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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Happy New Year!!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with close friends and loved ones!

It's 2013 and it's time to kick off this years rodeo season!

We have one month to go and I must say the enthusiasm for this years rodeo is astounding!!

I want to say thanks again to Walt Hutter, and his amazing baked goods!! We raised over \$1100.00 during our AGRA Christmas bake sale, with Walt's baked goods and ham raffle. Thank you to all of the bakers that helped! Michael Chavez, Ron Trusley, Kevin McSweeny, Todd Wycoff, Timothy McDowell. It takes a huge team to pull off such a great bake sale! Thanks Again!!

We have our elections for BOD this month at our monthly membership meeting on January 6th 2012 I hope to see you all there to cast your vote!!

Congratulations to Patrick Lose for winning our first prelim to Country Idol, Patrick beat out 6 other contestants to win Charlie's Country Idol prelim. **GOOD LUCK AT THE FINALS RODEO WEEKEND!**

Please Check out the attached Country Idol Poster to support or Participate in Country Idol 2013!

Please Check out the AGRA BOARD at Charlie's we have posted party bus Schedules and ticket sales are available for \$40. With that you will receive a Party Bus ride to and from

the rodeo, entry to the rodeo, \$10 in drink tickets, a Free 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo T-Shirt and all kinds of party swag from SWAY events and Smirnoff Vodka! There are only 100 tickets each day Saturday and Sunday. There will be 2 bus times 11 am and PM. If you have any questions please contact Michael Weidmann @ 602-885-9565 or email m.weidmann@cox.net.

Happy New Year!
CHEERS to 2013

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President







THANKS PATRICK!

Secretary's Report:

As of this report AGRA has 122 members, including eight Champion Members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to all the AGRA members with birthdays in the month of January:

January 5 Jai Crystal
January 9 Vaquero Mexicano
January 13 Mako
January 22 Joshua Sipe aka Claudia B
January 23 Daniel Garcia-Carrillo
January 27 Carl

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe
AGRA Secretary





TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

First, I want to say that I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I wish the very best for each person in 2013!

I want to shout out a great big thank you to all of the wonderful people who helped in any way with the December 22, 2012 bake sale and raffle ticket sales for the honey-baked hams. Walt Hutter did a tremendous job with advance planning, shopping, and having everything ready for the final preparations on Friday-December 21. Then he kept all of us "in line" performing multiple tasks simultaneously. Thanks to Michael Weidmann, Michael Chavez, Todd Wychoff, Tim, and Kevin McSweeny (aka Pussy LeHoot) who spent several hours on Friday helping with baking, decorating, and dish-washing. Also, thanks to Patrick Roe, Scott Swagerty, Richard Merritt, and Jai Crystal who helped with selling the baked goods and raffle tickets on Saturday.

Well, the new IGRA year began on January 1, 2013. Remember, the Arizona Gay Rodeo is the first rodeo of the year. Hopefully, we are all spreading the word about our rodeo and our return to Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds.

Actually, I have very little to report this month. Soon, I will make available the IGRA rodeo/event schedule for 2013.

Be sure you check your email and/or mail for notice of the AGRA Annual Meeting and Banquet. Information should be available very soon.


Ron Trusley
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Party Buses Part of Arizona's Gay Rodeo

The AGRA has made it easier than ever to attend this year's Arizona Gay Rodeo. There will be party buses leaving Charlie's for the Rodeo at 11:00am & 2:00pm and they will return at 6:00pm & 7:00pm. In addition, a continuous 12 passenger shuttle will start at 9:00am and operate until 10:30pm. The Rodeo grounds are now serviced by Metro bus and the parking spaces at the Rodeo grounds have doubled in the last ten years.

The party buses are AGRA's best deal – a \$65 value for a \$40 a ticket you can buy online or behind the main bar at Charlie's. For complete details on the buses or the Rodeo shuttle schedule go to www.agra-phx.com or email m.weidmann@cox.net.

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2013 Rodeo Shuttle Schedule

February 15, 16 & 17

<u>Leave Times</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
9:00am	-	Charlie's	Charlie's
9:10am	-	Hotel	Hotel
9:35am	-	Rodeo	Rodeo
10:00am	-	Charlie's	Charlie's
10:10am	-	Hotel	Hotel
10:35am	-	Rodeo	Rodeo
11:00am	-	Charlie's	Charlie's
11:10am	-	Hotel	Hotel
11:35am	-	Rodeo	Rodeo
12:00pm	-	Charlie's	Charlie's
12:10pm	-	Hotel	Hotel
12:35pm	-	Rodeo	Rodeo
1:00pm	-	Charlie's	Charlie's
1:10pm	-	Hotel	Hotel
1:35pm	-	Rodeo	Rodeo

**** 3 Hour Break ****

<u>Leave Times</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
5:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
5:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
5:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo
6:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
6:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
6:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo
7:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
7:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
7:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo
8:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
8:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
8:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo
9:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
9:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
9:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo
10:00pm	Charlie's	Charlie's	Charlie's
10:10pm	Hotel	Hotel	Hotel
10:35pm	Rodeo	Rodeo	Rodeo

Shuttle is complimentary - AGRA encourages gratuities

Charlie's - 727 W Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85013 - (602) 265-0224

Hotel - The Phoenix Place, 3600 N 2nd Ave. Phoenix, AZ - (602) 604-4900

Rodeo - Corona Rodeo Ranch, 29th Ave & Baseline, Laveen, AZ 85339

2013 Party Bus Schedule

February 15, 16 & 17

<u>Leave Times</u>	<u>Friday *</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
11:00am		Charlie's	Charlie's
11:10am		Hotel	Hotel
11:35am		Rodeo	Rodeo
2:00pm		Charlie's	Charlie's
2:10pm		Hotel	Hotel
2:35pm		Rodeo	Rodeo
3:00pm	Charlie's		
3:35pm	Rodeo		
6:00pm		Rodeo	Rodeo
6:25pm		Charlie's	Charlie's
6:35pm		Hotel	Hotel
7:00pm		Rodeo	Rodeo
7:25pm		Charlie's	Charlie's
7:35pm		Hotel	Hotel
10:00pm,	Rodeo		
10:30pm	Charlie's		

**Party Bus Tickets are available online or at Charlie's main bar
\$40 includes round trip, Rodeo t-shirt, Rodeo admission & \$10 in drink tickets**

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*** (Friday Only) Private Sway Events Country Idol Bus**

TREASURER'S REPORT

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	
Income:	Expenses:
RV Spaces \$200	Promotion \$500
Vendor Booths \$670	
Misc Donation \$2	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
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	

December: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$6,600.25
Checking	\$6,600.25
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,854.57
Rodeo	(\$1,030.41)
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	(\$1,458.41)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
RV Spaces \$200	Drink Tickets \$280.41
Vendor Booths \$600	Buckle Deposit \$1600
Advanced Ticket Sales \$50	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$225	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$133.95
Patio Shows \$927	Fundraising Expense \$235.47
Ham Raffle \$520	Office Expense \$13.01
Bake Sale \$565	

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

AGRA's Golden Girls



"Golden Girls" to be Grand Marshalls at the Arizona Gay Rodeo

Dan, Jay and Richard met through the Lamda Car Club when they provided grand entry convertibles for early Arizona Gay Rodeos. Later, Gary joined the "Gang of 4" as AGRA Rodeo volunteers. They took over the AGRA Booth operations 7 years ago and it has become a consistent source of fun, profit and pride each year since. But the membership soon noticed their resemblance to the "Golden Girls".

There is no agreement on which one is Blanch, Rose, Dorothy and Sophia (they keep switching their roles) but everyone agrees that they well deserve to be this year's Grand Marshalls. Congratulations – one and all.

Richard Merritt – rodeo volunteer for years – finally joined AGRA in 2006, oversaw the AGRA rodeo booth for seven years.

Jay Lovejoy – 17 year rodeo volunteer, AGRA board member and treasurer for many years, IGRA Finals Treasurer – twice and, responsible for the "Lovejoy Method" to allocate rodeo profits.

Gary Hatterman – AGRA board member, special events director and two term president.

Dan Iverson – AGRA founding member, board member as PR & Fundraising, vice president and president, member of the year, RRRR Grand Marshall – twice, rodeo contestant, RRRR Rodeo Director, IGRA Board Director, IGRA Trustee and recipient of the IGRA President's Award.

Arizona Gay Rodeo February 15-17, 2013

Calling all singers!

COUNTRY IDOL 2013

The Country-inspired sing-off
sensation returns



COUNTRY IDOL GRAND PRIZE
The 2013 Country Idol winner will receive this special edition Bud Light guitar, signed by the 2012 KMLE Country 8 Man Jam performers: Kix Brooks, Josh Turner, Billy Currington, Clay Walker, Lee Brice, Montgomery Gentry, Miss Willie Brown, and Chris Cagle



Preliminaries


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| Charlie's
Tuesday, December 11th, 8pm | Kobalt
Sunday, January 20th, 9pm |
| Bunkhouse
Wednesday, January 2nd, 9pm | Friends
Monday, January 21st, 9:30pm |
| BS West
Sunday, January 13th, 9pm | Ice Pics
Wednesday, January 23rd, 9pm |
| The Rock
Monday, January 14th, 9pm | Rainbow Cactus
Friday, January 25th, 9pm |
| Plazma
Thursday, January 17th, 9pm | Cash Inn
Sunday, February 10, 9pm |
| Apollo's
Friday, January 18th, 9pm | Additional dates are still being added.
Check swayevents.com/country-idol for chances to compete! |

Country Idol Finale February 15 & 16, 8pm

Corona Ranch, Laveen, AZ

Compete at your favorite bar for your chance at fame & fabulous prizes!
Visit swayevents.com for audition locations, complete rules, and information





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