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FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

How can you improve upon perfection? Simply describe any CGRA event! We feel extremely proud to be representatives of one of the most dynamic and talented organizations in Denver. The recent fall gymkhana was just another example of the ingenuity, talents and skills of CGRA members. Our Fall Gymkhana hosted an all new look, new events, and new ideas. Incorporating the gymkhana with the Mr., Ms., and Miss competition resulted in a fun filled weekend for all. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all contestants, workers, and spectators -- JOB WELL DONE (again).

The 1986-87 rodeo year is upon us with the Third Annual Texas Gay Rodeo just around the corner. As always, we are confident that CGRA will be respresented proudly. If anyone is in need of last minute information regarding the rodeo, please let us know.

Preliminary work has already begun for the Fifth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo. Wayne Jakino has been named Rodeo Director, and Charles Merritt Arena Director. We will be deciding upon this year's rodeo poster at the November 6th General Membership meeting, and our first rodeo mailing will be scheduled for the last week of November. We'll let you know the exact date at the General Membership Meeting. Now is also the time to start thinking of how you would like to become more involved in this year's rodeo. There are numerous opportunities to choose from. Give it some thought, it's just around the corner.

Richard & Michael

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 6TH

The November General Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, November 6, 1986 to accomodate those attending the Texas Gay Rodeo. Please plan to attend!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CGRA is dedicated to the furtherment of rodeo and country western related events. Membership is open to anyone, barring all prejudices. There is an initiation fee of \$20, and monthly dues of only \$4. All membership fees and dues should be paid by check or money order. Members with dues three months in arrears will be listed as inactive. To again become an active member you must pay all back dues, up to six months. After six months, you will have the option of paying back dues or submitting a new membership application and fee (\$20). After six months you will be dropped from the membership list. General Membership Meetings are held at 8:00 pm the second Thursday of each month at Charlie's, 7900 East Colfax Avenue. Please plan to attend each meeting, your involvement and input is solicited.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Well, another month has passed and we have more new members to add to our ranks. We would like to offer a hardy welcome to Larry "Rusty" Brown, Rick Gilbert, Dana Holloway, Grant "Lee" Huff, James "Rosa" Martinez, John "Martha" Mitchell, Walt "SindyMay" Pagel, Bill Reed, Robert "Berta Fady" Reynolds, Randy Vandervort, and Larry White. We hope that everyone will introduce themselves and make the new members feel at home.

There seems to have been some misunderstandings about membership badges and the ladders that go with them. This is how it stands gang! I have given out all of the badges that were turned over to me, and I have no old ladders. The policy on badges and ladders is... When you become a member, CGRA buys your first badge. Replacements may be ordered for \$4.50, prepaid. Ladders are awarded and provided by CGRA to board members, Mr., Ms., and Miss, and for other special awards. Any other ladder may be ordered for \$2.00, prepaid. All orders must be in writing. While we are on the subject on writing things down, I would again like to emphasize to pay your dues by check or money order.

As a matter of note, the board recently awarded Danny Bahr a Lifetime Membership in the organization for his unlimited work and time he has given to CGRA.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the members on the Membership Committee. Our meetings are held immediately following each general membership meeting. They are: Bill Blazek, Dan Daniel, Bob Edwards, Whitney Houser, and Pat Wilson.

"Bear"

NEW CGRA MR., MS., AND MISS

The 1986-87 CGRA Mr., Ms., and Miss competition was held October 18-19. All contestants were judged on Western Attire and Personality during a celebration held Saturday evening at Charlie's. In addition all Miss Contestants were judged on talent, while the Mr. and Ms. were judged on horsemanship the following day at the Fall Gymkhana. In addition to the Western Attire and Miss talent competition, Saturday evening featured many talented entertainers. The MC's for the evening were Ron Holland and "Leona" from Oklahoma City. Featured entertainment was provided by: "Leona", the first Reno National Gay Rodeo, "Miss Kitty", The Mile High Squares, The Rainbells, The Denver Country Cloggers advanced classes from Charlie's and Lipps and the vocal talents of Michael Jones, and former SCOP Empress, "Diamond Heart".

Top honors were received by: Pat Wilson, Mr. CGRA 1986-87, Jonny Van Orman, Ms. CGRA 1986-87, and "Lee", Miss CGRA 1986-87. Other contestants included: John Beck (Mr. Runner Up), Tony Shade, Greg Tinsley, Carmen Fregia (Ms. Runner Up), "Rosa" (Miss Runner Up), "Ami", "SindyMay", and "The Pinapple Princess". Congratulations to the new CGRA Mr., Ms., and Miss and all competitors!

Jonny and "Lee" will serve as CGRA representatives for the 1986-87 rodeo year. They will represent CGRA at rodeo's, and functions held throughout the year. In addition to representing CGRA, Mr., Ms., and Miss hold a prime responsibility of raising funds for charity. Watch and support your Mr., Ms., and Miss representatives in their endeavors to represent the association and raise funds for charity!

John Mason

CGRA MR., MS., AND MISS FUNDRAISER FOR PWA'S

Pat, Jonny and "Lee" have already planned their first fundraising event which will benefit the PWA Christmas Fund. The event is entitled "LOOSE CHANGE" and will feature collection points for your "loose change" in bars throughout town. The collection effort will run for approximately 30 days, starting the first week of November. When you pass by one of their collection points, check your pocket for loose change. Thanks to your help and the organizational efforts of CGRA's Mr., Ms., and Miss, Christmas will be much brighter for many PWA's.

PR/FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Here it is November and I've been off to a slow start. It's time for me to start working hard and I intend to do just that. There's lots of ways to raise money for CGRA and have fun doing it. I need your input as far as ideas and putting them into action. If you would like to be on my committee and/or have any ideas for fundraisers, please call me.

If you didn't make it to the Fall Gymkhana you missed one of the best gymkhana's CGRA has ever had. We had lots of new comers and everyone had an enjoyable time. After the horse events the horsemanship for Mr. and Ms. CGRA was held. And then the awards were given. Mr. CGRA is Pat Wilson, Ms. CGRA is Jonny Van Orman, and Miss CGRA is "Lee". They all have a busy year ahead of them and if anyone can lend them a hand I'm sure they will appreciate it.

The people events had to be postponed due to weather, but will be held soon. Time and place will be announced and I advise all of you to participate. I saw a list of the events and they sound wild and crazy. A big thanks goes out to John Beck for some new riding events were introduced that captured your imagination and for the first time those who placed in the top three in each event got MONEY BACK. It was a fun day for all (despite the weather). Thanks for a job well done.

A special thanks to all our newcomers to Gymkhana. Hat off to Mr., Ms., and Miss CGRA, Pat, Jonny, and "Lee". A new fundraising event: anyone for "Assination"?

"Miski"

DENVER COUNTRY CLOGGERS PLAN FUNDRAISER

The Denver Country Cloggers will be hosting fundraisers the weekend of November 8-9. The events will highlight the departure for the Third Annual Texas Gay Rodeo, at which The Denver Country Cloggers, an associate member of CGRA will represent Colorado and CGRA in Dallas. Saturday, November 8th the cloggers will present a show at Charlie's, starting at 8pm. Sunday, November 9th they will turn Charlie's upside down in their second "Turn-A-Bout". The cloggers will become your bartenders, waiter's, doormen, bar backs and DJ. The entire weekend promises to be full of fun and excitement. Attend and support the cloggers as they do another fine job representing Colorado and CGRA.

FALL GYMKHANA -- A SUCCESS

Sunday, October 19th was the date of the CGRA Fall Gymkhana. This years fall gymkhana featured many new and exciting events along with the horsemanship judging for the Mr., Ms., and Miss contest. We had an excellent turnout, and all present enjoyed the excitement of the day. In addition to the many new events there were two major changes -- a portion of the entry fees collected were returned to the competitors, and separate events were held for men and women. The new changes were received very favorably by all in attendance. Unfortunately mother nature did not cooperate and the people events had to be postponed; watch for more details as they will be rescheduled.

I would like to extend my thanks to the many competitors, workers and spectators that made the day possible. Look forward to more exciting gymkhana's in the future.

John Beck
Rodeo Events Chairman

HAVE YOUR DUES EXPIRED...

As promised in the last newsletter, following is a list of membership dues that will expire (or have already expired) as of November, 1986.

Jane Adams
Deb Adler
Jim Anderson —
Mark Apling
Hal Baker
Stephen Beauchamp
John Beck —
Jeff Benda
Carey Blackburn
Dan Bloomer —
Dick Bower
Deb Boyer
Rex Breiner
Gary Brown
Rusty Brown

Danny Chandler
Sara Christenson
Barbara Cook
Bob Deming
Keith Evins
Jim Frazier
Carmen Fregia
Mike Fregia
Robert Heikaus
David Hill
Steve Hise
Grant Huff
Wayne Jakino ~
Tony Jordinelli
John King —

James Martinez
John Mason —
Miski Miskinis —
Kent McCorkle
John Nelms —
Walt Pagel
Bill Reed
Robert Reynolds —
Scott Rhoades
Tom Schwartz
Greg Tinsley
Michael Van Meter —
Jonny Van Orman
Pam Wiley —
Pat Wilson

All dues should be paid by check or money order to the Membership Chairman, "Bear".



Remember, CGRA/Denver
Country Cloggers

"CLUB NIGHT"
The first Saturday of
each month
at **MIKE'S**