

The Branding Iron

OCTOBER 2000

ODDS & ENDS FROM THE PHOENIX

At the September membership meeting, the Charitable Contributions Committee presented their report. The committee recommended that PFLAG, Joshua Tree, Community Church of Hope, and TIHAN receive the \$20,000 that we previously voted to donate. Members voted to accept the committee recommendation. Therefore, we will request each of these four groups to have a representative at our October 8 meeting to make a brief presentation about their organization. Following the presentations, we will then vote on the percentage amount each organization will receive. Then we will present the checks to each group at our November 12 meeting.

Also, at the September meeting, a motion was made and passed eliminating the Dance/Entertainment Director position from the Chapter Board. Our bylaws require each Chapter to have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Representative, and any other positions as desired. In accordance with our by-laws, nominations for Chapter Board positions will be received at the November and December membership meetings. Elections to fill the positions will be held during the month of January 2000 with those elected assuming their board position effective February 1, 2001. The Treasurer is also a board-appointed position and will be appointed by the new board.

Ron Trusley, Phoenix Chapter President

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 * **Oops** *
 * Last month we printed *
 * a new and revised list *
 * of the Board of Direc- *
 * tors. Well, they were *
 * revised again and the *
 * typos taken care of. *
 * Our apologies! *
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A Special Notice

At the September membership meeting, a motion was made and passed to change the time for membership meetings to 7:00 p.m. This means that effective October 8, our membership meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. Since we no longer have the A.G.R.A. meeting room, our meetings will be inside Charlie's. Mark your calendars now to attend the October 8 membership meeting. The directors voted at our last meeting to have board meetings on the same day as membership meetings, but beginning 2 ½ hours before the scheduled time for the membership meetings. That means, board meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Board meetings will be held at Woody Howard's residence - 777 W Mariposa Street in Phoenix.

Ron Trusley, Phoenix Chapter President

 * **Attention Members:** *
 * Anyone who is inter- *
 * ested in submitting an *
 * article for the *Branding* *
 * *Iron*, please don't hesi- *
 * tate to do so. We *
 * would like to hear *
 * more from our mem- *
 * bers! Articles could be *
 * about your own rodeo *
 * experience or anything *
 * related. All submis- *
 * sions are welcome. If *
 * you want your articles *
 * back, please include an *
 * s.a.s.e. if submitted by *
 * mail. *
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ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2001 - A RODEO Odyssey

Are you getting for RRRR 2001 that will be held January 12-14, 2001 in Phoenix? We have already been receiving requests for hotel information indicating people want to book their rooms now. I will provide a brief update in this issue of the Branding Iron and will try to keep you up-to-date with new information in each issue.

The first Rodeo Committee meeting was on Wednesday, September 13. Listed below are some decisions made at this first meeting.

-We will not have a restricted rodeo.

-Host hotels will be the Ramada Camelback at 502 W Camelback Rd and the Parkway Inn at 8617 N Black Canyon Hwy.

-Weekend ticket packages will again be available and will include a Friday afternoon cook-out/pool party, rodeo admission Saturday and Sunday, admission to the Saturday night dance/party, and a brunch on Monday after rodeo. There will be no admission charge for the party/dance on Friday night.

-Various sponsorships will be announced to A.G.R.A. members first and then advertised in our local papers.

-Coordinators for several different areas will be solicited and appointed.

Available sponsorships at this time include (may be revised from time to time):

Misc. Arena Supplies	\$ 200.00 to 250.00
Hay for Contractor's Livestock	650.00
Veterinarian	325.00/day
Ice Truck Rental	250.00
Riderless Horse Flowers	150.00
Radios - Rental	800.00
Office Trailer Rental	750.00
All Tickets	125.00
All Badges	125.00
All Ribbons	500.00
Special Awards	150.00
Stall Sponsorship	50.00/per stall

We also want to offer the opportunity to underwrite (sponsor) the cost of one or several officials' travel to and from Phoenix. An estimated average cost per official is \$200.00 to \$250.00. Once officials are selected, we will advise them that we will purchase an airline ticket for them; or, if they choose to purchase their ticket, we will only reimburse them for the lowest available fare based on a 21-day advance purchase.

We are seeking coordinators for the following positions, but it is probable that more coordinator positions will be available:

- Parking Lot Coordinator
- Contestant Services Coordinator (filled)
- Facilities Coordinator
- Volunteer Security Coordinator

If you are interested in any of the available sponsorship opportunities or serving as a coordinator, please let us know. The committee will decide what you will receive based on the amount of the sponsorship.

Of course, buckle sponsorships are available for \$200.00 each. Contact Glen May at agrag-may@uswest.net regarding these sponsorships. Program advertising is also available by contacting Brian Helander at amazcowboy@home.com.

We will not know until the I.G.R.A. Board meeting at Finals Rodeo in October who our International Sponsor(s) will be for next year, but we should have at least one sponsorship.

Ron Trusley, RRRR 2001 Co-Rodeo Director

Tidbits From The State

Voting for A.G.R.A.'s Trustee on the I.G.R.A. Board was done at the Phoenix Chapter membership meeting on September 10. Bob Pimentel was elected to this position for a three-year term from November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2003. Special thanks to Chuck Browning for serving as Trustee for the past three years and for doing an outstanding job in that position. Bob previously served as I.G.R.A. President for two years, so serving on the I.G.R.A. Board will be nothing to him; he will just serve in a different capacity.

Chuck is back in Phoenix. Welcome back home; we're glad to have you back, Chuck.

BRANDING IRON

Have you decided if you want to receive *The Branding Iron* electronically? We are prepared to begin sending the newsletter electronically to those who wish to receive it in this manner. If you have not already done so, be sure to let us know if you want to receive your copy electronically.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You guessed it! Effective November 1, all memberships must be renewed. Renewal is \$35.00 for November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2001. Champion memberships are \$150.00 and also must be renewed by November 1. Why not complete a membership application and return it with your renewal check now while it is on your mind?



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME, Richard Tally and George Blair as our two newest members. We're glad to have you and look forward to your becoming involved in A.G.R.A. We also want to clarify that both Gordon Macaw and Desert Valley Squares are two separate memberships; Gordon is the President of Desert Valley Squares, but each is a separate membership.

STATE BOARD NOMINATIONS

As prescribed by A.G.R.A. by-laws, nominations for State Board positions were received at the Phoenix Chapter membership meeting in September. Nominations will also be received at the October 8 membership meeting. Nominations received at the September meeting are:

PRESIDENT - BOB PIMENTEL
 VICE PRESIDENT - DAN IVERSEN
 SECRETARY - RIC LEONE

The Treasurer is a board-appointed position and the Chapter Representative is elected along with other Chapter Board positions. The Treasurer will be appointed by the new board.

Elections for the State Board positions will be held during the month of December as prescribed by the State Board of Directors. Those elected will assume their board positions effective January 1, 2001.

Ron Trusley, State Secretary

2001 I.G.R.A. Schedule

November 10-12, 2000 in Fort Worth, TX
 January 12-14 in Phoenix, AZ
 April 27-29 in Little Rock, AR
 April 27-29 in Los Angeles, CA
 May 25-27 in Oklahoma City, OK
 June 1-3 in Atlanta, GA,
 June 1-3 in Salt Lake City, UT
 June 15-17 in San Jose, CA
 June 29-July 1 in Omaha, NE
 June 29-July 1 in Calgary, AB (Canada)
 July 13-15 in Denver, CO
 July 26-29 17th IGRA Annual Convention
 and Dance Competition in Long Beach, CA
 August 10-12 in Albuquerque, NM
 August 17-19 in Sacramento, CA
 August 24-26 in Chicago, IL
 August 31-Sept. 2 in Kansas City, MO
 September 7-9 in Washington, DC
 September 21-23 in San Diego, CA
 October 18 2115th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo and Royalty
 Competition
 in Palm Springs, CA



Chuck Browning doing what he does best
 Photo by Anna Shannon

A Few (Very Few) Notes From The Mailbag

Okay, so it's been another slow month in the mailbag - no, let me rephrase that - it's been another slow month at the Phoenix Chapter A.G.R.A. mailbox! Just the usual: a few newsletters, bank statements, bills and junk mail. Nothing horribly exciting to report.

A few highlights from our last membership meeting to note, however. Remember, if you want to receive *The Branding Iron* by e-mail, let us know! We can save a lot of \$\$\$ on postage, and you can get *The Branding Iron* a LOT faster! Also, remember that we have a lot of important business to complete at our next meeting - we will be taking nominations for the A.G.R.A. State Board of Directors (September/October), and for the Phoenix Chapter Board of Directors (October/November). Come to the meeting and nominate candidates for both the state and chapter boards! Be an active part of our organization!

We will be hearing presentations from our charitable contribution receiver candidates at the next meeting also, with voting to follow. The four organiza-

tions that we have recommended for consideration are: Joshua Tree, PFLAG, Community Church of Hope and TIHAN.

Remember that we voted for still another time change for our membership meetings. The meetings will be held on the **second Sunday** of the month, at **7:00 pm**, inside the bar at Charlie's (unless, of course, we have some sort of conflict, and make "as needed" changes).

Well, I understand that a rip-roaring time was had at the rodeo in San Diego! A.G.R.A. was well represented, and I understand our members did well at the rodeo, bringing home several ribbons and buckles! Good job, gang! (I'm jealous - we couldn't go...)

Finally, congratulations to Bob Pimentel, our newly elected Trustee!

Enough out of this windbag....I mean mailbag (or female bag, as Victoria London reminds me!) for another month! See you all at Finals in Albuquerque!

Claire Miller, Chapter Secretary

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The Chapter Representative Reports

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new A.G.R.A. members George Blair and Richard Talley! I also understand that I accidentally forgot to mention new member Matt Hill in one of my previous reports - my apologies! Hey! I'm not perfect! I make mistakes; okay...maybe I really am blonde underneath all this red hair (yeah, yeah...'cause I'm a blonde....). Please forgive my mistakes!

I would also like to congratulate Suzanne Targe't for her very successful fundraiser on Sun- day, September 17th! I understand that her charity, "A Place Called Home," went home with a pocket-



ful of money that evening (\$1,333)! Good job, Suzanne. Thanks to the great support from the AGRA members. I would love to see the same support for ALL of our royalty candidates!

Speaking of royalty candidates, Rolland Lawrenz is now officially a candidate for Mr. A.G.R.A. 2001!

I know that we've all seen Victoria London perform on many different occasions, but coming this October at finals, Victoria won't be holding back a thing in her quest for the Miss I.G.R.A. 2001 title! Let's give her all the support we can! Good luck Victoria!!!

Lacey Edwards, Chapter Rep

The Quest for a Hot Tub, Part Two

Well, cowfolks, it's been a month since the last time I got to write to you, so settle back and buckle up cause you never know when things could get bumpy.

To begin with, I have to send out huge THANK YOUS and big hugs to everyone who attended the fund-raiser on Sunday September 17 at Charlie's. This was my first fund-raiser as a candidate for Miss A.G.R.A. 2001, and it was an incredible experience. A special thank you goes out to Victoria London who acted as my show coordinator and Brian Helander who donated a fabulous rodeo buckle that Marque auctioned off in her very unique "Chinese" style. All in all the evening raised \$ 1,333.00 for "A Place Called Home," the charity that I have selected to raise funds for during my candidacy. Again, thank you to everyone who helped.

Now for the Chicago report. As always the Chicago rodeo was a party from the touch down of the aircraft until I mysteriously

woke up in my own bed here in Phoenix and can't seem to remember much of anything in between. The parts I do remember would be incriminating to at least a dozen people we all know, but due to the fact that those same twelve people have incriminating memories of me (some with photographs), I've decided to simply declare the Chicago rodeo a marvelous success.

Our very own Erika Alexander attended with me, and much to our chagrin there can be no "Hot-Tub Report" from this rodeo due to the tragic fact that there was no hot tub at the host hotel. We will continue our never ending search for truth, justice, and any kind of dirt we can dig up at Finals Rodeo 2000 in Albuquerque next month. Until then kids remember, you're born naked, after that everything is drag.



**Kisses,
Suzanne Targe't**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **10/8/2000:**
7:00 pm—General Membership Meeting at Charlie's
- **10/8/2000:**
8:00 pm—Victoria London and her Hard Luck Honeys at Charlie's
- **10/27/2000:**
Contestants need to put their registrations for the Ft. Worth rodeo in the mail TODAY!

October 2000						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 A.G.R.A. Membership Meeting & Victoria London at Charlie's	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo at Albuquerque	20 I.G.R.A. Finals	21 I.G.R.A. Finals
22 I.G.R.A. Finals	23	24	25	26	27 Contestant Registration Deadline for Texas!	28
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I.G.R.A. Member Associations And Rodeos 2000

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Canada
(403) 541 8140
Rodeo date: 6/30-7/2/2000

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Washington D.C. 20044-4308
(202) 547 9590
Rodeo date: 9/8-9/10/2000

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Rodeo date: 7/7-7/9/2000

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2953 Aetna Way
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Rodeo date: 6/16-6/18/2000
Capitol Crossroads Chapter
P.O. Box 189305690.

Sacramento CA 95818-9305

Rodeo date: 8/18-8/20/2000
Greater L.A. Chapter
15633 Horace Street
Granada Hills CA 91344-5431
(562) 498 1675
Rodeo date: 4/14-14/16/2000

Greater Palm Springs Chapter
4741 E Palm Canyon Dr., PMB C125
Palm Springs CA 92264

Greater San Diego Chapter
3768 30th Street
San Diego CA 92104
(619) 298 4709
Rodeo date: 9/22-9/24/2000

H.G.R.A.

P.O. Box 3354
Omaha NE 68103-3354
(800) 561 6918
Rodeo date: 6/22-6/25/2000

ID.G.R.A.

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Boise ID 83708
(208) 467 2033

IL.G.R.A.

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Chicago IL 60614-4878
(773) 529 4962
Rodeo date: 8/25-8/27/2000

K.G.R.A.

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(316) 687 6004

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Springfield MO 65801-1965
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428 NW 1771 Road
Kingsville MO 64061
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Rodeo date: 9/1-9/3/2000

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N.G.R.A.

1982 N Rainbow Blvd., PMB 198
Las Vegas NV 89108
(888) 643 NGRA
Rodeo date: 3/3-3/5/2000

N.M.G.R.A.

P.O. Box 35381
Albuquerque NM 87176-5381
(550) 255 5045
Rodeo date: 10/19-10/22/2000 (Finals)

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Rodeo date: 7/21-7/23/2000

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Rodeo date: 11/10-11/12/2000

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The deadline for the November issue is: **October 25th.**

How will our gang do in Albuquerque?
Will they have a hot tub at the Marriott?
Will next year's Miss I.G.R.A. come from Arizona?
Find out the answers to all these questions and more in the October issue of THE BRANDING IRON!

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The Show Low Experience

Photos by Aron Grebner



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