

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo.

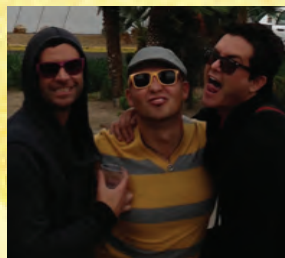


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December 2012 Edition  
Next Newsletter Deadline:  
January 25th 2013

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I want to send out a very special thank you to all of our delegates and alternates that represented AGRA at the 2012 convention in Las Vegas. What a fun time we had by all. Congratulations, to Gino Meriano and his entire staff, Bob Pimentel and Clem Clark their hard work

at dedication to our website launched them to 1st place at convention!! That's truly amazing! I cannot thank you guys enough for all that you did 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 \$500.00 for AGRA!!! If you missed out Walt will be having another bake sale Saturday, December 22nd at our AGRA patio show at Charlie's starting @ 9:30pm . Don't miss it because we sold out!!!

We will continue to accept nominations for the Board of Directors positions at the



December 9th membership meeting at 7pm at Charlie's. Please be safe and have a very safe holiday season!!

Charlie's will be kicking off our Country IDOL for 2013 on Tuesday December 11th, 2012 starting at 8pm. If you think you have the vocal chops to compete come on down! There will be a \$200 cash prize given to the winner! Hope to see you all there cheering on all the great singers!

Michael Weidmann  
AGRA President





# THANKS PATRICK!

As of this report AGRA has 118 members, including seven Champion Members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to all the AGRA members with birthdays in the month of December:

December 1	Buster
December 4	Rick Manucy
December 6	Bob Pimentel
December 16	Lorenzo Dell Aquila
December 16	Jon Stetson
December 19	George Gamez
December 24	Patrick Roe
December 25	Charlie G
December 26	Frankie
December 27	Gary Hatterman
December 28	Capri Mayor
December 29	Richard Myers
December 31	Jason Lattimore

I'd also like to encourage members to dig deep in their collection of AGRA and other gay rodeo memorabilia. There is a fantastic effort going on right now to catalog pieces of memorabilia from rodeos past. For an idea of this effort, please take a look at the website: <http://gayrodeohistory.org/>. If you have anything: buckles, posters, flags, pins, programs, news articles, etc. from old rodeos that you think would make a contribution to telling our history, please contact me. We are not looking for donations of material, necessarily, but a loan, or even a picture/scan of historical material would be great to have. Together, we can preserve the history of gay rodeo.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe  
AGRA Secretary



# TRUSTEE

## Trustee's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and that you were able to spend time with family and/or special friends. Also, I want to take time to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I know when you read this it will still be December 2012, but you will not see another issue of the Branding Iron till 2013.

Another successful and fun IGRA Annual Convention has come and gone. The 2012 Convention was November 9-11 at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas, Nevada. AGRA had a full delegation with 6 Delegates and 5 Alternate Delegates. Each of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates participated in committee meetings on Friday and on the convention floor Saturday and Sunday. They represented AGRA very well, and I want to commend each of them for their participation and a job well done! Thank you all very much!

A few highlights from convention include:

Ed Barry from ILGRA was elected as IGRA President.

David Hill from CGRA was re-elected as IGRA Treasurer.

Both positions are for a 2-year term beginning January 2013.

The 2013 convention will be at the Hilton Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego, and the 2014 convention will at the Red Lion Hotel in Denver.

There are not a lot of major changes in rodeo rules for 2013, but I want to list a couple of them. Restricted Rodeo is changed to Limited Rodeo and the process to identify a rodeo as "limited" is clarified. The Junior Bull Riding Event is changed to Steer Riding. However, the rule is clear that cows/heifers/junior bulls may be used in place of steers.

In the post-convention Trustees' Meeting on Sunday evening, the Trustees' Chairperson and Division Vice-Chairpersons were elected as follows:



**Trustees' Chairperson - Ray Ostmann from GWGRA (also Division III)**

**Division I Trustees' Vice-Chairperson - Scotty Shadix from GSGRA**

**Division II Trustees' Vice-Chairperson - Kelly Peebles from NMGRA**


**Division IV Trustees' Vice-Chairperson - Peter Calabrese from CC-GRA**

**David Hill was appointed as the IGRA Rodeo Auditor.**

**Although, it was not necessary to request a variance to use Junior Bulls instead of Riding Steers in the 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo, I requested a variance which was approved with no objection. NMGRA and MGRA also requested variances for the same thing.**

**The registration fee for the 2013 IGRA University has increased to \$125.00 effective December 1, 2012. If you will attend, please go to the IGRA website ([www.igra.com](http://www.igra.com)) and complete your registration now; you do not have to pay until you arrive at university. And, remember, the IGRA Dance Competition will also be held in conjunction with university.**


**I want to thank everyone who helped with the November 18 AGRA bake sale. It was another successful event and lots of fun. A special thank you goes out to Walt Hutter for doing all of the shopping, planning, set-up and directing all of the "helpers". Look for photos on Facebook and in the AGRA display case at Charlie's. Thanks to Chris, Harold, Jai, Gary, Joshua (Claudia B) who helped getting everything prepared on Saturday and also to Gary for helping transport everything to Charlie's on Sunday. Thanks to the following people who helped with the selling on Sunday: Michael Weidmann, Michael Chavez, John Hensley (AGRA member from Tucson), Gary and Jai. And, I also want to thank Marcos (Trixie DeLuxe) and Michael Chavez for selling "turkey raffle tickets". If I missed listing names of anyone else who helped, I apologize. But, thank you sincerely for your help. Now, watch your emails from information about the next bake**



**sale scheduled for Saturday-December 22, 2012. We will also be selling raffle tickets for honey-baked hams!**

**Thank you for your confidence in electing me as AGRA Trustee for another 3-year term beginning January 2013. I promise you that I will continue to represent AGRA as best I can and I will continue to give you all relevant information from IGRA Board and Trustees' Meetings. If you ever have questions about IGRA or any of its' activities, please let me know. And, if you ever have concerns about IGRA, just let me know. I will do everything I can to answer your questions and/or to address your concerns.**

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

October: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$860.54
Checking	\$860.54
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$2,574.34)
Rodeo	(\$200.00)
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$800.00)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
	Poster Winner \$200
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$130.74
	IGRA Convention \$1100
	Membership Exp \$41.86
	Awards \$224.64
	Promo Items \$883.00
	Office Expense \$194.10
November: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$5,776.09
Checking	\$5,776.09
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,043.55
Rodeo	\$372.00
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$428.00)
Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
RV Spaces \$200	Promotion \$500
Vendor Booths \$670	
Misc Donation \$2	
Non-Rodeo	
<b>Income:</b>	<b>Expenses:</b>
Membership Dues \$65	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
Patio Shows \$960	Awards \$42
Turkey Raffle \$100	Bake Sale \$500
Bake Sale \$659	Turkeys \$40
Jello \$233	Office Expense \$187.68
Royalty \$924.18	

# 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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