



BRANDING IRON



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a wonderful and merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As the year of 2018

begins, I hope to forge ahead with a greater desire to get things done quicker and with efficiency. I wish you all the very best in 2018!

I would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who helped in any way at our Annual Holiday (Christmas) bake sale (by purchasing goodies, helping sell goodies, raffle tickets, etc) and participating in any way in AGRA's Day/Night of Christmas at Charlie's and in the great show on December 17. You all are just wonderful!

Now it is that time of year when we again start thinking about electing 2018 board members. Nominations were received in the November 19 and December 17 membership meetings, and voting will take place in the January 21, 2018 membership meeting. Those elected will take office March 1, 2018 and serve through February 2019. Those nominated and who accepted the nomination include:

Public Relations Director Mark Boyd
Fund Raising Director Nikki Starr

& Jeffrey Smit

Secretary Chris Fairbrother

Vice President Jerry Griffin,
 Sharon Starks & Claudia B

President..... Ron Trusley
 & Mark Christensen

Our Annual Mini-Rodeo at Charlie's will be Thursday – February 15, 2018. Mark your calendars now; plan to attend; “play” rodeo’ and have lots of fun. This will be a good opportunity to meet and visit with our out-of-town guests before rodeo weekend.

A reminder for all AGRA Members: Current memberships are good through February 2018. Let's start thinking about renewing our membership now – especially since February will be a very busy month with the rodeo. You can renew online or by mailing a hard copy of the membership application with our check.



Any new member on the January bar crawls can join AGRA for only \$10.00, and the membership will be good through February 2019 – plus they will get a \$25.00 drink card from Charlie's. During the month of February, the 5th new member to join AGRA will be given a free membership through February 2019. So, this provides a perfect opportunity for us to recruit new members.

-Ron Trusley
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RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Well, it is getting down to "crunch time" as we finalize everything for the 2018 Arizona Gay Rodeo that will be February 16-18. The Rodeo Committee has been really busy and will continue to be busy until rodeo weekend, and then, of course, during rodeo weekend. I want to thank each and every member of the Rodeo Committee for their dedication and work as we plan to make our rodeo a fun time for everyone and also to make it a successful rodeo.

Almost every buckle has been sponsored, and we expect to receive a few more sponsorship commitments within the next few days. If you know of anyone or any business/organization that wants to be a sponsor, let us know; we will always find a sponsorship opportunity!

We are planning 2 bar crawls to promote AGRA and the rodeo. The first one is planned for Saturday – January 13, 2018 – leaving Charlie's at 7:00 pm;

going to 3 other bars; and arriving back at Charlie's by 11:45 pm to end the crawl. The second one is planned for Saturday – January 27, 2018 with the same time schedule but visiting different bars. Tickets are only \$15.00 for each bar crawl, and can be purchased from Charlie's bartenders or by calling Ron Trusley. Each bar crawl will have a coordinator or coordinators and a host on the bus. I hear there will be some fun things planned. And, I cannot forget: I also hear jello shots will be in abundant supply and for sale on the bus between bar stops. Buy your tickets now!!!!

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PARTY BUS SCHEDULE!

Saturday – January 13, 2018

Leave Charlie's @ 7:00 pm
Arrive Cruisin 7th @ 7:15 pm
Leave Cruisin 7th @ 8:30 pm
Arrive NuTowne Saloon @ 8:45 pm
Leave NuTowne Saloon @ 10:00 pm
Arrive Plazma @ 10:15 pm
Leave Plazma @ 11:30 pm
Arrive Charlie's @ 11:45 pm (end of bar crawl)

Saturday – January 27, 2018

Leave Charlie's @ 7:00 pm
Arrive Anvil @ 7:15 pm
Leave Anvil @ 8:30 pm
Arrive The Rock @ 8:45 pm
Leave The Rock @ 10:00 pm
Arrive Bunkhouse @ 10:15 pm
Leave Bunkhouse @ 11:30 pm
Arrive Charlie's @ 11:45 pm (end of bar crawl)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY 10, 2018 • FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Happy New Year AGRA Members!

I'm excited to announce that we have hit 126 members strong. Get a jump on the New Year and renew your 2018 AGRA Membership early online, visit

<https://agra-phx.com/product-category/membership/>

Happy Birthday AGRA Members born in January:

- 1/2 Mark Boyd
- 1/4 Miah Bennett
- 1/6 Jerry Griffin
- 1/26 Chris Fairbrother
aka Christi Mikels
- 1/26 Sean Richmond
- 1/28 Jaymes Abraham
- 1/28 Stephen Minor
- 1/29 Richard Merritt

Have a safe and Happy 2018!

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