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The Official Newsletter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I want to begin by wishing good luck to our AGRA Royalty as they will compete to win the coveted IGRA titles. They will be competing in conjunction with the

2019 WGRF Finals in October at West World in Scottsdale.

Mahlon Lovell, Mr AGRA 2019, and Ryan Knop, Mr AGRA 1st Runner-Up 2019, will compete for the title of Mr IGRA 2020. Nikki Starr, Miss AGRA 1st Runner-Up 2019, will compete for the title of Miss IGRA 2020.

All of the current 2019 AGRA Royalty Team – Mahlon Lovell-Mr AGRA, Ryan Knopp-Mr AGRA 1st Runner-Up, Piper M'Shay-Miss AGRA, Nikki Starr-Miss AGRA 1st Runner-Up, and Celeste Powers-Miss AGRA 2nd Runner-Up – have done an excellent job representing AGRA throughout the year at various

rodeos on the IGRA circuit, hosting and/or participating in fundraisers and promoting AGRA. Thank you all.

Also, I want to wish good luck to our current 2020 Royalty Candidates – Kyle Ross-candidate for Mr AGRA and Celeste Powers-candidate for Miss AGRA. I know you will be a good voice for AGRA and will do a great job.

In just a little over a month and a half, AGRA Delegates and Alternates will be in Denver participating in the 2019 IGRA Annual Convention. This year Delegates will elect an IGRA Vice President and IGRA Secretary. Hopefully, we will have proposed Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Rodeo Rules changes to review before convention.

I would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who helps out in any way with our AGRA fundraisers. Your involvement is certainly appreciated and every member’s contributions are valuable.

I want to encourage all of our current members to help us try to contact and get previous members to renew their AGRA membership, and to continue working to get new members.

As always, please contact me at anytime if you have questions, ideas, or suggestions.

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“Just a reminder... Branding Iron Articles are due to mark@markalanboyd.com by the 25th if you'd like to be included!”
-Mark A. Boyd, Editor

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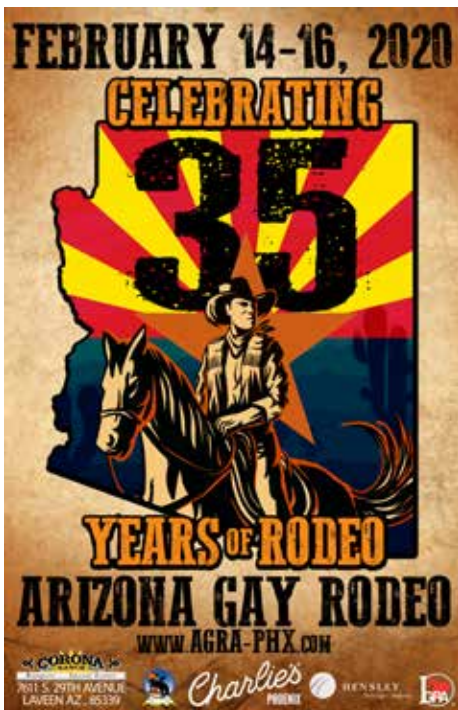
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RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The current rodeo fundraiser of raffle ticket sales is in full swing. We will be giving away two (2) Electra Cruiser bikes with drawing for the winning tickets to take place November 1, 2019. If you would like tickets to sell, just let Michael Weidmann or me know. If you would like to buy tickets, talk with any bartender at Charlie's or let me know. This is an excellent fundraiser and should generate a substantial amount of revenue for our 2020 rodeo. Thanks to Michael Weidmann for coordinating this and other rodeo fundraisers; I really appreciate it!!

I am still trying to get an answer from Hensley Beverage Company about a new Agreement. Our current Agreement ends December 31, 2019. I will continue to update you about this and as soon as we have an Agreement, I will let you know the specifics.

If you know of a potential rodeo sponsor, please let us know so we can follow up with that business or organization. Sponsorship information is also posted on the AGRA website at www.agra-phx.com.

I want to congratulate all AGRA members who were invited to compete

in the 2019 World Gay Rodeo Finals this October at West World in Scottsdale. Congratulations; you worked hard throughout the year!!! I hope you win many of the International rodeo titles!!!

Let me know if you have rodeo-related questions or ideas to AGRA produce a better rodeo in February 2020.

-Ron Trusley

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It's very exciting to see so many members show up for our monthly membership meetings. Even with the summer months, vacations and other travel schedules we still have good turnouts. As of September 8, 2019 our active membership stands at 111! We've have seven new members join in the last two months and new members are always welcome. Members can sign-up on our website Agra-phx.com or in person at a membership meeting.

Our newest members are:

Luis Ibanez
Henry Johnson
John Kitzig
Christopher
Arnold Morales - Champion Member
Hector Alfonso Villalba
Deloss Wallace

We welcome them to the AGRA family!

If anyone is in need of a replacement

name badge or needs ladders to add their existing badge, please reach out to myself via email, (garylparkerjr@gmail.com), one of the AGRA board members or let me know at the next membership meeting.

The next AGRA Membership meeting is Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3pm on the Charlie's dance floor.

See you all soon!

Gary Parker Jr.

Secretary

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Monster Ball

Oct. 19th

Showtime 9:30 pm

FINALS IGRA WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS

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33rd Annual World Gay Finals Rodeo (Scottsdale, AZ)
October 24-27, 2019

33rd Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Scottsdale, AZ)
October 24-27, 2019

Rainbows Festival (Phoenix)
November 2-3, 2019

AGRA Fall Bake Sale
November 10, 2019

35th Annual IGRA Convention (Denver, CO)
November 21-24, 2019

AGRA Day of Christmas @ Charlie's
December 22, 2019

AGRA Holiday Bake Sale
December 22, 2019

IGRA University (Location TBD)
January 17-19, 2020

Super Bowl LIV (54) (Miami, FL)
February 02, 2020

AGRA 2020 Royalty Competition @ Charlie's (5:00 pm)
February 08, 2020

Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo
February 13, 2020

35th Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo
February 14-16, 2020

Rodeo Volunteer Party
February 21, 2020 (Friday)

AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet
February 29, 2020 (Saturday)



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Bake Sale

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ORDER NOW!

Place your order online now, and pickup
your fresh-baked items on
Wednesday, November 27, 3pm-6pm
at Charlie's Phoenix.
Just in time for Thanksgiving!

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ends Tuesday,
November 19.

