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State Board Meetings Scheduled

The AGRA State Board meetings for this year have been scheduled as follows:

Saturday - May 16, 1998 - 5:00PM - Tucson - Stonewall Eagle
Saturday - September 19, 1998 - 5:00PM - Tucson - Location to be announced
Saturday - November 14, 1998 - 7:00PM - Phoenix - AGRA Offices

Phoenix Chapter Makes Charitable Contributions

At the Phoenix Chapter membership meeting on April 12, 1998, members present decided the amount of charitable contributions from the 1998 Road Runner Regional Rodeo for each of the five organizations previously selected. Results of the voting are:

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) \$6,806.00

Joshua Tree \$6,293.50

Arizona Central Pride (ACP) \$4,018.00

Valley One In Ten (VOIT) \$1,960.50

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) \$1,476.00

Total Contributions \$20,500.00

Checks will be presented to each of these organizations at the May 10th, 1998, Phoenix membership meeting.



AGRA Board Members

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Treasurer	Ed Powers
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Phoenix Chapter Representative	Bob Pimentel
Tucson Chapter Representative	VACANT

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Tucson Chapter Board of Directors - PO BOX 4094, Tucson, Arizona 85717 (602) 323-0805

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Rodeo Events/Mobility/Logistics Director	Raul Almeraz
Chapter Representative	VACANT

State Notes

The next State Board Meeting will be on Saturday, May 16, 1998, beginning at 5:00PM. The meeting will be held at the Stonewall Eagle, 2921 North 1st Avenue, in Tucson.

Ballots featured for State Vice President have been counted and we now have a new State Vice President. Congratulations to Tommy Ragan!

Deadlines for Publication

Articles for inclusion in the Branding Iron MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. Articles may be sent to AGRA, PO BOX 40465, Phoenix, Arizona 85067-0465 or to Slade Grove via e-mail addressed to slade@primenet.com or fax to 602-487-8641. Submissions via e-mail may be submitted as file attachments in Microsoft Word, Corel Draw 5/6/7/8, PageMaker 6.5, or FrameMaker 5.5. Articles not received by the 20th of the month will not be included in the next issue. The Branding Iron is scheduled to be mailed on the 1st of each month.

AGRA Membership Growing!

At this time, total membership is 183. 129 in the Phoenix Chapter and 54 in the Tucson Chapter.



Tucson Chapter...

Hello? Anyone home?

Please check out the Deadline for Publication on information to make a submission to the Branding Iron.

Branding Iron Addition

Beginning with the June issue of the Branding Iron, we hope to include a monthly calendar listing events for both the Phoenix and Tucson Chapters, State activities, Royalty shows and fundraisers, etc. Plans are to include the monthly calendar in each subsequent issue. So it is up to each of us to make it happen. Send us a list of scheduled activities. But, remember everything must be received by the 20th of each month to be included in the next issue.

Greetings from the Phoenix Public Relations Desk!!

Well, as promised, the 1998 Finals poster is back from the printer and has made its way to Los Angeles and Little Rock. If you haven't seen it, you will notice that we have welcomed *UNITED AIRLINES* on board as a Finals sponsor. Keep your eyes open for their logo to appear in a number of places this year, pending acceptance of our proposal issued in late April.

One area you MAY see United's name is on the back cover of the tri-fold brochure. Yes, we are still seeking confirmed sponsorship of the publication so we can continue to print it in the high quality we used for RRRR '98. Therefore, it will not be in print quite as early as we had hoped, but certainly ahead of the usual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo deadline.

Thanks to all of you who supported AGRA during this year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Festival. Early reports show a very successful event, and every organization that participated is a big part of why.

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's charitable contributions from rodeo. Be sure to join us at our General Membership meeting on Sunday, May 10, when we disburse the funds.

Ed Powers,
Public Relations Director
AGRA-Phoenix Chapter

AGRA State Board Income and Expense January 1 through March 14, 1998

Jan 1 Mar 14, '98

Income	
4000 Income	
4050 Balance Carried Forward	1,201.93
4200 Initiation Dues	440.00
4300 Royalty Entry Fees	50.00
4400 Royalty Fundraisers	307.00
4500 Misc. Fundraisers,	67.00
Total 4000 Income	<u>1,931.93</u>
Total Income	1,931.93
Expense	
5000 Expense	
5100 Rent	
5120 PO Box	29.00
Total 5100 Rent	29.00
5400 Miscellaneous	
5410 Office Supplies	5.88
5430 Name Badges	43.08
5440 Copies	111.99
5450 Postage	52.41
Total 5400 Miscellaneous	213.36
5600 Branding Iron	
5610 Postage	221.08
5630 Printing	301.49
Total 5600 Branding Iron	522.57
Total 5000 Expense	764.93
Total Expense	<u>764.93</u>
Net Income	1,167.00

Do You Know?

What happens when you change your address and do not let the AGRA State Office know? Your copy of the Branding Iron, or a photo copy of the outside with the address, is returned to the State post office box. The returned copy lists your new address, BUT, each returned piece costs us fifty cents (.50)! So, please, notify the State Office, either by phone, in writing, or use the below form, as soon as you change your address and/or contact information. We want to make sure you get your Branding Iron on time!!!

Have You Seen?

Have you seen Tommy Read recently? Do you know his address? If you see him again, please tell him to contact the AGRA State Office and give us his current address. Tommy is an AGRA member, but we have no address for him, and he does not receive the Branding Iron because of this.

Special Note

Carl Rivera (you may know him as Sly) is in the Living Center located at 14th Street and McDowell Road, in Phoenix. He is in Room 31, East Wing, and we have been told he would really appreciate visits from fellow AGRA members. Please try to stop by soon, or at least send him a card. Even if you don't know Carl, stop by for a short visit and introduce yourself.

We all wish him well!



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It's Bout Time (IBT)

Art Lewis

PSN

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Bill Darnell

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Stonewall Eagle

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Arizona Central Pride



April 19, 1998

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Dear AGRA Phoenix Chapter Members:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would just like to take a minute to say Thank You for all of the support you have shown our organization during the past year and for providing volunteers for the 1998 Pride Parade and Festival.

As you are aware, it is imperative for organization such as ours to join forces to promote our cause. ACP looks forward to building a mutually rewarding relationship with your organization.

Sincerely,

Linda Hoffman
Vice-President

Slade Grove
Public Relations Director



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