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From the Desk of the President

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Well I hope everyone survived Labor Day Weekend!!! This month's letter will be short and sweet. The weather is finally cooling down but things are heating up with our 25th Anniversary Rodeo just four months away. I know everyone is gearing up for the busy holiday season but it is so important to keep our energy up and to continue pushing forward with our goals for the 25th Anniversary Rodeo. There are great opportunities to get involved with fundraising events and get to know people inside and outside of our organization. There are a lot of exciting things unfolding in the next couple of weeks so stay tuned!!!

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

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From the Desk of the Vice President

Howdy All,

Last Month, Ferdy a contestant for Mr. AGRA 2010 had his first fund raiser for his charity 1and10. He raised \$216.15, Great Job!!

The AGRA Royalty, IGRA Royalty and 2010 Royalty Contestants want to wish the contestants who will be competing a the World Gay Rodeo Finals this month, Good Luck.

If you are interested in being on the 2010 Royalty team, please see a board member or current and past royalty if you have any questions. You must be a AGRA Member before you put in your application.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



Howdy Folks,
Happy Birthday and many more to these members of AGRA.



4- Oct Michael Butts
9-Oct Robert Brown
10-Oct Christopher G. Gonzalez
10-Oct George Immerso
14- Oct Eric Stevenson
16-Oct Gerry Guzman
16-Oct Sharon Starks
19-Oct DeAnna Bowsher
26-Oct Frank Colvin
26-Oct David Holmes
26-Oct Doug Holmes
27-Oct Ed Morgan
28-Oct Richard Merritt
31-Oct Ruben Contreras
31-Oct Irving E. Scott



I would like to announce that we had 4 new members join since my last article. Please welcome Jennifer Bohnert, Robert Schill, Vanessa Jimenez & Christy Burnett. We are now 120 members strong and still growing. Please give your hand in friendship the next time you see these folks. The Board is looking to fill a couple of Committee Chair positions. Membership Liaison and Contestant Liaison. Both of these positions are of great importance to AGRA. The Liaisons bring in both new members as well as new contestants. This helps grow our organization and in turn what we are able to do for our community. If you are interested in either one of these positions please contact a Board Member.

Keith A. Carson
Secretary 2009

Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

August:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$16,156.01
Checking		\$3734.26
CD		\$12,421.75
Non Rodeo	Aug Net Income	<\$1,691.39>
Rodeo	Aug Net Income	\$258.63
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		\$258.63

The Rodeo 2010 books are now open. I have transferred all RRRR 2010 income and expenses to the Rodeo 2010 books starting in August.

Rodeo

Income for the 2010 Rodeo transferred:

Start up money for 2009 RRRR \$1200
 Rodeo Prelim Shirts \$40
 IGRA Booth Commissions (10% of sales) \$21.60
 Gay Pride Booth Precedes \$730.66
 Rodeo Committee Fundraisers (BS West) \$189.00

Expenses for the 2010 Rodeo transferred:

Rodeo Arena Insurance \$605.32
 Rodeo Shirts \$422.37
 Poster Prize Money \$200
 Sanction Fee \$600
 Fundraising Expense (Apollos Fundraiser) \$75

Expenses for 2010 Rodeo occurred in August:

Rodeo Flyers \$19.94

Non Rodeo

Income:

Membership Dues \$35
 Royalty Requirements \$50

Expenses:

Office expenses \$264.23
 Name Badges and Ladders \$130.19
 Sponsored IGRA event \$325
 Annual Dues \$600
 Beach Party Fundraiser \$200
 Transferred category 7099 expenses to 2010 Rodeo \$1902.69
 Transferred category 8000 income to 2010 Rodeo \$2159.66

The books have not closed for September as of 09/25/2009:

September:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$15,245.47
Checking		\$2823.72
CD		\$12,421.75
Non Rodeo	Sept Net Income	<\$910.54>
Rodeo	Aug Net Income	\$0
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		\$258.63

Rodeo

Had no activity in September

Non-Rodeo

Income:

Membership Dues \$100

Fundraiser Beach Party \$250

Expenses:

Pride Booth \$250

Badges and Ladders \$30.20

Royalty Fees and Crowns \$617.96

Office Expense \$362.38

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AGRA Treasurer

Hello A.G.R.A. members -

As we Arizonans sometimes forget: when the temperatures start cooling off, the outdoor activities start heating up. Welcome October! Welcome the fall!

As we reminded everyone who attended our September membership meeting, the RoadRunner Regional Rodeo is hosting an invitational, recreational, educational, and salutation booth at the community Rainbows Festival. The Rainbows Festival runs during the day on Saturday - Sunday, 3 - 4 October at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix. Our esteemed Rodeo Director, George Immerso, is signing up booth volunteers for 3-hour shifts on both days. You can contact him via email at rrrodeodir2010@aol.com and commit to helping out a few hours. Come on... you're already planning to check out the guys and girls... We look forward to seeing you there!

Phoenix Pride is not just hosting the Rainbows Festival in October. This LGBT organization also invites the community to the OUTdayPHX at the Phoenix Zoo. In celebration of National Coming Out Day, the Phoenix Zoo is offering a reduced entry fee of just \$10 on OUTdayPHX, Sunday, 11 October. For more details, check out their website at phoenixpride.org.

Our friends at Charlie's are also heating up the month by having a FREE Meet and Greet event on Saturday, 10 October with the star from Logo TV's Noah's Arc, Wilson Cruz. Stop by for the Meet and Greet from 7-9pm. Did I forget to mention? It's FREE!
Thank you Charlie's and Phoenix Pride!

Take care -
Greg Gillum
Public Relations - A.G.R.A. and RRRR

Trustee's Report

2009 World Gay Rodeo Finals

Don't forget! The 2009 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be October 23-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The room block at the host hotel, Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown, is sold out. The Sheraton has worked out a deal with the Hilton Gardens down the street for the same \$85 per night room rate. The Sheraton is also making their shuttle service available to those staying at the Hilton. A special "party time" is planned for Saturday night at the Sheraton featuring "The Demented Divas in Totally Plowed" and Sandy Vee Anderson in a tribute to Dolly Parton. Miss Anderson is from Las Vegas Legends in Concert and has appeared on CMT, MTV and VH1.

Rodeo tickets and tickets for the Saturday night party can be purchased on line or on site. Saturday night, doors open at 7:00 p.m., and showtime is 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Nominations

The Trustee is AGRA's representative to IGRA and is a 3-year term. The Trustee is a member of the IGRA Board of Directors. Per AGRA Bylaws, nominations will be received in the September and October Membership Meetings, and voting will take place by members present at the November Membership Meeting. In the September 27 Membership Meeting, Travis James and Ron Trusley were nominated. Additional nominations will be accepted in the October Membership Meeting. Term of office will be January 2010 through December 2012.

2010 Board of Directors

Per AGRA Bylaws, nominations for the 2010 Board of Directors, except the Treasurer, will be received in the October and November Membership Meetings with voting by members present at the December Membership Meeting. The Treasurer is an appointed position by the Board of Directors.

2009 IGRA University

I have been advised that everyone might not have received their 2009 IGRA University degree ladder. If you are entitled to a degree ladder and did not receive it, please let me know.

25th Silver Anniversary IGRA Convention

The 2009 IGRA Convention is fast approaching, and I am looking forward to traveling to Toronto, Ontario, Canada for the convention. All segments of the IGRA Royalty Competition will take place on Thursday; 2009 Royalty step-downs and crowning of 2010 Royalty will be on Friday evening. Committee meetings will be all day Friday, and each Delegate/Alternate Delegate will be assigned meetings to attend. Business sessions will be on Saturday and Sunday. International awards will be presented during lunch on Sunday.

Ron Trusley

AGRA Trustee

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AGRA MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

October Board Meeting 7th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
October Membership Meeting 11th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

November Board Meeting 4th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
November Membership Meeting 8th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

December Board Meeting 9th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
December Membership Meeting 13th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

January Board Meeting 6th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
January Membership Meeting 10th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

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