



**ARIZONA
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ASSOCIATION**



From the Desk of the President

Hello,

Happy Holidays to all. I hope this letter finds you all well. Hoping you all enjoyed some quality time and good eating with family and friends. We all will be extremely busy this next month with the holiday season fast approaching, but we are still working extremely hard on planning the 2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

I want to send out a very special thank you to all of our delegates and alternates that represented AGRA at the 2010 convention in Reno. What a fun little city!! Congratulations to Michael Butts our new Mr. IGRA 2011 and to Sharon Starks our new Ms. IGRA 2011. GREAT JOB you made AGRA very proud!! Congratulations to Gino Meriano and the entire staff at Pinkweddings.com their hard work at dedication to our website launched them to 5th place at convention!! That's truly amazing! I cannot thank you guys enough for all that you do for AGRA!!

Thank you so much to Walt Hutter for another successful bake sale! Those very tasty treats not only made a lot of families extremely happy during Thanksgiving but all raised over \$400.00 for AGRA!!! If you missed out Walt will be having another bake sale December 12th at our membership meeting. Don't miss it because we sold out!!!

We will continue to accept nominations for the Board of Directors positions at the December 12th membership meeting. Please look over the proposed bylaws that were sent out last week and attend the special membership meeting December 19th 2010 at 4pm at Charlie's. Please be safe and have a very safe holiday season!!

Respectfully,
Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

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From the
Vice President

Howdy All,

Sharon Starks and Michael Butts went to Reno last month for the IGRA Royalty Contest. They both came back with sashes. Sharon is MS. IGRA 2011 and Michael is MR IGRA 2001. Great job!!!

Their 1st IGRA fund raiser will be December 18th at Rainbow Cactus. Show starts at 9pm. Come and support your newly sashed IGRA Royalty.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President





Howdy Folks!



I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and survived Black Friday! What we need to do now is wish these folks whose Birthday falls in December a Happy Birthday and Wishes for many more to come!!

- 12/01 J. Steven Critcher
- 12/04 Rick Manucy
- 12/08 Darrell Dern
- 12/16 Thomas Rowley
- 12/19 George Gomez
- 12/27 Gary Hatterman

Well folks, Rodeo 2011 is just around the corner, being only a couple of months out. We're gearing up to make this a great Rodeo, and hope that y'all are doing the same!

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and prosperity and good health in the New Year!

Saddle Up folks...Ride 'em hard and make the ride a good one!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary





Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

October: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$15867.30
Checking	\$3405.45
CD	\$12461.85
Non Rodeo Oct Net Income	\$96.33
Rodeo Oct Net Income	\$150.27
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income	\$2188.98
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Start up money for booths \$50	Booth Expenses \$157.23
Tucson Pride Booth \$65	
Rainbows Festival Booth \$192.50	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Start up Booth Money \$50	Credit Card and Bank Expense \$89.95
Membership Dues \$36	Booth Expenses \$157.22
Tucson Pride Booth \$65	
Rainbows Festival Booth \$257.50	

November: Balance Sheet		The Books for November have not closed yet.
Total Assets	\$14942.63	
Checking	\$2480.78	
CD	\$12461.85	
Non Rodeo Nov Net Income	<\$924.67>	
Rodeo Nov Net Income	\$0	
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income	\$2188.98	
Rodeo		
Income:	Expenses:	
Non-Rodeo		
Income:	Expenses:	
	Credit Card Expense \$79.37	
	Bake Sale \$125.00	
	Office Expense \$373.81	
	IGRA Royalty \$346.49	

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



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If you haven't already created a Twitter account to keep up with your Tom, Dick, and Harrys, just go to twitter.com, take 1 minute, and create your account. Then tweet your Arizona rodeo friends, like Suzie and Jean, by following AGRA. By doing that, you will be the FIRST to know the latest about Arizona Gay Rodeo.

And you can never have too many friends - especially Facebook friends. So log back into that dormant Facebook account and search for AGRA. Become a fan, get noticed, reconnect for the holidays.



Have you logged onto www.agra-phx.com this week? If you haven't, then you haven't seen our Host Hotels page. Just click on the RRRR Rodeo link and click on the "Host Hotels" badge. Our webmaster, Gino Meriano, has posted the details about staying with our beautiful hosts, Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino and the Radisson Chandler. For those of you desiring a downtown stay during February rodeo, our friends at Hilton Suites Phoenix are happy to oblige. Special thanks to our web "guru" Gino, of wiki.pinkapproved.com, for getting our web pages looking extra snappy while enjoying his Thanksgiving turkey here in Arizona.

Tickets! Get your tickets! Wow, we are already receiving online orders for RRRR tickets. Wherever you look on our website, you will find an orange "GET YOUR TICKETS NOW" button. Just click it for a ticket! Do it!

Vendors! You have found us. Just click on our Vendors tab and download your vendor info for the 2011 rodeo. Our premiere Vendor Coordinator, Cary, will serve all your (sales) needs.

Enjoy the holidays and see you all real soon -

Greg Gillum - Public Relations



First, I want to congratulate Michael Butts and Sharon Starks for representing AGRA so very well in the 2011 IGRA Royalty Competition in Reno, Nevada. Michael brought home the title of Mr. IGRA, and Sharon brought home the title of Ms IGRA. I am sure they will both continue to represent AGRA throughout the new year as they travel the rodeo circuit and perform their duties as IGRA title holders.

Your convention delegates and alternate delegates did an awesome job representing AGRA at the 2010 IGRA Annual Convention in Reno in November.

Doug Graff, NGRA, was elected as IGRA President for 2011-2012, and David Hill was re-elected as Treasurer for 2011-2012.

The 2011 IGRA Finals (World Gay Rodeo Finals) will be in Fort Worth, Texas, and the 2011 IGRA Annual Convention will be in San Diego, California.

IGRA University will be January 14-16, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Downtown in St Louis, Missouri. University information, including registration, is available on the IGRA website. I really encourage you all to attend. University is a very good learning experience!

In our December 12 meeting, we will present the IGRA Appreciation Awards along with two Trustees' Awards.

The AGRA bake sale held at Charlie's on November 19, 2010 was quite successful. A very special thanks goes out to Walt Hutter for spending many, many hours baking all of the goodies. Everything was sold!!! The bake sale generated income of \$451.00. We also sold raffle tickets for a 21+ pound turkey. The raffle ticket sales generated income of \$103.00. All of the money raised is for AGRA. Thanks to everyone else who helped sell, and especially to Charlie's bartender who worked the crowd to sell the raffle tickets. Thanks to Pussy LeHoot for auctioning the final four items during her show!

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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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