

# The Branding Iron



## January Birthdays

- Patrick McKeon 1/7
- John Voyten 1/7
- C. Ray Gould 1/8
- David Asher 1/19
- Dudley Haines 1/12
- C. Kay Browning 1/18
- John Mathis 1/20
- Carlos Cerna 1/21

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## Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

I hope all of you had happy holidays and I wish all of you the best in the year 2002. It is already a year of many changes for many of us and for AGRA. I hope all of you have a prosperous and a good year.

I must tell you all what a great gift I received from you all in December. I want to thank all of you who attended the AGRA Banquet and voted to name me AGRA's 2001 Member of the Year.

I was totally overwhelmed. You don't know how much I appreciate such an honor. I was totally surprised.

I would like to take this time to say thank you to all of you for allowing me to be a part of this fine organization we know as AGRA. By giving me this honor you, made me realize that you appreciate the job that I have done in the past year; But keep in mind, I certainly couldn't have done it without all of you. If it weren't for all of you, I wouldn't have accomplished much. I was deeply moved by this show of appreciation and thank all of you.

I would like to thank all my fellow State Board members, Bob Pimentel, Jr., Dan Iversen, Jay Lovejoy and Shirley Steiger.

Thanks you to my fellow Chapter Board members, Woody Howard, Glen May, Claire Miller, EJ Powers, Will Lann, Dan Ridge & Shirley Steiger.

For all your support, you know I am truly grateful.

Happy New Year to all and may our year be prosperous.

**Ric Leone**  
**AGRA State Secretary**  
**AGRA Chapter PR Director**

## VOLUNTEERS—WHAT BARS DO YOU FREQUENT?

It is that time of year where we all shine as volunteers. We will be signing members up to volunteer for the rodeo at the January 13th 2002 AGRA meeting at Charlie's. For those of you who are not able to attend that meeting and want to volunteer to work a couple of hours at the rodeo, Please contact me either through e-mail or phone.

If you frequent a particular bar/bars, we are planning several outings to most of them, and would like your help while we are at the ones you go to.

We will be selling advanced tickets and telling bar customers about the rodeo and AGRA. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Speaking from experience, it is always a lot of fun. What is really very helpful is to have a couple of members at each bar, that actually go to the establishment and known by a bartender or two and a few of the local patrons. Hopefully we will have a schedule of some sort by the meeting on the 13th, but as of January 3rd, we already have one or two in the hat, so to speak.

Remember, not all volunteers have to be AGRA members, so if you have some friends who would like to help out, have them contact me too. We need all kinds of volunteers from ticket-takers to pooper-scoopers.

**Thanks**  
**Richard Tally**  
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## From Suzanne Targe't



There will be an information booth at the 2002 Rodeo in January in Artie's name.

Well Kids, this is the last time I'll get to write an article in the Branding Iron as your Miss AGRA. In the next edition of this newsletter a new Miss will have an opportunity to talk to you about whatever she chooses. Maybe it will be similar to the Hot-Tub Reports I started or maybe it will be a recipe from her Great Great Grandma, but whoever wins I encourage her to use this space as a way to communicate with you the members.

I have had an incredible year thanks to you the membership of AGRA. I thank you, each of you for the time you spent with me, or the kind words you passed along to or about me. It has not always been easy being God's tallest Drag Queen, but you people always make sure that it's fun.

If you were someone who never quite grasped or appreciated my humor, well I thank you for telling the saucy stories that eventually found their way back to me anyway. It is more than just folk lore that "as long as their talking about you, it really doesn't matter what they say." Some of you were valuable tools in teaching that lesson even to an old work-horse like me.

On a serious note, the title Miss AGRA has been a true God-Send. At the end of a very difficult period of my life I won the title that helped re-create my self esteem, re-energize my relationship with my sister, and helped complete the Character Suzanne Targe` t in what I believe was a grand way. (Even if I do say so myself) I sincerely appreciate that gift that you, the members of AGRA gave to me, and that's no joke.

So for the last time I get to write this as Miss AGRA, remember kids, your born naked and after that it's all just drag.

**Suzanne Targe` t**  
**Miss AGRA 2001**

### **PUBLISHER WANTED**

Would you like to spend some time once a month to help this organization?

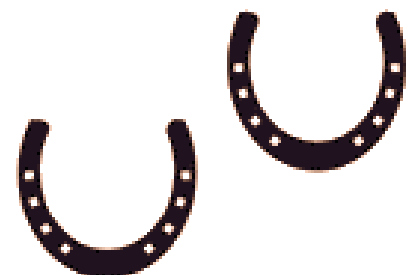
Do you have publishing skills or enjoy working on your computer?

If you answered either one of these questions with "yes", please call any State Board Member to let them know!.

## Map to Rawhide Wild West Town and Host Hotels

## Rodeo Volunteer Party

At the January 13th Rodeo Committee, the committee will finalize a date for a volunteer appreciation party. The date, time, and location for this event will be announced at the general membership meeting on the 13th and published in the February issue of the Branding Iron.



**AGRA MEETINGS**

**January & February**

01/13/02—3:00 pm  
Rodeo Committee Meeting at the  
Lexington Hotel

01/13/02—4:30 pm  
Phoenix Chapter Board Meeting at  
the Lexington Hotel

01/13/02—7:00 pm  
General Membership Meeting at  
Charlie's

02/10/02—4:30 pm  
AGRA Board Meeting  
Location TBA

02/10/02—7:00 pm  
General Membership Meeting at  
Charlie's

**A Quick Note From The State President/Trustee/Rodeo Director**

As of February 1st 2002 I will be welcoming the new AGRA President to this seat. With the decision to disband the Phoenix chapter, 2002 will have only one Board of Directors. I have been asked several times why I chose not to run for another term as your president. The answer is simple and has not changed in the course of this year. I told my board last year that I believe that no one should be President of an organization for more than three years. It is simply time to get others involved and try new things. I have been asked to stay involved and to act as an advisor to the new board. Thank You to those who have supported me over the years.

As we get close to RRRR 2002 I am so excited to see what this membership has accomplished by banding together with a common goal to make our annual event at a new location bigger and better than ever. The Rodeo Committee and the rest of the membership have done an outstanding job promoting not only the new location but the spirit that is spreading like wild fire that says this is just the beginning and we are going to get better and stronger every year. We are starting to see sponsorship interest from large companies as well as finding ways to make each piece of the event pay for itself. These local issues along with growing international sponsors will help reach more and more people interested in the sport of Gay Rodeo.

Thank You to my 2002 Rodeo Committee and all other members and non members that have put in so many hours with all the headaches that go with it. You are the ones that are making it happen.

**Bob Pimentel Jr.**

# January 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 3:00 pm—Rodeo Committee Meeting 4:30 pm—Chapter Board Meeting 7:00 pm—General Membership	14	15	16 9:00 pm—Victoria London's Roast at Winks 9:30 pm—Charlie's Mini Rodeo	17	18 8:00 am—5:00 pm Rodeo Grounds set-up at Rawhide 6:00 pm—Contestant Registration at Rawhide	19 <b>RRRR 2002</b>
20 <b>RRRR 2002</b>	21 11:00 am—Brunch at Charlie's	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Let's get ready to Rodeo from The Vice President

### Let's get ready to Rodeo from The Vice President

Well another year has come and gone and that means its time for the rodeo. This will be a very exciting rodeo since it will be held at Rawhide. There will be a shuttle bus running and will stop at four different locations and then on to the rodeo.

I would like to wish all of the contestant's good luck, Claire Miller, Will Lann, Popper Dubray, Chuck Browning, Brian Helander, Flavia Krieg, Patrick Mc Ewen, Sean Slattery and Steven Allen, Keenan Allen, and bring home the winning buckles. If I left anyone out I am sorry but I wish you the best of luck also.

Next I would like to wish all

the royalty contestants Pussy Le Hoot, Miss Sassy, Novia Gina, Gaylia Young, Patrick Lose and John Usher Good luck

I would like to say thank you to all of this year's royalty, Suzanne Targe't, Noel Christine and Gaylia Young, it has been a fun and exciting year. All of you did a great job and represented AGRA well.

To the entire volunteer's thank you we could not put on a rodeo without you and all of your endless time given.

Next I would like to say thank you to the State Board: Bob Pimentel Jr, Dan Iverson, Ric Leone, and Jay Lovejoy. You have done a great job this year and I

learned so much from all of you guys.

Last but not least I would like to say thank you to the Chapter board: Woody Howard, Ric Leone, Claire Miller, Will Lann, E.J. Powers, Shirley Steiger, Danyel Ridge. You have done a great job and it has been a pleasure working with all of you on the board.

Again good luck to the contestants, royalty and lets put on the best rodeo of the year.

So lets just say, Let's Rodeo

**Glen May**  
**Phoenix Chapter**  
**Vice President**

## Anyone Interested in The Order of Events for the Rodeo?

### Main Arena

Calf Roping On Foot  
Chute Dogging (Women)  
Steer Riding (Women)  
Goat Dressing

### Horse Arena

Barrel Race (Men)  
Flag Race (Men)  
Pole Bending (Men)

### Grand Entry (Approximately 12:00 Noon)

Bareback Bronc Ridding  
Wild Drag Race  
Chute Dogging (Men)  
Steer Riding (Men)  
Steer Decorating  
Bull Ridding  
Mounted Breakaway Calf Roping  
Team Roping

Barrel Race (Women)  
Flag Race (Women)  
Pole Bending (Women)

## Take Advantage of the Free Shuttle Service / Park and Ride

### Free Shuttle Service Provided by Gray Line Tours of Phoenix



#### Friday 1/18/02

Charlie's	Lexington Hotel	Cash Inn	Hilton Garden Inn	Rawhide	Depart Rawhide
4:00pm	4:07pm	4:17pm	4:45pm	5:15pm	5:30pm
6:00pm	6:07pm	6:17pm	6:45pm	7:15pm	7:30pm
8:00pm	8:07pm	8:17pm	8:45pm	9:15pm	9:30pm
10:00pm	10:07pm	10:17pm	10:45pm	11:15pm	11:30pm
12:00am	12:07am	12:17am	12:45am	1:15am	1:45am
2:45am	2:35am	2:25am	2:05am		

#### Saturday 1/19/02

Charlie's	Lexington Hotel	Cash Inn	Hilton Garden Inn	Rawhide	Depart Rawhide
6:30am	6:37am	6:47am	7:17am	7:47am	8:30am
9:00am	9:07am	9:17am	9:45am	10:12am	10:30am
11:00am	11:07am	11:17am	11:45am	12:12pm	12:30pm
1:00pm	1:07pm	1:17pm	1:45pm	2:12pm	2:30pm
3:00pm	3:07pm	3:17pm	3:45pm	4:12pm	4:30pm
5:00pm	5:07pm	5:17pm	5:45pm	6:12pm	6:30pm
7:00pm	7:07pm	7:17pm	7:45pm	8:12pm	8:30pm
9:00pm	9:07pm	9:17pm	9:45pm	10:12pm	10:30pm
11:00pm	11:07pm	11:17pm	11:45pm	12:12am	12:30am
1:20am	1:15am	1:05am	12:50am		

#### Sunday 1/20/02

Charlie's	Lexington Hotel	Cash Inn	Hilton Garden Inn	Rawhide	Depart Rawhide
7:00am	7:07am	7:17am	7:42am	8:12am	8:30am
9:00am	9:07am	9:17am	9:45am	10:12am	10:30am
11:00am	11:07am	11:17am	11:45am	12:12pm	12:30pm
1:00pm	1:07pm	1:17pm	1:45pm	2:12pm	2:30pm
3:00pm	3:07pm	3:17pm	3:45pm	4:12pm	4:30pm
5:00pm	5:07pm	5:17pm	5:45pm	6:12pm	6:30pm
7:00pm	7:07pm	7:17pm	7:45pm	8:12pm	8:30pm
9:00pm	9:07pm	9:17pm	9:45pm	10:12pm	10:30pm
11:00pm	11:07pm	11:17pm	11:45pm	12:12am	12:30am
1:20am	1:15am	1:05am	12:50am		

*Charlie's*



*Cash Inn Country*



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# ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO 2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*The Branding Iron is a  
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*Deadline for the February issue  
is  
January 26th*

## WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 16, 2002

- 9:00 P.M. - VICTORIA LONDON ROAST (WINKS)
- 9:30 p.m. - CHARLIE'S MINI RODEO (CHARLIE'S)

## THURSDAY - JANUARY 17, 2002 (CHARLIE'S)

### MR/MS/MISS A.G.R.A. 2002 COMPETITION:

- 6:30 p.m. - JUDGES CALL
- 7:00 p.m. - WESTERN WEAR and PUBLIC PRESENTATION JUDGING

## FRIDAY - JANUARY 18, 2002 (RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN)

- 8:00 a.m. - ARENA and PAVILION SET-UP
- 12:30 p.m. - IGRA BOARD/TRUSTEES MEETINGS
- 6-9:00 p.m. - CONTESTANT REGISTRATION
- 5:15 p.m. - ROYALTY CONTESTANT SOUND CHECK
- 5:30 p.m. - ROYALTY CONTESTANT CALL
- 6:00 p.m. - PARTY/DANCE/ENTERTAINMENT
- 6:00 p.m. - ROYALTY COMPETITION JUDGES CALL
- 7:45 p.m. - ENTERTAINMENT & 2001 ROYALTY STEP-DOWNS
- 9:00 P.M. - SCOOTER LEE CONCERT
- 11:00 p.m. - PRESENTATION/CROWNING OF 2002 AGRA ROYALTY

## SATURDAY - JANUARY 19, 2002(RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN)

- 8:00 a.m. - RODEO TICKET OFFICE OPENS
- 8:00 a.m. - RODEO EVENTS BEGIN
- NOONISH - PARADE/GRAND ENTRY
- 1:30 p.m. - ENTERTAINMENT/DANCING BEGINS
- 6:00 p.m. - COCKTAIL SHOW SHOW/ENTERTAINMENT/PARTY

## SUNDAY - JANUARY 20, 2002(RAWHIDE WILD WEST TOWN)

- 8:00 a.m. - RODEO TICKET OFFICE OPENS
- 8:00 a.m. - RODEO EVENTS BEGIN
- NOONISH - PARADE/GRAND ENTRY
- 2:30 p.m. - ENTERTAINMENT/DANCING BEGINS
- 5:30 p.m. - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH PAST AND PRESENT ROY-  
ALTY
- 9:00 p.m. - RODEO AWARDS CEREMONY/PARTY

## MONDAY - JANUARY 21, 2002(CHARLIE'S)

- 11:00 a.m. - A.G.R.A. SEE-YOU-NEXT YEAR BRUNCH

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A position description for the Public Relations Spokesperson is included as Exhibit D in the I.G. R.A. Handbook.

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RoadRunner Regional Rodeo  
January 18th, 19th and 20th, 2002



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THE 2002 ROADRUNNER REGIONAL RODEO  
JAN. 18<sup>th</sup> THRU JAN. 20<sup>th</sup>



An IGRA & Bud Light Sanctioned Rodeo

Date/Place: Rawhide Wild West Town, Scottsdale, AZ Jan. 18-20, 2002

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