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AGRA Vice President's Notes

Hello AGRA Members!

Congratulations to Bob Pimentell on being appointed our 2016 Rodeo Director! Thank you Bob for your hard work and dedication to AGRA . I know you will make it another successful Rodeo!

We have a lot of fundraisers that happen throughout the year leading up to Rodeo in February. Please email me your contact info if you are interested in helping prepare or work at these fundraisers.

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We are getting into the busy time of year with many IGRA Rodeos. After Rodeo-in-the Rock, Hot Rodeo 2015 will be in Palm Springs, California May 1-3, and then Bighorn Rodeo will be in Las Vegas May 8-10, 2015. The next rodeo will be the Great Plains Rodeo in Oklahoma City May 22-24.

IGRA Standing Rules state that “Nominations for all awards that will be determined by the Directors and/or Trustees must be received no later than the third regularly scheduled Board and/or Trustees meeting of the rodeo year. Nominations for the Appreciation Award must also be received no later than the third regularly scheduled Board and/or Trustees meeting of the rodeo year.” The third meeting will be September 4 in Kansas City. **So I will be asking for nominations in the July 19 AGRA Membership Meeting. In the same meeting, I will ask that we vote for recipients of the Appreciation Award. The Appreciation Award is for any non-members of AGRA, and IGRA will pay for no more than two (2) awards per association. AGRA gave 2014 Appreciation Awards to Hensley Beverage Company, Janelle Jorgensen, and the Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona. Please be thinking of anyone you would like to nominate for any of the awards.**

In accordance with AGRA Bylaws, nominations for IGRA Convention Delegates will be accepted in the May and June membership meetings. Voting will take place in the July 19 membership meeting. AGRA is entitled to six (6) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates. The AGRA President and Trustee are automatically delegates. The four (4) people receiving the next highest number of votes will be delegates, and the next five (5) individuals receiving the highest number of votes will be alternate delegates. Convention will be in St Petersburg, Florida November 12-15. All delegates and alternate delegates should plan to arrive early enough to participate in committee meetings on Friday-November 13 and then in the convention business sessions on Saturday and Sunday-November 14 and 15. Convention will be in the Sirata Beach Resort hotel; however, I have no other details at this time.

I want to remind you that AGRA was drawn as an Entertainment Judge for the 2016 IGRA Royalty Competition. If you know you will attend the IGRA Convention and would be interested in serving as our judge, please let me know. I have to submit a judge's name no later than August 6, 2015.

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Dear members: AGRA currently has forty-five members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following May birthday boys and girls:

May 4th Luke

May 5th Matt

May 7th Jezzi Mighway

May 7th Tim Dougherty

May 8th Gaby

May 9th Michael Weidmann

May 15th TP

May 16th Edwin Ascencio

May 16th Carlos Garcia

May 18th Todd Wyckoff

May 26th PT

May 27th Logan

I'm also happy to report that I represented AGRA at the Arizona History Convention at Casino del Sol in Tucson on Saturday the 25th. My presentation was on the history of gay rodeo in Arizona and was part of a larger panel on cowboy culture in the state. It was my privilege to share a little bit about AGRA with the many people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe

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SATURDAY, MAY 2



**CHILI
VERDE
DAY!**

BENEFITING



MARIACHI LOS REBELDES

FEATURING JESUS OSUNA 9 TO 10PM

FOLLOWED BY

PUSSY LEHOOT'S PATIO SHOW

FEATURING PHAEDRA & RUBY REYNOLDS



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2015 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2015	March 15, 2015	AGRA St Patio O Day	March 14, 2015	
April 15, 2015	April 19, 2015	Sunshine Stampede (Ft Lauderdale/Davie, FL) (canceled)	April 10-12, 2015	
		Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival	April 11-12, 2015	
		Rodeo in the Rock (Little Rock, AR)	April 24-26, 2015	April 24, 2015
May 03, 2015	May 17, 2015	AGRA Chili Verde Day	May 2, 2015	
		Hot Rodeo 2015 (Palm Springs, CA)	May 1-3, 2015	
		A Texas Tradition Rodeo (Dallas, TX)	May 1-3, 2015	
		BigHorn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	May 8-10, 2015	
		Long Beach Pride	May 16-17, 2015	
		Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 22-24, 2015	
June 07, 2015	June 14, 2015	Albuquerque Pride (Albuquerque, NM)	June 13, 2015	
		LA Pride (Los Angeles, CA)	June 12-14, 2015	
		Bisbee Pride (Bisbee, AZ)	June 19, 2015	
		Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) *	June 26-28, 2015	
		AGRA Grand Ol Opry	June 27, 2015	
		Pride in the Pines (Flagstaff, AZ)	June 27, 2015	
July 19, 2015	July 19, 2015	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 10-12, 2015	
		San Diego Pride & Parade	July 17-19, 2015	
		North Star Regional Rodeo	July 24-26, 2015	
August 02, 2015	August 09, 2015	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 14-16, 2015	
September 13, 2015	September 13, 2015	AGRA Beach Party	September 7, 2015	
		Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	September 4-6, 2015	September 4, 2015
		Best Buck in the Bay (Duncan Mills, CA)	September 11-13, 2015	
		Las Vegas Pride (Las Vegas, NV)	September 18-19, 2015	
October 18, 2015	October 18, 2015	29th World Gay Rodeo Finals (Las Vegas, NV)	October 9-11, 2015	
		30th IGRA Annual Royalty Competition (Las Vegas, NV)	October 9-11, 2015	
		Tucson Pride (Tucson, AZ)	October 17, 2015	
		Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ)	October 17-18, 2015	
November 08, 2015	November 22, 2015	AGRA Thanksgiving Bake Sale	November 22, 2015	
		31st IGRA Annual Convention (St Petersburg, FL)	November 12-15, 2015	November 12, 2015
December 13, 2015	December 20, 2015	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's/Bake Sale	December 20, 2015	
January 05, 2016	January 10, 2016	IGRA University (Tucson, Arizona) *	January 15-17, 2015	
February 07, 2016	February 07, 2016	Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light	February 6, 2016 (Saturday)	
		Super Bowl 50 (Santa Clara, CA)	February 7, 2016	
		Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 10, 2016	
		31st Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo *	February 12-14, 2016	
		Rodeo Volunteer Party	February 20, 2016 (Friday)	
		AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 27, 2016 (Saturday)	
March 06, 2016	March 13, 2016			
Board Meetings - March & April 2015 - 7:00 pm - Charlie's Offices				
Board Meetings - May 2015-March 2016 - 12:00 pm (noon) - Charlie's Offices				
			* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2	
			Membership Meetings - 3 pm - Charlie's Dance Floor	