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## From the Desk of the President

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving with friends and family.

**Walt Hutter's** amazing pies, cakes and other delightful treats that will be on sale again **Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>** at **Charlie's** from **4pm-7pm**. Don't miss out on these mouth watering treats. They tend to go fast, so get there early!!! Walt will graciously donate **ALL** proceeds to **AGRA** and **Rodeo**. Thanks so much Walt, I can't wait for more peach cobbler!!!

I would like to congratulate our new Miss IGRA 2010 **Ionna Doublewide** and our First Runner up to Mr. IGRA **Travis James**. I am extremely proud of both of them, they represented AGRA very well.

Please don't forget about our membership meeting this **Sunday, December 13, 2009, 5:00pm at Charlie's**. Pussy Lehoot will be hosting our AGRA Christmas turnabout show. Pussy has graciously allowed us to turn her show into a fundraiser for AGRA. We will be voting for our Board of Directors for 2010 as well as voting on the proposed bylaw changes submitted by Kyle Ross. This should be a great night come out and enjoy all the festivities.

Respectfully,

Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President

## **From the Desk of the Vice President**

Howdy All,

Congratulations

Kyle Ross (Miss Ionna Double Wide) won the title of Miss IGRA 2010 and Travis James Mr. IGRA 1st Runner-up. We are so proud of both of you. JOB WELL DONE!!!

Upcoming in February will be the Agra Royalty Contest. Watch for the date and mark you calendars. This year six contestants will be competing for a title for the AGRA 2010 Royalty Team.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts  
AGRA Vice President





From the Desk of the Secretary



Howdy Folks,  
Happy Birthday and many more to  
these members of AGRA.



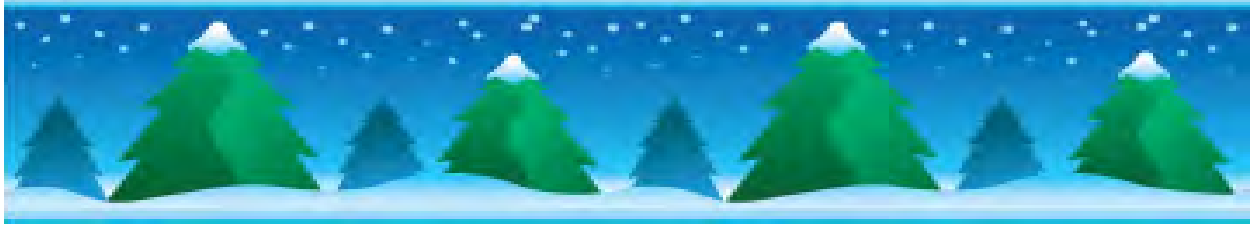
- 1-Dec Ronaldo Manzo
- 4-Dec Rick Manucy
- 6-Dec Bob Pimentel
- 8-Dec Darrell J. Dern
- 14-Dec Terry O'Connor
- 23-Dec Matthew Smith
- 25-Dec Charles Gorsky
- 27-Dec Gary Hatterman
- 29-Dec Andrew Folts
- Dan Iversen
- Tommy W. Ragan

Well it is the Holiday Season and the time we all think of those we love and the times we have had with family and friends. Remember those who have less and those who have nothing this season and lets all share the joy and family spirit to our AGRA Family. Happy Holidays and have a safe but wonderful time.

Many blessings to the AGRA family and friends.

Keith A. Carson  
Secretary 2009





Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

**October:**

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$13374.63
Checking		\$952.88
CD		\$12421.75
Non Rodeo	Oct Net Income	<\$781.41>
Rodeo	Oct Net Income	<\$539.00>
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		<\$320.80>

**Rodeo**

Income:

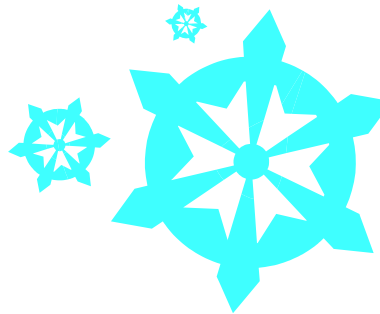
Rainbows Booth Sales \$401

Rodeo Committee Fundraiser (roller derby – cowboy karaoke) \$110

Expenses:

Arena Deposit \$1000

Bake Sale \$50



**Non Rodeo**

Income:

Membership Dues \$85

Kobalt Fundraiser \$318

Royalty Contestant Fee \$200

Expenses:

Office expenses \$264.58

Pride Booth \$250

IGRA Convention \$800

Bake Sale \$50

Kobalt Fundraiser \$19.83



The books have not closed for November as of 11/23/2009:

**November:**

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$13902.12
Checking		\$1480.37
CD		\$12421.75
Non Rodeo	Nov Net Income	\$25.13
Rodeo	Nov Net Income	\$417.36
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		\$96.56

Rodeo

Income:

Bake Sale \$167.50

Fundraisers \$272.00

Expenses:

Printing Flyers \$22.14

Non-Rodeo

Income:

Membership Dues \$25

Fundraiser Bake Sale \$167.50

3-4-1 Fundraiser \$120

Rodeo Contestant Fundraiser \$449

Expenses:

Rodeo Contestant Fund Pay Out \$491.00

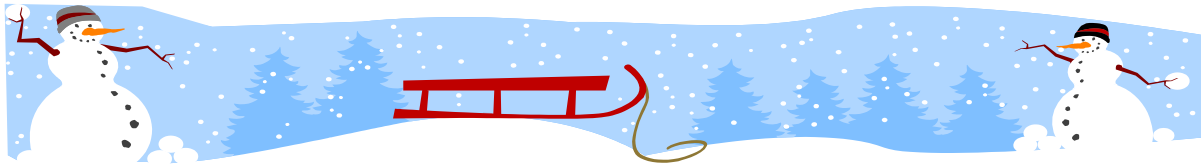
Office Expenses \$245.37



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AGRA Treasurer





Trustee's Report

First, I want to thank you all for electing me to another 3-year term as AGRA Trustee. The Trustee is the Association's representative on the IGRA Board and is the association spokesperson at IGRA Convention and for other international matters. I will continue to do my best to represent AGRA in a manner I feel is in the best interest of our association.

The IGRA Board/Trustees Meetings schedule has been set as follows:

Friday – January 15, 2010	10:00 am	Las Vegas (IGRA University)
Friday – May 28, 2010	10:00 am	Oklahoma City (Great Plains Rodeo)
Friday – September 3, 2010	10:00 am	Kansas City (Show-Me-State Rodeo)
Thursday – November 11, 2009	1:00 pm	Reno (IGRA Annual Convention)

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 25<sup>th</sup> IGRA Annual Convention represented AGRA very well. They attended committee meetings on Friday and participated in convention business on Saturday and Sunday. Delegates were Ron Trusley, Michael Weidmann, John King, Dan Iversen, Sharon Starks and Darrell Dern. Alternates were Greg Gillum, Kyle Ross, Travis James, and Carlos Garcia. Ferdy Quezada had planned to attend convention as an Alternate, but he was unable to do so due to illness. We missed you Ferdy!

I am extremely proud to tell you that Ionna Doublewide (Kyle Ross) won the title of 2010 Miss IGRA, and Travis James won the title of 2010 Mr IGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up. There were only five (5) Miss contestants and four (4) Mr contestants. Both Ionna and Travis made AGRA proud; they represented AGRA very well and did very well in all competition segments. Other 2010 IGRA royalty are:

Miss IGRA 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-Up (NGRA)	DeShannon	Christie
Miss IGRA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	Sally West (CGRA)	
Mr IGRA (CGRA)	Roger	Courtemanche
Mr IGRA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up	Gene Cheek (GWGRA)	

There are not a lot of major Bylaws/Standing Rules/Rodeo Rules changes for 2010, and I hope to have a summary of all changes very soon.

On Saturday morning of convention, the Sonoran Gay Rodeo Association (SGRA) was seated as an IGRA Member Association. Currently, this association is proposing October 7-9, 2011 as dates for their first rodeo. I wish the very best to the new association!

The 2010 rodeo schedule is posted on the IGRA website. I suggest you review the schedule and begin preparing your personal rodeo schedule now.

IGRA University is scheduled for January 15-17, 2009 at the Tuscany Suites & Hotel in Las Vegas. Hotel and registration informa-



tion are posted on the IGRA website, and reservations can be made now. I strongly encourage everyone to attend university; it is a great learning experience. Perhaps, not everything you learn would work well for AGRA and/or RRRR, but it is always great to hear ideas from other people. I don't think you will be disappointed if you attend the IGRA University.

I want to remind everyone that we will be voting on proposed AGRA Bylaws changes in the December 13 membership meeting. Please review the proposed changes before the meeting; make sure you understand the proposed changes and vote in an informed manner. We will also be voting for 2010 board members.

Also, remember another bake sale is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2009, at Charlie's. This is a fundraiser for AGRA and the 2010 RRRR. Order forms will also be available for anyone who wants to place orders for the Christmas season.

In closing, I want to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to John King and the management/staff of Charlie's Phoenix for 25 years of support for AGRA and the entire community. I am proud to have Charlie's as AGRA's home bar and definitely appreciate everything Charlie's has done and continues doing to support AGRA and our various activities. John and Charlie's do so much for AGRA, and they are always there when we ask for anything. Charlie's staff go out of their way and spend many extra hours getting everything set up for us for various activities. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH! If you are not aware of everything Charlie's does for AGRA, I suggest you ask a board member; you might be surprised! CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN AND CHARLIE'S FOR 25 YEARS OF OPERATION IN PHOENIX!

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Hey there, rodeo fans--

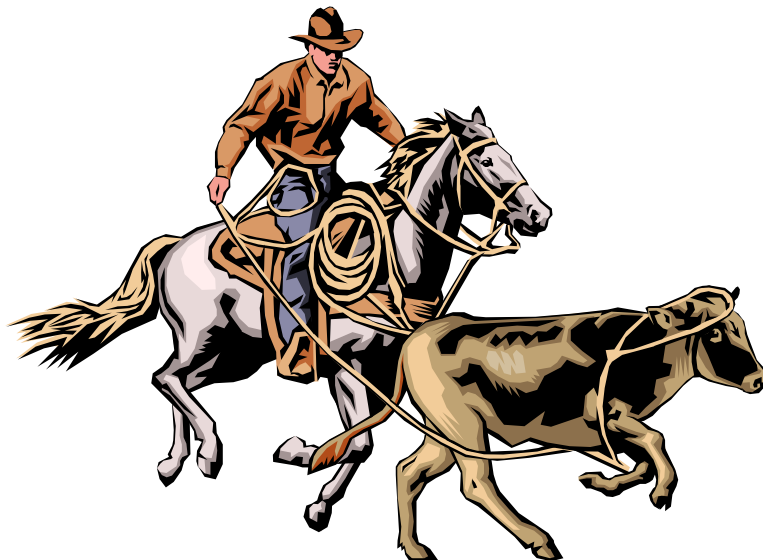
This year's IGRA annual rodeo convention was fantastic. In addition to seeing our very own Travis James and Ionna Doublewide win as Mr IGRA First Runner-Up and as Miss IGRA, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Sonora Gay Rodeo Association into IGRA. Mr. John King spoke on behalf of AGRA to introduce and welcome SGRA's delegates into the international association. Congratulations to our friends in Southern Arizona! It was a pleasure talking with and spending time with you in Toronto.

Speaking of pleasure, quite a few AGRA members enjoyed a good time at Charlie's of Phoenix 25th Anniversary event in November. Charlie's teamed up with Sway Events to bring Scooter Lee into town and perform throughout the weekend. Sway also organized many of the County Fair activities, which included fundraising and community awareness for several charities, including our own AGRA and rodeo.

Personally, I am looking forward to the turnabout show that takes place after the December general membership meeting..... It's time to paint my face and hike my puppies---- all in the name of charity fundraising and having a good time. And remember, my drink is gin & tonic--- in moderation, of course.

Have a safe and joyous holiday -

Greg Gillum  
Public Relations-AGRA





## **AGRA MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

December Board Meeting 9th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road  
December Membership Meeting 13th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

January Board Meeting 6th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road  
January Membership Meeting 10th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

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