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President's Notes

Jeff Barr, President
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Howdy all:

I'm excited that we've been able to produce this newsletter in a hard-copy format delivered to the doorstep for all of our members. Many thanks to Skip and Brooke Insurance for sponsoring Hoofprints and helping us achieve another goal for our organization this year. Since the last newsletter, we've had some fun and exciting things happen. I hope you enjoy reading about it at your leisure.

In March, we held our membership meeting at the Western Warehouse where we were welcomed with coffee, donuts, and a special 20% discount on merchandise throughout the store.

We've had several more successful fundraisers. Thanks to Hank Williams and Rob Pierce for organizing these events for our group to enjoy, promote our organization, and to raise money. These funds, along with your membership dues, are needed to cover our basic bills (i.e., insurance, storage fees, regulatory fees, ...) but are mostly earmarked for our a main rodeo event in 2008. We

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Membership

Membership Dues and more...

Rob Pierce, Member-At-Large
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Our Membership has grown since last month to 61 members. We are making great progress!

Howdy, everyone; a simple reminder for you to turn in your membership renewal form as soon as possible in order to receive your new Capital Crossroads Membership Card and the all new Capital Crossroads Name Badge. You should receive a letter in the mail with your personal information; all you have to do is sign it and return it with a check of \$30.00 for yourself or \$50.00 for family (limit two persons). You can also visit www.capitalcrossroads.org to download a membership application.

Regarding the membership badges; part of your initial membership dues will go towards your membership badge. The badge is blue and gold with our logo, organization name and your name. Included with the name badge is your city and state. Currently the plan is to buy name badges for all new members and since the name badge has been revised, we will replace every members name badge as their renewal dues are received. Name badges should only take 10 working days to create once your membership dues are received and we will either hand deliver them to you at a membership meeting or through postal mail.

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also want to thank our primary sponsors, The Bolt and Faces, for helping us with these fundraisers at their facilities. We could not have done it without their generous support. We have some new and exciting events in the future, so keep up to date on our new website at www.capitalcrossroads.org.

Speaking of the website, Rob has done an excellent job in setting up the new website to provide easier access to all kinds of information like upcoming events, pictures, and more. We are planning more for the site in the near future. Check it out and get the details on what's happening!

Besides the fund raising events, we also enjoyed the Duck Herding/Pot Luck at Lin Daugherty's ranch in Marysville. Besides herding ducks (not so easy), we also had a mini competition with "Sheep Dressing". This was a variation of Goat Dressing (putting underwear on a goat), but with sheep. Much fun was had, but those sheep do get stinky.....

Although probably the most distant rodeo to get to, Capital Crossroads sent a small contingent to the IGRA Ft. Lauderdale Florida Rodeo a couple of weeks ago. This served a dual purpose: one to compete and have some rodeo fun, and the other was to start discussions with IGRA trustees about our anticipated application to become a recognized member of IGRA. The trustees were also at the Ft. Lauderdale Rodeo for an IGRA Board Meeting. We are still in discussions with GSGRA regarding the release of territory required for our IGRA application, but think that we are moving in a positive direction and were able to relay that message to a number of the trustees. I hope to have more definite news on this in our next newsletter.

We hope to work more closely with GSGRA in the future to promote rodeo in California and are looking forward to a great rodeo in San Diego. I know that a larger contingent from Sacramento will be attending and it would be wonderful to show a presence there. If you are interested in going and/or have never been to an "outside" rodeo, it can be a real blast, especially when you are there with friends from Sacramento. You can go as a contestant, volunteer, or just enjoy the rodeo and cheer on your local favorites. Visit our website at www.capitalcrossroads.org for the rodeo schedule and a link to the hosting website for more information.

As always, feel free to send me a note with any questions,

concerns, or feedback to president@capitalcrossroads.org. We'd love to hear from you. Happy trails until we meet again.

- Jeff Barr, President
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Secretary's Notes

George Raya, Secretary
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

In addition to my regular duties as Secretary, I have volunteered to become our Association's Archivist. Our history is worthy of being preserved. If you have any printed material from past events (photographs, posters; flyers; or programs from rodeos, etc.), I would like to invite all members and friends of Capital Crossroads to donate them to our new Archive. At this time I am only collecting printed memorabilia, and hat pins. I do not have the space to store the many types of merchandise (t-shirts, mugs, baseball caps, etc.) Capital Crossroads has produced over the years.

I plan to use some of the material donated to the Archive to make a display of our history for our booth at this year's Pride Festival, June 16th.

If you have items you wish to donate please bring them to our next general membership meeting, Sunday, May 13th, 1 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1927 L Street, Sacramento 95816. Or, contact me at GeorgeRaya@comcast.net to make arrangements.

Rodeo Safety Tip

Alexanderia Waller, Counselor
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

Safety....Always wear the right size vest (to avoid a horn from hooking your flapping arm pit area). Please...always wear a vest when riding or doing any rough stock and all camp events. Goat Dressing is the only exception.

Events

Hank Williams, Events Chair
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

March 24th, Poker Draw:

A spectacular evening that started out at the Mercantile, and then we moved on to Faces, and finished the evening off at The Bolt. Royalty raised \$435 and \$89 for the Operating Fund.

April 7th, Easter Party:

Lin Daugherty was a perfect host. She opened her home in Marysville to Capital Crossroads and friends for a day of sheep herding, duck herding, and sheep dressing (which is normally goat dressing). For those individuals who are not used to this type of event (goat dressing), it is a regular fun event that appears at all Gay Rodeos. This was a pot luck event and everyone brought some great food, which made for a plentiful day; not to mention it was a beautiful day.

April 21st - Round 2 of the Line Dance Competitions & Cheeks and Chaps Contest:

Another fun filled event. We started out at Faces in Sacramento for a Line Dance Competition. We had more dancers than in February. Congratulations to our winners, Linda, John, and Kathy. Kathy was a all around winner, which included \$100 top prize donated by Faces. We then went directly over to The Bolt for the Cheeks and Chaps contest. The Bolt was packed full of participants until 1 a.m. We had some great raffle prizes. Congratulations to Eli for being our Round 2 Winner. He'll join Wes in November 2007 for our finals. The total evening raised \$543.

Our next General Membership meeting is planned for Sunday, May 13, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m at the Lambda Center.

Feel free to contact me regarding your membership, at memberatlarge@capitalcrossroads.org and membership@capitalcrossroads.org or call me at 916-717-7834.

We had our last General Membership Meeting at the Western Warehouse! We had a great time and afterwards, excellent shopping with a 20% discount off of everything in the store!



Thanks again to the Staff at Western Warehouse! After the meeting, they all asked when we were coming back; they had a lot of fun with our organization!



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Ask Rosie!

Rosie, Ms. Capital Crossroads
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

I have a friend who broke up with his boyfriend several months ago and the ex still goes on to everyone on about what happened, writing long notes to everyone telling them his side of the story and now he's going to lose several of his friends cause we are all sick of it. Any advice for my friend that I can give him so he gets over his loss and moves on? - **Signed, Tired.**

Dear Tired,

I know that at times it is difficult to be around those that have broken our hearts and when they keep rehashing the past, that is their point of view; everyone has their own point of view even though the other person is usually wrong, because it is not our point of view. Just let it go; life is way to short to worry about things that you can not change. The only thing in life that you can change is your outlook and your perspective on things not theirs. Besides, if they are still carrying on maybe they have more regrets over the situation than they really want to realize or consent to having. Life should be for living and loving not berating the past continuously. Get over it and move on!!!

Upcoming Schedule of Events

May 4-6 - Lake St. Louis, MO Gay Rodeo. Visit www.capitalcrossroads.org for details.

May 8 - Cowboy / Cowgirl Social at The Bolt starting at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.capitalcrossroads.org for details.

May 13 - General Membership Meeting at the Lambda Center in Sacramento starting at 1:00 p.m. Visit www.capitalcrossroads.org for details.

May 25-27 - Great Planes Rodeo (Oklahoma Gay Rodeo). Visit www.capitalcrossroads.org for details.

“Ask Rosie” is intended for entertainment purposes only and is not to be confused with professional advice.

Florida Gay Rodeo! Read more about what happened in Florida on Page 5. In the picture below is our very own Mark B. competing in Bronc Riding!



It looks like Wes and Mark decided to take a break from being Cowboy's and take part in a photo opportunity! To view all the Florida rodeo pictures, visit www.capitalcrossroads.org!

Fun in Florida!

Wes Wilkinson, Treasurer
Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association

The Florida Gay Rodeo Association (FGRA) held their second annual Sunshine Stampede and Southernmost Hoedown on April 14th and 15th in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Four Capital Crossroads members, John Yant, Mark Burniston, Jeff Barr, and Wes Wilkinson, flew to Florida to compete and represent our organization along with 120 rodeo contestants from all over the United States and Canada. This rodeo was well attended each day with several thousand rodeo spectators in attendance! The stands were full each day and the enthusiasm of the fans spilled over into the rodeo arena.

Jeff, Wes, John and Mark marched in the Grand Entry foot parade on Saturday representing Capital Crossroads. They tipped their hats to the crowd in appreciation for cheering them on.

John competed in Steer Riding, Steer Decorating, and Chute Dogging. Jeff put his best foot forward in Calf Roping on Foot and tied the ribbon on the steer's tail in Steer Decorating. Mark went for a fun ride on one wild bronc in Bronc Riding, he threw a rope in Calf Roping on Foot, and he competed in Chute Dogging. Wes competed in Calf Roping on Foot, Steer Decorating, Chute Dogging and was in the Wild Drag Race.

For pictures of the event, visit our web site at www.capitalcrossroads.org.

Sunshine Stampede Rodeo Results

1st Place Wild Drag Race - Wes Wilkinson
4th Place Calf Roping on Foot - Wes Wilkinson
5th Place Calf Roping on Foot - Mark Burniston
4th Place Chute Dogging - Wes Wilkinson

Congratulations to our members for their accomplishments and thanks for representing Capital Crossroads on the IGRA rodeo circuit in 2007!



Jeff, Mark, Wes, and John



Chuck, John, Wes, Carole, Jeff, & Mark.

We were greeted warmly in Florida and with smiling horses!

A Rodeo Announcement & Upcoming Rodeo Schedules

We encourage all Capital Crossroads members to attend and participate, whether that be as a competitor or as a volunteer, for as many upcoming rodeos as possible, especially our rodeos in California. Both San Diego and San Francisco GSGRA Rodeos are in need of volunteers. It is fun and you will make lots of new friends!

I.G.R.A. RODEO/EVENT SCHEDULE RODEO YEAR 2007

For more detail information on these events you may go to http://www.igra.com/Calendar_Rodeo.htm

EVENT	LOCATION	DATES
Gateway Regional Rodeo	St. Louis, MO	May 4 - 6, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Boise, ID	May 11 - 13, 2007
Great Plains Rodeo	Oklahoma City, OK	May 25 - 27, 2007
Greater San Diego Rodeo	San Diego, CA	June 1 - 3, 2007
North Star Regional	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Canadian Rockies Rodeo	Calgary Alberta	June 29 - July 1, 2007
Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo	Denver, CO	July 13 - 15, 2007
Los Angeles Rodeo	Los Angeles, CA	August 3 - 5, 2007
Zia Regional Rodeo	Albuquerque, NM	August 17 - 19, 2007
Windy City Rodeo	Chicago, IL	August 24 - 26, 2007
Atlantic Stampede	Washington, DC	September 7 - 9, 2007
MGRA Show Me State Rodeo	Kansas City, MO	September 14 - 16, 2007
Bay Area Gay Rodeo	San Francisco, CA	September 14 - 16, 2007
BigHorn Rodeo	Las Vegas, NV	September 21 - 23, 2007
Capital City Rodeo	Austin, TX	September 21 - 23, 2007
PNWGRA Rodeo School	Portland, OR	September 21 - 23, 2007
IGRA Finals Rodeo	Denver, CO	October 11 - 14, 2007
IGRA Convention	Kansas City, MO	November 7 - 11, 2007

See you at the next General Membership Meeting on May 13, 2007.
Our next newsletter will be published in June 2007.



Rob Pierce, Member-At-Large, Jeff Barr, President, Sammy Van Galder, Vice President, George Raya, Secretary; Wes Wilkinson, Treasurer



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