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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Well summer is definitely upon us, I hope everyone is staying cool and well hydrated! At July's membership meeting we will be voting on our delegates and alternates that we will be sending to Las Vegas, Nevada for the IGRA convention in November 2012. Please be sure to cast your vote. I hope to see everyone at The Grand Ol' Opry. This is our AGRA annual fundraiser. We will also be holding a membership drive that same evening. If you have any friends or contacts that would like to be part of AGRA please bring them along and get them involved in our great organization.

That's all for now! Be safe and stay cool!

Respectfully,  
Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President

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July 25th 2012

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## **FROM JOHN KING**

A lot of buzz has been created already about the Arizona Gay Rodeo to be held next year. I am pleased to announce that a contract with Felix Corona was assigned on June the 1st, 2012 enabling AGRA to move its venue back to the Corona Ranch Rodeo Grounds. This was made possible by a waiver granted at the IGRA Board Meeting on May 25th, 2012 which allowed us to use a non-regulation size arena.

The Corona Family Corporation has been putting more and more money back into its facility with each passing year. They now have the ability to provide twice as much parking and they also have room to park as many as 50 RV's.

The advantages of changing the venue include its "close-in" location actually located on the bus line. The setting is much more intimate with the ability to get close-up pictures of the contestants. AGRA will be using community volunteers to act as bartenders and the Coronas have given us a better break on concessions.

The Board, my Co-Rodeo Director Bob Pimentel and myself are already planning continuous entertainment starting on Friday night and ending with the awards ceremony on Sunday. Mark off this weekend - President's Day Weekend 2013 - AGRA is going back to its "Glory Days".

John A King  
Co-Rodeo Director



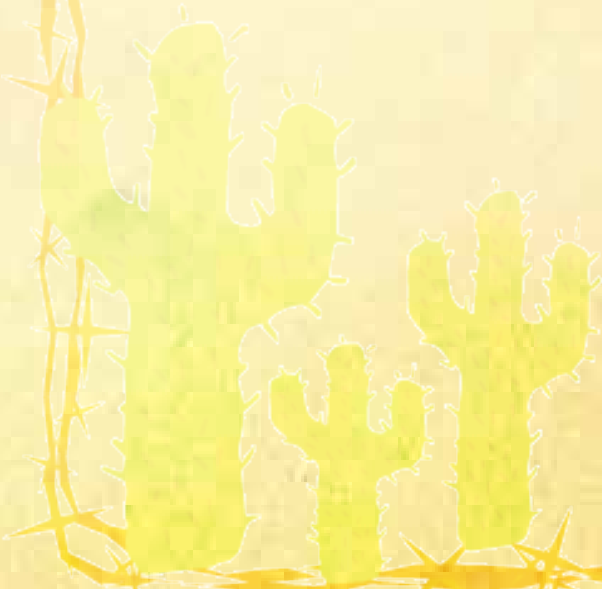
# THANKS PATRICK!

As of this report, AGRA has 105 members, with seven Champion Memberships.

I would like to wish happy birthday to the following AGRA members for the month of July:

Greg Gillum	July 3
Rocky	July 3
BJ	July 8
Jim Maher	July 13
Timothy Schwer	July 22
Jacob Tenney	July 22
Chris	July 31

Patrick Roe  
AGRA Secretary





# TRUSTEE

## Trustee's Report

The 2013 Road Runner Regional Rodeo application was approved, with no opposition, in the May 25, 2012 IGRA Board Meeting. So the rodeo will be at Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds.

Other items approved in the May 25 IGRA Board & Trustees' Meetings include:

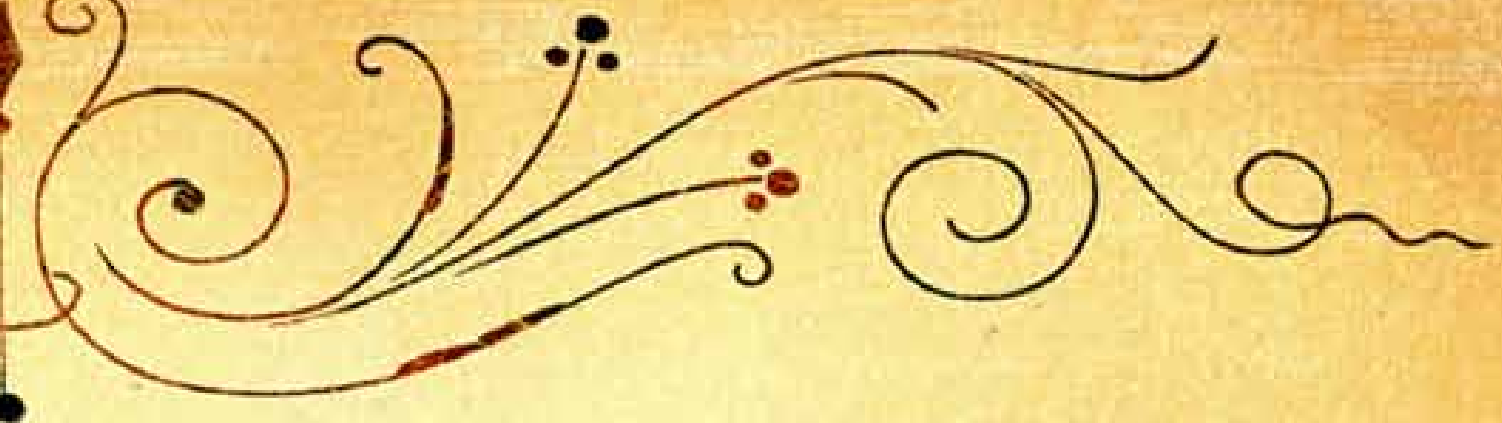
- An IGRA Royalty Logo was approved and will be distributed to all associations.
- The 2013 IGRA Finals Rodeo will also be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.
- Contracts were approved with Bad Burro Embroidery to provide embroidery services and with Osa Graphics to provide screen printing services.
- An agreement will be signed with Sheplers as "exclusive western wear" sponsor for the three (3) remaining 2012 IGRA events (Finals Rodeo, Royalty Competition, and Annual Convention).
- A sponsorship contract has been signed with Bud Light for the three (3) remaining IGRA events in 2012.

Ty Teigen and Frank Harrell have been selected as Grand Marshals for the 2012 IGRA Finals Rodeo.

In our July 22, 2012 Membership Meeting, voting will be conducted to elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the 2012 IGRA Annual Convention. Ron Trusley, AGRA Trustee, and Michael Weidmann, AGRA President, are automatically Delegates. Four additional Delegates and five Alternate Delegates will be elected. In alphabetical order by last name, nominees are:

Michael Chavez	John King
Jai Crystal	Kevin McSweeny (Pussy LeHoot)
David Holmes	Patrick Roe
Doug Holmes	Joshua Sipe
George Immerso	Carl Thompson
Dan Iversen	Miguel Vital
Vanessa Jimenez	

Also, in the July 22 meeting, nominations will be accepted for the IGRA Directors' and



**Trustees' Awards. In the August Membership Meeting, nominations will be accepted for the Appreciation Award, and voting will take place in the same meeting.**

**Dates to remember:**

**IGRA Finals Rodeo – October 19-21, 2012 – Fort Worth, Texas**

**IGRA Royalty Competition & Announcement of Winners – October 18-20, 2012 – Fort Worth, Texas**

**IGRA Annual Convention – November 9-11, 2012 – Las Vegas, Nevada**

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# **INTRODUCING VANESSA / PR**

Howdy y'all!

June has been a great month for AGRA! On June 7th, we paid a visit to Onenten, the youth were amazing and very excited to have us come talk to them about gay rodeo!

We ended the month with a great showing at the annual Jello wrestling event at Charlies! Team AGRA did an amazing job raising money for Southwest Center for AIDS! Special thank you to Richard Josef Myers for all his hard work to get Team AGRA ready!

Finally don't forget be at the July 22nd membership meeting as we will be voting on proposed changes to the AGRA Bylaws regarding the Royalty Competition!

See you in July!  
Vanessa Renee  
Public Relations Director





# FUNDRAISING WITH PUSSY

Hello Members,

Not much to report at this time since the June meeting, just getting geared up for “Grand Ol’ Opry”. This is always such a fun event. I remember attending my first one in 1993 when I was a contestant for Miss AGRA. We were planning a lot for this night. ( see ad in this Issue) and I can sure use some help, if you can spare a couple of hours please let me know. Hope to see you all there and have a happy 4th!

Pussy LeHoot Kevin McSweeny  
Fundraising Director 2012



# MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
		AGRA Grand Ol' Opry	July 7, 2012 (date change)	
July 18, 2012	July 22, 2012	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 13-15, 2012	
		Rodeo Fest 2012 (Detroit, MI)	July 27-29, 2012	July 27, 2012
August 8, 2012	August 12, 2012	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 3-5, 2012	
		Windy City Rodeo (Chicago, IL)	August 24-26, 2012 (cancelled)	
		Show-Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	August 31-September 2, 2012	
September 5, 2012	September 9, 2012	AGRA Beach Party	September 1, 2012	
		Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco, CA)	September 14-16, 2012	
		Sedona Pride on the Rocks (Sedona, AZ)	September 15, 2012	
October 10, 2012	October 14, 2012	26th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo (Fort Worth)	October 19-21, 2012	
		27th Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Ft Worth)	October 19-21, 2012	
		Tucson Pride	October 14, 2012	
November 14, 2012	November 18, 2012	28th Annual IGRA Convention (Las Vegas)	November 8-11, 2012	November 8, 2012
December 5, 2012	December 9, 2012	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 9, 2012	
January 3, 2013	January 6, 2013	IGRA University (St Louis)	January 11-13, 2013	
		Super Bowl Sunday (New Orleans, LA)	February 3, 2013	
February 6, 2013	February 10, 2013	Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light	February 8, 2013	
		Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 13, 2013	
		28th Anniversary Road Runner Regional Rodeo *	February 15-17, 2013	
		* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2		
Board Meetings - 7 pm - Charlie's Offices				
Membership Meetings - 4 pm - Charlie's bar - except December meeting will be at 7:00 pm				





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SATURDAY, JULY 7TH**

**9:30PM**

**Miss AGRA 2012 - Trixie Deluxe**

**Claudia B.**

**Patrick Lose**

**Gary Rushton**

**- Hosted by Pussy LeHoot -**



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