

THE BRANDING IRON

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Well we have kicked off our new rodeo year with a bang!! Even though the rain put a damper on our rodeo this year, it definitely has not dampened the spirits of our membership and the fundraising efforts to get us out of the hole. I want to give a huge thanks to Pussy LeHoot and Claudia B. for putting on a great fundraiser last month over St. Patio Days! They Raised over \$1400.00!! Our final monies are trickling in from sponsors, and the last of our bills are being paid. There is definitely light at the end of the tunnel!

Now looking forward to this year! The Board of Directors are looking for Committee Chairs for the following positions: Branding Iron Editor, Contestant Liaison, Membership Coordinator, Election Committee, Audit Committee and Pride Events Coordinator. Requests for these positions need to be in the hands of the Board of Directors by April 11th. Interviews of interested parties will be on April 13th. If you are interested in getting more involved with AGRA and getting your hands a bit dirty, WE WELCOME YOU!!

Phoenix Pride Festival is the weekend of April 15th-16th. We will have our AGRA booth out and we are looking for volunteers to work the booth for a few hours at a time!! Please pass along your info to me and I will get it to our pride events coordinator once they are selected.

Look for up coming information about our AGRA retreat scheduled for May 6th and 7th. I will you posted as details are finalized.

Respectfully,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President



FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Howdy y'all!

I want to say that I'm so happy to be given this opportunity to serve on the board, especially now when AGRA seems to be at a crossroads.

We have a unique opportunity at this time to reinvent this great organization and make AGRA and its royalty the envy of its peers.

We have come up with numerous ways of improving what we do, all of which you'll hear about at future meetings and on line. One of the things crucial to our success is your involvement and your feedback. We need to know what you think. So if you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let anyone of us know.

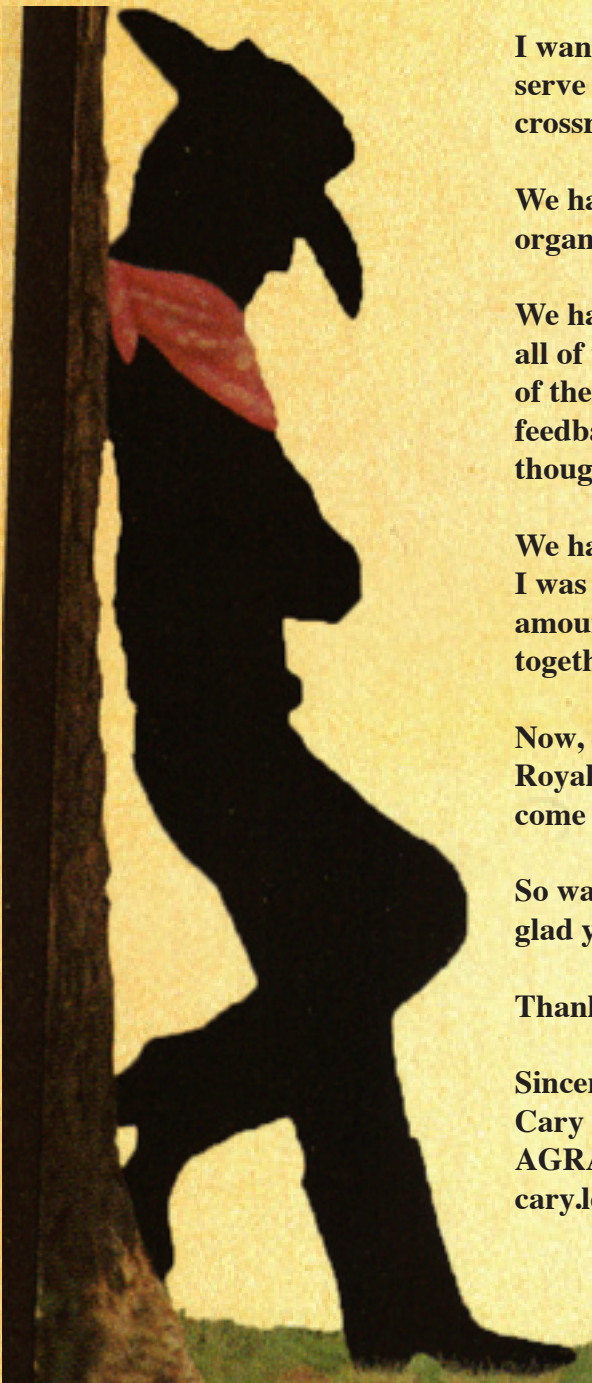
We had a very successful fund raiser on March 12, and although I was hoping for a bigger turnout, I couldn't be happier with the amount of monies raised. Great things can happen when we all pull together and work as a team to achieve our goals.

Now, despite what you may have heard, we are still recruiting for Royalty Contestants so if you, or anyone you know, is interested, come talk to me or e-mail me for more info.

So watch for some fun and exciting new 'happenings'.....you'll be glad you're members!

Thank you all, again, for this opportunity to serve you.

**Sincerely,
Cary Leibowitz
AGRA Vice President
cary.leibowitz@yahoo.com**





THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!


Well, it's time again to wish some folks a Happy Birthday and a wish for many more! These members of AGRA all share the month of April as a Birthday Month...so let's all give 'em a big Happy Birthday shout!

5th of Apr Kyle Ross
20th of Apr Louis Willford

As of March 15th, our membership for 2011 stands at 66, with 6 Champion members. Let's all talk up AGRA and see how many new members we can all bring into our organization. We really need to stir up the community and make them realize what we do as a Charitable Organization. I think that if we inform the general public and people in our community, we can grow our organization. The possibilities are endless.

If you need to provide a potential new member with an application, send them to our website at www.agra-phx.com, or grab an application at the AGRA office. Let's make this the best membership year ever!

Bob Shukis
2011 Secretary





Hello AGRA Membership,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



February: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$8,803.97
Checking	\$8,803.97
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$544.59)
Rodeo	(\$11,354.03)
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,434.70)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
CD Cashed \$12077.75	Golf Cart \$831
Contestant Entry Fees \$22347.50	Rodeo Promotion \$3625
Rodeo Booth \$3724.75	Contestant Payout \$14858
Ticket Sales \$17858.31	Arena Expense \$16905.85
Vendor Booth Sales \$3465	Officials \$6773.38
Sponsorships \$4350	Ribbons and Badges \$1139.17
Contestant Trailer Parking \$1616	Stalls \$5000
Misc Income \$252	AGRA Booth \$1464
	Rodeo Shirts \$2703.24
	Merchandise \$313.71
	Printing \$483.74
	Sound and Lights \$4526.76
	Bus Service \$3000
	IGRA Expenses \$2941.57
	Miscellaneous Expense \$400.68
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Interest Income \$14.48	Bank & Credit Card Exp. \$605.63
Bad Checks (\$175.52)	Office Expense \$240.95
Membership Fees \$1166	Membership Expense \$710
Merchandise \$21.86	

March: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$9,938.52
Checking	\$9,938.52
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,004.15
Rodeo	(\$869.60)
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$6,304.30)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Refund \$146.18	Generator Rental \$2000
Ticket Sales \$1798.46	Portable Toilets \$859.52
Bar Crawl \$285	Officials \$114.89
Mini Rodeo \$100	Printing \$175.49
	Refreshments \$49.34
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Misc Income \$40	Bank & Credit card Exp. \$482.68
Membership Dues \$1254	Office Expense \$372.71
Merchandise \$51.54	
St Patio Show \$1514	



TRUSTEE

From The Trustee

Can you believe it? We are already three months into year 2011! But, people are already starting to work to raise that much needed money after the weather wreaked havoc on the 2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. AGRA is a survivor, and I am confident everything will work out well, and we will be ready for the next rodeo in February 2012.

As we begin our 2011 AGRA Year, I really encourage everyone to become active, attend the membership meetings, speak up in the meetings, and let your voice be heard. None of us is perfect or has all of the answers, but together as a cohesive group, we (AGRA members) can and will accomplish much!

Listen and watch for updates and more details about the AGRA Training/Retreat that will be coming up within the next several weeks. I encourage everyone who can to attend the one-day training/retreat where we can learn from one another.

The next IGRA Board of Directors and Trustees Meetings will be Friday, April 8, 2011, in Fort Lauderdale. So I will have a report from these meetings to include in the May issue of the Branding Iron.

As always, let me know if you have questions or need any IGRA information. I am here to help!

Ron Trusley
AGRA Trustee
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THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!

Howdy!

We have had a wonderful month of fundraising in March. We had our first big fundraiser St. Patio Day. We raise over \$1500.00. Which is great for our very first one of the year. Thank you to Greg Gillum and Cary for your assistance. Jai, George Del Rio and Trixie for helping me sell jello shots all night long. Pussy, Miss Ebony, Ebonae, and Ionna Doublewide for coming out and performing. Thanks to Victoria for her quick surprise number.

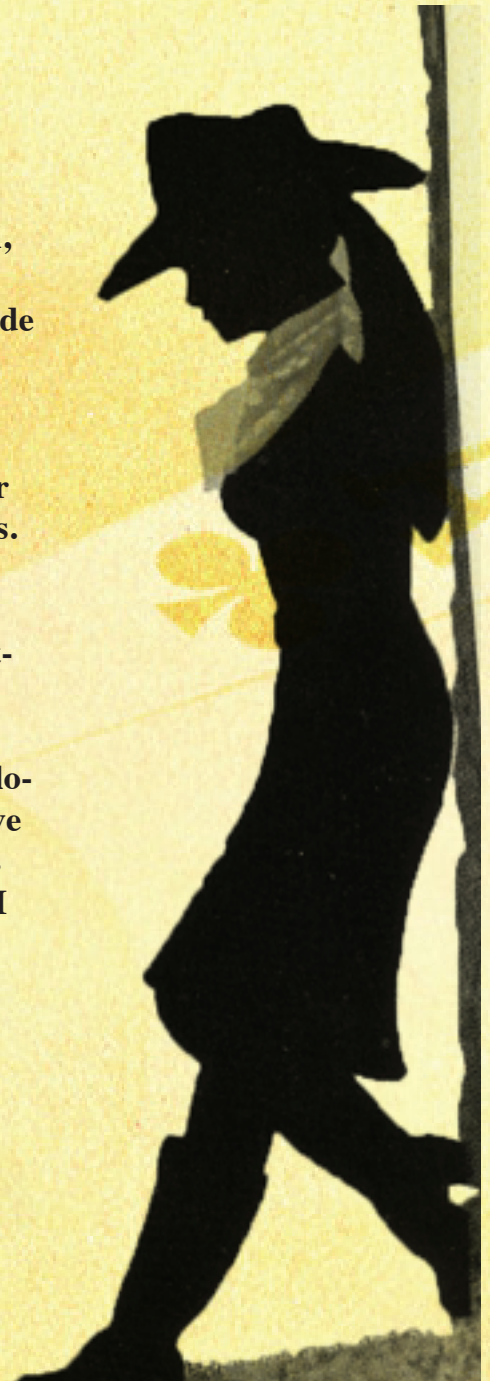
We will have a rodeo fundraiser at Apollos on the 31st so our total for March will go up. Go see Pussy and sing some songs.

In April it's pride month. We have a Easter show coming up on April 23rd. Please help us out by coming out and supporting us. If you can't help you can always donate ;)

Finally I want to thank George Del Rio for going around to local businesses and asking for donations to our cause. We have had many things donated and will use them as auction items throughout our year. This will make fundraising easier and I hope to make it our greatest year yet.

Thank you,

Claudia B
(Joshua Sipe)





Meeting Schedules

AGRA Board Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Office)

May 12

June 2

July 14

Aug 4

September 15

October 13

November 3

December 8

January 5

February 2

AGRA Membership Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 16

June 6

July 18

Aug 8

September 19

October 17

November 7

December 12

January 9

February 6





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