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From the Desk of the President

Happy New Year Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope you all enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the holiday season or for some that barely survived it. Ha! I want to start off by thanking the **BOD**, our **royalty contestants**, and **Cary Leibowitz** for participating in the turnabout show on Sunday, December 13th 2009. A huge thank you goes out to **Walt Hutter** for donating his time and all the proceeds from the December bake sale to AGRA and the 2010 Rodeo. We raised over \$1000.00.

2009 came and went in a blink of an eye. We experienced some up and downs a few bumps and bruises along the way but as always, we survived!!! I look forward to 2010 with excitement and a new drive and vision for our organization. I have one year of experience under my belt, a new board has been elected, and we are ready to tackle a new year with new challenges. I want to congratulate our returning Board members and welcome our new ones as well. I also want to thank our out going BOD **Keith Carson**, and **Kevin Mcsweeney**. Your dedication and hard work to AGRA and gay rodeo is unmatched. Thank You!!

- 2010 Board of Directors**
President- Michael Weidmann
Vice President- Michael Butts
Secretary- Bob Shukis
Trustee- Ron Trusley
Fund Raising- Joshua Sipe aka (Claudia B.)
Public Relations- Greg Gillum
Treasurer- TBA

We are one month away from our 25th RoadRunner Regional Rodeo!! We are getting down to the wire and I encourage all of our members to get involved and volunteer their time leading up to, during and after the rodeo.

We kick off our country idol in January so please check out our [website www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com) for all the dates and listings. If you have a great singing voice you could possibly be our next Country Idol winner!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Sincerely,

 Michael Weidmann
 AGRA President

From the Desk of the Vice President

A.G.R.A. Royalty Competition

February 7th 2010

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Charlie's Phoenix

Charlie's Office

8:30am **Horsemanship Judges Meeting** - Closed to the public

9:00am **Horsemanship** - Open to the public

9:30am **Interview Judges Meeting** - Closed to the public

10:00am **Interview** - Closed to the public

Charlie's Bar

6:15pm **Western Wear/public Presentation Judges Meeting** -
Closed to the public

6:30pm **Western Wear/public Presentation** - Open to the public

6:45pm **Entertainment Judges Meeting** - Closed to the public

7:00pm **Entertainment** - Open to the public

Step downs of the 2009 A.G.R.A Royalty and the 10 year presentation crown will be part of the night during the Royalty Contest.

The presentation of sashes and buckles to the 2010 A.G.R.A. Royalty will be in the beginning of the Pussy Lehoot and Friends Show.

Thank you for your continuous support of AGRA,

Michael Butts
AGRA Vice President



From the Desk of the Secretary

Howdy Folks,
Happy Birthday and many more to these members of AGRA.



5-Jan Jared "Jai" Crystal
7-Jan Ramon Soto
8-Jan Dominick Mangano
10-Jan Randy Reed
17-Jan Jon Cameron
17-Jan Donald Weaver
18-Jan Daniel Dojaquez
27-Jan Carlton Thompson



Our membership has grown so much in these past few months. I am so proud of our organization and our members. Please keep in mind that because of the voting taken in our December meeting that our memberships have extended for the new year until the last day of February. Membership applications are always available at the AGRA office or on line at www.agra-phx.com.

Keith A. Carson
Secretary 2009



Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

November:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets
\$13790.12	
Checking	
\$1368.37	
CD	
\$12421.75	
Non Rodeo	Nov Net Income
<\$86.87>	
Rodeo	Nov Net Income
\$417.36	
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	
\$96.56	

Rodeo

Income:

Bake Sale \$167.50
Fundraisers \$272.00

Expenses:

Printing Flyers \$22.14

Non-Rodeo

Income:

Membership Dues \$25
Fundraiser Bake Sale \$167.50
3-4-1 Fundraiser \$120
Rodeo Contestant Fundraiser \$449

Expenses:

Rodeo Contestant Fund Pay Out \$491.00
Office Expenses \$257.37
IGRA Convention \$100

The books have not closed for December as of 12/21/2009:

December:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets
\$15350.73	
Checking	
\$2928.98	
CD	
\$12421.75	
Non Rodeo	Dec Net Income
\$1399.61	
Rodeo	Dec Net Income
\$161.00	
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	
\$257.56	

Rodeo

Income:

Bake Sale \$161.00
Fundraisers \$150.00

Expenses:

Bake Sale \$50
Royalty Fund \$100

Non-Rodeo

Income:

Membership Dues \$100
Fundraiser Bake Sale \$161.00
Turn About Show \$764.00
Patio Show \$445.00
Jell-O Shots – Christy Barnett \$344
1 N 10 \$100
Fundraiser \$399

Expenses:

Office Expenses \$214.76
Awards \$73.92
IGRA \$205.00
Royalty \$369.71
Bake Sale \$50

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



Trustee's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed time with relatives and friends. As we move into Year 2010, I want to reflect on all of the good things that have happened. I think we are so fortunate to have a membership that is generally caring, considerate, and wants to work together for the good of AGRA. Year 2009 was not a very good year for many people – with the loss of jobs, financial hardships, and some very trying times. Yet, as a membership, we “stuck together” and got the job done!

I wish everyone a great new year and a prosperous and happy 2010! Now with the Christmas and New Year's season behind us, I hope we all put our focus on the 25th Anniversary Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

It is not too late to register for the 2010 IGRA University that will be January 15-17 at the Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. For detailed information, go to the IGRA website – www.igra.com. It would be great to see a large contingent of AGRA members at university. It is a good learning experience and a time to meet new people and to hear what other IGRA associations are doing.

With the approval of AGRA Bylaws changes in the December membership meeting, the AGRA year will be March through February. Be sure to stay tuned for other applicable changes as a result of the recent bylaws changes.

I hope all current members will renew their membership for 2010. Membership dues remain the same - \$35.00 for a Regular Membership and \$150.00 for a Champion Membership.

I want to congratulate Michael Weidmann, Michael Butts, and Greg Gillum who were elected to another term as AGRA President, AGRA Vice President, and AGRA Public Relations Director respectively. I also want to congratulate and welcome Bob Shukis as Secretary and Claudia B as Fund Raising Director for 2010. As they complete their terms as AGRA Board Members, I sincerely want to extend my appreciation and thanks to Keith Carson as Secretary and Pussy LeHoot as Fund Raising Director for their dedication and service to AGRA. THANK YOU BOTH SO VERY MUCH, AND I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR AGRA!!!

I wish the very best to all AGRA Royalty Contestants as you prepare and compete for the 2010 Royalty titles. Good luck to everyone!

If you have any questions about IGRA and its' activities, or if you need any IGRA information, please let me know.

Ron Trusley
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Hello A.G.R.A. members and friends -

I'll first take a moment and thank the members of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association for the re-election to serve on the board for Public Relations. Thank you for your confidence and support.

As you may have heard, the A.G.R.A. Christmas Turnabout show that took place after the December 13 General Membership Meeting was a big hit! My illusionary alter ego, Gigi Regina, wishes to thank our hostess, Ionna Dou-blewide, and each lovely lady and hot man that performed or appeared that night at Charlie's. You were OUT-STANDING!

I owe a special thanks to Ionna for doing Gigi's hair and makeup for her debut. Thanks Girl!

The Road Runner Regional Rodeo has partnered with a host of regional LGBT magazines to promote our rodeo in February. So far, expect to see rodeo ads and features in current or upcoming editions of Echo, COMPETE, 'NTouch, QVegas, and the Arizona Pride Guide.

NEWS FLASH: The RRRR has just signed a sponsorship agreement with the Desperado Gay and Lesbian Film Festival!!

On 29 & 30 January, the Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts will be hosting a LGBT film festival - bringing independent filmmakers and their films to the Valley for two days of showings.

Go to their website at www.desperadofilmfestival.com for all the details and to check out their special YouTube festival trailer (featuring the Men of Charlie's... mmmmm - men!)

Those are the highlights.

Greg Gillum
Public Relations
A.G.R.A. and RRRR



AGRA MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January Board Meeting 6th @ 7:00pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
January Membership Meeting 10th @ 5:00pm, Charlie's Dance Floor

February Board Meeting 3rd @ 7pm, Charlie's Offices, 727 W. Camelback Road
February Membership 7th @ 5:00 PM Charlie's Dance Floor



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