

# THE BRANDING IRON

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



### ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone has recovered a little bit since the 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo. There is new excitement coming this year, we have a great royalty team that is already raising money for AGRA and different charities. I want to give a huge thanks to Pussy LeHoot for putting on a great fundraiser last month over St. Patio Days! They raised over \$800!!

Final bills from the 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo are being paid. I expect the books to be closed by the 1st of May. Now looking forward to this year! The Board of Directors are looking for Committee Chairs for the following positions:

Contestant Liaison, Membership Coordinator, Rodeo Director, Election Committee, and Audit Committee.

Requests for these positions need to be in the hands of the Board of Directors by April 6th. If you are interested in getting more involved with AGRA and getting your hands a bit dirty, WE WELCOME YOU!!

Have a great Pride Weekend and hopefully we will see you out there. If any members is interested in riding on Charlie's float meet at Charlie's parking lot @ 9am and contact Todd Wycoff for details. (248)259-1920.

Be Safe and Have Fun!!

Michael Weidman  
AGRA President



# THANKS PATRICK!

Dear AGRA Members:

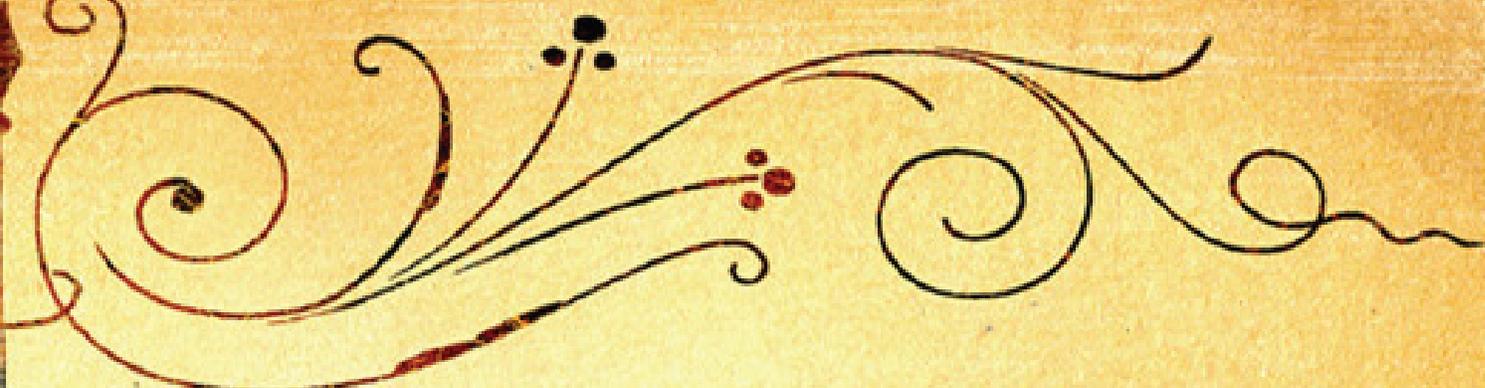
I'm pleased to announce we are already 67 members strong in this new membership year. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following April babies:

<b>Bob Hitchcock</b>	<b>April 4th</b>
<b>Miguel Vital</b>	<b>April 4th</b>
<b>Adam Johnson</b>	<b>April 16th</b>
<b>Peachy</b>	<b>April 16th</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe  
AGRA Secretary





## TRUSTEE

The entire month of March at the Burton Barr Phoenix Public Library was a celebration of AGRA, gay rodeo, and gay rodeo history as part of the “Out West Series”. I was fortunate to be able to participate in all of the events. The first Friday featured the premier exhibit of AGRA history; however, space limitations only allowed to have a very small part of our archives exhibited. There were different presentations on four different Thursdays. This proved to be a very uplifting, emotional, and rewarding experience.

I want to personally thank the following people for their help and dedication in making these events a reality – history-making events in the city of Phoenix, Arizona:

Brian Helander, John King, Dan Iversen, Claire Miller, Chuck Browning, and Tim Dougherty

Also, I want thank all AGRA members who visited the exhibit or attended the AGRA panel presentation on the first Saturday or attended any of the Thursday events.

As we have entered into a new AGRA rodeo year, I trust we have all rested up from the 2013 rodeo, and have now put on our “work gloves” and are ready to face new challenges, while knowing we can and will overcome all obstacles. Let’s remember the words on the cover page of the Annual Corporation Meeting:

1985 – 2012  
Strong and Secure – Looking Forward to a Great “2013”

With a strong determination from all members, we will have a “great 2013”!

I want to remind everyone that per AGRA Bylaws, nominations for IGRA Annual Convention Delegates will be accepted in the May and June membership meetings. Voting will take place by members present at the July membership meeting. The 2013 convention will be in San Diego, California.

Our 2013 royalty are showing lots of enthusiasm, and they have said they plan to compete in the international competition. The dance group – “Heatwave” is also planning to compete in the international competition. Let’s encourage these people and lend our support whenever possible.

Ron Trusley  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

February: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$14,396.43
Checking	\$14,396.43
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$1,940.54)
Rodeo	\$12,948.51
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	\$8,361.86
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Contestant Fees \$16577	Promotion \$4735
Stalls \$300	Equipment \$14511.42
Hat Fines \$25	Contestant Prize Money \$11528
Feed and Shavings \$55	Bar \$4538.75
AGRA Booth \$1519	Arena \$36469.58
Ticket Sales \$37478	Officials Travel \$3278.30
Vendor Booth \$800	Ribbons \$781.50
Sponsorships \$9750	Stalls \$5280
Bar \$44203.19	Booth \$4013.11
Contestant Trailer \$195	Administration \$468.01
Mini Rodeo \$146	Entertainment \$6081.76
Rodeo School \$975	IGRA \$2552.46
Donations \$20	Rodeo School \$500
	Refreshments \$200
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$761	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$305.20
Fundraisers \$270.62	General Expenses \$2608.97
Annual Banquet \$175	AGRA Office \$232.99
March: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$10,036.62
Checking	\$10,036.62
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,688.74
Rodeo	(\$5,959.55)
Year to Date 2013 Rodeo Net Income	\$2,402.31
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Promo Items \$205	Equipment \$51.15
Fix Sponsorship from Bud Light-\$500	Officials \$3811.40
Bar Crawl \$1045	Bar Crawl \$1236
	IGRA \$1906
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$720	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$427.26
Fundraisers \$1396	General Expenses \$198.24



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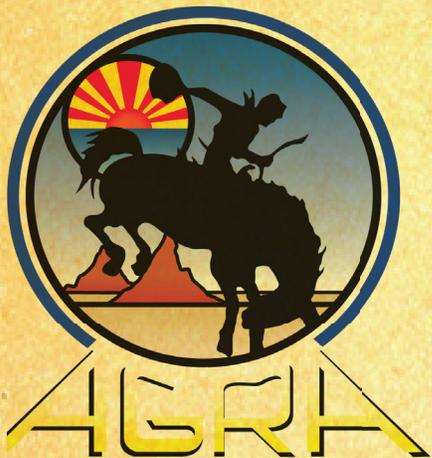
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