

THE BRANDING IRON

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY



**ARIZONA GAY
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

Dear AGRA Members:

I'm happy to report our organization currently has 82 members, including seven champion members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following AGRA members born in September:

September 3rd	Chris
September 9th	Dan Iversen
September 12th	Pussy Lehoot
September 22nd	Claudia B
September 30th	Arnie Chavez

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I'm also excited to report we have several other organizations who are planning on participating at the community yard sale on October 4th. The yard sale begins at 8:00 AM and we anticipate a good turnout. Walt Hutter, our 2014 Rodeo Grand Marshal has come up with some delicious ideas for food that we will be selling as well, so when you come, come hungry.

In order to make sure we have plenty to sell, we're asking members to look around their houses for items they'd be willing to donate. Please keep us in mind if you see any clothing, DVDs, furniture, toys, etc. that you may not want anymore. John King has generously donated space in the Charlie's garage for us to store donations from members who may not necessarily be able to drop off the day of the sale. As soon as we have a system in place to receive and store those items, I will let you all know.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe



TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

There has been one change in the Alternate Delegate list for the 2014 IGRA Annual Convention. Unfortunately Patrick Roe is unable to attend, so Joshua Sipe was moved into that position. Now the Delegates and Alternate Delegates are:

Delegates

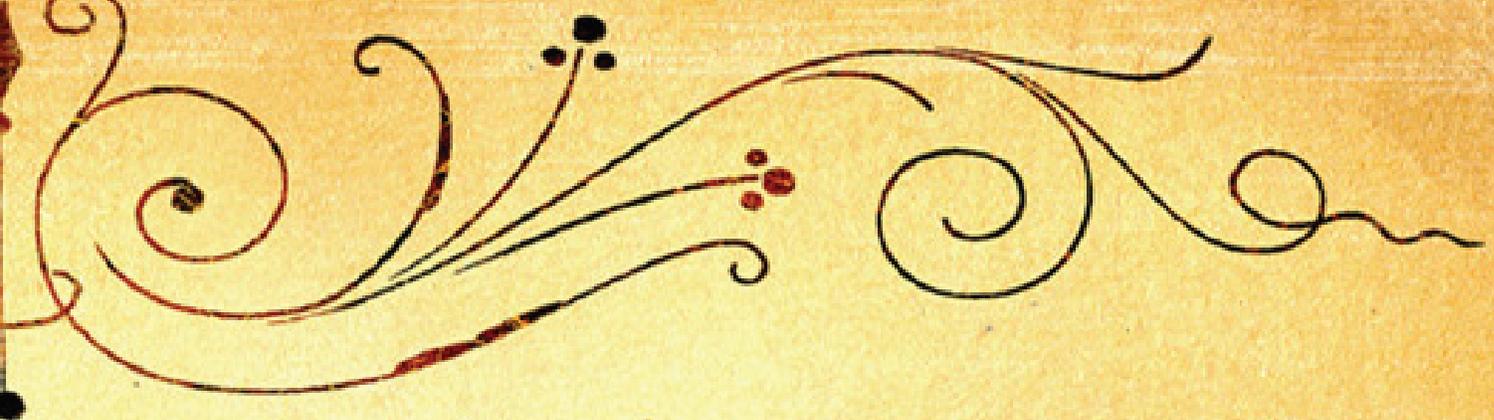
Bob Hitchcock
Jai Crystal
John King
Marcos Sandoval

Alternate Delegates

Dan Iversen
Todd Wyckoff
Bob Pimentel
Michael Chavez
Joshua Sipe

And, in accordance with AGRA Bylaws, Ron Trusley-Trustee and Michael Weidmann-President are also delegates. All delegates and alternate delegates should plan to arrive early enough to participate in committee meetings on Friday. Then the convention business sessions are Saturday and Sunday. Delegates and alternate delegates will be assigned to specific committee meetings so AGRA is represented in all meetings. If you are a delegate or alternate delegate and are unable to attend convention for any reason, please let me know as soon as possible.

The 2014 IGRA Annual Convention will be November 14-16 in Denver, Colorado. An early arrivals cocktail party is scheduled for Wednesday-November 12; early delegate registration and delegate cocktail party are scheduled for Thursday-November 13. The host hotel is the Doubletree Denver Stapleton North at 4040 Quebec Street with a room rate of \$86.00 plus tax per night. This rate includes a free breakfast for two people per room. The room rate is available till November 1 or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first. More information is available on the CGRA website at www.cgra.us. If you are planning to go to convention, I encourage you to make hotel reservations now.



In the August 17 membership meeting, the following were approved to receive the IGRA Appreciation Award:

Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona

Hensley Beverage Company

Janelle Jorgensen, Marketing Manager, Hensley Beverage Company

Also in the August 17 membership meeting, nominations were received for the 2015 Rodeo Grand Marshal and Program Dedication. Nominations will again be received in the September 14 membership meeting, and then the rodeo committee will vote on the recipients. Nominations received are:

Grand Marshal

John King & Dan Iversen (co-grand marshals)

Sharon Starks

Bob Hitchcock

Program Dedication

Morrie Carter aka Miss Ebony

AGRA members who placed in the top 8 at the Zia Regional Rodeo are:

Zia Regional Rodeo – Santa Fe, NM

Greg Begay

Calf Roping on Foot	1 st place Saturday		
Break-Away Roping	1 st place Saturday	3 rd place Sunday	
Pole Bending	1 st place Saturday	2 nd place Sunday	
Team Roping	1 st place Saturday	1 st place Sunday	Buckle
Team Roping		4 th place Sunday	
Steer Decorating	3 rd place Saturday		
Wild Drag Race	2 nd place Saturday	2 nd place Sunday	
Goat Dressing	2 nd place Saturday	7 th place Sunday	
All-Around Cowboy			

Sean Mills

Calf Roping on Foot		6 th place Sunday	
Break-Away Roping	3 rd place Saturday	1 st place Sunday	Buckle
Wild Drag Race		1 st place Sunday	

Keenan Allen

Barrel Racing	8 th place Saturday	2 nd place Sunday	
Flag Race	4 th place Saturday	3 rd place Sunday	
Wild Drag Race	7 th place Saturday	1 st place Sunday	

Joey Hervey

Pole Bending		6 th place Sunday	
Flag Race		5 th place Sunday	

Sixty-seven contestants competed in the Zia Regional Rodeo with 4 of them AGRA members.
Total AGRA team points – 905.

No AGRA contestants competed in the Gay Games 9 Rodeo. A total of 98 contestants competed.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello AGRA -

At the beginning of August, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio hosted Gay Game 09 and IGRA Gay Games 2014 was part of it! Here are some pictures for the event. Congrats to everyone that participated!

View full photo album at <http://bit.ly/2014gaygames>

Thank you,

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