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Supporting Associations that Support Their Communities

To: IGRA Convention
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Dear Executive Board Members, Trustees, Delegates and invited Guest,

Our 2006 Royalty Team made their charity recommendations at the meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors in Ft. Lauderdale. They have chosen two outstanding charities and both of them are 501 c (3). The charities are Pediatrics Aids and the Mautner Project.

The Mautner Project has been in contact with Ms. IGRA 1st runner-up Anne Budd and me. They have designed 5,000 Pink Bandanas with their logo for the team to sell during rodeos at their booths as well as at other events. I met with the head of the Mautner Project and they are excited that we are reaching out to them.

Miss IGRA 2006 Jymmye James also worked the Mautner Project booth at Gay Pride in Washington DC. In addition, Ms. IGRA 1st runner-up and myself have been asked to attend their Gala in Washington DC during the ASGRA Rodeo as there special guest. Anne Budd is being honored at this event; she has been requested to kick off their country and western dance for the evening. I also would like to thank all of the associations that have provided tables at their rodeo for the team to raise money for their charities.

I attended an event in Washington DC to represent IGRA and to gather information on the MsTer part of our competition. I had the opportunity to not only meet and gather facts, but I also attended their main fundraising event on Saturday night. Over 2000 individuals attended it. This week event covered issues for Transgender, MsTer's, and included members from all over the world. This event was named The Big. What a great event!

The 2006 IGRA Royalty Team has raised **\$ 15,130.70**

All of the members of the team have made their financial requirements to IGRA, their rodeo obligations and they are still working to raise more money for their charities. Please help me applaud these individuals:

Steve Wollert Mr. IGRA 2006 (GSGRA)
Jymmye James Miss. IGRA 2006 (ASGRA)
Rebecca Tucker Miss. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (CGRA)
Kimberly Kay MS. IGRA 2006 (CGRA)
Anne Budd Ms. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (TGRA)
Rich Valdez Mr. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (CGRA)

This year's IGRA Royalty Contestants have raised for the support of IGRA and its charities **\$3,040.30**

I had several conversations and e-mails with the IGRA Royalty Team, on their responsibilities not only to IGRA but also to their communities, association royalty and community outreach... These were just some of the topics that were decided to be covered at this time:

- All rodeos covered by IGRA Royalty
- Keeping a positive attitude
- Increase visibility
- Increased participation
- Assist Association Royalty
- Paperwork
- Funds to the vice-president in seven (7) days after the event as per the by-laws.

The IGRA Royalty Competition Schedule is set at this time. We have many surprises in store for this year's competition.

I have received all judges' names for this year's competition. A package at this time has been e-mailed to each judge or his or her trustee. I ask that each of you take the time to read this information and follow all of the rules governing the selection of Mr./Ms./MsTer/and Miss. Please remember that you need to be on time as we will wait for five minutes (5) only after that we will go to the alternate judges, trustees or IGRA Executive Board. And at that time I will fine your association \$100.00.

Some of the team members have supplied interview and on stage questions to me at this time. I would like the past IGRA Royalty and this body to submit questions to me that will be considered for this year's competition. I need these questions by the close of this year's convention.

At this year's Finals, we will be honoring Mr. IGRA 1997 Tommy Channel, Miss IGRA 1997 Tori Hart, Ms. IGRA 1997 Sherry Reedy, Mr. IGRA 1997 1st runner-up James Jenkins, and Miss IGRA 1997 1st runner-up Sheba Mc Entire as the Ten Year Anniversary Royalty that is still involved in IGRA as well as their local royalty programs and associations.

If your association would like to sponsor the crown and buckles please advise me ASAP. Your association name will be engraved on the buckles and announced at the IGRA Royalty Competition. We will also include your association in the royalty program. At this time the Miss IGRA Crown and the Mr.& Ms IGRA buckles, and the 1st Runner-up buckles are open for sponsorship.

If you have contact information on any past IGRA Royalty Team member please contact me, so that I may invite them to be a part of Finals Competition in Reno, Nevada as we celebrate 30 years of Gay Rodeo and 20 years of IGRA Rodeo. I look forward with the help of all the past royalty and friends to produce the best competition ever!

This year Team along with myself, have traveled events other than just rodeos, we have marched, danced, rode, and yes, clean more Gay Pride Parades that we care to mention. Along our travels we have produced, preformed in and poured beer for more benefits than Carter has pills. We have also attended more meeting and have given speeches to all types of groups both in and out of our communities. And if you haven't noticed we have also painted the town pink. At

this time I would like to ask that each of you wear a pink bandanna. To help support the teams efforts this year, to help members of our community. We will have them on sell this weekend. Also help us paint the town pink at this year Finals to be held in Reno, Nevada. I am proud to announce that every rodeo has been covered this year either by Royalty or myself.

The current IGRA Royalty Team along with the Vice President has help raise **\$98,000.00** for community outreach in their respective communities and rodeos.

I have been in close contact with the President of High Sierra Rodeo Association Mr. Brian Chew and Tommy Channel regarding the royalty competition and our needs. I flew to Reno in June from the 6-13 for a fundraiser, and while I was there I had a conversation with Brian and meet with the hotel. The Hotel is excited to be the Host for this year IGRA Finals and Royalty Competition. I will arrive on Monday of this year Finals to meet again with the Hotel, Tommy Channel and Mr. Brian Chew, to review the royalty needs. This promises to be a great event, as we will have a lot of our past IGRA Royalty Team in attendance as well as some of the very first Gay Rodeo Royalty. Watch out Reno, Royalty is coming to town.

We also would like to have each of the association's royalty to either send or bring with them an arrangement in a cowboy boot for the tables during the competition and that they will be auctioned off at the end of the rodeo for the IGRA Charities and operating account. Or if you would like, I do believe that it would be great to have each association decorate a table that best represents there association, and have it judged by how much money each table/association could collect over the weekend for charity.

At this time, the cut off date for the royalty competition has come and gone. I am very proud to announce that we have Ten (10) Contestants for the title of MR./Ms/MsTer and Miss IGRA 2007.

We have corrected our history books at this time. As it stands now the rightful winners are listed. The team along with past IGRA royalty had the pleasure to sash Mr. IGRA 1991 Mr. Scott Burleson at the Missouri Gay Rodeo, this year.

It saddened me to have a member of this year team removed. I can only hope that this will make the teams in the future, remember that not only do you represent your association, but also IGRA and the rodeo community.

I thank you for your time. I look forward to working with each of you the rest of my term. Remember my door and mind is always open.

Let's Rodeo,
Mitch Gill

IGRA Vice President
IGRA Royalty Liaison