



BRANDING IRON

November 2015

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President's Report

Hello AGRA Members!

It is hard to believe that it is already November and that our 31st Annual Rodeo is just a little more than 4 months away! We have a lot going on the next couple of months so I wanted to give you all some key dates;

Nov 12 - 15th is IGRA Annual convention

Nov 22nd is our monthly membership meeting

Nov 22nd at 4pm is our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale hosted at Charlie's

Thank you to the delegates that are taking time out of there busy schedules to attend convention this year in Florida. I unfortunately am not able to attend this year. I look forward to them all reporting back and sharing with us all the information they learn and what changes are in store for 2016.

The annual Thanksgiving bake sale is always a great success thanks to Walt and his team of helpers. Be sure to reach out to Walt if you are interested in helping him bake the yummy goodies.

A reminder that at the monthly meeting this month we will be voting on our Trustee who will serve a 3 year term beginning in January of 2016. We will also be taking nominations for all of our board positions in both our November and December.

Finally I want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your family. I hope you all get to spend this time of year with the people that you love.

Thank you,

Todd M Wyckoff
AGRA President

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AGRA Shirts are now available for order! They are a rust color long sleeve cotton button down shirt that the membership voted on in our monthly membership meeting. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact:

Gabriel Medellin at gmedellin78@gmail.com

The cost of each shirt is:

\$33.50	Sizes Small to XL
\$35.50	2XL
\$37.50	3XL
\$5.00 Extra charge for	Name on shirt

Todd M Wyckoff
AGRA President

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Vice President's Report

October was a very busy month with getting the Royalty up to Las Vegas for IGRA World Finals Rodeo at the South Point Resort and Casino. All contestants did very well and it was a very close race.

Mipsy Mikels is now Miss IGRA 2nd RU.

Rusty Boltz (Sharon Starks-Reid) is MsTer IGRA 1st RU.

It wasn't for lack of enthusiasm and preparation, but Jeffrey Smit came home without a sash, but I'm very proud of him. He was only a couple points from the 2nd RU which was Dawg with NGRA. Jeffrey has come a long way this year and he's planning on running for Mr. AGRA 2016!

I already have two completed AGRA Royalty applications with their money turned in, Nikki Starr and Mark Christensen. There are several applications that are still out, I'll update this next month.

November is shaping up to be a busy month, as I'll be traveling to St Petersburg, FL for IGRA Annual Convention.

That's all for this month!!

Michael Brent

A.G.R.A. Vice President.

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Trustee's Report

All of our 2015 AGRA Royalty competed in the 2016 International Royalty Competition in Las Vegas October 9-11. The 2016 IGRA Team is:

Mr IGRA Thomas McCarthy FGRA
Mr IGRA 1st Runner-Up Terry Covington TGRA
Mr IGRA 2nd Runner-Up Michael Yarbrough NGRA

Ms IGRA Mary Honeycutt TGRA
Ms IGRA 1st Runner-Up Kami Boles FGRA

Miss IGRA Madison Deveroux (aka Mason Lyon) TGRA
Miss IGRA 1st Runner-Up Taylor Trash (aka David Blackwood) NGRA
Miss IGRA 2nd Runner-Up Mipsy Mikels (aka Michael Butts) AGRA

MsTer IGRA Macc Country (aka Lize MacDonald) OGRA
MsTer IGRA 1st Runner-Up Rusty Bolts (aka Sharon Starks) AGRA

All of the AGRA Royalty represented our association in a very professional and reputable manner, and we should be proud of each of them. Although Jeffrey Smit did not place in the top three in the Mr category, he did an outstanding job! The entire team did their best and I think they all deserve recognition.

117 contestants competed in the 2016 WGRF, and seven of them were AGRA contestants. AGRA contestants placing in the top 8 are:

Ron Trusley, AGRA Trustee
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Greg Begay

Breakaway Roping	1 st Place Saturday	1 st Place Sunday	
Buckle			
Pole Bending	1 st Place Saturday	1 st Place Sunday	Buckle
Flag Race	4 th Place Saturday	1 st Place Sunday	Buckle
Team Roping	2 nd Place Saturday (Header)		
	6 th Place Saturday (Heeler)		
Steer Decorating	3 rd Place Saturday	2 nd Place Sunday	
Goat Dressing	2 nd Place Saturday		

Greg was All-Around Cowboy, and received the 2015 IGRA Circuit Award for:

Calf Roping on Foot Breakaway Roping Team Roping Goat Dressing

Rick Manucy

Barrel Racing	4 th Place Saturday	1 st Place Sunday	Buckle
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Lorenzo Dell'Aquila

Barrel Racing		1 st Place Sunday	
Pole Bending	7 th Place Saturday	3 rd Place Sunday	

Keenan Allen

Flag Race		7 th Place Sunday	
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Raymond Norris

Goat Dressing

6th Place Sunday

The seven AGRA contestants who competed are:

Keenan Allen Greg Begay Robert Brown
Lorenzo Dell'Aquila Rick Manucy Raymond Norris
Shelly Woodson

In just about 2 ½ weeks we will be going to St Petersburg, Florida for the 2015 IGRA Annual Convention. For various reasons, a few of the elected delegates and alternate delegates are unable to attend. So, we are now down to 6 delegates and 1 alternate delegate. They are:

Delegates

Ron Trusley
John King
Bob Pimentel
Jai Crystal
Dan Iversen
Michael Brent

Alternate Delegate

Arnie Chavez

In the convention, elections will be held for IGRA Vice President and IGRA Secretary.

The 2015 WGRF souvenir buckle is available for purchase through the IGRA Store. Cost is \$175.00 plus \$7.50 shipping. Go to the IGRA website and then to the IGRA Store to purchase the buckle. This will be available only for a very limited time.

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September: Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$15,241.80
Checking	\$15,241.80
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$178.16)
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2016 Rodeo Net Income	\$0.00
<u>Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$50	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$128.30
Fundraisers \$480	Telephone \$74.86
	Royalty \$305
	Sponsorship \$200

October: Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$3,749.23
Checking	\$3,749.23
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$1,566.58)
Rodeo	(\$10,625.99)
Year to Date 2016 Rodeo Net Income	(\$10,625.99)
<u>Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Weekend Pass \$50	Arena Rental \$10000
RB Park \$75	Posters \$50.99
	Saction Fee \$700
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	-
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$25	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
	IGRA Convention \$875
	Membership \$45.83
	Awards \$42.80
	Bake Sale \$500

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Secretary's Report

Happy November to all our AGRA members. We are quickly approaching the holiday season, an important one for a charity such as our own, which focuses on community, fun, and giving back to others. Please keep an eye out for announcements about upcoming events, and you can always access our calendar on our website, as things start to get busy.

I'd like to wish a happy birthday to our AGRA members with their special day in the month of November:

November 11th David November 11th Ferdy
November 20th Scott Blades November 20th Paul
November 23rd Daniel November 27th Jeff

Hope you all had a nice Halloween and I look forward to seeing lots of you at the November 22, 2015 membership meeting, where we'll hear reports from the IGRA annual convention and of course have our bakesale.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe
A.G.R.A. Secretary

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Fundraiser Director's Report

Howdy all,

Up coming events for November include the annual AGRA bake sale on November 22 before and during our AGRA membership meeting.

We are also doing a turkey raffle, tickets are a \$1 each please contact Ron our trustee for tickets. His contact information is in the Branding Iron.

I want to wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday

Michael Butts
Mipsy Mikels Miss AGRA 2015
Fundraiser Director

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Public Relations Director Report

Hello all,

I hope you all have had a fabulous October. I look forward in the weeks to come to reach out to the community and create a business relationship with several more businesses in obtaining sponsors for our 31st annual Arizona Gay Rodeo.

We had a wonderful experience at Rainbows Festival. We met many people who have never heard of our organization or even knew that gay rodeo exists.

If any of you members know of any business, organization, or individual that would like to become a sponsor please let me know.

Thank You,

Carlos L. Rodriguez
A.G.R.A. Public Relations Director
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R E M I N D E R !!! R E M I N D E R !!!

AGRA's Thanksgiving Bake Sale, an annual fund-raising event is just around the corner. It will be in Charlie's on Sunday – November 22, 2013 beginning at 3:00 pm.

If you can volunteer a few hours to help with the baking and decorating the baked goods on Saturday – November 21, we would love to have you. Just call me at (602) 510-9672.

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each for a chance to win a large turkey. Two turkeys will be given away with the drawing on Sunday evening. You do not have to be present to win!!! Talk with one of Charlie's bartenders or call me to buy tickets. If you would like to take tickets to sell, just let me know.

Come out on November 22 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) and buy your Thanksgiving cakes, pies, and cookies to share with your family or special friends.

Walt Hutter
Phone: (602) 510-9672



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Joshua Tree Masquerade Gala November 13th, 2015

Cocktails Start - 6:00pm
Dinner Served - 7:00pm
Awards Presented - 7:45pm
Fashion Auction - 8:30pm

Guest Speakers:

Best Selling Author:

Gini Koch

San Diego City Commissioner

Nicole Murray-Ramirez

Tickets are only
\$30.00 per person
or sponsor a table with
10 guests for **\$270.00**

For more information or to purchase tickets
please visit: www.jtfp.org/gala

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Jeffrey Smit

Miss AGRA 2015
Mipsey Michaels
AKA Michael Butts

Mistr AGRA 2015
Rusty Bolts
AKA Sharon Starks

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