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## **Clovis Rodeo Association Elects 2012 Board of Directors**

*(Clovis, California):* At the annual meeting of the Clovis Rodeo Association held in May the membership celebrated the success of their rodeo held in April and talked about plans for their 100<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2014. The Board of Directors saluted deserving members, guests and volunteers for their contributions towards the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Clovis Rodeo, and the membership elected the 2012 Board of Directors.

Clovis Rodeo Association President, Ron Dunbar thanked the members and guests at the annual membership meeting for their hard work and dedication to the organization. "The Clovis Rodeo is about our history and giving back to the community, but none of it would be possible without our members. I look forward to celebrating 100 years of rodeo tradition with each and every one of you."

The 2012 officers elected at the May board meeting are Ron Dunbar, president; Chuck Rigsbee, Vice President, Susan Frantzich, Secretary and Jeff Witte, Treasurer. Additional board members elected include: Lynn Armstrong, Vern Barkman, Joe Billalba, Gary Bower, Lynn Button, Larry Cowger, Ken Elliott, Vince Genco, Greg Gillard, Joan Lassley, Dan Rigsbee, Radar Ryan, Mike Spears and Mark Thompson.

The 700-member not-for-profit association is governed by an 18-member board of directors who is primarily responsible for overseeing the planning of the annual Clovis Rodeo.

The 97<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo closed on Sunday, April 24 with more than 30,000 visitors having attended the four-day event. Fans enjoyed the PBR Bull Riding Touring Pro-Division on Thursday night followed by more great bucking stock and award winning cowboys along with a concert by rising country star Easton Corbin on Friday night; and more sanctioned PRCA Silver Tour rodeo action on Saturday and Sunday.

The Clovis Rodeo Association hosts events throughout the year that culminate with the rodeo always held the last weekend of April. If you are interested in learning more about the Clovis Rodeo Association and its many activities or seeing highlights from the 97<sup>th</sup> annual rodeo, visit clovisrodeo.com. Tickets for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Clovis Rodeo to be held April 26-29, 2012 will go on sale in January 2012.

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The all-volunteer, not-for-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 700 members. Approximately \$150,000 in proceeds from the Clovis Rodeo and related events coordinated by CRA members benefit local charities annually, including 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Activities League, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis Community Hospital and the Central California Blood Center.