

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Hello,

I hope everyone is enjoyed the Labor weekend. Please join us for our annual AGRA Labor Beach Party this Saturday @ 9:30pm on Charlie's Patio. We will be accepting nominations this month for our Trustee's position at our membership meeting this month. I am happy to announce our contract has been signed for our host hotel The Phoenix Place. All hotel information will be on website shortly. Thank you to Ron Trusley for your help and assistance with that. I hope to see you all Saturday and then again the following Sunday for our Membership meeting. That's all for now.

**Michael Weidmann**  
AGRA President

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Next Newsletter Deadline:  
September 25th 2012

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# THANKS PATRICK!

Secretary's Report:

As of this report, AGRA has 112 members, with seven Champion Members.

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

<b>Thom Butler</b>	<b>September 1st</b>
<b>Claire Miller</b>	<b>September 5th</b>
<b>Clayton McKee</b>	<b>September 7th</b>
<b>Caleb Schaefer</b>	<b>September 9th</b>
<b>Hot Lips Jr</b>	<b>September 10th</b>
<b>Pat O</b>	<b>September 11th</b>
<b>Dan Iversen</b>	<b>September 12th</b>
<b>Kevin McSweeney</b>	<b>September 12th</b>
<b>Gunner Gatlyn</b>	<b>September 13th</b>
<b>Bradley Setter</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>Javier</b>	<b>September 19th</b>
<b>Steven Coochyamptewa</b>	<b>September 25th</b>
<b>Arnie Chavez</b>	<b>September 30th</b>
<b>Dave Foster</b>	<b>September 30th</b>

Sincerely,

Patrick Roe  
AGRA Secretary





# **TRUSTEE**

## **Trustee's Report**

**I want to remind everyone that registration fees for the 2013 IGRA University which will be January 11-13 in St Louis are on a graduating scale depending on the date of registration. From June 1 through August 31, registration fee is \$80.00; from September 1 through November 30, the fee is \$100.00; and from December 1 through December 31, the fee is \$125.00. Registration ends at midnight on December 31, 2012. So, I encourage everyone to complete and submit their registration early!**

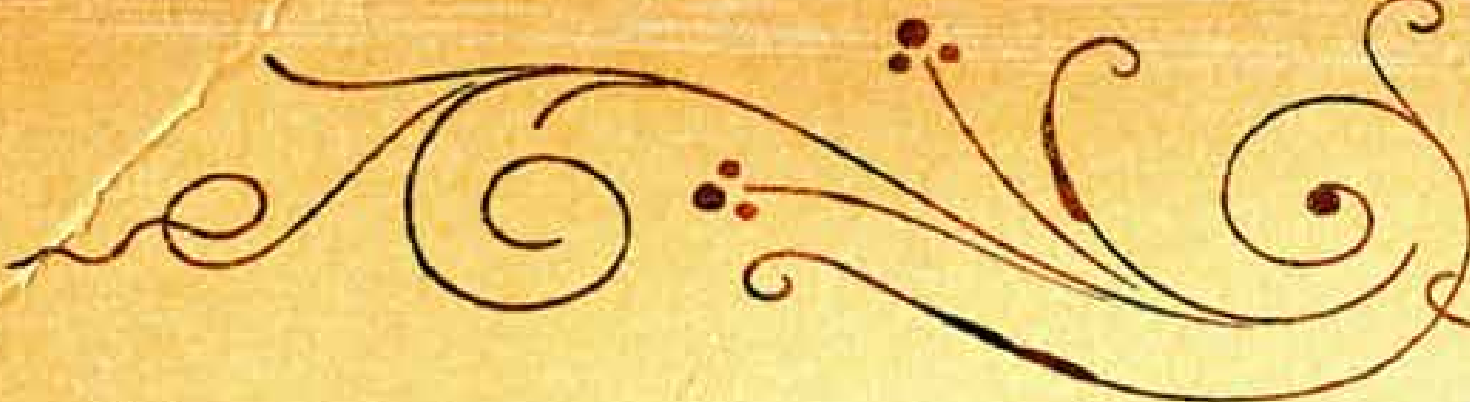
**In the August 12 membership meeting, members voted to sponsor the Jr Bull Riding Buckles and Medals for the 2012 World Gay Rodeo Finals that will be this October in Fort Worth, Texas.**

**Recently I was notified that the Smoky Mountain Rodeo Association (SMRA) will dissolve effective December 31, 2012.**

**Per AGRA Bylaws, nominations for Rodeo Grand Marshal and Program Dedication are to be accepted in the August and September membership meetings. Then the Rodeo Committee will select the recipients from these nominations. In the August 12 membership meeting John King was nominated for Grand Marshal. In the September 9 membership meeting, nominations will be accepted for 2013 Rodeo Grand Marshal and Program Dedication.**

**Also, AGRA Bylaws state:**

**Nominations for the IGRA Trustee shall be received at each membership meeting in September and October of the year in which the current Trustee's term of office expires. Election of the Trustee shall be held in November of the year prior to the Trustee's term**

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**of office expiration. Voting shall be by members present at the November membership meeting. My current term expires December 31, 2012, so nominations will be accepted in the September and October membership meetings, and voting will take place in the November membership meeting.**

**I have sent names of nominees for the Appreciation Award that were received and approved in the August 12 membership meeting to the IGRA Secretary.**

**As always, please contact me at any time if you have questions or if you need information that I might be able to provide.**

**Ron Trusley  
AGRA Trustee**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

July: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$3,021.34
Checking	\$3,021.34
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$810.01
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,549.40)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$70	Bank & Credit Card Exp 131.95
Anvil Jello Shots \$152	Office \$186.04
Grand Ol Opry \$866	
AGRA Fundraiser \$40	
Aug: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$894.54
Checking	\$894.54
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$2,126.80)
Rodeo	(\$600.00)
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$600.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Sponsorship \$7500	Arena Deposit \$7500
	Sanction Fee \$600
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$35	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
Anvil Jello Shots \$222	Credit Card Machine \$546.50
	Membership \$96.28
	Sponsorship \$600
	Annual Dues \$600
	Beach Party \$200
	Office Expense \$213.07

# MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE			
BOARD MTG	MBRSHIP MTG	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES
03/07/12	03/11/12	Texas Tradition Rodeo (Fort Worth, TX)	March 2-4, 2012
		AGRA St Patio O Day	March 17, 2012
04/04/12	04/01/12	Saguaro Cup	April 13-15, 2012
		Sunshine Stampede (Ft Lauderdale, FL)	April 20-22, 2012
		Phoenix Pride 2012	April 21-22, 2012
05/09/12	05/13/12	Hot Rodeo 2012 (Palm Springs, CA)	May 4-6, 2012
		AGRA Chili Verde Day	May 5, 2012
		Big Horn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	May 11-13, 2012
		Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 25-27, 2012
06/06/12	06/10/12	Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	June 8-10, 2012 (cancelled)
		Pride in the Pines (Flagstaff, AZ)	June 16, 2012
		Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) *	June 29-July 1, 2012
		AGRA Grand Ol' Opry	July 7, 2012 (date change)
07/18/12	07/22/12	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 13-15, 2012
		Rodeo Fest 2012 (Detroit, MI)	July 27-29, 2012
08/08/12	08/12/12	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
09/05/12	09/09/12	AGRA Beach Party	September 1, 2012
		Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco, CA)	September 14-16, 2012
		Sedona/Verde Valley Pride (Cottonwood)	September 29, 2012 (changes)
10/10/12	10/14/12	Rainbows Festival (Phoenix)	October 6-7, 2012
		Tucson Pride	October 13, 2012 (date change)
		26th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo (Fort Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
		27th Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Ft Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
11/14/12	11/18/12	28th Annual IGRA Convention (Las Vegas)	November 8-11, 2012
12/05/12	12/09/12	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 9, 2012
01/02/13	01/06/13	IGRA University (St Louis)	January 11-13, 2013
		Super Bowl Sunday (New Orleans, LA)	February 3, 2013
02/06/13	02/10/13	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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