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August 1st, 2016

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President's Report

Charitable Contributions Guidelines were approved by the board on June 08, 2016 and reviewed with members present in the June 12 membership meeting. I have appointed the Charitable Contributions Committee comprised of Jay Lovejoy-Chair, Arnie Chavez, and Michael Butts. The guidelines are included in this Branding Iron.

The Audit Committee has been appointed and is comprised of Michael Weidmann, Chairperson, Janet Foote and Curt Biggers.

As soon as the 2016 rodeo books are closed and final reports are prepared, Walt Hutter, who was appointed as Treasurer will assume all related responsibilities and functions of the Treasurer

In the July 17 membership meeting we voted for 2016 IGRA Annual Convention Delegates. Delegates and alternates are:

Delegates

Michael Brent
Bob Pimentel
Michael Weidmann
Dan Iversen
Arnie Chavez
John King

Alternates

Mark Christensen
Jayme Walker aka Nikki Starr
Jay Lovejoy
Jeffrey Smit
George Immerso

We will be traveling to Austin, Texas in November for the convention.

And, don't forget the 2016 World Gay Rodeo Finals in October at South Point in Las Vegas.

I urge you to make hotel reservations now for the finals rodeo and the IGRA Annual Convention.

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I want to thank our royalty and royalty candidates for their continued support of and dedication to AGRA. Each of you is greatly appreciated! And, to our members who continue to stay involved and support our organization, thanks to each of you. You, too, are greatly appreciated! And, I want to thank each of our board members for their dedication and support.

Ron Trusley

AGRA President

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Vice President's Report

Well, it's been a hot July, and it's going to be an even hotter August! Namely, "Hot Desert Nights", a fundraiser by Jeff Smit. Your hostesses for the evening will be Miss AGRA 2016 Nikki Starr, and Miss IGRA 2016 2nd Runner up, Mipsy Mikels! Showtime at 8 PM at the Bunkhouse.

We have a good looking royalty team shaping up for the 2017 rodeo season:

Miss candidate: To be announced in mid October

MsTer candidates:

JR Logan aka Sarah Cordova

RJ Mikels aka Cindy Fairbrother

Ms candidate:

Christi Starr aka Christine Fairbrother

Mr candidates:

Travis James aka Travis Drapeau

Mahlon Lovell

Jeffrey Smit

We're in the home stretch for our Mr and Miss AGRA 2016 in their quest for running for IGRA in October! It's looking like we'll have a good royalty competition in beautiful Las Vegas at the South Point Resort and Casino.

Happy August and see you at the Hot Desert Nights show!

Thank You!

Michael Brent

AGRA Vice President

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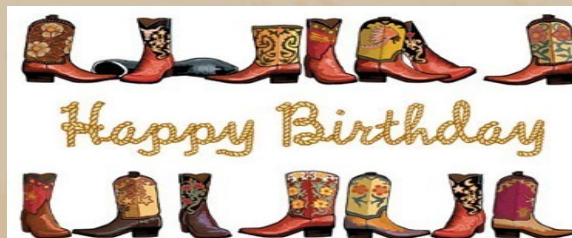
Secretary's Report

Happy August to all our AGRA members. I'm happy to report we have 93 members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following individuals born in August:

August 07th - Chris
August 09th - Jim Brown
August 10th - Allen
August 11th - Jesse
August 11th - Rogelio
August 12th - Keenan Allen
August 18th - Walt Hutter
August 22nd - Richard
August 25th - Clem Clark
August 25th - Josue
August 28th - Ashleigh
August 29th - Janet
August 30th - Lucas

Respectfully submitted,

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Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is unavailable for this month and will return next month.

Thank you,

Walt Hutter

AGRA Treasurer

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Public Relations Director Report

Hello members I hope you all are having a wonderful Summer and are excited as we have a bunch of fun and exciting events coming up within the next few months! As of today we have a total of 1,937 “ Likes “ on Facebook and 651 “ Followers “ on Instagram that is amazing and it keeps growing weekly, good job! I have been looking into local organizations that will be having events coming soon and I would like to have AGRA involved and show our presence within the community. By doing so I would really like to see our members to be involved. Once the board has decided to go further with these organizations and events we will be filling you all in so you may participate. I hope you all have an amazing month of August and please be safe.

Regards,

**Richard Myers (Richie Josef)
AGRA Public Relations Director
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Fundraising Director's Report

The Fundraising Director has nothing to report at this time.

Thank You,

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Trustee's Report

The Trustee's report is unavailable for this month and will return next month.

Regards,

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AGRA Trustee

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Rodeo Director's Report

The Rodeo Director's report is unavailable for this month and will return next month.

Regards,

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{ CALENDAR } OF EVENTS

August 2016

August 12th - 14th Zia Regional Rodeo Santa Fe, NM

Aug. 13th at 8:00 PM AGRA Royalty Fundraiser (Bunkhouse)

Aug. 17th at 7:00 PM AGRA Board Meeting (Charlie's)

Aug. 21st at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting (Charlie's)

September 2016

Sept. 2nd - 4th Show Me State Rodeo Kansas, MO

Sept. 3rd at 9:30 PM AGRA Beach Party (Charlie's)

Sept. 9th - 11th Rodeo on the River Guerneville, CA

Sept. 16th - 18th Sierra Stampede Sacramento, CA

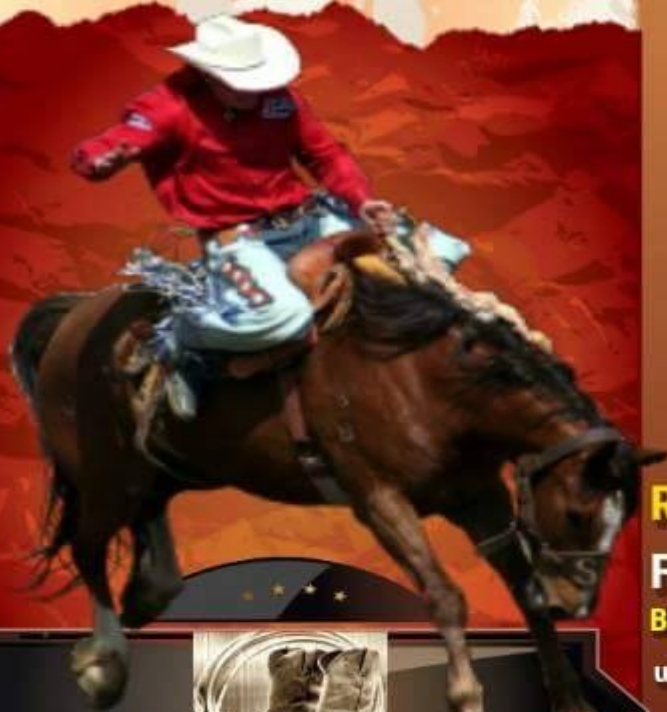
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Sept. 18th at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting (Charlie's)



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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION



RODEO

Rodeo Begins

Feb 17th-19th, 2017

Become A Member At

www.agra-phx.com/members.shtml

www.agra-phx.com

CORONA
RANCH

Banquets and Special Events

7611 S 29th Ave, Laveen Village, AZ 85339



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SPECIAL GUEST MISS GAY ARIZONA
AMERICA 2016 SAVANNAH
STEVENS & MORE GREAT
ENTERTAINMENT



MISS GAY ARIZONIA AMERICA 2016
SAVANNAH STEVENS

**HOT
DESERT
NIGHTS**

**AGRA
FUNDRAISING
SHOW
BENEFITING
JOSHUA
TREE**

**BEER BUST
JELLO-SHOT
UNDERWEAR AUCTION**

AUGUST 13 8:00 - 12:00???



Joshua Tree
Feeding Program, Inc.

PAT O BUNKHOUSE 4428 N 7TH AVE PHX, AZ

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Annual Schedule of Event's

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 09, 2016	March 20, 2016	AGRA St Patio Day	March 19, 2016 March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday	
April 13, 2016	April 17, 2016	Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival A Texas Tradition Rodeo (Dallas, TX)	April 2-3, 2016 April 29-May 1, 2016	
May 18, 2016	May 22, 2016	AGRA Chili Verde Day Hot Rodeo 2016 (Palm Springs, CA) Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 7, 2016 May 6-8, 2016 May 27-29, 2016	May 6, 2016
June 08, 2016	June 12, 2016			
July 13, 2016	July 17, 2016	AGRA Grand Ol' Opry Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) * Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) * North Star Regional Rodeo (Minneapolis, MN)	July 2, 2016 July 1-3, 2016 July 8-10, 2016 July 29-31, 2016	July 8, 2016
August 17, 2016	August 21, 2016	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 12-14, 2016	
September 14, 2016	September 18, 2016	Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO) AGRA Beach Party Best Buck in the Bay-Rodeo on the River (Guerneville, CA) Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	September 2-4, 2016 September 3, 2016 September 9-11, 2016 September 16-18, 2016	
October 05, 2016	October 09, 2016	Tucson Pride (Tucson, AZ) Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ) 30th Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals (Las Vegas, NV) 31st Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Las Vegas, NV)	October 15, 2016 October 15-16, 2016 October 20-23, 2016 October 20-23, 2016	
November 09, 2016	November 13, 2016	AGRA Thanksgiving Bake Sale 32nd Annual IGRA Convention (Austin, TX) AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's/Bake Sale	November 20, 2016 November 17-20, 2016 December 18, 2016	November 17, 2016
December 14, 2016	December 18, 2016			
January 11, 2017	January 22, 2017	IGRA University (Las Vegas, NV)	January 13-15, 2017	
February 08, 2017	February 12, 2017	Super Bowl LI (51) (Houston, TX) Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo 32nd Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo Rodeo Volunteer Party AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 5, 2017 February 15, 2017 February 17-19, 2017 February 24, 2017 (Friday) February 25, 2017 (Saturday)	
March 08, 2017	March 12, 2017			
Board Meetings - 7:00 pm - Charlie's Offices			* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2	
Membership meetings - 3:00 pm - Charlie's Dance Floor				

Next Board Meeting: August 17th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Charlie's Office's

Next Membership Meeting: August 21st, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Charlie's Dance Floor

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NOTICE

OFFICIAL AGRA SHIRTS

If you would like to purchase an official AGRA shirt, contact Bob Hitchcock. His email address is garthaz@cox.net, and his phone number is (602) 292-0266.

Bob will handle all requests and orders for shirts.

Both woman's and men's shirts are available, but the woman's shirt does not have a pocket.

Thank You!

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AGRA Charitable Contributions Guidelines

1. The President will appoint a Charitable Contributions Committee Chairperson and two (2) additional committee members. The appointments will be made no later than March 31 of each year and announced in the following membership meeting.
2. The Rodeo Director will advise the President when all rodeo income and expenses have been processed and the amount of rodeo profit.
3. The President, after consultation with the Rodeo Director and Treasurer, will recommend to the board an amount to contribute.
4. A reasonable amount of the profit may be held back and placed in the next year's rodeo financial records. This amount would be used for paying up-front costs, such as the required sanction fee.
5. The recommended contribution amount will be reported in the next membership meeting.
6. In the meeting when the recommended contribution amount is reported, members present may nominate organizations for consideration to receive a share of the profits.
7. By the next board meeting, the member who made the nomination, must provide to the Charitable Contributions Committee Chairperson the following documents:
 - ▶ Charitable status with the IRS
 - ▶ Recent financial statements, including a profit and loss statement and balance sheet.
 - ▶ Any additional documents the member considers appropriate.
8. If required documentation is not provided timely, or is considered inadequate, the organization that was nominated will not be considered to receive any money.

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AGRA Charitable Contributions Guidelines

9. The Charitable Contributions Committee will review all documentation received and recommend to members in the next membership meeting the organizations that should be considered to receive contributions.

10. When making a recommendation, the Charitable Contributions Committee will consider:

- ▶ How many organizations should share in the available funds
- ▶ Which organizations have already benefited from the rodeo through bar tips
- ▶ Which organizations provided volunteers or other support for the rodeo and the time period this has been done
- ▶ Which organizations are truly doing charitable work in supporting needy clients/customers
- ▶ Where could AGRA best make an impact to a charitable cause

11. In the next membership meeting, members who are present will vote for organizations to receive a contribution by writing a percentage of funds to allocate to each organization.

12. Allocations must be expressed in increments of 10%, but the total must be 100%. Ballots that do not total 100% will be considered as void and will not be counted.

13. Ballots will be totaled by the Charitable Contributions Committee. Results will be posted in the next issue of The Branding Iron and announced at the next membership meeting.

14. Organizations to receive a contribution will be invited to the next membership meeting, and checks will be presented in that meeting.

15. When the contribution amounts are calculated, the amounts will be rounded to the nearest twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

16. This process should begin as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the rodeo.

17. A sample of charitable contributions voting options is attached.

Approved by Board of Directors - 06-08-16

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AGRA Charitable Contributions Guidelines

AGRA PHOENIX CHAPTER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	AMOUNT
CHARITY A		10%			50%			50%			11.0%	\$1,980
CHARITY B	100%	10%		50%							16.0%	\$2,880
CHARITY C		10%				100%			50%		16.0%	\$2,880
CHARITY D		10%					30%		50%		9.0%	\$1,620
CHARITY E		10%						50%			6.0%	\$1,080
CHARITY F		10%									1.0%	\$180
CHARITY G		10%		50%	50%		30%			100%	24.0%	\$4,320
CHARITY H		10%									1.0%	\$180
CHARITY I		10%					40%				5.0%	\$900
CHARITY J		10%									1.0%	\$180
CHARITY K			100%								10.0%	\$1,800
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	\$18,000

AGRA PHOENIX CHAPTER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	AMOUNT
CHARITY A		10%			50%			50%			11.0%	\$1,320
CHARITY B	100%	10%		50%							16.0%	\$1,920
CHARITY C		10%				100%			50%		16.0%	\$1,920
CHARITY D		10%					30%		50%		9.0%	\$1,080
CHARITY E		10%						50%			6.0%	\$720
CHARITY F		10%									1.0%	\$120
CHARITY G		10%		50%	50%		30%			100%	24.0%	\$2,880
CHARITY H		10%									1.0%	\$120
CHARITY I		10%					40%				5.0%	\$600
CHARITY J		10%									1.0%	\$120
CHARITY K			100%								10.0%	\$1,200
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	\$12,000

AGRA PHOENIX CHAPTER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	AMOUNT
CHARITY A		10%			50%			50%			12.2%	\$1,894
CHARITY B	100%	10%		50%							17.8%	\$2,756
CHARITY C		10%				100%			50%		17.8%	\$2,756
CHARITY D		10%					30%		50%		10.0%	\$1,550
CHARITY E		10%						50%			6.7%	\$1,033
CHARITY F		10%									1.1%	\$172
CHARITY G		10%		50%	50%		30%				15.6%	\$2,411
CHARITY H		10%									1.1%	\$172
CHARITY I		10%					40%				5.6%	\$861
CHARITY J		10%									1.1%	\$172
CHARITY K			100%								11.1%	\$1,722
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100.0%	\$15,500

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2016 AGRA ROYALTY

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