



BRANDING IRON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I am happy to see our membership continues to increase – even if only by a few numbers. I am trying to reach out to individuals who were previously members

as I would like to see many of them return as members.

Every time I see our current royalty team members at a rodeo or any other event, it makes me so proud that they are AGRA members. They really do an outstanding job promoting AGRA and encouraging participation.

Mark Christensen and Nikki Starr as Mr IGRA 2017 and Miss IGRA 2017 1st Runner-Up also do a great job promoting gay rodeo, IGRA and AGRA. They have worked really hard this year and fulfilled their duties.



I would encourage you to go on the IGRA website and make your hotel reservations now if you plan to attend the World Gay Rodeo Finals in Albuquerque in October and/or the IGRA Annual Convention in Little Rock in November.

Members who attended the August membership meeting received a ticket for a chance to win a large turkey or a nice ham. Two tickets will be drawn in the November membership meeting for hams, and two tickets will be drawn in the December membership meeting for hams. You will have to be present to win. In the September, October, November and December membership meetings you will receive another ticket. Tickets that are not drawn in November will remain for the December drawings.

Remember: Contact me by email or phone at anytime if you have questions, suggestions, or just want to talk.

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next
member meeting:



SEPTEMBER



3:00pm

@ Charlie's
on the dance floor

RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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In the August 20 membership meeting we accepted nominations for the 2018 Arizona Gay Rodeo Grand Marshal and Program Dedication. Nominations for Grand Marshal were: Greg Begay, Sharon Starks, Mayor Greg Stanton, and Michael Weidmann. Nomination

for Program Dedication was Bob Pimentel. In accordance with AGRA Bylaws, nominations will be received again in the September membership meeting. Then the Rodeo Committee will select the recipients.

Commitments for 2018 rodeo sponsorships are beginning to come in. I encourage you to review the sponsorship packet that is posted on the AGRA website. Let me know if you would like for us to contact any potential sponsor. I am still hoping we generate enough revenue from fundraisers and sponsorships so the rodeo is basically paid for in advance.

A "Contributing Sponsor" category for \$100 has been added. Of course this is open to anyone, but it is primarily intended for AGRA members who might wish to be an individual sponsor for the rodeo.

Four different bar crawls are planned for September 30, 2017, November 4, 2017, December 2, 2017, and January 27, 2018. Stay tuned for more information, and get ready to buy your tickets and ride the bus with us for an evening of fun and camaraderie.

Remember to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a 60 inch flat screen



television. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from Charlie's bartenders or AGRA members. The winning ticket will be drawn in our September 17 membership meeting. Then in October we will begin selling raffle tickets for a few different items with winning tickets drawn in our December 17 membership meeting.

I want to thank the members of the Rodeo Committee for their continued input, feedback, and suggestions.

Feel free to contact me at anytime if you have questions, or need other information.

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Each bar crawl will have it's own theme, including a 70's disco themed bus!



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Happy September AGRA Members!
I'm excited to announce that we have hit 117 members strong and am looking forward to continued growth in Membership in the upcoming months!!

Happy Birthday AGRA Members born in September:

- 9/2 Santiago Valdez
- 9/3 Tony Roberts
- 9/10 Brooklyn Diazz
- 9/12 Pussy LeHoot
- 9/15 Dan Iversen



Have a Great Day!

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH
SHOWTIME 10PM

2017 AGRA ROYALTY TEAM
PRESENTS

DECADES

THE ROAD TO IGRA






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Walt Hutter,
AGRA Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF THE ENDING DATE OF AUG 31 2017

	REPORT	
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 14,204.43	
NON RODEO NET INCOME-MONTHLY REPORT	\$ (987.82)	
RODEO NET INCOME-MONTHLY REPORT	\$ 120.00	
RODEO YEAR TO DATE-NET INCOME	\$ 4,729.55	



UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

OCTOBER 8
NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER 17
JANUARY 21, 2018
FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Membership Meetings are held at Charlie's Phoenix, on the dance floor and start *promptly* at 3:00pm.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 13
OCTOBER 4
NOVEMBER 15
DECEMBER 13
JANUARY 10, 2018
FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Board Meetings are held at Charlie's Corporate Office, at 7:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	September 01-03, 2017
AGRA Beach Party @ Charlie's Phoenix	September 02, 2017
Best Buck in the Bay-Rodeo on the River (Duncan Milles, CA)	September 15-17, 2017
BigHorn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	September 22-24, 2017
Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ)	October 21-22, 2017
31st Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals (Albuquerque, NM)	October 20-22, 2017
31st Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Albuquerque, NM)	October 20-22, 2017
33rd Annual IGRA Convention (Little Rock, AR)	November 09-12, 2017
AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 17, 2017
IGRA University (Oklahoma City, OK)	January 12-14, 2018
Super Bowl LII (52) (Minneapolis, MN)	February 04, 2018
Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 14, 2018
33rd Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo *	February 16-18, 2018
Rodeo Volunteer Party	February 23, 2018 (Friday)
AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 24, 2018 (Saturday)

**Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2*

FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings All! Just wanted to take a quick moment to remind everyone that all members are welcome to submit articles to the Branding Iron! I'm also looking for photograph submissions to build an online gallery on agra-phx.com. Please email photos you'd like included on the

site. Article submission deadline for the October issue is September 25

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