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Monthly Newsletter for AGRA

From the Desk of the President

Hello Cowgirls and Cowboys,

Is everybody all rested? Well I hope so, because your Board of Directors (BOD) are hitting the ground running!! We will be announcing all of our committees this month at our board meeting. Once they are announced we will be aggressively tackling all areas to make sure we put on an even better rodeo then we did last year!

Thanks to everyone that showed up to the St. Patio Days Fundraiser last month which raised \$669.00. Please join us for Claudia B.'s Easter Show on the Charlie's Patio this Saturday at 9:30pm.

We will be having our pride booth again this year during pride April 17-18th 2010. We will need all the help we can get. Please take this opportunity to get involved and volunteer. If you have any questions please contact me.

Have a Happy Easter with your family and Friends,

Sincerely,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President 2010

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March Edition

Newsletter Deadline: March 25th '10

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Howdy All,

It is that time again the Agra Royalty Team is gearing up to complete their obligations to compete at the IGRA Competition, All AGRA or Non AGRA Members are welcome in assisting them in each of the following categories: Interview, Western Wear, Public Presentation, Entertainment, and Horsemanship. I would like to start on this as soon as possible.

If interested please email me at Mjbutts1@msn.com or call 602-768-8469.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



From the Desk of the Secretary

Howdy Folks!

Well, it's time again to wish some folks a Happy Birthday and a wish for many more! These members of AGRA all share the month of April as a Birthday Month....so let's all give 'em a big Happy Birthday shout!



- 1-Apr Vanessa Jimenez
- 4-Apr Christy Barnett
- 5-Apr Kyle Ross
- 20-Apr Louis Willford
- 22-Apr Rodrigo Castillo
- 28-Apr Christina Wilcox



As of March 22nd, our membership for 2010 stands at 64, with 6 Champion members. Let's all talk up AGRA and see how many new members we can all bring into our organization. The possibilities are endless. If you need to provide a potential new member with an application, send them to our website at www.agra-phx.com, or grab an application at the AGRA office. Let's make this the best membership year ever!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary



Hey all you Rodeo fans!!!!

Well my first month as Fundraising director was fun and exciting. Our first fundraiser was March 6th on the Patio it was a huge Success. I thank all the royalty for being here to help and perform. To bud light for donating the green beer and glasses! Pussy for being an awesome host and Ionna for performing and helping out in many areas!!! We raised a total of \$669.00.

Now looking forward to April we I have alot planned and would love as much assistance as any of you would like to give!! April 3rd is our Easter Benefit show on the patio at Charlies I am calling it "Bonnets Booze and Baskets". I have several performers but am looking for donation items for gift baskets if anyone has anything they would like to donate pleasee fell free to contact me at claudiasbboys@yahoo.com. See you Saturday night!!!

Now for the month of April into May I came up with a six week fundraiser for Agra that would involve my Wednesday night shows at Charlies. If is called Claudias Charm School. It is an eight week competition with 6 drag queens raising money everyweek that will be donated to AGRA. At the end one queen will win and hopefully we will have raised a good amount of money. It begins April 14 through May 16th with the Royalty selling jello shots every week to also add to the cause.

On April 24th I have planned a benefit out n the patio which will be a day time cook out, car wash and doggy day, volleyball tournament. I will be a fun day of raising money for our organization. So come out and see us on the 24th.

Well that is what we have going on for the month of April. I look forward to this busy yet fun month. Come out and support!!!

Thank you

Claudia B!!!!



Hello A.G.R.A. Members -

Are you planning to attend the Phoenix Pride Festival this year? It takes place Saturday and Sunday, 17-18 April @ Steele Indian School Park.

If you are looking for a deal (and who isn't?), log onto www.phoenixpride.org and click on the Festival Tickets link. Phoenix Pride is offering substantial discounts if you buy your tickets early. Oh, and the headliners include Berlin and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts! (Joan's band puts on one heckuva show) I'm just sayin'

Speaking of Phoenix Pride, A.G.R.A. will be operating a promotional booth at the event. We are looking for volunteers to help out a few hours at a time. The point of contact is Richard Merritt - you can get in touch with him @ rmerritt4@cox.net

The Rodeo Volunteers Party on 19 March was Fabtastic with well over 50 volunteers enjoying homemade ziti and other deliciousness at Charlie's. One more time: Thank you Very Much for your volunteer efforts this past year.

St. Patio Day events at Charlie's brought an awesome turnout. Our hostess Pussy LaHoot was back on the patio, bringing her show out into the evening air. Everything was green, from the beer to the funds raised. It was a very successful fundraising event for our association.

Coming up shortly is our next fundraiser: Roller Rodeo. It takes place 18 May, 8pm at Glendale Skates. Our point of contact is none other than our Miss IGRA Ionna Doublewide. Watch out for flying cowboy hats and wigs! Details to follow.....



Enjoy the springtime weather - be grateful we aren't totally flooded like our friends and family back East. See you Soon!

Greg Gillum

Public Relations - A.G.R.A.



Trustee's Report

Wow, we are already into the 4th month in 2010, and we are already planning for the 2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo that will be February 18-20. I am sure it will be another great event!

And, speaking of rodeos, put it on your calendar now and make sure you attend. The 24th Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals will be October 21-24, 2010. It will be held in the Mojave Crossing Event Center on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation. The host hotel is the Avi Resort & Casino, also on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, in Laughlin, Nevada. The rodeo venue is right across the Colorado River from the hotel. You can make hotel reservations now, and I encourage you to do so if you plan to attend the rodeo. Specially discounted car rental rates are also available from AVIS. Look on the IGRA website (www.igra.com) for more information and details on making hotel and car rental reservations.

I want to encourage everyone to volunteer to help out in the AGRA/RRRR booths at Phoenix Pride, Rainbows Festival, and Tucson Pride. Phoenix Pride will be April 17 & 18; Rainbows Festival will be October 2 & 3; and Tucson Pride will be October 9.

If you would be interested in being a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the IGRA Annual Convention that will be November 11-14 in Reno, Nevada, it is not too early to start making your travel plans now.

I am so pleased with the professionalism the AGRA Officers and Directors are displaying and with the smooth-running meetings. I really encourage every member to read/review the minutes and financial reports before each meeting. Make sure you have read everything and that everything is correct and clear before making a motion to approve. It is up to us, as members, to know what we are voting on.

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