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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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November 2012 Edition
Next Newsletter Deadline:
November 25th 2012

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Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

With Rodeo season fast approaching, I am extremely encouraged by the amount of enthusiasm from our membership, the volunteers and our community. The co-rodeo directors are doing a fantastic job not only promoting the rodeo, but ensuring that we are reaching out to the entire LGBT community.

We already have a star studded line up of entertainment, several contestants for the royalty competition, volunteers are lining up ready to help in every way possible.

AGRA will be sending a full delegation to the 2012 IGRA convention in Las Vegas, NV. I want to thank all of the delegates and alternates for volunteering their time to support AGRA at the convention. I wish you all safe travels.

I am negotiating with our famous baker Walt Hutter, to see if he will be willing to do our annual bake sales this fall. We will need several volunteers to help with this as these bake sales bring in a large amount of funds.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with friends, family and loved ones.

Respectfully,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

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FROM JOHN KING

“Bull Riders Get a \$2,000 Boost at Next AZ Gay Rodeo”

Calling all bull riders, junior bull riders, women and men bull riders and “maybe” bull riders. The stakes have just been raised by Charlie’s by adding \$1,000 per day additional prize money for bull riding events. The proceeds will be divided equally between both men and women. AGRA will provide a “rodeo school” at 1:00pm the day before the rodeo to help new riders be able to master the event. To check out this and the many other changes to This Year’s AZ Gay Rodeo, go to www.agra-phx.com.

John A King
Co-Rodeo Director

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THANKS PATRICK!

I am happy to report that AGRA has grown to 115 total members, including seven Champion Members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following members for the month of November:

Veronica Plasencia	November 4
Tony Alonzo	November 17
Chase Clucas	November 19
Scott Blades	November 20
John Hensley	November 21
KimaryMartinez	November 26
Rafael Medina	November 26
Scott Swagerty	November 27
Blaine Schmoeckel	November30

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Roe
AGRA Secretary





TRUSTEE

I have very little to write about this month, but I am sure I will have lots of information to share after the IGRA Annual Convention.

For various reasons, a few of our Alternate Delegates are unable to attend the IGRA Annual Convention November 9-11 in Las Vegas. Edgar Garcia has replaced one of the Alternates; however, at this time we only have 6 Delegates and 3 Alternate Delegates. If you are able to attend convention and would like to be an Alternate Delegate, please let me know. The convention registration fee has already been paid.

After convention, I will report on elections and all of the Bylaws/Standing Rules/Rodeo Rules changes.

I want to remind everyone to please review the classes for the 2013 IGRA University and to register as soon as possible.

I want to wish everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving” and encourage each of us to think about all of the many things for which we can be thankful and for the freedom and many benefits we enjoy on a daily basis.

**Ron Trusley
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VEEP

Howdy cowboys and cowgirls we have had a great month with royalty!!!! Lots of fundraisers and a great team for me to begin working with.

Thank you to our contestant for Ms Agra Capri for selling Jell-O shots and raising her funds to compete. Our Mr contestants Chris and Dan for raising there funds. And our Miss who just announced Kayla Krawford for always helping out not just now but always.

I look forward to an exciting Month aas we get more contestants and continue on towards our goal for raising money for our amazing community.

**Joshua Sipe
"Claudia B"**

AGRA Vice President

TREASURER'S REPORT

September: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$3,634.88
Checking	\$3,634.88
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,740.34
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$600.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$25.00	Bank & Credit Card Exp 127.95
Apollo's Karaoke \$244.00	Office \$187.27
Beach Party \$793.06	
Patio Show \$770.00	
Fundraiser Jello Shots \$874.00	
Contestant Entry Fee \$25	
Mr Requirments \$324.50	
October: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$860.54
Checking	\$860.54
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$2,574.34)
Rodeo	(\$200.00)
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$800.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
	Poster Winner \$200
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$130.74
	IGRA Convention \$1100
	Membership Exp \$41.86
	Awards \$224.64
	Promo Items \$883.00
	Office Expense \$194.10

MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD MTG	MBRSHIP MTG	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES
03/07/12	03/11/12	Texas Tradition Rodeo (Fort Worth, TX)	March 2-4, 2012
		AGRA St Patio O Day	March 17, 2012
04/04/12	04/01/12	Saguaro Cup	April 13-15, 2012
		Sunshine Stampede (Ft Lauderdale, FL)	April 20-22, 2012
		Phoenix Pride 2012	April 21-22, 2012
05/09/12	05/13/12	Hot Rodeo 2012 (Palm Springs, CA)	May 4-6, 2012
		AGRA Chili Verde Day	May 5, 2012
		Big Horn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	May 11-13, 2012
		Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 25-27, 2012
06/06/12	06/10/12	Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	June 8-10, 2012 (cancelled)
		Pride in the Pines (Flagstaff, AZ)	June 16, 2012
		Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) *	June 29-July 1, 2012
		AGRA Grand Ol' Opry	July 7, 2012 (date change)
07/18/12	07/22/12	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 13-15, 2012
		Rodeo Fest 2012 (Detroit, MI)	July 27-29, 2012
08/08/12	08/12/12	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 3-5, 2012
		Windy City Rodeo (Chicago, IL)	August 24-26, 2012 (cancelled)
		Show-Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	August 31-September 2, 2012
09/05/12	09/09/12	AGRA Beach Party	September 1, 2012
		Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco, CA)	September 14-16, 2012
		Sedona/Verde Valley Pride (Cottonwood)	September 29, 2012 (changes)
10/10/12	10/14/12	Rainbows Festival (Phoenix)	October 6-7, 2012
		Tucson Pride	October 13, 2012 (date change)
		26th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo (Fort Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
		27th Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Ft Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
11/14/12	11/18/12	28th Annual IGRA Convention (Las Vegas)	November 8-11, 2012
12/05/12	12/09/12	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 9, 2012
01/02/13	01/06/13	IGRA University (St Louis)	January 11-13, 2013
		Super Bowl Sunday (New Orleans, LA)	February 3, 2013
02/06/13	02/10/13	Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light	February 8, 2013
		Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 13, 2013
		28th Anniversary Road Runner Regional Rodeo *	February 15-17, 2013

* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2

Board Meetings - 7 pm - Charlie's Offices

Membership Meetings - 4 pm - Charlie's bar - except December meeting will be at 7:00 pm



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