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2000 AGRA ROYALTY

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2000 CHAMPION MEMBERS

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DIANN KIMMEL
307 LOUNGE**

S P E C I A L N O T E S !!!

Please remember these decisions made by the members at the March Membership Meeting.

Beginning in April, the membership meetings will be at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month. That means the April meeting will be on Saturday, April 8. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Chapter Board Meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the membership meeting. The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5.

Both the Board and Membership Meetings will continue to be held in the A.G.R.A. meeting room at Charlie's, 727 W Camelback Road in Phoenix

Also, at the March Membership Meeting, members voted to give the entire amount of money from the Tucson Chapter to TIHAN. A check for \$6,501.96 will be presented to TIHAN at our April Membership Meeting.

At the March meeting, members voted to give a donation of \$75.00 to Joshua Tree in memory of Artie Michaelis.

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**IF YOU THINK THERE IS A PROBLEM, BE PART OF THE SOLUTION;
DON'T BE PART OF THE PROBLEM. A.G.R.A. IS YOUR ORGANIZATION!!!**

(Special Notes cont'd from page 1)

Following the March Membership Meeting Woody Howard and Victoria London hosted a show celebrating the life and accomplishments of Artie Michaelis. A total of \$414.00 was raised and donated to Joshua Tree in memory of Artie Michaelis. **A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO WOODY, VICTORIA, AND ALL OF THE PERFORMERS WHO HELPED OUT WITH THE SHOW. ALSO, MANY SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THIS EVENT AND DONATED MONEY. Both A.G.R.A. and Joshua Tree truly appreciate you all.**

ELECTION RESULTS

At the March Membership Meeting, Lacey Edwards was elected to the position of Chapter Representative. This is a position on both the Chapter and State Boards. Congratulations, Lacey!

FOR YOUR RESPONSE

If you did not receive an A.G.R.A. name badge and hat pin when you first became a member, please let us know and a badge will be ordered for you. Call the A.G.R.A. State Office at (602) 265-8166 and leave a message. Or call Ron Trusley at (602) 230-0940 or e-mail Ron at rtrusley@uswest.net.

A.G.R.A. STATE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

State Board Meetings will be held immediately following the Phoenix Chapter Membership Meetings in May, August, & November 2000, and in February 2001. All meetings will be in the A.G.R.A. meeting room in Phoenix.

PLEASE HELP US!!!

If you have an e-mail address and did not include it on your membership application, why not send it to us now. Sometimes we want to send notices and/or information to all members, and e-mail is the quickest way to accomplish this. Again, call the A.G.R.A. State Office at (602) 265-8166 and leave your e-mail address. Or send it to: **A.G.R.A. - PO Box 40465 - Phoenix AZ 85067-0465**. Or you can send it to State Secretary, Ron Trusley, at rtrusley@uswest.net.

DANCE COMPETITION

We have heard rumors that some people have expressed interest in the I.G.R.A. Dance Competition. The competition will be held at the I.G.R.A. Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Convention dates are August 3-6, 2000.

To compete in the dance competition, you must be a current A.G.R.A. member. Also, there are specific I.G.R.A. requirements. If you are a current A.G.R.A. member and think you may be interested in the dance competition, contact Bob Pimentel at (602) 866-0069, or Ron Trusley at (602) 230-0940. Depending on interest, the A.G.R.A. State Board will finalize arrangements for local competition and entries for the Finals competition.

16th ANNUAL I.G.R.A. CONVENTION

The Convention will be August 3-6, 2000 at the Alexis Resort & Spa Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Alexis is an all-suites, non-gaming hotel, but it is very near the "Strip". Room rates begin at \$109.00 plus tax per night. Attending an I.G.R.A. Convention is quite expensive, but it is also a time of learning, and there is usually time for lots of fun.

Nominations for Delegates/Alternate Delegates to the 2000 Convention were received at the February and March Phoenix Chapter Membership Meetings. A.G.R.A. is entitled to six (6) Delegates and five (5) Alternate Delegates. The A.G.R.A. State President, Bob Pimentel, and the Trustee, Chuck Browning, are Delegates by virtue of their office. The State Board has decided that voting for Delegates will take place at the the April Membership Meeting. The four (4) people receiving the highest number of votes will be Delegates, and the next five (5) in order of the number of votes received will be Alternate Delegates.

A.G.R.A. will pay the Convention registration fee for all Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Each individual is responsible for his/her own hotel accomodations and miscellaneous expenses.

All Delegates and Alternates will need to be at Convention from Friday, August 4, through Sunday, August 6. I.G.R.A. Committee Meetings will be all day Friday, and the business sessions will be on Saturday and Sunday.

A.G.R.A. Members nominated as Delegates are:

(listed alphabetically)

Andy Anaya
Lacey Edwards
Brian Helander
Woody Howard
Dan Iversen
Diann Kimmel
John King
Rick Leone
Mark McCrory
Steve Mack
Glen May
Claire Miller
Kenny Poplin
Ed (E.J.) Powers
Scott Tickler (Victoria London)

R E M I N D E R

As noted in the March Membership Meeting, Kris Eisenhut has resigned as Rodeo Events Director. In accordance with the A.G.R.A. Bylaws, nominations to fill this will be received at the April Membership Meeting. Voting will take place at the same meeting.

If you volunteered in any capacity at the 2000 Road Runner Regional Rodeo and not yet received your rodeo t-shirt, please let us know by calling the Phoenix Chapter Office at (602) 265-0618 or Ron Trusley at (602) 230-0940.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

The Arizona Central Pride parade and festival will be Saturday, April 15, 2000. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. at Park Central Mall. The festival will be in the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park. If you will be in town on April 15, A.G.R.A. needs you as a volunteer. We want as many members and friends as possible to be a part of our parade entry. A.G.R.A. will also have a vendor booth on the festival

grounds. A.C.P. has asked us to provide volunteers to take tickets at one of the entrance gates to the festival.

We encourage you to join us in the parade; volunteer to work one or more shifts taking tickets and/or working in the A.G.R.A. booth.

PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A.G.R.A. would like to have a parade entry in the 2000 Pride Parade on Saturday, April 15. Kay Browning has volunteered to coordinate this area. If you will participate in the parade, please call Kay at (480) 961-8115, or send an e-mail to cckay@prodigy.net. The parade will begin at Park Central Mall at 10:00 a.m.

The Pride Festival will begin immediately following the parade in the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park. We need volunteers to take admission tickets. If you will volunteer to help in this area, please call Cris Cringle at (480) 962-6526, or send an e-mail to larob@uswest.net.

A.G.R.A. will also have a booth at the festival, and we need volunteers to staff the booth. If will volunteer to help in this area, please call Steve Mack at (480) 917-6810, or send an e-mail to wodeocwby1@aol.com.

You can volunteer to participate in one or all three areas. A.G.R.A. would like "to make a good showing", but **YOUR HELP IS WANTED AND NEEDED!**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dr. Greg Triandafilou from Desert Rose Chiropractic was once again the official chiropractor for RRRR 2000. Dr. Greg does not charge for his services at the rodeo and gives all donations he receives back to the Phoenix Chapter. RRRR 2000 was no exception. He has sent a check for \$201.00. So the next time you see Dr. Greg, be sure to thank him. And, remember him if you need any chiropractic services.