



G.S.G.R.A.



GREATER LOS ANGELES



BAY AREA



GREATER SAN DIEGO



CAPITAL CROSSROADS



THE
OFFICIAL
MEMBERSHIP
NEWSLETTER
OF



January

1999

The Membership Committee is working on a benefits package for members. We want your membership card to become "The Card With Clout". We are currently negotiating with several businesses soliciting discounts and other benefits for you in return for showing your G.S.G.R.A membership card.

What we need now is ideas. Is there a business in your community you would like to see on the list of business offering benefits? Your know, a local clothing store, a bar, a theme park. No business is too large or too small, we are willing to ask anyone, after all the worst they can do is say no!

Write us, call us or e-mail us. We need the name of the business and the city it's in and any other information you may have like contact person, full address, telephone numbers. We'll take it from there.

Watch The Chute for details as this program develops.

Call; Joseph Olney (562)498-3488 or Ruth Hilderbrandt (310)539-2187

e-mail: rodeobrit@aol.com or mamarodeo@aol.com

Write: 4226 East 15th Street, Long Beach, Ca 90804.

A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord--
 I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,
 But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,
 A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains,
 Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,
 Aware of Thy kind Spirit in the way it comes to pass
 That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend
 Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.
 So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again
 Of Him whose comin' brought goodwill into the hearts of men.
 A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,
 I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.
 Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord; don't let no child be cold.
 Make easy beds for them that's sick, and them that's weak and old.
 Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,
 And sorta keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.
 I've seen old cows a-starvin', and it ain't no pretty sight:
 Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, On Thy good Christmas night--
 No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet--
 I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.
 I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord,--ain't got no business prayin'--
 But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm a-sayin':
 We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord--I reckon You'll agree
 There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free.
 So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord: just help us what You can
 To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man!
 (author unknown)

From The Net, Thank you

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

4226 East 15th Street
 Long Beach, Ca 90804
 (619)293-0666
 gsgra@aol.com

<http://users.aol.com/gsgra/rodeo.html>
 or <http://member.aol.com/gsgra/rodeo.html>

G.S.G.R.A. LOCAL CHAPTERS

Greater L. A.

8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 41
 Los Angeles, Ca 90046
 (562)498-1675
 larodeo.com
 larodeo@larodeo.com

Bay Area

P.O. Box 611033
 San Jose, Ca 95161-1033
 (415)561-9228
<http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html>

Greater San Diego

3768 30th Street
 San Diego, Ca 92104
 (619)298-4708
 gsgra_san@aol.com

Capital Crossroads

P.O. Box 189305
 Sacramento, Ca 95818
 (916)451-9439
 gsgra_cc@hotmail.com
<http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/4909/>

The International Gay Rodeo Association

900 East Colfax
 Denver, Co 80218
 (303)832-IGRA
 igr@aigra.com
<http://www.igra.com>



The Chute

The Official Newsletter of
 The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association



Published Monthly by
 The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association
 Newsletter CoChairs
 Ruth Hilderbrandt mamarodeo@aol.com
 and Joseph Olney rodeobrit@aol.com

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



With 1998 behind us, 1999 looks very challenging for GSGRA. This year our goals as an Association are many; Increasing our membership, Producing 4 Rodeos, Producing First Class competitions in Royalty and Dance, Membership incentives/discount book and for the first time Hosting the IGRA Convention. This year more than any other year in the history of GSGRA our volunteers will be asked to do more as well as our members. I truly hope you as members become more supportive and active in your local Chapter and continue to make GSGRA the best in the West and within IGRA. To all our competitors in Rodeo, Dance and Royalty, Good luck! Make it a safe rodeo season and hope all of you bring home ribbons and buckles this year. I will continue to work on getting our Palm Springs Chapter up and running and hoping to bid for an IGRA Finals in Palm Springs in the upcoming years. Its been my pleasure and honor representing you this past year as your President, no other Association President is prouder than me. Happy New Year to You and Yours.

Craig Rouse
President, G.S.G.R.A.

TIME TO MAKE A SWITCH

By: *David Medzerian*, Trustee.
If you've been buying Miller Lite because of their sponsorship of IGRA, it's time to switch brands.

During a special teleconference in early December, the IGRA trustees and board

approved an agreement with Anheuser-Busch for Bud Light to sponsor the IGRA rodeos in 1999 and 2000.



Each rodeo is expected to receive about \$3,700 in cash, about \$300 in product (beer), along with signage and other promotional material. The annual convention is likely to get about \$2,700, and the finals rodeo is expected to get about \$6,000 and buckle sponsorships. The amounts will increase slightly for the rodeos in 2000.

The contract is similar in structure to the previous Miller contract. Each rodeo will give Bud Light a free rodeo-program ad, and Bud Light will be the exclusive malt-beverage sponsor on the circuit. Additionally, we've agreed to have Bud Light be the "namesake" sponsor, which means that our events will be called something like (as an example) the "Bud Light Salt Lake City Rodeo" or the "Salt Lake City Rodeo -- part of the Bud Light-IGRA rodeo series." The agreement

also allows local associations to work with their local Bud Light distributors to try to get even more sponsorship.

As most of you know, Miller decided not to renew its longtime sponsorship of IGRA after 1998, instead focusing its sponsorship efforts on its regions. The decision to approve the Bud Light deal was not easy, because -- especially here in California -- our Miller regional distributors seemed very eager to continue their support of GSGRA. But after consulting with their

individual associations, the IGRA trustees (including myself) concluded that it was best to approve the



Bud Light agreement since it would benefit all of IGRA. (The final vote was 15-3: Opposing were the Atlantic States and South East associations, which thought thinking they would be able to much better locally with Miller, and the Alberta association, which has special concerns because of its location outside the U.S.)

The Bud Light agreement came about after a lot of work from the IGRA sponsorship committee, which includes committee chair Patrick Terry as well as four regional committee members (among them: CGRA's Wayne Jakino and our own beloved GSGRA president, Craig Rouse). I'll have more details after the Phoenix board meeting. In the

meantime, if the opportunity arises please let your local Bud Light people how much we appreciate their support -- and let your Miller folks know how we've appreciated their help, too.

SAMMY SAYS.....

Another rodeo year has ended and again, California was well represented at the Finals Rodeo in Phoenix. Congratulations to all contestants on an outstanding year and best of luck in the new year. Just a quick reminder to all of the GSGRA contestants that competed at Finals, grant money is available through the David Watkins Memorial Fund to help offset your expenses. The deadline for your applications are due by December 9, 1998. Time is running out and this money was raised for you. Please take advantage of it.

The new year is looking great for GSGRA with all three rodeos moving to new dates and the expectations of bringing a fourth rodeo on line in Sacramento. I would say good luck, but that would be silly since I've become involved in it's production. Instead, I'll express my excitement for the newest California rodeo, and respect to the planning committees of the other rodeos for their hard work and commitment.

Happy holidays to everyone, and best wishes in the new year!

Sammy Van Galder
Vice President, Rodeo Operations

group since they've done practically everything (and everyone!!). The entire evening had Mudslides flowing, which only made the group that much more uninhibited!! By the way, be careful of any hitchhikers you pick up.....you never know what just might happen!!

They also planned their next outing on New Years Eve as well as recruitment efforts at the Phoenix Rodeo. For those of you asking "Just how do I get into this Club Cochina?", don't worry.....we'll find you!! The only prerequisite is that you like to have a good time, aren't offended by alcoholics, don't mind becoming community property if you pass out at a party, and have at least ONE good story on any GSGRA high ranking official!! Don't worry, we change the names of the people involved to protect the "not so innocent"!!

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

With all the talk about the year 2000, let us not forget we have a wonderful year ahead of us in 1999. We will have 4 wonderful Rodeo's this year and a GREAT Dance Completion in April 1999 at the LA RODEO. I really do hope to see as many of you as possible at the different rodeo's this year. Please drop me a line and I would love to chat with each of you on what we can do to make this a better organization for all of us. Of course

I already believe this is a GREAT Organization to belong too.

Lets not be in such a rush to get to the year 2000, it will be here soon enough. Lets Make 1999 a year to remember and the year 2000 something to look forward to.
Bill Gorman, EVP

Royalty in Review

It's already been a whirlwind reign for the 1999 GSGRA State Royalty. Individually and together as a team, they have already been representing California, and it's only been a

month (now two at time of distribution) since being sashed. You go team!!



Brandy Watters was present at the beer bust at the Faultline in Los Angeles.

Girl, way to get your feet wet, (and your

knees dirty.) She has also made a guest appearance at a fund raiser for the Pediatric Aids event put on by Mr/Ms/Miss Gay Bakersfield.

Sammy entertained in Las Vegas for the NGRA royalty con-testants after Thanks-giving. Not only was there a representative for the California Royalty there to wish the NGRA contestants well, but also Mr. IGRA, Doug Graff AND many GSGRA members. What a group, did the Backstreet run out of shot glasses? Kudo's to GSGRA for a great showing.

Sammy, Jerry Evan Anaya, and Doug Graff, along with Tom McGovern entertained the crowd at the SF Eagle on November 22nd. Jerry and Sammy did a great job with the 50/50 raffle. At least there were BIG smiles on everyone's faces. The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated the money back to the Bay Area Chapter. Way to go. Clint Johnson didn't believe Sammy had all that leather. Believe it!

Jerry Anaya has been accompanying Mr. IGRA, Doug Graff, at Bay Area Court Events. This is a great way to outreach and let other groups know about GSGRA. Speaking of Courts, the GSGRA Royalty Team sent their best wishes and congratulations to Las Vegas' first Emperor/Empress Elect, Mark and DeShannon (Miss IGRA). I have a feeling that GSGRA & NGRA will be working together a lot. What a great year this will be.

Look for the Royalty Team at upcoming events near you: the Rawhide II, San Francisco, December 19th, Snowflakes & Spurs - Jerry, Lenora, and Sammy will entertain and guest bartend; Phoenix Rodeo; AND be in San Diego on Friday, February 5th, the night before the state board meeting for the first royal beer bust at Kickers/Ham-burger Mary's from

8pm to 11pm. Beer/soda tickets are \$5. Let us entertain you!



On the serious side, the GSGRA Royalty Team is proud to represent California at rodeos, and community events everywhere. Please contact any of us at any time if there is anything that we can help you and your organization do. Don't think any-thing is possible. If we can

make it happen, we'll do it.

We hope the Holiday's were great. Best wishes to all for a happy, and safe New Year. Happy 1999!
Mr. GSGRA 1999

Sammy Van Galder
916-737-7610

MrGSGRA99@aol.com

1st Runner-up, Mr. GSGRA 1999
Jerry Evan Anaya

Miss GSGRA 1999

Brandy Watters
(Larry Stokes)

MssGSGRA99@aol.com

Ms. GSGRA 1999

Lenora Almadova

Keep your eye on
The Chute

for freebees available only to
card carrying members of

G.S.G.R.A.

**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.

Individual.....\$40.00 Family.....\$75.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

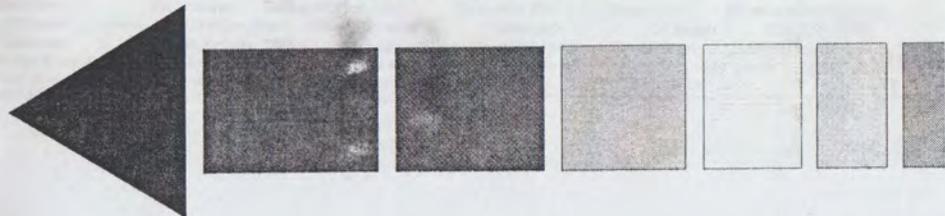
PRIMARY MEMBER		CHAPTER AFFILIATION
NAME		Please check the chapter with which you would like to be affiliated. Members that do not indicate a preference will be considered to have selected Member at Large.
ADDRESS		
CITY		
STATE/ZIP		
PHONE #		
<i>All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER L.A.
DATE		<input type="checkbox"/> BAY AREA
SIGNATURE		<input type="checkbox"/> GREATER SAN DIEGO
FAMILY MEMBER		<input type="checkbox"/> CAPITOL CROSSROADS
NAME		<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER AT LARGE
<i>All new members receive an engraved G.S.G.R.A. name badge. Please print here the way you would like us to engrave yours.</i>		
DATE		
SIGNATURE		

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM G.S.G.R.A. Membership Committee
WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO: 4226 East 15th Street
Long Beach, Ca 90804

*Mama
Membership
says.....
Make a New
Years
Resolution*



**Invite
a friend
to join
the GSGRA
Rodeo
Rainbow
Team**



BAY AREA CHAPTER



Words From The BAC President...

Chapter Members

As we put the Holidays behind us once more let's remember the people that mean so much to us and try and keep in touch.

Now that everyone is looking forward to the year 2000, let's not forget we have a wonderful year in 1999. We should try and do some fun things this year along with producing an outstanding RODEO, and I know with your help and commitment *we will* do just that. We have every year that I have been involved with this wonderful association.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful volunteers that helped out at the Snowflakes and Spurs Holiday Ball. OUR GUESTS really enjoyed themselves and you should be proud of the event you put on. THANKS AGAIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, and believe it, I do have one even though sometimes it doesn't show.

Lets get started on the next Big Party, Valentine's Day. Oh and don't let me forget February 20th, 1999, from 7pm to 1am, our first ever "Country Cabaret and Casino Night" should be a lot of fun. To be held at the San Jose Hyatt Hotel, special room rates are being discussed. Call the Hot line on 415-561-9228 for more details.

Bill Gorman
BAC Pres.

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

The BINGO committee needs callers and floor people. If you like to be heard or can help out on the floor selling Cherry Bells, working the door or providing security, call the rodeo hotline or send email to the BINGO committee chair, Bill Gorman (billieg69@aol.com).

We also need volunteers for the Country Cabaret and Casino Night. So, if you can shuffle a deck, pour drinks, sweep the floor, *anything*, please sign up!!

Up & Coming Events

BINGO!

BINGO games are held every Wednesday at the Hyatt San Jose.
Games resume on January 6th, see you then!

BINGO					
14	25	34	52	68	
1	24	38	51	69	
4	26		48	74	
3	23	41	46	63	
6	20	39	56	70	

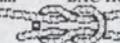
Chapter Meetings

THURSDAY January 21st - Chapter Meeting

This month, the meeting will be at TJ and Terry Lee's. Call 408-578-8410 for directions.

BAC Contacts

President: Bill Gorman (Billieg69@aol.com) Executive VP: Brian Syth (Briman1160@aol.com)
VP Rodeo Operations: Terry Lee Allert (Texas71@aol.com) Secretary: CJ Jaszur (CJ@GN1.net)
Treasurer: Adrian Artech (Adrian_Artech@yahoo.com) Membership Coord.: Gregg Harvey (gharvey646@aol.com)
Rodeo Event Director: Craig Rouse (ropinride@aol.com) Newsletter: Jabby Lowe (Jabbyd@aol.com)
BAC Website: <http://users.aol.com/gsgra/bac98.html> BAC Hotline: (415) 561-9228





99

September 16 - 19
1999

Greater San Diego Chapter
3768 30th Street
San Diego, CA. 92104

HOTLINE/ VOICE MAIL (619) 298-4708

FAX: (619) 298-4709

Email: gsgra_San@aol.com

Web Page: www.gaywired.com/gayrodeo.htm

**MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

Things are well on their way for the 1999 San Diego Rodeo. As you can see from the Chapter Directory, many of the Chapter and Rodeo committees are forming and have chairpersons. If there is a committee that you would like to become active in as a member of that committee or even as an assistant, please contact that committee chairperson and

let them know. And there are still some committees that need a chairperson, so come on down and try something new. Just let any Board member know what you are interested in and become an active partner in the planning of one of the best rodeos on the circuit.

In December, the Rodeo Association was invited to attend a meeting that was setting up an organization that wants to bring together the San Diego Leather organizations and groups that have similar interests. At the initial meeting, I met a large number of individuals from San Diego's Leather community and from the bars, clubs and organizations the support them. The group adopted the name '*San Diego Leather Leadership Coalition (SDLLC)*'. The reason we were invited is because although The Rodeo is not strictly Leather, we share many similarities. A lot of our members, contestants, spectators and volunteers are involved in various aspects of the leather community and by everyone being involved with this, it will benefit all of us. Besides getting all the groups talking together and exploring their similarities instead of their differences, one of the primary goals for this first year is to plan and hold a San Diego Leather Pride week in February 1999. I offered the help of our organization in assisting in any ways that we could to help this new organization get going. If someone from the SDLLC contacts you, please give them as much assistance as you can. They may be using our rodeo office for meetings on occasion. We are also working on if there is some way that we can take part in the Leather Pride week in February and how these other groups can become involved with our Rodeo.

Submitted by Dan Bradford

DATES FOR JANUARY 1999

Jan 5	7 PM	Board Meeting
Jan 6	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Jan 7	7 PM	San Diego Leather Leadership Meeting
Jan 15-17		Road Runner Regional Rodeo - Phoenix, AZ.
Jan 20	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

DATES FOR FEBRUARY 1999

Feb 2	7 PM	Board Meeting
Feb 3	7 PM	General Membership Meeting
Feb 5	TBA	RODEO PLAYDAY at KICKERS
Feb 6	TBA	State Board Meeting in San Diego
Feb 17	7 PM	Rodeo Roundtable Meeting

Greater San Diego Chapter - January 1999

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

President	Dan Bradford	3272				
State Representative	David Spence	3773				
	Ken Valdez	5825				
	Nancy Novak	6668				
State Rep Alternates	Ellis Rose	3767				
	Robert Kojima	7565				
Community Outreach	Michael Brower	6276				
Donations	Nancy Novak	6668				
	Clay Wright	2974				
Finance	Joseph Berry	5237				
Member Discount	Jonathan Hewlett	5439				
Mobility & Logistics	OPEN					
Exec VP	Robert Kojima	7565				
Education	OPEN					
Membership	Marshall Kline	6554				
Events & Activities	Michele Chagnon	<i>Pending</i>				
	Asst	Ric Wenzel	7936			
Pride (Parade)	Nancy Novak	6668				
Pride (Festival)	Robert Kojima	7565				
	Nancy Novak	6668				
	Asst	Kelly Gilliland	5445			
VP Rodeo Ops	J.J. Jennings	5536				
Rodeo Director	Nancy Novak	6888				
Asst. Rodeo Director	OPEN					
Roundtable Secretary	Michele Chagnon	<i>Pending</i>				
Arena Coordinator	David Pickle	3742				
Awards	Joseph Berry	5237				
	Asst	Kirk Carter	5227			
	Asst	Michele Chagnon	<i>Pending</i>			
Contestant Rep.	Kirk Carter	5227				
Entertainment	OPEN					
Fundraising	Michele Chagnon	<i>Pending</i>				
	Asst	Ric Wenzel	7936			
Hoedown/Sound	OPEN					
Hospitality	Rick Hensley	7436				
	Asst	Keith Cooper	5266			
Hotel	Clay Wright	2974				
	Asst	Michael Taylor	<i>Pending</i>			
Merchandise	Ric Wenzel	7936				
Program	OPEN					
Publicity	David Spence	3773				
Security	Rodeo	Lance Sharp	5742			
	Hotel	Jonathan Hewlett	5439			
Set design	Neil Holmes	6465				
Tickets	Ed Wallum	3925				
Treasury	Del Castillo	3227				
Vendors	OPEN					
Volunteers	Marshall Kline	6554				
	Asst.	Dan Bradford	3272			
	Asst.	Roy Kinley	<i>Pending</i>			
Secretary	Marshall Kline	6554				
Archives	Michael Brower	6276				
Bylaws	OPEN					
	Asst	Lance Sharp	5742			
Newsletter	Dan Bradford	3272				
Treasurer	Del Castillo	3227				
Systems Support	Ed Wallum	3925				
	Asst	Ric Wenzel	7936			
Office Manager	Jonathan Hewlett	5439				

Positions Still Available!

Interested?

Contact Any Board Member.

**MEMBER
MEETING
REMINDER
SERVICE**

If you are like me, sometimes you need a reminder about the Chapter meetings. To help members remember the dates and times of meetings and events, the Board would like to offer a phone reminder service to those members that would like it. This service would consist of a phone call to you a few days before the scheduled meetings and major events.

If you are interested, please fill in the information below and return it to the San Diego Chapter office or leave the requested information on my voice mail at (619) 298-4708 ext. 3272.

Name:
Phone Number:
Best time to call: <input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 AM - Noon <input type="checkbox"/> Noon - 4:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00 - 8:00 PM



L.A. News



8033 Sunset Blvd., Suite 41 LA 90046 (562) 498-1675
http://www.larodeo.com larodeo@larodeo.com

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Annual Holiday Party Held

If you got your invitation to the annual chapter holiday party Saturday, Dec. 12, but didn't bother to come, you really missed out! Turnout was terrific, and all who attended had a wonderful time.

Thom Brennan hosted the party at his home in Eagle Rock, and as usual, he did an incredible job. Roast turkey breast, ham, stuffing, some of the best cranberries ever, and all the trimmings made for a meal everyone was commenting on. Thom, you really out did yourself!

Attendees also brought toys for the Tuesday's Child program, and food for the food bank - and the donations

created quite a pile. They just about filled one end of Thom's bedroom!

One of the main attractions was a pair of border collie puppies brought by Mike Ferguson, who was looking for a home for them. They were adorable, and seemed to take to about just about everybody.

Royalty was in evidence, with our own Miss GSGRA, Larry Stokes, in attendance, along with a visit from Miss IGRA, DeShannon, who flew down from Las Vegas for the occasion. All in all, it was a terrific event, and everyone who attended had a really terrific time.

Thanks to everyone who attended and all who helped with the arrangements.

Motorhome Needed for Upcoming L. A. Rodeo

Tracy Keiper, our fearless rodeo director, is asking our chapter members for help in securing the use of a motorhome that will be used to house the Barn Manager at the chapter's rodeo in April.

She promises that the motorhome will be cleaned up good as new before being returned to it's owner.

If you know of a motorhome that may be available, please drop Tracy an email at eatonkeiper@earthlink.net or give David Medzerian a call at 562-432-1810, and let us know you or someone you know is willing to help out!

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome (subject to editing for space or content) by the 15th of each month. Email to <newsletter@bidstrup.com> or mail to Box 265, Perris, CA, 92572. All published materials, including the chapter logo, "LA Rodeo" logo and posters, newsletter, "LARODEO.COM" and website contents are Copyright © 1998 GSGRA-L.A., a California non-profit corporation. Any use without prior permission is a violation of copyright law.

L.A. News ~ January 1999

Embarrassed Newsletter Editor Apologizes and Does Public Full-Grovel

If you showed up at the Burbank Hilton for December's board meeting only to find it wasn't there, I extend my sincere apologies to you.

I messed up! Yep, I can't avoid having to make this public apology,

because it was entirely your newsletter editor's fault. Sorry about that!

If you missed the meeting, don't worry -- because of the miscommunication, no official votes were taken.

Bonfire Cancelled - and a Success!

The chapter's December beach bonfire had to be canceled due to inclement weather. The problem wasn't rain but strong winds throughout the weekend. But the bonfire was moved

indoors, and the indoor bonfire at the Brit in Long Beach was a big success! Many thanks to everyone who attended. Perhaps we'll do this again...

Now is The Time to Think About Next Year

The annual chapter election of officers isn't until June, but now is the time to start thinking about what job you might like for 1999-2000.

The same thing holds true for rodeo; if there are some areas you might be interested in, you can use this year's

rodeo to learn more about the job and you'll be all set for next year!

And remember, nearly every job is open every year: Just because someone's done it in the past doesn't mean that they're not ready to move on to something new, too!

David Still Needs Your Email Address!

If you haven't done so already, you'd be smart to send David Medzerian your email address! He's building an email list for notifying members of upcoming events, last minute changes and matters that come up too late to get them in the newsletter. David promises he won't give your email address to anyone else, and

will use it only for chapter business. The recent beer bust at the Fault Line is an example -- the event was organized after the newsletter had gone to press, and some folks didn't hear about it in time to go. So make sure you're informed! Send an email to davidm@link.freedom.com and he'll make sure you're added.

New State Web Site Approved

If you haven't seen it yet, you might want to check out the new GSGRA web site at <http://www.gsgra.org>. It's all new, improved and at its own URL. Of course thanks to our own webmaster, Mark Jensen, L.A. has what we think is the best web site on the circuit! It can be found at <http://www.larodeo.org>. Check it out!

Make sure your rodeo happens the way you'd like to see it happen!
Attend and participate in your chapter's meetings!

L.A. News ~ January 1999

CALENDAR

JANUARY

Sat., Jan. 9
10 AM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING
Long Beach Community Center
2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach

Jan. 15-17 Road Runner Regional Rodeo,
Phoenix

FEBRUARY

Fri., Feb 5 Royalty Fundraiser
Kickers, San Diego

Sat., Feb 6 GSGRA State Board Meeting,
Mission Valley Marriot, San Diego

Sat., Feb. 13
10 AM CHAPTER MEETING,
RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING
Long Beach Community Center
2017 E. 4th St., Long Beach

Sat., Feb. 27
AM RODEO ROUNDTABLE 10
(TENTATIVE!)
location to be determined, watch
this space!

MARCH

March 5-7 Bighorn Rodeo
Las Vegas, NV

Sat., Mar. 13
10 AM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING,
RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING
Burbank Airport Hilton

Sat., Mar. 27 RODEO ROUNDTABLE
(TENTATIVE!)



DIRECTORY

PRESIDENT
David Medzerian
562-436-1810
davidm@link.freedom.com

VICE PRESIDENTS
Administration
Amy Griffin
323-661-2569
Amy@jacap.com
Rodeo Operations
Steve Creber
562-624-1011
screber@usa.net

SECRETARY
Lenore Mankoff
ComeDancn@aol.com

TREASURER
Thom Brennan
323-256-7868
Tbngrendel@aol.com

STATE BOARD
Representatives
Thom Brennan
Kevin Weeks
Al Wright
Alternates
Steve Creber
Mike DeYonker

COMMITTEES
By-Laws
Mike DeYonker
Events
Sue Downing, Connie Risch
Membership
Ruth Hilderbrandt
Taxes Thom Brennan
Records D.J. Simmons
Webgirl Mark Jensen
Newsletter Scott Bidstrup
newsletter@bidstrup.com

RODEO COMMITTEE
Logistics Paul Thompson
bigpaul@iname.com
Rodeo Director Tracy Keiper
eatonkeiper@earthlink.net
Volunteer Chair Lenore Mankoff
Entertainment Chair Scott Hildebrandt

CAPITAL CROSSROADS Presidents Corner

I trust this letter finds you recovered from a wonderful Holiday Season and that Santa brought you everything you wanted! Once again the chapter had a wonderful Christmas Party! The potluck again demonstrated that we have some good cooks, and the ham provided by Dean was incredible. The cheesecake, provided by Bill Hause, was almost too good looking to eat, complete with ginger 'cowboys'. And of course, thanks to our host Mike Silva.

On behalf of the Capital Crossroads Chapter, I want to extend to all GSGRA members our wish that everyone will have a wonderful and prosperous New Year! To chapter members, I would like to wish you the same and also take this chance to thank you for all your hard work during 1997. We have a great deal ahead of us so I would ask that among your resolutions you add "more involvement with Capital Crossroads"! We can all look back at '97 and wonder where it went. With that in mind, remember that August '99 will soon be upon us. The success of our rodeo will be determined by how much or how little EVERYONE gets involved. It is not just the other person's responsibility, nor can we afford to have anyone say "they don't need me, I have more important things to do and someone else will cover". Your contribution is the important element that will make our rodeo a

success. With that in mind, please make a concerted effort at being at the next rodeo meeting, Tuesday, January 12th, at Marshall's (6054 35th Ave., 451-9439) at 7:00 p.m.!

Not only is the Sierra Stampede coming up in '99, but also we will be planning our annual Barn dance and other events. There is a lot that we as a chapter can do but we need your ideas and contributions. Please let your officers now what you would like to see done in the New Year and how you can help.

See you in the New Year! Let's make it a good one!
Mark Marshall
Chapter President

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT ?

Check out the label on this newsletter. Your membership will expire at the end of the month indicated by the first 6 numbers on the top line . 199904 means the end of April and so on. If the first line on the label starts with 199812 your membership has expired and you will need to renew if you plan to compete in Phoenix.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

4226 East 15th Street
Long Beach, Ca 90804

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Next Stop: Phoenix, Arizona. January 15-17, 1999