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From the Desk of the President

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Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and staying cool!! Things are definitely heating up with our 2011 rodeo planning team!

George Immerso and Ron Linblad and the rest of the rodeo committee is hard at working nailing down perspective sponsors, securing venues and hotel accommodations. The team is planning events to ensure we keep our spectators on the rodeo grounds as long as possible and ensure we all have a great time!! If you would like to be a volunteer on the rodeo committee there are still positions that need to be filled. If interested please get with George or Ron and they will assist you.

I am proud to announce we have closed the rodeo books from 2010 all invoices have been received and paid!! YAY!! We will be giving just under \$10,000 to our beneficiaries at our September membership meeting. CONGRATULATIONS to George Immerso and the entire Rodeo Planning Team. You all should be very proud of all your hard work!

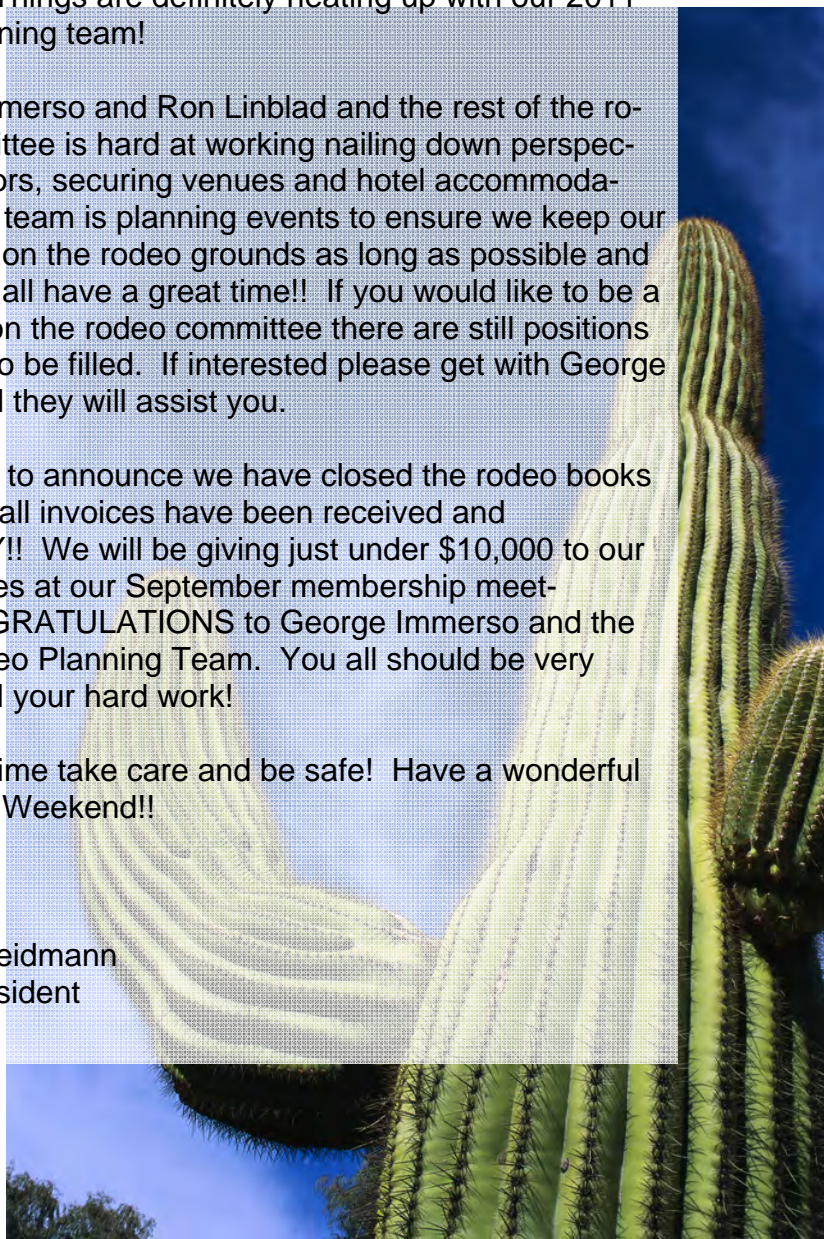
Until next time take care and be safe! Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend!!

Sincerely,

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

September Edition
Newsletter Deadline:
August 25th '10

Send submissions to:
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● From the Desk of the Vice President ●

Howdy All,

Reminder to AGRA Members who are interested in being n the 2010 Royalty team, application for a contestant will be accepted starting this month. Please feel free to see a board member or current and past royalty if you have any questions and application.

Also anyone interested in participating in a practice interview as a judge please let me know. This is to help our current Royalty get ready for IGRA Competition in Nov. We will meet after august membership meeting.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President





Howdy Folks!

Well, it's kinda funny how birthdays seem to just show up once a year...and it happened to these folks in the month of August.

These AGRA members all share the month of August as their date of entry into the world of reality. Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us! And may you have many more!

- 8/12 Keenan Allen
- 8/16 Gordon Corey
- 8/21 Cecilia Evans
- 8/18 Walt Hutter

As of July 24th, our 2010 membership stands at 74 with 7 Champion members. Summer always seems to be slow for growth in membership. It would be nice if we could break that cycle and make this the best summer we have ever had for new members. So remember...when you're out and about, talk up AGRA and see if you can rope in a few new members. 2011 Rodeo is not that far away and it would be nice to have our membership the highest it's ever been for this event. Keep cool folks!!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary





POSTER CONTEST 2011 ROAD RUNNER REGIONAL RODEO

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (A.G.R.A.) is sponsoring a poster contest for the 2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo that will take place February 18-20, 2011. Judging for the winning poster will be by vote of the A.G.R.A. members present at the September 19, 2010 membership meeting.

Anyone may submit a poster design; you do not need to be an A.G.R.A. member to submit a poster. **The artist of the winning entry will receive a \$200.00 cash prize from A.G.R.A.**

REQUIREMENTS:

- Entries must be 16" x 20" finished size with the only text on the poster being **2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo.**
- Artist's name and phone number must be printed in the upper right-hand corner on the back of the poster.
- The winning design and artwork become the property of A.G.R.A. All other entries will be destroyed within two (2) weeks following the judging - unless the artist makes arrangements with A.G.R.A. to pick them up or to be returned at the artist's expense. A.G.R.A. will contact the winning artist to award the prize - in return for a high-resolution electronic file of the winning design.
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00pm SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 - THE BEGINNING OF THE A.G.R.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING - AT CHARLIE'S PHOENIX. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME/DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. PLEASE MAIL ENTRIES TO:**

A.G.R.A.
2011 RRRR Poster Contest
PO Box 40465
Phoenix, AZ 85067

Or, contact Greg Gillum, Rodeo PR Coordinator, at 623-203-9305 to make arrangements to hand-deliver your poster.

If you have any questions, contact Greg Gillum. Cell: 623-203-9305. Email: 3destiny@msn.com

Trustee's Report

From a long list of nominees, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 2010 IGRA Annual Convention were selected by a vote of members present at the July 14, 2010 membership meeting.

Delegates are:

Ron Trusley (Trustee)
Michael Weidmann (President)
Josh Sipe aka Claudia B
George Immerso
John King
Kyle Ross

Alternate Delegates are:

Michael Butts
Darrell Dern
Sharon Starks
Gary Hatterman
Dan Iversen

Convention registration is open and on line at www.highsierrarodeo.com. Delegates and Alternate Delegates do not need to complete a registration. I will submit all of these registrations and a check for the registration fees. **I am requesting everyone who was voted as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to ensure you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Also, remember committee meetings are held all day Friday, and the convention business sessions are Saturday and Sunday.** A schedule of events is also posted on the website along with prices for the various events.

I plan to schedule a meeting or meetings with all Delegates and Alternates prior to convention to review the convention process/procedures and to make committee assignments.

Anyone else attending convention as a guest can find the registration information and prices on the High Sierra website.

The full IGRA Royalty Competition schedule can also be found on the IGRA website at www.igra.com.

I want to remind everyone that the 2010 World Gay Rodeo Finals will be October 21-24, 2010 at the Mojave Crossing Events Center just across the river from the Avi Resort & Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. The Avi is the host hotel, and excellent room rates are available. I encourage everyone to make your hotel reservations now, but you must call the phone number listed on the IGRA website to get the special room rates.

I attended the Zia Regional Rodeo in Albuquerque July 23-25 where I worked as Rodeo Secretary and also chaired the Trustees' Pre-Rodeo and Rodeo Review Board Meetings.

Fritz Capone, the first Miss IGRA in 1986, passed away July 26, 2010. A community wide memorial service will be Sunday-August 8 followed by a celebration of life and releasing of his ashes at 4:00 pm at the pond at Our Fantasy Complex in Wichita.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or need IGRA information.

Ron Trusley, AGRA Trustee
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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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