

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Next Newsletter Deadline:  
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Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

**IT'S RODEO TIME!!!** After months and months of preparation from our entire Rodeo Planning Team and our members we are ready to put on our 27th annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo February 17th-19th 2012. We will be kicking off our rodeo with or Country Idol on Friday evening @ 8pm in the pavilion. The cost for this event is **ONLY \$5!!** We also have a free shuttle that will be provided to and from the rodeo grounds. Please visit our website at [www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com) to purchase all of your rodeo tickets and for shuttle information.

**Bud Light Rodeo Bar Crawl** will be Friday February 10th 2012 @ 7pm starting at Charlie's we will be hitting about 5 bars and winding back at Charlie's between 11-12ish. Tickets are almost sold out so please contact Ron Trusley for your tickets.

Please tell all your family and friends to come join us for a spectacular weekend of **RODEO**. Join us at Charlie's Monday February 20th @ 11am for our **FREE** survivors brunch followed **Pussy Lehoot** and friends at 1pm.

**Our Road Runner Regional Rodeo Volunteers Party** will be held on February 24th @ 7pm at Charlie's. This is our way to thank all of our members, contestants, **VOLUNTEERS**, Vendors, anyone that helped us put on this amazing event. Our **ANNUAL Banquet** will be Saturday February 25th location **TBD**.

Lastly, I wish all **RODEO** contestants the best of luck!!!

**Let's Rodeo!!**

**Michael Weidmann**  
**AGRA President**





# THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!

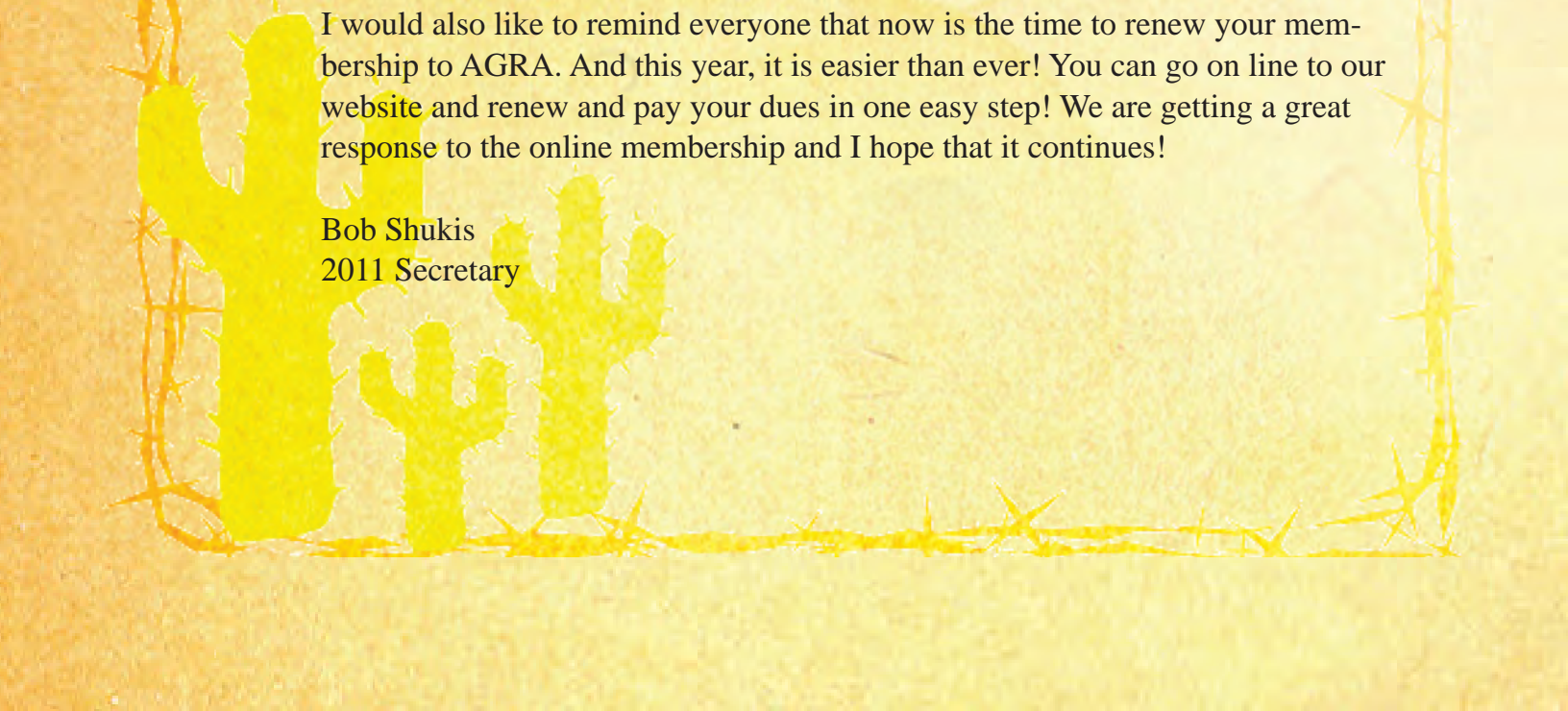
Well, Hang on to your hats, it's time to RODEO!! And it is also time to wish the following members a very Happy Birthday and a wish for many more to come!!

<b>02/10</b>	<b>Richard Davidson</b>
<b>02/15</b>	<b>Gary Rushton</b>
<b>02/23</b>	<b>Jeffrey Springloed</b>
<b>02/24</b>	<b>Ken Poplin</b>
<b>02/28</b>	<b>Ron Maldonado</b>

Well folks, the 2012 RRRR is only a few days away. Let's all support our Rodeo and our Charities and make this the best Rodeo yet!

I would also like to remind everyone that now is the time to renew your membership to AGRA. And this year, it is easier than ever! You can go on line to our website and renew and pay your dues in one easy step! We are getting a great response to the online membership and I hope that it continues!

Bob Shukis  
2011 Secretary







Hello AGRA Members,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai  
AGRA Treasurer



December: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$2,879.74
Checking	\$2,879.74
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$45.83)
Rodeo	\$1,300.00
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$1,313.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Weekend Passes \$175	
RV Passes \$225	
Bar Crawl \$900	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$35	Bank & Credit Card Exp 141.00
Bake Sale \$495	Office Expense \$184.83
January: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$2,879.74
Checking	\$2,879.74
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$45.83)
Rodeo	\$1,300.00
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	\$12,196.58
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Weekend Passes \$350	Insurance \$216.37
RV Passes \$900	Officials Travel \$238.30
Vendor Space Rentals \$1455	Buckle Deposit \$1500
Sponsorships \$13484.25	Stall Deposit \$725
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$250	Bank & Credit Card Exp 164.60
Fundraisers Ham Sale \$77	Office Expense \$184.83
Fundraisers Jello Shots \$348	AGRA Insurance \$216.37
Bud Light Sponsorship \$400	IGRA Sponsorship \$200
AGRA Sponsorship \$200	Royalty Crown \$418.50
	AGRA Fundraiser Hams \$40



# TRUSTEE

## Trustee's Report

I attended the IGRA Board Meeting in St Louis, Missouri on Friday, January 13, 2012. Then I attended classes at IGRA University that same weekend. Doug Holmes also attended university. Doug and I both received a Bachelors Degree in Rodeo Arts. I encourage everyone to try to attend the 2013 university which will also be in St Louis.

### Highlights from the IGRA Board Meeting:

The board ratified the executive board's proposal for a contract/agreement with Bud Light. The sponsorship would include: \$3,000 for IGRA University, \$9,250 for IGRA Finals Rodeo, \$3,500 for IGRA Annual Convention, \$2,000 for IGRA Dance Competition, \$1,250 for a Rodeo Judges video, \$2,000 for expenses at the NYC Trade Show, and \$4,000 for Rodeo Schools. Rodeo schools that were approved to receive money are: GSGRA in San Diego-Saturday, April 28; NMGRA in Santa Fe-Friday, August 3 (their rodeo weekend), IAGRA in Des Moines-Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20, and ILGRA in Chicago-Saturday & Sunday, June 16 & 17.

IGRA Royalty chose the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and The Trevor Project It Gets Better Campaign as their 2012 charities.

### Rodeo date changes that were approved:

Windy City Rodeo (Chicago) – August 24-26

Bay Area Rodeo (San Francisco) – September 14-16


2012 IGRA Finals Rodeo – October 19-21 – Fort Worth

IGRA Annual Convention – November 8-11 – Las Vegas

Ed Barry was selected as IGRA Corporate Auditor.

The IGRA Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations. More information can be found on the IGRA website ([www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com)) in the Standing Rules and through the Rodeo Fans link. Nominations are due by March 1, 2012. The Hall of Fame



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honors individuals who have provided for the development and growth of gay rodeo or who have accrued an outstanding record or achieved a prominent position in the sport.” Anyone can submit a nomination!

The 2012 IGRA Finals Committee is also seeking nominations for Grand Marshal. If you would like to submit a nomination, I suggest you submit it to the Rodeo Director Janie Van Santen by email at [dewintoncowgirl@hotmail.com](mailto:dewintoncowgirl@hotmail.com)

Well, the 2012 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is almost here! I encourage everyone who can to either compete in the rodeo, or volunteer in some capacity. It looks like we will have about 11 Charlie’s employees competing as new contestants! And, don’t forget the pre-rodeo Bud Light/AGRA bar crawl on Friday, February 10, 2012. You must purchase a ticket for \$15.00 to ride the bus! We will be going to five different bars during the evening. And, don’t forget the Charlie’s AGRA Mini Rodeo on the dance floor at Charlie’s on Wednesday, February 15. This event is always loads of fun! Come on out and participate by entering the events, or at least watching and cheering on the competitors.

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# MEETING SCHEDULE

AGRA Board Meeting  
Schedule 2011 - 2012  
(Charlie's Office)

May 11  
June 8  
July 13  
August 3  
September 14  
October 12  
November 16  
December 7  
January 4  
February 8

AGRA Membership Meeting  
Schedule 2011 - 2012  
(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 15  
June 12  
July 17  
August 7  
September 18  
October 16  
November 20  
December 11  
January 8  
February 12







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