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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

First off I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday festivities with family, friends and loved ones!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2012 already?!? I love it! With a new year comes the Road Runner Regional Rodeo right around the corner. We are only 7 weeks away from rodeo and we still need help with sponsorships! We have a few trickling in but we can use a ton more! If you have any leads please send them my way. They can reach me via e-mail @ m.weidmann@hotmail.com or at 602-885-9565.

Please don't forget about our elections coming up at our December 8th membership meeting. We need several volunteers for Rodeo as well please get with Jarod Garduno @ 602-284-9207 for positions that are needed.

Respectfully,

**Michael Weidmann
AGRA President**

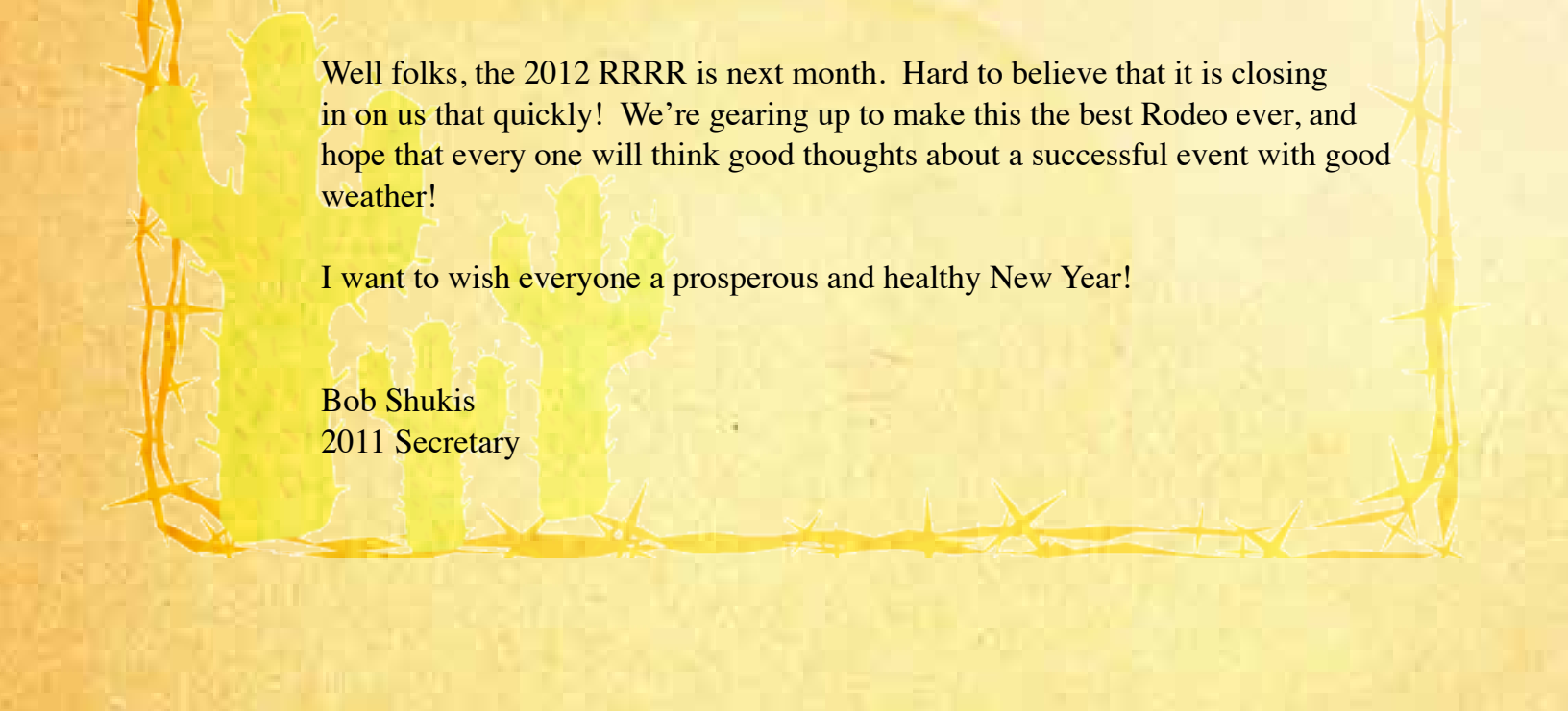


THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and Holiday Season and managed to ring in the New Year in a great way as well. And speaking of ringing in the New Year, these folks are ringing in a new Birthday year in January of 2012. Happy Birthday folks and many more to come for all of you!!!

01/04 Nathan Rhoton
01/05 Jai Crystal
01/06 Marcos Sandoval (aka Trixie DeLux)
01/08 Dominick Mangano
01/17 John Hurlbut
01/21 Charlies
01/22 Joshua Sipe (aka Claudia B)
01/24 Dugaldo Estrada



Well folks, the 2012 RRRR is next month. Hard to believe that it is closing in on us that quickly! We're gearing up to make this the best Rodeo ever, and hope that every one will think good thoughts about a successful event with good weather!

I want to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Bob Shukis
2011 Secretary



Hello AGRA Members,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



November: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$1,625.57
Checking	\$1,625.57
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$855.72)
Rodeo	(\$1,945.00)
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$2,613.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
	Sway Events \$1500
	Poster Winner \$200
	Business Cards \$245
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Misc Income \$0.01	Bank & Credit Card Exp 139.95
Green AGRA Shirt Sales \$80	Office Expense \$184.78
Turkey Raffle \$427	IGRA Convention \$936
Bake Sale \$348	Membership Expense \$706.76
Jello Shots(cash inn) \$219	Bake Sale \$250
AGRA Basket Auction \$60	Turkeys for Raffle \$57.24
IGRA Convention \$285	
December: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$2,879.74
Checking	\$2,879.74
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$45.83)
Rodeo	\$1,300.00
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$1,313.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Weekend Passes \$175	
RV Passes \$225	
Bar Crawl \$900	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$35	Bank & Credit Card Exp 141.00
Bake Sale \$495	Office Expense \$184.83
	Bake Sale \$250



TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope that as we enter into the new year of 2012 that each of us will look deep into our hearts and souls and think about what we can do to become a more active and better AGRA member. And, when we get discouraged, or things do not always go exactly how we think, or hoped they would go, that we will not “abandon ship”. Continue as an active member and work to change what you think is wrong, but we must all work as a collective body for the good of the organization.

I will be attending the first IGRA Board Meeting for 2012 in St Louis on Friday, January 13, and will then participate in IGRA University that same weekend, both as an instructor and attending classes. After the meeting, I should have more information to give you about the 2012 IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals and the 2012 IGRA Annual Convention.

For the past few days I have thought a lot about AGRA and how I might be a better member. I do not make New Year's Resolutions, but I plan to continue reflecting and thinking about what I can do better and how I can be a better member! I encourage each member to do the same.

Hopefully, I will have a much better report for February 2012.

Ron Trusley
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello AGRA fans and friends -

Wow, it's the New Year already! Well you know what that means.... the 2012 Road Runner Regional Rodeo is coming up quick.

Tickets are available for credit/debit card purchase through our website, www.agra-phx.com, so tell your friends to log on and buy their tickets now. Friday night entertainment includes the Country Idol 2012 Finals Competition - and it is free admission. Saturday and Sunday tickets are just \$15 each --- and a Weekend Pass for both days is \$25.

Also on the website are the RV Park & Camping rules, reservation info, and payment buttons. The RV park fills up on rodeo weekend, so make your reservations if you plan to stay on the grounds at Rawhide.

Vendor packets and sponsorship packets are also posted and available on the website. I've been receiving 1 or more emails each day, asking how to be a RRRR vendor or sponsor. I think the Rawhide Pavilion is going to be even busier than last year...

**** January news bulletin: the 2012 RRRR has partnered with the Desperado Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The festival has quickly become an annual LGBT community event. It takes place January 27-29, 2012 at the Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Paradise Valley Community College. Tickets for single events and the whole weekend are available online at desperado-filmfestival.com. I am really looking forward to seeing the movie about Chely Wright's coming out story, Wish Me Away.

See y'all real soon -

Greg Gillum
Public Relations - AGRA



MEETING SCHEDULE

AGRA Board Meeting
Schedule 2011 - 2012
(Charlie's Office)

May 11
June 8
July 13
August 3
September 14
October 12
November 16
December 7
January 4
February 8

AGRA Membership Meeting
Schedule 2011 - 2012
(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 15
June 12
July 17
August 7
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 11
January 8
February 12





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