean this is not for you. Rodeo involves people withabilities in every aspect of the gay community. If you want to expand your horizons and bring funds to worthwhile projects, join us sometime the weekend of Jan 26th thru the 28th. Come find out how you can become involved and help form a satellite chapter in Indianapolis. Come check it out Ya here!



For more info call Ashley (513)751-7282, Rick (606)431-2692,
Bob (606)431-1965 or your local sponsoring bars.

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JIMMY'S, 924 N Pennsylvania near 10th, 638-9039, bar & restaurant, dancing on weekends, popular Sunday. ☑ ☐

UNICORN★, 122 W 13th St near Illinois, 262-9195, male dancers ☑ ☐

VARSITY, 1517 N Pennsylvania near 16th, 635-9998, bar & restaurant, popular on Sundays. ☑ ☐

Ashley A. Heavrynn - President
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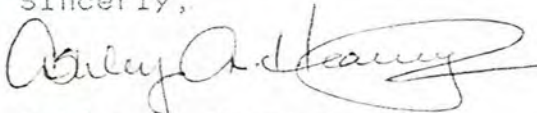
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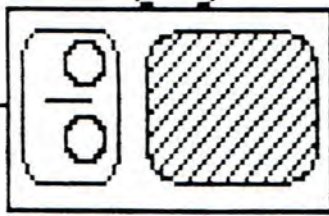
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IGRA Trustee



**1st Annual
Regional People's
Rodeo**



Tune in to our Wave

APRIL 20, 21 & 22

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