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ODDS & ENDS FROM THE PHOENIX CHAPTER PRESIDENT

In October, Brian Helander tendered his resignation as Public Relations Director due to work-related reasons. The board regretfully accepted his resignation at the October 8 board meeting. At the membership meeting on the same day, Ric Leone was elected to complete Brian's term as Public Relations Director. Congratulations Ric, and I am sure you will do a good job for us!

Also at the October 8 membership meeting, we voted on the amount of money to contribute to each of the four organizations previously chosen to receive a portion of the \$20,000 for charities. The amount of money each of the organizations will receive is:

Joshua Tree	\$6,484.00
PFLAG	6,272.00
Community Church of Hope	3,516.00
TIHAN	3,228.00

Checks will be presented to these four organizations at our November 12 membership meeting.

Neil Carpenter was appointed as the Phoenix Chapter Elections Committee Chairperson; however, none of the members nominated were willing to serve as committee members. If you are interested in serving on the elections committee, please let us know.

Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2001:

The committee has agreed on officials for the rodeo, and we are currently in the process of extending invitations to those individuals. Once everyone has confirmed, the officials' names will be published.

Coordinators are still needed in various areas, and many miscellaneous sponsorships, in addition to buckle and program ad sponsors, are available. If you are interested in any of the available sponsorships or know of anyone who may be interested, please let us know by contacting any Phoenix Chapter Board Member or calling the A.G.R.A. office at (602) 265-0618. If you are especially interested in a buckle sponsorship, contact Glen May at (623) 877-5479 or by e-mail at agragmay@uswest.net. Program advertising information can be obtained from Ric Leone at (623) 877-5479 or by e-mail at rleone1@uswest.net.

At the November 12 membership meeting, nominations will be received for Grand Marshal and Program Dedication. Then, at the December 10 membership meeting, voting will take place.

I regret to say that we still do not have an International sponsor. The I.G.R.A. Board of Directors reviewed contracts from Bud Light and Coors, but there are still issues to be resolved, and a contract is not yet approved. Hopefully, we will know within the next few weeks who the International Sponsor will be.

Ron Trusley, Phoenix Chapter President & 2001 Rodeo Director

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Congratulations

Special congratulations go out to Victoria London. Victoria won the title of MISS I.G.R.A. 2001 in the finals competition in Albuquerque October 20th & 21st, 2000. She did an outstanding job in the competition and will make both A.G.R.A. and I.G.R.A. very proud during her reign.

Notice

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2001. All memberships expire October 31st, 2000, so everyone must renew their membership to continue competing in rodeos as an A.G.R.A. member. We must all renew our membership to keep our name on the active membership list.

The Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2001

GENERAL INFORMATION

Food and beverage service will be available at the Ramada Camelback Hotel on Friday afternoon and evening and at the rodeo facility Saturday and Sunday. You must be 21 years of age *WITH VALID I.D. IN YOUR POSSESSION* to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages. *NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES PERMITTED*. Pets are *NOT* permitted on the rodeo grounds with the exception of *LICENSED AND COATED* seeing eye/ear dogs. No overnight camping permitted. *FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS*. The *CORONA RANCH AND RODEO GROUNDS* is located at 29th Avenue and Baseline Road in Phoenix, Arizona. The telephone number is (602) 237-3303.

TICKET INFORMATION

\$15 per day for *RODEO ADMISSION ONLY*. Saturday evening dance admission is \$5. Weekend package is available for \$30 (U.S.) through Friday, January 12, 2001. Children under 12 years of age admitted free to all events. Weekend package includes:

COOK OUT/POOL PARTY - Friday, January 12, 2-7 p.m. at Ramada Camelback Hotel (\$5 individual event price)

RODEO ADMISSION - Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 (\$15 per day individual event price)

DANCE/PARTY ADMISSION - Saturday, January 14 at Rodeo Grounds (\$5 individual event price)

SEE YA NEXT YEAR BRUNCH - Monday, January 15, 11am-2pm (location TBA) (\$5 individual event price)

To order tickets with *VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, or DISCOVER*, call (602) 265-8166. Leave your name and phone number, and we will return your call to process your order. To order using *CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER*, send your order request and appropriate amount to: *A.G.R.A. 2001 RRRR, PO BOX 16363, PHOENIX AZ 85011*. Orders received after *December 20, 2000* will be held for pick-up at the Ramada Hotel on January 12 or at the Rodeo Grounds Ticket Office on January 13. *TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE*.

HOST HOTELS

Hotel rates are \$87 per night for 1-2 persons & \$10 for every additional person at the Ramada Camelback, 502 W Camelback Rd, Phone (602) 264-9290 **AND** \$50 per night for 1 to 4 people at Parkway Inn, 8617 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phone (602) 995-9500. Call the hotel directly and must mention *A.G.R.A. Rodeo* to receive these rates. Reservation deadline at the Ramada is 12/31/00 and 1/10/01 at the Parkway Inn. 48-hour cancellation policy applies to both properties.

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

This is an *I.G.R.A.*-sanctioned rodeo. All 2001 *I.G.R.A.* rodeo rules apply. Entries/fees are accepted in accordance with *I.G.R.A.* Rules. All rules are enforced. *CONTESTANTS ATTENDING THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON COOKOUT AND MONDAY BRUNCH MUST PURCHASE TICKETS AT \$5 FOR EACH EVENT*. Added purse events are: *WOMEN'S/MEN'S BULL RIDING, AND WOMEN'S/MEN'S BRONC RIDING (\$100 EACH DAY)*. The added purse will be added to the event entry fees and divided per *I.G.R.A.* rules. *All-Around money will be \$1,000 for cowgirls and \$1,000 for cowboys - split 40/30/20/10 percent to the top four eligible cowgirls and to the top four eligible cowboys*. Buddy passes will be available at contestant registration for \$25. *CONTESTANT REGISTRATION WILL BE FROM 6-9PM AT THE RAMADA CAMELBACK HOTEL*.

STALL FEES

Stalls are available from noon Thursday, January 11, until noon Monday, January 15. Stalls will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis based on receipt of contestant entry and stall deposit. Stalls are \$15 per day for covered and \$12 for uncovered. *IF NOT PRE-PAID, TOTAL AMOUNT FOR STALL FEES MUST BE PAID UPON ARRIVAL AT THE RODEO GROUNDS. NO SHAVINGS OR FEED ARE PROVIDED OR AVAILABLE AT THE RODEO GROUNDS*.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN 11 (CHARLIE'S)

7:00pm Royalty Competition

FRIDAY, JAN 12 (RAMADA HOTEL)

2:00-7:00pm Cook Out/Pool Party

6:00pm Show/Entertainment Dancing

7:30pm Royalty Competition/Step Downs

9:00pm 2001 Royalty Crowning

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JAN 13/14 (RODEO GROUNDS)

8:00am Gates/Ticket Office Open, Rodeo Events Begin

NOON Parade/Grand Entry

1:00pm Entertainment/Dancing Begins

6:00pm Show/Entertainment/Party

SUNDAY, JAN 14 (RODEO GROUNDS)

9:00pm Rodeo Awards Ceremony/Party Continues

MONDAY, JAN 15

11am-2pm See Ya Next Year Brunch (Location TBA)

FOR BUCKLE & OTHER SPONSORSHIPS, PROGRAM/ARENA ADVERTISING, DANCE/ ENTERTAINMENT AND VENDOR BOOTH INFORMATION, CALL THE AGRA RODEO HOTLINE (602) 265-0618.

Ron Trusely, Rodeo Director

Tidbits From The State

Congratulations A.G.R.A., we are shining!

A.G.R.A. was well represented at the I.G.R.A. Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque. Every member of A.G.R.A. should be proud of all the rodeo contestants representing our organization, they did GREAT! So did all of our Royalty representatives. Congratulations, Victoria! All results from Albuquerque should be published in the Branding Iron and on the Website.

Elections at both State and Phoenix Chapter levels are under way. This is your opportunity to exercise your privileges as a member and vote for the people you would like to see making decisions, running meetings and representing the membership. When voting, keep in mind what the duties of our boards are.

A.G.R.A. State Board:

The State Board of A.G.R.A. is recognized by the State of Arizona and by I.G.R.A. and run by the State Board of Directors. The State Board is responsible for maintaining and competition and representation, managing all memberships, Royalty the Branding Iron and its distribution, by-law adherence and changes, filing taxes, and making sure that all chapters adhere to the by-laws and you are voting for the people who will be working to maintain these types of issues.

The 4th quarter State Board meeting will be on November 12th at 2:00 pm at the Lexington Hotel.

When voting for the State Board

Phoenix Chapter Board:

The Phoenix Chapter Board is recognized by the State Board as an entity that promotes and produces a Rodeo and/or Rodeo related events. It is important to remember when voting for this board that you are voting for the people who will be making decisions that impact the RRRR in January, such as the rodeo director, rodeo venues, host hotels, etc. Other rodeo related events like play days, camp-outs, and rodeo fund-raisers are also determined by the Chapter Board.

Other Chapters:

A.G.R.A. currently has one chapter. However, we have been in communication with some people in the Colorado River area, who have expressed an interest in forming a chapter there. Thanks to Billy Peterson in Kingman, who has started talks with interested people in that part of the state, the State Board will be traveling later this year to promote the formation of a chapter there. Also, the State BoD still receives inquiries about starting another chapter in Tucson.

The State BoD looks forward to working with both groups.

Bob Pimentel, State President

2001 ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO
ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION SHEET
January 12TH to January 14th

PERFORMER: _____
CONTACT: _____
PHONE NUMBER(S): () - () - _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT
(CIRCLE WHICHEVER APPLY)

- | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Female Impersonator | Live Vocalist | Group |
| -lip sync | | -Cloggers |
| -live vocals | | -Line Dance |
| | | -Square Dance |

PREFERRED TIME SLOT(S)

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| Friday evening (to be held at The Ramada) | Saturday Afternoon |
| Saturday Evening | Sunday Afternoon |
| | Sunday Evening |

If you are a group, please attach a piece of paper with all of the members in your group neatly printed or typed. Thank you.

Questions or Comments: _____

Groups will not be allowed to have one person sign the liability waiver. Each individual must sign the waiver personally.



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Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2001

October 1, 2000

Dear Potential Performer,

Well, it may seem a long way off, but Road Runner Regional Rodeo (January 12th to the 14th, 2001) is just a few short months away. Before we get bogged down in the holiday season, I'm asking that you fill out your dance and entertainment registration and get it mailed in so that you can perform at the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo! As usual, there are the standard rules and regulations that we adhere to at our rodeo. This is not to make you cranky, but to insure that every entertainer is given the same opportunity to show off their stuff.

- All entertainers need to check in *at least* 30 minutes prior to your performance time. If you cannot manage this, you will be scratched from that set.
- All tapes must be cued. Our DJ is too busy to do it for you.
- You are responsible for your own music after you perform. If tapes and CD's are left behind, they become the property of the A.G.R.A. (we're building quite the collection!)
- Each entertainer will be given one pass for the weekend only. Please do not ask for more for your entourage, unless they plan to be standing on my stage performing.
- Packets must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2000. If you are postmarked later, you will be placed on a "Will Call" List, but will not receive a pass.
- The stage is a 20'x 20' open air stage. For dance groups, please make sure you can perform within these dimensions.
- There are NO paid performers. Everyone who performs does so on a voluntary basis.

I want this to be a fun time for all, not a chore, so if you have any ideas for livening up the dance and entertainment at our rodeo, please do not hesitate to tell me about it. I'll take it into serious consideration and give you my decision.

Thank you for your interest, and let's Rodeo!

Thom Rowley
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THE CONTINUING QUEST FOR A HOT TUB

Well kids, I'm back from Albuquerque and, boy, did I have fun. Between the excitement of our girlfriend Victoria London walking off with the Miss I.G.R.A. crown and title and the friendly bartenders, I was a busy busy girl.

First of all, I have good news and bad news concerning my "hot tub" report. The good news is that the host hotel had a wonderful hot tub. The bad news is that it was in plain view of the lobby. Kids even I'm not bold enough for that. Oh well. At least I can look forward to January where I promise the gossip will be as hot as the water.

Now to fill you in on Miss I.G.R.A. 2001 Victoria London. I was fortunate enough to be asked to go to finals as Vicki's dresser. For those of you who don't know what a "dresser" is, lets just define it as "drag slave." This offered me an unusual opportunity to see inside a competition like this, and all I can say is: "Wow, what have I gotten myself into?" Noel Christine and her Queen B's were on hand to watch Victoria's crowning, and were all just dolls the entire weekend. I hope everyone will be at the A.G.R.A. fundraiser hosted by Noel this coming Sunday, October 29th.

As a matter of fact, this is going to be a busy month for all your royalty candidates as I am hosting a show to raise funds for A.G.R.A. on November 5th at Charlie's at 8 pm and Ms. Marcus will be hosting a benefit show there on November 26th at 8:30 pm. So mark your calendars and save up your singles because I have the mother of all rodeo buckles to auction off at my show on the 5th, and I know that all of these shows are going to be great.

As I write this, Rodeo 2001 is less than 81 days away. I'm as excited as a drag queen running for a title. Oh wait, I am a drag queen running for a title. I hope you are excited too, because our association's success has always depended upon our member's enthusiasm and hard work.

So until next time kids; remember, your born naked. After that, it's all drag.



Kisses,
Suzanne Targe't

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **11/5/2000:**
Suzanne Targe't's fund-raiser at 8:00 pm at Charlie's—come over after the Redskin game!
- **11/10-12/2000:**
T.G.R.A. rodeo in Ft. Worth, Tx. The new season begins!
- **11/12/2000:**
General Membership meeting at 7:30 pm at Charlie's.
- **11/18/2000:**
G.S.G.R.A.'s Royalty competition takes place in Palm Springs. Anyone interested in joining Miss Victoria London for a weekend of fun with our neighbors, please contact Barry Hamm at bhamm@hbarboftexas.com
- **11/26/2000:**
Ms. Marcus' fund-raiser is happening today at 8:00 pm at Charlie's.

November 2000

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Suzanne Targe't at Charlie's at 8:00 pm						The new rodeo season starts today in Texas!	T.G.R.A. Rodeo	
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Tx. Rodeo & A.G.R.A. Membership Meeting at Charlie's							G.S.G.R.A.'s Royalty Competition	
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	26	27	28	29	30			
Ms. Marcus' fund-raiser at Charlie's								



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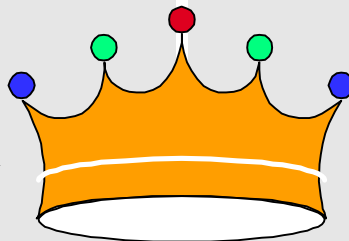
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A Word From Your New Vice President

This article should already have been printed last month, but was overlooked due to the numerous submissions we received. Your editor apologizes!

As some of you saw, the A.G.R.A. A. bulletin board at Charlie's has been changed. The Royalty contestants for 2001 have been placed on it. Myself, Ric, and Diane worked on it just in time for Suzanne Targe't's fundraiser.

I would also like to congratulate Suzanne to a very successful benefit raising \$1333.00 for her charity "A Place Called Home." For those who missed the show: it



was great. Congratulations, Miss Targe't. If any of the contestants for 2001 Royalty have fund-raisers scheduled, let me know and I will post the dates in the display case.

I am also actively looking for buckle/ribbon sponsors for the 2001 rodeo. If you would like to be a sponsor or know of anyone who would, please notify me by phone or e-mail and I will contact them. The cost of sponsorship of a buckle/ribbon is \$200.00.

Glen May, Phx. Chapter VicePresident

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The deadline for the December issue
November 22nd.

Will the new season start out just as successful for our contestants as the last season ended?

How will Miss Victoria survive her first rodeo as the new Miss I.G.R.A.?

Any hot tubs in Texas?

Find out the answers to all these questions and more in the November issue of THE BRANDING IRON!

Check out our website:
www.agra-phx.com

Congratulations To Our New International Champions
Anaya, Andy (Pole Bending, Team Roping with Dennis T., 1st runner-up All Around)
Anaya, Sandra (Mounted Breakaway Roping Women, Wild Drag Race with Frank E. and Tom S.)
Bell, Candy (Steer Riding Women, Bronc Riding Women)
Browning, Chuck (Bronc Riding Men, 2nd runner-up All Around)
Helander, Brian (Chute Dogging Men)



Rodeo in America
The book *Rodeo in America*, written by Wayne S. Wooden and Gavin Ehringer, published by the University Press of Kansas, covers all aspects of rodeo. Several different rodeo organizations are profiled in this well written publication, including I.G.R.A. John King and Greg Olson are two of the people quoted in the paragraph covering gay rodeo. Even though written five years ago (which may explain some of the numbers being off), the authors did a very good job profiling the mission of gay rodeos and the problems with homophobia. No stereotypes are used in this book and anyone reading it should get a good idea of who we are and what we do.
It is also interesting to find out what other rodeo ventures are out there. Even though there are "only" three pages covering gay rodeos, it is a book worth picking up if you are involved in this sport.
Anna Shannon

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