



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Meeting - July 17
- General Membership Meeting - July 17
- Women's Night - July 18
- Spades Nite - July 24
- Turnabout Show - July 25
- DSRA Open - July 31
- Private Party - August 1
- DSRA Open - August 7
- Private Party - August 8
- Open to General membership @ 9
- Lariat Deadline - August 14
- Clubhouse Committee - August 14
- DSRA Open - August 15
- Board meeting - August 21
- General Membership Meeting - August 21
- Potluck and Dancing - August 22

Presidents Report

Good news for all you hand wringers and worry worth out there. Mr. A. Johnson of Emerging Creations has signed a lease with the owner of the building and has decided that we stay at our present

location!! We now have a new lease on the life of the D.S.R.A.! This is something that we have all prayed for to happen. Looks like our prayers were answered. The full details of this will be discussed at our next meeting of the General Membership.

Speaking of the next meeting, we will be officially accepting nominations for the Board of Directors positions at the next meeting. It will be at that time that the names of the people that have been asked to fill the positions will be announced. It will also be at that time that nominations will also be accepted from the general membership for those same positions. The qualifications for the positions are detailed in the by-laws of the D.S.R.A. For more information about it, call me at 663-7353 and I will be glad to tell you all about it.

The by-laws cover only the basic qualifications that are necessary to fill the positions. But it doesn't cover the real qualifications of a board member. Like any member, you still get asked to help out with the fundraising. But this can be done whenever you please. You can plan a weekend around the

activities of the clubhouse and still contribute. This kind of work can be hard, but it can also be fun!

But, whoever wants to run for a seat on the Board must be also willing to commit to a full year of even more hard work. It is something that shouldn't be taken lightly. If you want to know more about it, just ask any current Board member. It can be hell on wheels, but BELIEVE ME, the rewards of helping others, as far as I can tell, outweigh the overall hard work. Looking back on my decision to run for office, if I had to do it all over again, I still would accept the job! I just would have started taking Pepercids a lot sooner!!!

If you do want to run, get ready to spend some of your weekends at the clubhouse, but remember, it is for a worthy cause and I can't think of a better group of people that I would rather work with in helping our Brothers and Sisters who are surviving with HIV/AIDS.

Jacky





Rodeo Director Report.

Well there is not too much going on this month to report to you all as far as the rodeo goes. It's been a nice break for us all, but September we will be firing up the fund raising and it will be time to not only be thinking about our rodeo in April, but the International finals we will be hosting in October of 1999. There is so much to be done and if we act early it will be a lot less stressful for all of us. Things to think about are the fact we have to get 50 \$175 belt buckles sponsored between now and next October('99). In the past John Lowe has been very active in getting the majority of our buckles sponsored. Most of you know John will be moving to Florida, for good, in a couple of months. Who will step up and take his place???

These are just a few things that keep me awake at night. And I'll take this opportunity to

mention again that I will not have near as much time to dedicate to the rodeo as I have in the past due to my going back to school. I hope you all will be supporting of the DSRA, the rodeo and me too!

Please be at the next general membership meeting if at all possible. There will be some very important issues discussed regarding our hosting finals and the more people involved in the decision making the better we will be represented.

Have a nice break. I'll be calling you soon.....

Julie



BEARS IN HEAT!

Come on down to the CLUBHOUSE on August the 8th, and join your hot hairy, sweaty bear buddies for a few cool ones! There will be door prizes and keg beer! So get out of the cave and join your hirsute brethren for a good time. Wearing of shirts optional! Bring your friends and make new ones too! Doors open at 9pm.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee is seeking individuals for openings on the DSRA Board of Directors for the coming year. Elections are August 21st and those elected take office immediately. Nominations are being accepted by Steve M. and Texas S.. Deadline for names is July 17th. You can contact Steve at 374-8897 or at smitch@aristotle.net. Reach Texas S. at txbruin@aristotle.net. Nominations are being

accepted for all positions but Trustee . We especially need candidates for Treasurer!! Please seriously consider how you can help the DSRA reach new heights and serve the community better than ever! WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Spades Night

There will be a Spades night on July 24th. It will start at 7:30 at the clubhouse. Its \$3 per person in order to play. The more people that play, the bigger the kitty. For those of you who dont know how to play, or if it has been a while since the last time you played a game, come on out and watch us play a few hands. If you want more information about this, please call Jacky at 663-7353. Come on out and have some fun!!



Just:

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them? Why is the word abbreviation so long? Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?

Clubhouse Calendar!!

If you take a look at our calendar, you will notice there are a few days in which the clubhouse is open but nothing in general is being planned. There will be a few more days just like in next months Lariat unless we get more sponsorship from more members! I know, I know.... Its the summer months and everyone is either on vacation or its just *way too hot* to do anything. But its through the calendar that the D.S.R.A. can plan and host events that keep our doors open! It is also how we can make ourselves known to the community.

It doesnt take much to sponsor a night at the clubhouse. All you need to do is take an inservice on how to operate the clubhouse (from bartending to working the doorway) and be willing to commit to a single night of raising money and having some fun while you are doing it! Another way to do it is just to simply host a night at the clubhouse. All you need is a Board Member to be there that night and 2 people to run the bar and the doorway!! And you can **ANYTHING** that you

feel would be a great night to raise some money... well, anything within legal boundaries and that wont get you talked about! You can also rent the clubhouse for a night to have your own private party!

Starting in August, there will be a new Clubhouse Committee. This committee helps the clubhouse manager oversee the events that happen at the clubhouse. If you would like to help out to keep the doors open and help to raise funds, please attend the clubhouse committee meetings every second Friday of every month and have your request in. All it takes is just *a few hours a month* of your time to help out!



NOMINATIONS!!!

Nominations will be accepted for positions on the Board of Directors from the General Membership at the next meeting on Friday, July 17th. The positions up for nomination will be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (who will serve as Executive officers of the Board), Public Relations Chair, Events Chair, Rodeo Chair, Membership Chair, and Clubhouse Coordinator. The main requirement for these positions is that the nominee be a member in good standing of the D.S.R.A.


If you, or someone you know, would like to run for these positions, please contact any member of the Board (phone numbers are on the back page of the Lariat). That way the name can be relayed to the Nominations Committee. Or you may present the name at the next meeting of the General Membership on Friday, July 13th. Elections will be held on August 21st. Please plan to attend this **VERY** important meeting this coming Friday!

Bylaw Committee Forming for October Presentation

The Bylaws Committee is now being formed by Steve Mitchell to review the current bylaws and suggest revisions for consideration at the Annual Bylaws meeting to be held at the General Membership meeting in October. If you are interested in how the DSRA works and want it to improve, please contact Steve and volunteer to serve on this important committee. Call Steve at 374-8897 or e-mail him at smitch@aristotle.net.

Rodeo Poster

Rodeo poster artwork will be due at the September meeting. All artwork should be original and represent DSRA in a positive manor. The use of the Miller Lite logo in the artwork can be very beneficial to DSRA. As you may recall, 1997's poster won Rodeo in the Rock \$1000 from Miller Lite for the use of their logo at finals last year. This years winner will receive \$50 cash and two rodeo T-shirts. please call me if you have any questions. 562-2010. Julie

The next Lariat deadline is August 14th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706  MIKE4DSRA@aol.com

Have you seen DSRA's Webpage?

Point your Browser to:

<http://www.aristotle.net/~dsra>



Potluck on July 25!



On Saturday night, July 25, we will once again have our monthly potluck at the DSRA Clubhouse. This is a great opportunity to get out of the house during the dog days of summer and visit with friends while making new ones.

The doors will open at 6:30 P.M., with eating beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Contact Steve Mitchell at 374-8897 or smitch@aristotle.net about what to bring to eat. You can pay a \$5 cover and eat without cooking if you just can't cook. But we'd love to taste your home cookin'!



ONLINE CODE WORD.....MEANS

- 40-ish.....52 and looking for 25-yr-old
- Affectionate.....Needy and looking for father-figure
- Artist.....Delicate ego badly in need of massage
- Athletic.....Sits on the couch and watches ESPN
- Average looking.....Unusual hair growth on ears, nose, & back
- Distinguished-looking.....Fat, gray, and bald
- Educated.....Will always treat you like an idiot
- Employed.....On management track at Dixie Cafe
- Financially Secure.....I will spend some money on you, in return for which will expect you to obey my every whim for the duration of your mortal life.
- Free Spirit.....Sleeps with your ex-boyfriend
- Friendship first.....As long as friendship involves nudity
- Fun.....Good with a remote and a six pack
- Good looking.....Arrogant bastard
- Honest.....Pathological Liar
- Huggable.....Overweight, more body hair than a bear
- Slim, attractive.....Would be better off with a labrador retriever
- Light drinker.....Headed for AA
- Like to cuddle.....Insecure, overly dependent

**DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION
1997-1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Jacky Green	663-7353
Vice President	Linda Miller	614-3887
Secretary	Dennis Noble	562-3377
Treasurer	Ray Newell	501-2460436
Trustee	Steve Mitchell	374-8897
Membership Chair	Sandy Korte	614-3887
Events Chair	Tommie Waddle	882-6863
Public Relations	Mike Baggett	666-3706
Clubhouse Manager	Rick McCollum	316-9310
	Sam Evans	664-1212
Rodeo Director	Julie Williams	562-2010

Is your household receiving two Lariats?

Let us know!!!

“Save the DSRA a few bucks.”

DSRA please combine the following names on your mailing list:

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____

Address _____



DSRA CALENDAR

July 12 - August 22, 1998



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 12 North Star Reg Rodeo - Minn/St. Paul	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership meeting Rocky Mountain Reg Rodeo - Denver	July 18 Women's Night
July 19 Rocky Mountain...	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24 7:30pm Spades Night	July 25 Turnabout Show
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31 Clubhouse is open	Aug 1 9:00pm Bear Night
				14th IGRA Annual Convention - Baltimore		
Aug 2 14th IGRA Annu...	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7 Clubhouse is open Greater Motown Int'l Rodeo - Detroit Rodeo Wichita - Wichita	Aug 8
Aug 9 Greater Motown ... Rodeo Wichita - ...	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14 Lariat Deadline 666-3706 8:00pm Clubhouse Committee Meeting ZIA Reg Rodeo - Albuquerque	Aug 15 Clubhouse is open
Aug 16 ZIA Reg Rodeo ...	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21 DSRA Board Elections 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership meeting	Aug 22 6:30pm DSRA Potluck & Dancing



DSRA CALENDAR

August 23 - October 3, 1998



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28  7:30pm Spades Night Windy City Gay Rodeo - Chicago	Aug 29
Aug 30 Windy City Gay ...	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5 MGRA Show ME State Rodeo - Kansas...
Sept 6 MGRA Show M...	Sept 7  Labor Day	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11  Lariat Deadline 666-3706	Sept 12
Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18 7:30pm Board Meeting 9:00pm General Membership meeting	Sept 19
Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22 <i>Autumn begins</i>	Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26
Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2 Greater San Diego Rodeo Atlantic Stampede '98 - Washington DC	Oct 3

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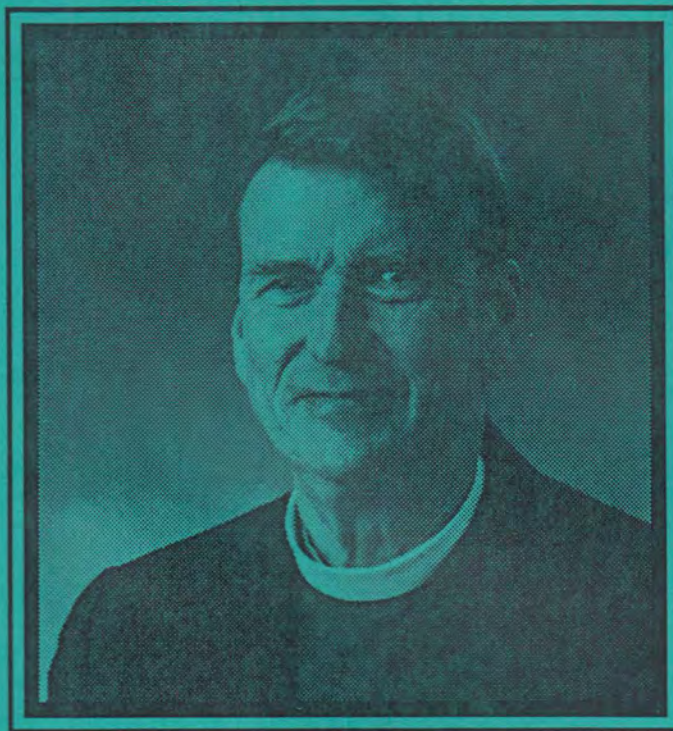
INTEGRITY

South Central Regional Conference

Guest Speaker:

Friday, September 18, 1998 7:00 PM

The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, D.D., Bishop of Newark, is the most published member of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the United States, and probably its most well known. The author of fourteen books, Bishop Spong is known by many as one of the first bishops to ordain a non-celibate, openly gay man. Although he actually was not the first, he and his diocese are noted for the progressive stance taken there on the full inclusion of gays and lesbians in the Episcopal Church. Recently, Bishop Spong has taken on most of the Anglican Communion on behalf of Gays and Lesbians, publishing and distributing a white paper to most of the bishops in the world about the antiquated and unjust exclusion of gays and lesbians from full participation in the church, particularly from the sacraments of ordination and marriage. Bishop Spong's latest book, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, is provocative to say the least. When Bishop Spong speaks, no one falls asleep.



**Tickets are available for
Bishop Spong's
address and reception
\$15.00 per person**

Address and reception will be held at:
St. Marks Episcopal Church
1000 N. Mississippi, Little Rock, Arkansas
Friday, September 18, 1998 - 7:00 PM

For Further Information and Tickets:
Integrity/Arkansas
P.O. BOX 25933
Little Rock, Arkansas 72221
or by phone @ 501.374.4107
leave a message and we will contact you.

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INTEGRITY

South Central Regional Conference

September 18th-19th, 1998
Little Rock, Arkansas

"Are
YOU
Empowered?
Tomorrow Beckons."

INTEGRITY?

The aim of the organizers of this conference is to energize people to be a agent for change in their own home towns. Knowing that energy and drive without direction will dissipate quickly, we seek to enthuse and educate. We hope to share the stories of individuals and organizations from several different denominations and different areas of the country who have made a difference. The addresses of **Bishop Spong**, **Bishop Maze** and **Louie Crew** will undoubtedly inspire hope and passion.

To educate, we hope to impart some basics in the fine art of communication and persuasion. As people wanting to change the hearts and minds of the heterosexual majority, we seek to bring to the majority the good news of who we are and who we are not. Hopefully, all participants will come away from this conference with a better idea of how to bring that good news to others.

This program and plan are based on the assumption that we are at the dawn of a new age in the Episcopal Church and in Christianity overall. We have an opportunity to make a change in the attitudes of the majority such as we have never had before, and we had better make the most of it.

We'll begin with dinner Friday, Evening Prayer, and an address by **The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark** followed by a reception. Other conference speakers include: **The Right Reverend Larry E. Maze, Bishop of Arkansas**, **Dr. Louie Crew, Integrity founder**. Additional conference topics include shared experiences of what has worked and what might work to further the mission of Integrity and other likeminded organizations.

Enjoy Saturday Breakfast, Morning Prayer, programs, closing Eucharist and a Saturday Evening Banquet at the Holiday Inn Select.

details - check it out:

The two day conference will be held at:
St. Marks Episcopal Church
1000 N. Mississippi, Little Rock, Arkansas

Registration Fee: before August 1, 1998: \$65.00
Registration Fee: on or after August 1, 1998: \$75.00

Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Select
201 S. Schackelford
Little Rock, Arkansas
call 1.800.HOLIDAY for reservations

Transportation:

Transportation from hotel to conference will be available

For Further Information and to be added to the mailing list for registration materials:

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BEACH PARTY!



SHOW

Special guest appearance by Gary-The Titanic Queen
for those of you that missed it before.

**SATURDAY, JULY 25TH DSRA
CLUBHOUSE OPENS AT 9
SHOW AT 11**

\$2 MEMEMBERS

\$3 GUESTS

**BEER BUST
AND
FROZEN
MARGARITAS**

NOTE:

Remember, this is a beach party and beach wear is expected. But please use good taste. Besides that, it's hotter than heck in the clubhouse this time of year...

All proceeds go to help defer cost for IGRA convention delegates. Thank you for your support.

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