

Vice President's Report
To: IGRA Convention
November 8th, 9th, 10th, 2007
Kansas City, MO.

Dear Executive Board Members, Trustees, Delegates and invited Guests,

Our 2007 Royalty Team made their charity recommendations at the meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors in Ft. Lauderdale. They have chosen two outstanding 501c (3) charities. The charities are Children Aids Foundation and the Mautner Project.

The Mautner Project has once again been in contact with me. In 2006, they designed 5,000 Pink Bandanas with their logo that the 2006 Team sold. The bandanas that were left over were donated to the 2007 Team to continue selling during rodeos as well as at other events. We have been able to keep a great working relationship going and show that two great organizations can reach out not only to each other, but show the world that we can work together. I had the pleasure of meeting with the head of the Mautner Project and they are excited that we are working with them and helping them to get the message out not only about breast cancer, but about all the various cancers that affect our daily lives in one form or another.

I would like to thank all of the associations that have provided tables at their rodeo for the 2007 team to raise money for their charities, as well to everyone that purchased pink bandanas, but were also tough enough to wear pink!

The 2007 IGRA Royalty Team has raised \$ **6,101.85**. This team did a remarkable job at bridging the big gap not only between our rodeo contestants, but the communities that they visited as a whole just like the team before them.

All of the members of the 2007 IGRA Royalty team have made their financial requirements to IGRA, plus met their rodeo attendance requirements and will continue to raise more money for their charities. Please help me celebrate these individuals:

Clyde Mitter **Mr. IGRA 2007 (GSGRA)**
Destiny B. Childs **Miss. IGRA 2007 (ASGRA)**
DJ Tompkins **Mr. IGRA 2007 1st Runner-up (ILGRA)**

The 2007 IGRA Royalty Team and I have kept in constant communication via phone and email regarding their responsibilities, not only to IGRA, but to their communities, association royalty and the community outreach committee. Here are just some of the topics that were decided to be covered during their year:

- 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 2007 Team and I have traveled and attended various events both rodeo and non-rodeo related. We have marched, danced, ridden in and attended more Gay Pride Parades than we care to mention. In our travels we have produced, performed in and poured beer for more benefits than Carter has pills. We've attended meetings and given speeches to all types of groups, both in and out of our western community. We have painted the town pink and I am proud to announce that nearly every rodeo was covered this year either by a Royalty Team Member or me.

The current IGRA Royalty Team and I have helped to raise approximately **\$87,000.00** for our respective communities and rodeo.

As IGRA Vice President I was fortunate enough to be able to attend "The Great Big" in Washington DC to represent IGRA. The event is one of the largest of its kind in the drag king community. While I was there, I was able to learn more about the drag king community that make up the MsTer category within our royalty program. I had the opportunity to not only meet several of the drag kings in DC, but also participate with over 4,000 other individuals from around the world in the week long events covering issues for Transgender individuals, MsTer's. There is a reason its call "The Great Big" and that is because it is a Great Event!

Then Destiny and I flew off to Chicago to meet up with DJ to represent IGRA at this year's IML. After a very long weekend of special events, competition and shopping I was able to learn a lot about the leather community. I had the pleasure of meeting with not only the founder of IML, but the curator of the Leather Archives Museum. Our discussion looked at the possibilities of IGRA doing a booth at next year's event as well as IGRA looking into opening our own museum or joining forces with them.

The 2008 IGRA Royalty Competition Schedule was set early this year and posted to the IGRA web site. The competition was run in a single day. It was a little rough on everyone but we all made it through. This was also our first time to utilizing just seven (7) judges instead of the traditional nine (9) as we have done in the past.

One person does not complete a team; in conjunction with CGRA, Ken Pool, Vince Montez, Tommy Channel and I, there was a great team this year helping produce this event for IGRA. I will say that this was an event that you as members of IGRA should be proud of. Please help me in thanking these members of this year's team that hit the ground running:

Mike Sanders, Jymmye Jaymes Miss IGRA 2006, Lorry King, Vince Montez, Ken Pool, CGRA Membership and Volunteers, Sound and Light personnel, 2007 IGRA Royalty Team, judges, Emcee's, Doug Graff Mr. IGRA 1999, and last but not least, all of the 2008 IGRA Royalty Competition contestants.

I did receive the judges' names for this year's competition in a tough but timely manner. A package covering their reasonability's was e-mailed to each judge or their trustee. I explained and asked that each of them take the time to read this information and follow all of the rules governing the selection of Mr./Ms./MsTer/and Miss. I also reminded each of them that we would only wait five (5) minutes for them before proceeding to use the alternate judges, trustees or IGRA Executive Board and issuing a fine to their association per our by-laws.

At this year's Finals, we honored the 10 Year Anniversary of the 1998 Royalty Team of Mr. IGRA Kurt McGregor (AGRA), Miss IGRA Beverly De Marco (NMGRA) and Ms. IGRA Tamara Marks (MIGRA) these individuals are still involved in IGRA, as well as their local royalty programs and associations.

I want to thank the associations that sponsored the crown and buckles for this years honorees. The associations were announced during this years' IGRA Royalty Competition. I also want to thank CGRA for all their help on this segment of the Saturday Night Event.

At this year's Royalty Contest we had Twelve (12) Contestants for the title of Mr./Ms/MsTer and Miss IGRA 2008. They were as follows:

- o T-Jay Blake (CGRA) MsTer
- o Bo Tipton (NMGRA) MsTer
- o Jana Smysor (MGRA) Ms.
- o Travis Parker (OGRA) Mr.
- o Jeff Geiger (ILGRA) Mr.
- o Randy Edlin (TGRA) Mr.
- o Tom Coleman (NGRA) Mr.
- o Gary Rushton (AGRA) Mr.
- o Janet Jenkins (CGRA) Miss
- o Zoe Kelly (MGRA) Miss
- o FiFi Depraved (ILGRA) Miss
- o Kiara Jacobs (TGRA) Miss

These contestants raised **\$6,433.02** for the support of IGRA and its charities

As the evening came to a close, it was my dream to have a complete Team and the very first MsTer's. But with the scoring system that has been approved by this body, the contestants must achieve 75% of the possible overall score in order to achieve a position on the IGRA Royalty Team. We ended up with only three members on the 2008 IGRA Royalty Team. Help me in welcoming your new 2008 IGRA Royalty Team;

- o Randy Edlin (TGRA) Mr. IGRA 2008 1st runner-up
- o Gary Rushton (AGRA) Mr. IGRA 2008
- o Janet Jenkins (CGRA) Miss IGRA 2008

I, along with CGRA and IGRA would like to have the 2009 IGRA Royalty Competition approved and up on the IGRA website by the close of the first IGRA Board Meeting in February 2008.

In addition, if you have contact information for any past IGRA Royalty Team member please contact me. We would like to invite them to be a part of Finals Competition in Denver, CO in 2008, as we celebrate 22 years of IGRA Rodeo. I look forward, with the help of all the past Royalty and friends, to produce the best competition ever! We also would like to include all IGRA Team members on the website with the other royalty. As we believe that there is no 'I' in Team.

I thank you for your time and for allowing me to serve as your IGRA Vice-President. I look forward to being reelected as your IGRA Vice-president and to be able to not only work with each of you and this new 2008 IGRA Royalty Team, but to also assemble a team of advisors of past IGRA Vice-presidents, Past and current IGRA Royalty Team members, members of each association and of course members of the IGRA Board of Directors to work on restructuring our Royalty program both on the IGRA level and the association level. If reelected I would also like to finish up the work that has begun on an IGRA Royalty Resource Book and Study Guide.

Remember my door and mind is always open.

Let's Rodeo,
Mitch Gill
IGRA Vice-President
IGRA Royalty Liaison