



**AQHA**

# **BRANDING IRON**

**January 2015**

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## AGRA President's Notes

Happy New Year I hope everyone had a great holiday season with family and friends. I would like to congratulate Kevin McSweeney and Todd Wyckoff the winners of our Christmas hams. I also want to congratulate Richard Merritt on winning a gigantic stocking. We are two months away from our 2015 30th anniversary Arizona gay rodeo.

I would like to remind everyone about Country Idol for 2015 our next contest will be at BS West Sunday on January 4th, Bunkhouse January 7, Rainbow Cactus January 9, Cash Inn January 11, Apollo's January 15, Stacy's on Melrose January 19, Charlie's January 27, and Kobalt February 1st.

Tickets are available for our 2015 Arizona Gay Rodeo VIP party bus for \$35 if you like to purchase your VIP party bus tickets please contact myself at [m.weidmann@cox.net](mailto:m.weidmann@cox.net)

Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am sure we will face new challenges, or perhaps I should say opportunities, in 2015, but I am also sure that AGRA will remain strong.

Walt Hutter spent numerous hours and days preparing for and setting up the annual Christmas bake sale on December 21, 2014. I know he enjoys this and is delighted to help AGRA. On Saturday – December 20 Michael Weidmann, Todd Wyckoff, Patrick Roe, and Carlos Rodriguez joined us and helped with the final preparations for the sale – mixing, decorating, boxing, etc. And, again, I washed lots and lots of dishes! I want to give a very special thank you to Walt and to the four people who helped yesterday. And, of course, I also want to thank everyone who helped during the sale.

IGRA University will be January 16-18, 2015 at El Topicano Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Room rate is \$99.00 per night and is available until December 26. University registration is \$110.00, but if you stay in the host hotel, the registration is discounted by \$25.00! To register and get more information, go to the IGRA website at [www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com). Go to the bottom of the home page and click on the words underneath the IGRA University logo.

The IGRA awards presented at the annual convention in November were not correct. They were all returned to be redone, and we have yet received them. We will plan to present them in a membership meeting when they are received.

Mark your calendar now for the AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting and Banquet that will be Friday – February 27, 2015 at T-Bone Steakhouse. More information will be disseminated very soon.

I will be attending the IGRA Board/Trustees' Meetings in San Antonio, Texas on Friday – January 16, 2015. In my report in the February membership meeting, I will provide any updates and new information.

Ron Trusley  
AGRA Trustee



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November : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$8,621.21
Checking	\$8,621.21
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$546.06)
Rodeo	\$970.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	(\$3,980.00)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Sponsorships \$1900	Insurance \$930
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership \$50	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.90
Merchandise \$125	Membership \$612.95
Patio Show \$100	Royalty \$375
Turkey \$241	Fundrasing \$600
Bake Sale \$696	Office \$156.21
MR Requirments \$118	
December: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$2,357.92
Checking	\$2,357.92
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$296.25)
Rodeo	(\$5,967.04)
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	(\$9,947.04)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Vendor Spaces \$200	Arena \$5000
RV Park \$180	Ribbons \$1122.04
	Advertising \$225
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership Dues \$50	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$133.99
Merchandise \$80	Membership \$59.99
	Fundrasing \$160
	Telephone \$72.27

Jared Crystal  
AGRA Treasure

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## **RODEO SCHOOL:**

The AGRA Rodeo School will be Friday – February 13, 2015 at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds – 7611 S 29th Avenue (S 29th Avenue & W Baseline Rd) – Laveen (Phoenix), Arizona. A barrel racing clinic is planned, but a minimum of six (6) entries is required. If you register for this event and it is canceled, you will be notified in advance. The registration fee for the barrel racing clinic is \$50.00 per person.

Other events offered are: Chute Dogging, Steer Decorating, Calf Roping on Foot, and Steer Riding. Registration fee is \$20.00 per person per event. Each student is guaranteed “2 go’s” in each paid event, and additional “go’s” will be allowed if time permits.

## **Volunteers:**

If you are looking to help and support AGRA by Volunteering we'd love to hear from you.

Contact:

John King Assistant Rodeo Director  
and Volunteer Coordinator at  
602-320-6280

## **AGRA COUNTRY IDOL 2015:**

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association is gearing up for their 30th Annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo and the Fifth Annual Country Idol Karaoke Singing Contest. This series of karaoke competitions will culminate with the finale at the Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds at the start Rodeo on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **What is the bar-wide schedule?**

Bunkhouse | Wednesday, January 7th @ 9:30 pm  
Rainbow Cactus | Friday, January 9th @ 9:30 pm  
Cash Inn | Sunday, January 11th @ 9:30 pm  
Apollo's | Thursday, January 15th @ 9:30 pm  
Stacy's @ Melrose | Monday, January 19th @ 9:30 pm  
Charlie's | Tuesday, January 27th @ 9:30 pm  
Kobalt | Sunday, February 1st @ 9:30 pm

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## January 2015 Branding Iron Secretary's Report

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope it was safe and you all had lots of fun. I'm excited to announce our membership has reached 201 members, including seven Champion Members. I'd like to wish happy birthday to some of our January babies:

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Alfie  
January 5<sup>th</sup> Jai Crystal  
January 19<sup>th</sup> Warren Shrout  
January 20<sup>th</sup> Francisco  
January 22<sup>th</sup> Claudia B  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Fiji  
January 26<sup>th</sup> Rosario  
January 27<sup>th</sup> C Thompson

Hope to see lots of you there at the January 11<sup>th</sup> membership meeting which reverts back to our normal time of 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe

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Hello AGRA Members and Happy 2015! I hope you all enjoyed your Holiday Season and are ready for a new year! 2015 is a big year for many things here in Arizona. We kick off hosting the Superbowl and then go right into the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo Feb 13-15 at the Corona Ranch!

Be sure to check out our Facebook page and our website for up to date information on the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo along with the events that lead up to it including Country Idol and the Annual Rodeo Bar Crawl!

I have taken over the publishing of the monthly Branding Iron and as always I am open to your suggestions. I hope to be able to present you with not only an informative Branding Iron but also something fun and visually exciting. Be sure to keep your eye out for more improvements along the way. If you wish to submit something for consideration in the Branding Iron please email it to be at [ToddMWyckoff@hotmail.com](mailto:ToddMWyckoff@hotmail.com) (MWord, JPG, PNG files work best).

Thank you,

Todd M. Wyckoff  
AGRA Public Relations Director



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## Christmas Bake Sale 2014





## SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, FEB 14**

PICKUP: 11AM • NOON • 1PM • 2PM

(DEPARTING FROM CHARLIE'S)

RETURN: 6PM • 7PM • 8PM • 9PM

(DEPARTING FROM CORONA RANCH)

**SUNDAY, FEB 15**

PICKUP: NOON FROM CHARLIE'S

RETURN: 6PM

FROM CORONA RANCH



# ARIZONA GAY RODEO

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LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE • SEE YOUR FAVORITE CHARLIE'S BARTENDER TO PURCHASE YOURS.

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VALUED AT \$45

**INCLUDES**

RODEO ADMISSION

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REFRESHMENTS & FUN ON THE BUS

FOR MORE RODEO INFO VISIT [www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com)



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CALLING  
ALL SINGERS!

# COUNTRY IDOL 2015



**GRAND PRIZE!**  
Special Edition Bud Light  
Guitar, signed by the 2015  
KMLE Country & Man Jam  
Performers!

**THE ROCK**  
Monday, December 15th

**BS WEST**  
Sunday, January 4th

**BUNKHOUSE**  
Wednesday, January 7th

**RAINBOW CACTUS**  
Friday, January 9th

**CASH INN**  
Sunday, January 11th

**APOLLO'S**  
Thursday, January 15th

**STACY'S @ MELROSE**  
Monday, January 19th

**CHARLIE'S**  
Tuesday, January 27th

**KOBALT**  
Sunday, February 1st

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YOUR CHANCE AT FAME AND FABULOUS PRIZES!

