

The Branding Iron



April Birthdays

- Shirley Steiger 4/01
- Daniel Kelly 4/04
- Dan Ridge 4/05
- Karen Bovard 4/15
- Kevin J Marienfeld 4/30

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GREETING'S FROM THE AGRA PRESIDENT

Well it's officially springtime here in Arizona, for the 2 months that we have spring in the desert. The Arizona Central Pride Festival and Parade is quickly approaching. We need AGRA volunteers to help at the festival and with the pride float also. If you would like to volunteer email E.J. Powers at Pet2@qwest.net or call and leave me a message (623) 877-5479 and I will see that E.J. gets it. Bob Pimentel, Jr. has been working with Karen at Rawhide and they are donating a carriage and a team of horses to pull the carriage. We will probably use the flat bed that Scott Darnell donated to us last year as well. We want to project to the public that AGRA is a spectacular organization. Hope to see you there at the festival and the parade.

Also please do not forget at the next meeting nominations will be opened up once more for convention delegates/alternates and closed at the end of the meeting. Then ballots will be mailed to everyone to vote on. AGRA will pay for your registration but you are responsible for all other expenses, i.e. air fare, lodging, food, drinks, etc. As years in the past a banquet will be served at least one day, which is included in your registration fees.

I would like to see AGRA get team shirts this year. As you are probably aware there were problems with the last order such as the sizes of a few, miss-spelled names etc. I have asked Shawn Slattery and he has agreed to work with me in selecting a type shirt and have the logo's on it and then we will bring it to the membership for a vote for color, type etc. I have asked Thunderbird Trophies to bid on this and also Keith Carson our Parliamentarian. His partner's family owns a business that will be bidding on these as well. I will be working with Shawn and Keith very soon and hopefully have a shirt by the May meeting to vote on.

So see you at the meeting and Pride festival.

Glen
AGRA President

Some Nice Results From Cowtown Rodeo



Congratulations from AGRA to:



Brian Helander - (Sat) 4th place Steer Deco (Sun) 4th place Steer Deco, 4th place Goat Dressing

Chuck Browning - (Sat) 4th place Steer Deco (Sun) 4th place Steer Deco, 4th place Goat Dressing

Branding Iron by E-mail

AGRA MEETINGS

April—May

Monday 04/08/02—7:00 pm
AGRA Board of Directors Meeting
The Lexington Hotel
100 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix
Phone # 602-279-9811

Sunday 04/14/02—7:00 pm
AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's
727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
Phone # 602-265-0224

Monday 05/06/02—7:00 pm
AGRA Board of Directors Meeting
The Lexington Hotel
100 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix
Phone # 602-279-9811

Sunday 05/12/02—7:00 pm
AGRA General Membership Mtg.
Charlie's
727 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix
Phone # 602-265-0224

All members are welcome to all
AGRA Board of Directors meetings.
We encourage members who wish
to attend to do so. Thank you.



Don't Drink and Drive!

Since I have switched my email address to an "aol.com" account, I am getting "undeliverable" error messages to certain email addresses. Emails that are sent to "hotmail.com" addresses come back as undeliverable. I have deleted these addresses from the email list and anyone with a "hotmail.com" address should start receiving a snail mail hard copy of the Branding Iron. If anyone has a change of email address or a change of home address or phone number please notify me at rlone01@aol.com <mailto:rlone01@aol.com> or 623-877-5479.

Also, if you should be getting the Branding Iron by email and your are not, let me know . This way I can keep the membership records updated and no one will miss out on election ballots and other membership issues.

Thanks,

Ric Leone
AGRA Corresponding Secretary



COME OUT AND PLAY ON

"CHILI VERDE DAY"

**AGRA Royalty Presents
An AGRA Fundraiser**

Come join the fun on Saturday May 4th for "Chili Verde Day." This fun filled AGRA fundraiser will feature food, drink, games and entertainment by the AGRA Royalty Team and some of your other favorite entertainers.

The event will be held at Charlie's on the patio and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Pussy LeHoot, Public Relations Director



Fantastic Fund Raisers!

Well the events are scheduled and our first fundraisers have gone off without a hitch. The first Casino/Show night at Winks was a great success. With the help of the current Royalty and loyal supporters of AGRA in the community, we raised \$273.00 dollars. Again, everybody mark your calendars for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Charlie's for the Royalty Fundraiser, and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Winks for the Casino and Show. We didn't have many AGRA members come and support us. I also want to say a big thank you to Donald and his staff at Winks for allotting us the time each month to help raise money for the organization.

I have challenged the current Royalty to book 2 events each at other venues around town to help in our fundraising endeavors. If anyone has any ideas from the membership, feel free to pass them by myself or the Royalty. All ideas matter, and will be looked at.

Until next month, keep the money coming in.

Marque Bobier
Fundraising Director



April 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>BIG HORN RODEO LAS VEGAS</i>	6 <i>BIG HORN RODEO LAS VEGAS</i>
7 <i>BIG HORN RODEO LAS VEGAS</i>	8 <i>AGRA Board of Dir.—The Lexington Hotel 7:00 p.m.</i>	9	10 <i>AGRA Royalty Fund Raiser—Charlie's 9:30p.m.</i>	11	12	13 <i>AZ CENTRAL PRIDE, PHOENIX</i>
14 <i>AGRA Gen. Member- ship Mtg—Charlie's 7:00 p.m.</i>	15	16	17 <i>AGRA Casino/ Show Fund Raiser— Winks Casoino 9:00p.m show at 9:30p.m.</i>	18	19 <i>LA RODEO</i>	20 <i>LA RODEO</i>
21 <i>LA RODEO</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

From Your Secretary...

Hello AGRA,

I would like to congratulate our Fundraising Director Marque Bobier for a great start in his board position. Marque has arranged a Casino night followed by an AGRA Royalty show at Winks. This fundraising event takes place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 p.m.. March 20th was the first of such events and I am happy to report \$273.00 was raised for AGRA.

Thanks to the efforts of Marque and the Royalty team including Pussy LeHoot, Patrick Lose, Gaylia Young, Miss Sassy and Novia Gina plus other AGRA members who performed like Kelly Basque, these Wednesday nights will be very beneficial to AGRA. Congratulations to all.

Members should mark the 3rd Wednesday night of each month on our calendars to get out and support the efforts of our Fund Raising Director and the Royalty Team. I must admit I am guilty of missing this 1st fund-raiser but will definitely attend the next.

Ric Leone
AGRA Corresponding Secretary

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April 27th.**



**IGRA & Bud Light
Sanctioned Rodeos**

Letters from our Members...

I am an inactive member but a loyal reader of the news letter. I could not leave the computer tonight without writing you and letting you know how impressed I am with your contribution. What I know about news letters, publishing and the internet I suspect this was no "cup of tea" to produce. May I congratulate you on an excellent product! Keep up the "thankless" job of producing the newsletter. (I just suspect it's thankless! What do I know...)..anyway,

Thanks,
C. Ray Gould



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