



**ARIZONA
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ASSOCIATION**



From the Desk of the President

Howdy All,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend!! June is upon us and we are gearing up for some fun SUMMER FESTIVITIES!!! STAY TUNED!

As far as business goes we are negotiating old contracts with old sponsors and diligently working hard on getting new sponsors. If any one has any leads on anyone interested in getting involved with AGRA send them our way!

We are trying to close out our 2010 rodeo books but our ambulance service that we are required to use through the Rawhide is hindering that. We have been trying to get an invoice from them but we have not been able to do so. We were hoping to get this done by June's membership meeting however we still have not made contact with them. I am hoping to get this done so we can invite all of our beneficiaries to receive there monies.

We excepted nominations for convention in Reno, Nevada November 11th-14th 2010 and will do so again at this months membership meeting June 6th 2010 at **4PM**, at Charlie's. Nominations for IGRA awards will also continue to be excepted at this months meet as well.

That's all for now. Hope to see you Sunday, June 6th 2010!! Bring a friend!

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President 2010

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July Edition
Newsletter Deadline:
June 25th '10

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From the Desk of the Vice President

Howdy All,

The Royalty Team has met their financial obligation for AGRA
Great Job Everyone!! The team will continue to raise money for AGRA.

The Royalty Team this year pick Joshua Tree as their charity of choice. Come and join us at the Rainbow Cactus On June 5th at 9pm. and help raise monies for a local charity.

Reminder:

All AGRA or Non AGRA Members are welcome in assisting them in each of the following categories: Interview, Western Wear, Public Presentation, Entertainment.

If interested please email me at Mjbutts1@msn.com.

Calling Contestants for 2011 Royalty Team

August is the month new contestants may announce their interest in running for the 2011 Royalty Team . Any question you may contact a board member, Royalty Team Member or myself.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



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 June as a Birthday Month....Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!

- 6/11 Clinton Bartlett
- 6/16 David Patterson
- 6/18 Robert Schill
- 6/21 Michael Wells
- 6/25 John Lovejoy
- 6/28 Ryan McCarthy
- 6/28 Ron Trusley
- 6/29 Jim Craven
- 6/29 Brent Hrometz
- 6/30 Alfredo Guardiola

As of May 25th, our membership for 2010 stands at 67, with 6 Champion members. Again, this is a great start to the New Year, but I would like to see us all get out there and promote AGRA and membership.

Summer is heating up...and our search for new members and renewing past members should be heating up as well. By recruiting new members, we can put some sizzle into summer!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary





Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

APRIL:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$29321.72
Checking		\$16899.97
CD		\$12421.75
Non Rodeo	Apr Net Income	<\$68.60>
Rodeo	Apr Net Income	<\$200.00>
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		\$12814.33

<u>Rodeo</u>	<u>Non-Rodeo</u>
Income: N/A	Income: Membership Dues \$430.00 ST Patio Show \$669.00
Expenses: Took out \$200 for start up cash for the booth at Pride. This will be put back.	Expenses: Credit Card Expense \$181.71 Pride Booth Expenses \$312.50 Office Expenses \$160.89 Imperial Court Food \$200

The books have not closed for May yet.

May:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$27921.06
Checking		\$15499.31
CD		\$12421.75
Non Rodeo	May Net Income	<\$892.90>
Rodeo	May Net Income	<\$507.76>
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income		\$12306.57

<u>Rodeo</u>	<u>Non-Rodeo</u>
Income: Sponsorship \$135	Income: Membership Dues \$35 Charm School \$170 Chili Verde Day \$724.00 Fundraiser \$306
Expenses: Rodeo T-Shirts 642.76	Expenses: Credit Card Expense \$77.95 Pride/Rodeo Booth \$940.04 Office Expenses \$163.55 Tax Preparation \$100
	2011 Rodeo Transfers: Expenses \$846.36



Jai
AGRA Treasurer

Howdy Y'all

Well the last month has been a lot of fun for me as the fundraising director! On May 8, we held our 15th ANNUNAL Chili Verde Day. We raised \$724.00 YEAH!!!! We had green chili burros the sold out so quick. Many gift baskets, jello shots, and amazing entertainers that all added to the success of our evening! A very special thanks to Pussy LeHoot, Ionna Doublewide, Ace Master, FERDI, and Michael Butts for all of your help.

For the past six weeks we as a royalty team have sold Jello shots every Wednesday night for Agra at Claudia's Charm School. I will have a grand total for you soon after all the monies are turned in and counted. Thank you Ionna, Ferdi, Ace, Sharon, and Michael for all of your help!

I look forward to Grand ole Opry which will be at Charlies on the patio June 19th. It si the 15th Annual so come on out and support us as we all raise money for AGRA!!!!

I will see you all then!

Joshua Sipe/ Claudia B



Rodeo friends, June is bustin' out all over!

A.G.R.A.'s next party/fundraiser is coming soon: Grand Ole Opry takes place 19 June on the patio at Charlie's. Come on down and watch the cowboys and cowgirls while they perform your country favorites and serve up Budweiser, Jello-shots, and much more.

Our royalty partners from the Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona are celebrating the investiture of their newly crowned Emperor and Empress V on Saturday, 5 June. Join us for all the pomp and circumstance at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington Street near 44th Street in Phoenix.

Have you renewed your membership for 2010 yet? Do I need to name names? Don't worry, I am kidding.

Friends, we have made it easier than ever for you to re-up: log on to agra-phx.com and click on the Membership tab. Your Regular and Champion memberships can be paid online, right through our website. Come on, take us out for a test drive....

And speaking of the website, look forward to more updates and some changes this summer. Gino Meriano is keeping busy, preparing our web presence for 2011 and beyond!

Enjoy the sun - and take care,

Greg Gillum

Public Relations - A.G.R.A.





Trustee's Report

I was so pleased to be _____ in town and attend the Membership Meeting on Sunday-May 16. I felt like I had been out of town "forever" attending meetings and conferences. Now, I will be attending the IGRA Board/Trustees Meetings in Oklahoma City on Friday-May 28 as well as attending the Great Plains Regional Rodeo during the weekend.

It is that time of year again to receive nominations for the International (IGRA) Awards that will be presented at the IGRA Annual Convention in November. In the May 16 Membership Meeting, nominations were received. Nominations will also be received in the June 6 Membership Meeting.

Award categories are:

International Award

This award is to recognize those members of IGRA who have made contributions to IGRA worthy of special recognition. This contribution can be in any of the activities that IGRA encompasses. The Board of Directors selects the recipients of this award.

Trustees' Award

This award is to recognize those contestants of IGRA who have exhibited excellence in the standards exemplified in the Code of Ethics and Sportsmanship. The Trustees select the recipients of this award.

Appreciation Award

This award is for non-members of IGRA who have made significant contributions to the association and is a means of providing a formal "thank you". This award may be given by the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Committee Chairs, or any other official representatives of IGRA with the approval of the Board of Directors. IGRA will cover the cost of no more than two (2) awards per Member Association. *(Note: All Appreciation Award nominees by an IGRA Member Association are automatic recipients, but IGRA only pays for two (2) of the awards; the local Association pays for the additional awards.)*

In 2009, AGRA members/AGRA nominated:

Trustees' Award

Chuck Browning, Eric Stevenson, Bernice Reeve, and R.C. Cuellar

The Trustees selected R. C. as one of the award recipients.

Appreciation Award

Hensley & Company, April Peterson, Gilbert Gamboa, Ron & Lee-Apollo's Lounge, and The Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona, and Kobalt Bar.

IGRA paid for two awards, and AGRA paid for the other four awards.

In the May 16 Membership Meeting, the following nominations were made:

Trustees Award

Clinton Bartlett

Appreciation Award

Nick Blair (Alliance Beverage)

The Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona
Morrie Carter aka Miss Ebony

Again, additional nominations will be received in the June 6 Membership Meeting, and appropriate voting will take place in the meeting.

The IGRA Annual Convention will be November 11-14, 2010 at Harrah's Casino in Reno, Nevada. AGRA is entitled to six (6) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates. Per AGRA Bylaws, the AGRA Trustee and President are automatic delegates. The four (4) people receiving the highest number of votes are delegates, and the five (5) people receiving the next highest number of votes are alternate delegates. Nominations for delegates were received in the May 16 Membership Meeting and will be received again in the June 6 Membership Meeting. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected by ballot vote of members present at the July Membership Meeting. Nominations received in the May 16 meeting are:

Darrell Dern, Dan Iversen, Kevin McSweeney aka Pussy LeHoot, John King

I encourage all members to consider attending the IGRA Annual Convention; it is a true learning experience, and all delegates/alternate delegates play a major role in approving IGRA Bylaws/Standing Rules/Rodeo Rules as well as electing IGRA Officers. If you are interested in attending, please ask another member to nominate you as a delegate. We want to have a full slate of delegates and alternate delegates representing AGRA. And, remember, contestants competing for an IGRA Royalty title and current IGRA Royalty can also be delegates/alternate delegates. **All AGRA members are eligible for election as a delegate or alternate delegate.**

The World Gay Rodeo Finals will be October 21-24, 2010 at the Mojave Crossing Event Center on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation. The event center is right across the Colorado River from the Avi Resort & Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. The Avi is the host hotel for the finals rodeo. I encourage you to look at the information on the IGRA website and make your hotel reservations now while rooms are still available.

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Meeting Schedules

AGRA Board Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Office)

- May 12
- June 2
- July 14
- Aug 4
- September 15
- October 13
- November 3
- December 8
- January 5
- February 2

AGRA Membership Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Dance Floor)

- May 16
- June 6
- July 18
- Aug 8
- September 19
- October 17
- November 7
- December 12
- January 9
- February 6

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