



# BRANDING IRON

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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## President's Report

### Words from the President

First, I want to thank you all for your support in electing me as AGRA President for 2016. I will do my very best to represent you and AGRA with the utmost respect and professionalism. I may not always fully agree with an individual member or with a group of individuals, but I will respect the final outcome and all decisions made by the board and/or membership. I encourage you to contact me at any time if you have suggestions for ways to make our organization better, if you have questions, or you just want to talk.

In the March 09, 2016 meeting the board appointed Richard Myers as Branding Iron Editor, and Richard will also be responsible for maintaining the AGRA facebook page.

Bob Hitchcock will be responsible for accepting orders for the official AGRA shirt; he will also be responsible for ordering the shirts. More information will be disseminated about this soon.

AGRA Bylaws state that by May 31 of each year, the board will appoint a Rodeo Director. **If you are interested in this position, please let me know by April 10.**

The board is also responsible for appointing a Membership Coordinator. **If you are interested in this position, let me know by April 10.**

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Also, per our bylaws, in April of each year the board of directors shall appoint an Election Committee which shall consist of three (3) members. **So, if you are interested in serving on this committee, let me know by April 10.**

Any member can write AGRA and IGRA relevant articles for The Branding Iron, AGRA's monthly newsletter. I encourage you as members to consider writing periodic articles. All articles are to be submitted to Richard Myers at [richa5my@aol.com](mailto:richa5my@aol.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Our goal is to have the Branding Iron disseminated by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month.

I want to say a special "thank you" to members who attended the March 20 membership meeting and for your participation in the meeting. The next board meeting, which is open to all members, will be Wednesday-April 13 at 7:00 pm in Charlie's offices. The next membership meeting will be Sunday-April 17 at 3:00 pm on Charlie's dance floor.

Again, please contact me at any time with suggestions, questions, or just to talk.

Ron Trusley, AGRA President

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## Vice President's Report

**Hello to all and Happy Gay Pride!**

**Hopefully you all had a good weekend, seeing this is the leading weekend to summer for Phoenix. We're off to a good start with the 2016 Royalty Team and preparing to go to World Gay Rodeo Finals on Oct 21-23, 2016.**

**Royalty tip: Did you know that you can apply for the royalty program anytime after you have been a member in good standing for 30 days? We will be looking for applicants for the 2017 Royalty Team over the summer and into the fall. The earlier you start, the earlier you can qualify for your prerequisites.**

**Here's to wishing everyone a happy April, and we'll see you next month.**

Michael Brent

A.G.R.A. Vice President.

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## Secretary's Report

**Hello and happy April to all our AGRA members!**

**We currently have fifty (50) members as we continue into our new year. Please remind your friends if they haven't renewed, that they can do so at Charlie's or online. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following members with an April birthday:**

<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Vanessa Renee</b>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Louis</b>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Peter Ax</b>
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Camacho</b>
<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Cal</b>
<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Carlos</b>
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Charles</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Patrick Roe  
A.G.R.A. Secretary



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## Treasurer's Report

**Due to tax season the treasurer's report is MIA and will return in next month's Branding Iron! :)**



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## Public Relations Director Report

Hello Gang,

First of all I would like to say that I am so very honored you all have chosen me to be your new Public Relations Director for 2016! I will do my very best to make sure that AGRA is highly represented throughout Arizona and other surrounding regions by making sure we are present at many events, socials & benefits as I will be building strong relationships with other organizations. As the PR Director I would like to know of any AGRA related events, news or anything AGRA as I will make sure that it will be included on AGRA's Branding Iron, Facebook and Instagram. Once again I would like to say thank you to the membership and I am super excited to represent AGRA for 2016!

Regards,

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# **BRANDING IRON**

## **Fundraising Director's Report**

**Dear members we had our first annual fundraiser, St patio day on March 19. We raised \$760.00 dollars that night. Special thanks to a Charlie's for all the donations and to my helpers Richie, Rudy Dan and Sarah.**

**Thank You,**

**Kevin McSweeny AKA Pussy LeHoot  
Fundraising Director  
Arizona Gay Rodeo Association**



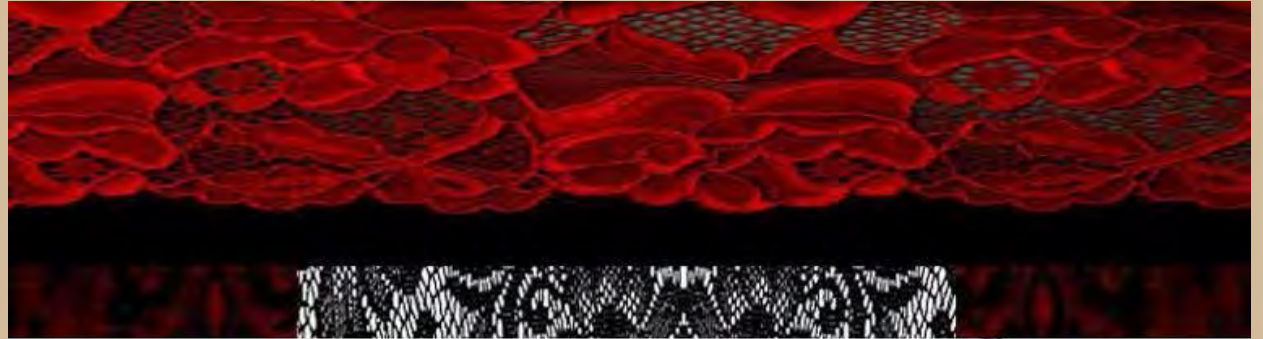
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## **Trustee's Report**

**The trustee's report will be postponed until next month's Branding Iron.**

**Thank you**

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*AGRA Royalty Team*  
SW Leather boy &  
*Presents*



**LEATHER  
& LACE**

**April 23  
9 PM.  
BunkHouse**



*Featuring*

**Rusty Boltz  
Paula Sha  
Savannah Stevens  
Jazmin Inez  
Kedence Mckenzie  
Mipsy Mikels**



**Jell-O  
Shot**

**Beer  
Bust**

**UNDERWEAR  
AUCTION**

**Food  
7:30 -  
8:30**



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## ON THE ROAD TO IGRA FUNDRAISER

MARCH 19TH 7-9 PM  
@ THE ROCK  
4129 N 7TH AVE PHOENIX, AZ



LADY CHRISTIAN  
CHAMAINE KNIGHT  
CHRISTIAN



DAN OLDENBURG  
MR AGRA 1ST RUNNER UP  
2016



JEFFREY SMIT  
MR AGRA 2ND RUNNER UP  
2016



RJ BOLTZ



RUSTY BOLTS



JULIE CRAIG



TC TAYLOR



MIPSEY MIKELS

MISS AGRA 2016 NIKKI  
STAR  
MR AGRA 2016 MARK  
CHRISTENSEN



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## Schedule of Event's

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 09, 2016	March 20, 2016	AGRA St Patio Day	March 19, 2016 March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday	
April 13, 2016	April 17, 2016	Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival A Texas Tradition Rodeo (Dallas, TX)	April 2-3, 2016 April 29-May 1, 2016	
May 18, 2016	May 22, 2016	AGRA Chili Verde Day Hot Rodeo 2016 (Palm Springs, CA) Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 7, 2016 May 6-8, 2016 May 27-29, 2016	May 6, 2016
June 08, 2016	June 12, 2016			
July 13, 2016	July 17, 2016	AGRA Grand Ol' Opry Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) * Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) * North Star Regional Rodeo (Minneapolis, MN)	July 2, 2016 July 1-3, 2016 July 8-10, 2016 July 29-31, 2016	July 8, 2016
August 17, 2016	August 21, 2016	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 12-14, 2016	
September 14, 2016	September 18, 2016	Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO) AGRA Beach Party Best Buck in the Bay-Rodeo on the River (Guerneville, CA) Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	September 2-4, 2016 September 3, 2016 September 9-11, 2016 September 16-18, 2016	
October 05, 2016	October 09, 2016	Tucson Pride (Tucson, AZ) Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ) 30th Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals (Las Vegas, NV) 31st Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Las Vegas, NV)	October 15, 2016 October 15-16, 2016 October 20-23, 2016 October 20-23, 2016	
November 09, 2016	November 13, 2016	AGRA Thanksgiving Bake Sale 32nd Annual IGRA Convention (Austin, TX)	November 20, 2016 November 17-20, 2016	November 17, 2016
December 14, 2016	December 18, 2016	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's/Bake Sale	December 18, 2016	
January 11, 2017	January 22, 2017	IGRA University (Las Vegas, NV)	January 13-15, 2017	
February 08, 2017	February 12, 2017	Super Bowl LI (51) (Houston, TX) Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo 32nd Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo Rodeo Volunteer Party AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 5, 2017 February 15, 2017 February 17-19, 2017 February 24, 2017 (Friday) February 25, 2017 (Saturday)	
March 08, 2017	March 12, 2017			
Board Meetings - 7:00 pm - Charlie's Offices			* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2	
Membership meetings - 3:00 pm - Charlie's Dance Floor				

**Next Board Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm at  
Charlie's Office's**

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## 2016 AGRA ROYALTY

Mr. AGRA 2016  
Mark Christensen

Miss AGRA 2016  
Nikki Starr

Mr. AGRA 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up 2016  
Dan Oldenburg

Mr. AGRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up 2016  
Jeffrey Smit



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