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January, 2016

Christian Harness Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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This edition of
the newsletter is
published in
memory of Bill
Wick. Rest in
peace Bill.



Favorite Trails

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Kirby Clark's sketch below brings to mind driving through the covered bridge to Jackson, New Hampshire for cross country skiing. Donning skis and heading out across the golf course, the path leads through another picturesque covered bridge amid the rolling, snow covered hills, then, under the road, through a rock hewn tunnel, to the Ellis river trail.

As we become familiar with our favorite ski trails, we know where to watch out for ice, steep slopes, curves and other challenges. We also anticipate the turns that reveal beautiful scenic vistas and wildlife habitats.

Trail rides on our horses, hikes through the woods and the mountains, auto trips through quaint villages and even a stroll through the city can help us appreciate God's creation. We all like to venture to our much loved places. Perhaps jogging our horse around the track, mile after mile, we are comfortable with the routine as we learn where the track crests, puddles are and the landscape of the infield.

"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths," says David, the psalmist (Psalm 24:4). As we jog our horses, ride the trails or visit our favorite places, let's think about the path to the One who is "The way, the truth and the life" (John 14:16). Are our

lives going down the right road? Perhaps it's time to venture in a new direction, avoid an obstacle or stop to smell the roses.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil" (Psalm 23:4). What do we know about the way of the Lord? God is with us – always. So, why are there obstacles in our paths? Ah, but the enemy lurks, enticing us with an adrenaline rush, or making evil sound like something really, really good.

It is best to stay in touch with God and watch for danger signs. Things are not always as they seem. What is



different about the infield? Is the pond flooding onto the track, or the wildlife spilling out in the upper turn? Maybe it would be fun to put the pedal to the

metal challenging the guy in the new Camaro. Get behind me Satan! My family, his family would be devastated in the end.

The cover over the bridge protects the road during the bad weather. Foot travelers may even enjoy a brief respite from the snow. Yes Lord, keep me safe. Help me to hear Your voice, and protect me from the evil one. We know Lord that "All who take refuge in you will be glad" (Psalm 5:11).

Praise Reports



Dear Chaplain Lee

I wanted to thank you and the family at CHHA for all the nice prayers you say for everyone. Please say Hello for me and wish them all a very Merry Christmas! I hope this donation will help. I will pray for you and all who need prayers. I hope you have a great Christmas and THANK YOU FOR EVERY PRAYER! It has helped me in life!

Love,

Breana and MJB Got Faith! ♡♡♡ XOXOXO

Got Faith  Have Faith



Mexico Mission Trip

Lucas, Yarezmin and Arnulfo Benitez from Colonia Benito Juarez Mexico were part of Chaplain Lee Alphen's ministry at Rockingham Park in the 1990s. Almost 20 years ago, they invited her to visit their village in south, central Mexico. Since then, she and other members of her mission team have been visiting almost every year.



One of the goals of this mission in Mexico is to foster improvements that will help the people have what they need so that family members don't have to travel to the states to earn money to send home. The people in our villages live very simply and much prefer to be home in Mexico with their families.

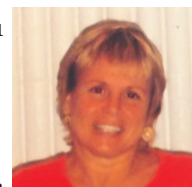
Over the years the ministry had a well drilled, taught drip irrigation, bought animals, began a school library, provided food, helped renovate several churches and much more. This year the ministry is providing over 30 scholarships. High school students are responsible for their own tuition, books and transportation.

Chaplain Lee and Peter Klecan will be visiting the mission in January. Our friends in Mexico will join us in praying for you while we are there. Please keep them in your prayers too.

From Craig Holterman...

Today was somewhat of a good day, if you can call it that but I'll take it. Donna has stopped eating and drinking she is under Hospice care at home and it's all good not easy but it works, as I have told friends and family we don't know the day or hour but our Lord and Savior is coming soon for his daughter. We are at peace with it all. Donna just wants to dance on the streets of gold and praise Christ so we pray that he comes quickly, this battle has been long and the journey long, but to know that we are never alone in all of this, makes it easy but for God's grace. Thanks Craig

Note: Craig has been caring for his wife, Donna, who has been suffering with MS for several years.



Donna Holterman

From Maggie Brant...

Prayer is powerful! Elizabeth's surgery went very well and the kidney is working like it should! The Doc said he's extremely pleased, if not amazed, with the transplant and her progress over all at this point. I spoke with her today, and I told her everyone was praying for her she said "I know, I can feel it, but we need to pray for the donor family, in their grief." She told her husband that God touched her while she was having surgery, she saw Him, and He winked and smiled at her! To God be the Glory! Thank you! Maggie

Further update...

Amazingly there is not much to report, she was sent home and her main "issue" is just recovering from her surgery!! Praise God!!

From Regina Beinhauer...

I am so thankful for God's Blessings to me and my family, and so very grateful for dear friends.

From Ellen Lilly...

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. Sam had an emergency nasal embolization surgery. He is in Rehab for 2 weeks and should be released December 20 or so. It will indeed be a Blessed Christmas this year.

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Electronic Newsletter Delivery is now available. If you would prefer to read the PDF version of our newsletter on your favorite device, go to www.chha.net/delivery-options or email Chaplain Lee at leealphen@comcast.net and let us know. You can have it both ways if you want.



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CHHA in Florida

Join us March 22, 2016 at Spring Garden Ranch in DeLeon, Florida for lunch with Jack Levine. Jack was a top Madison Ave advertising executive, owned a successful television production company and raced as an amateur harness driver.



Eventually he became an author, philanthropist, nationally known public speaker and addiction expert. Jack is now in full time ministry in Orlando, FL. You will definitely enjoy his dynamic, inspirational presentation.

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10 Rambling Willie Note Cards (pictured below) (\$20) donation

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Where the Rubber Meets the Road with God by Jack Levine (\$20)

Don't Blow It With God by Jack Levine (\$20) donation **While supplies last**



Rambling Willie Remembers

These lovely 5 x 7 Rambling Willie cards are packaged in sets of 10 cards. They are blank inside.

Horseshoe Nail Crosses

Roger Huston is offering unique, handmade horseshoe nail crosses to benefit the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association. Available in red and blue, they make great gifts for a donation of only \$20.



Complete and mail the order form to the right to Roger and he will send you your crosses.

100% of the proceeds of these beautiful crosses will go to the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association. Thank you Roger!!!



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Obituaries

Please pray for the families of our harness racing friends:

Joseph V. Angiolillo, 87, of West Harrison, NY was born into eternal life on June 9, 2014. He served in the US Navy in WWII. Joseph was an attorney at law and an entrepreneur. He was the president of ICCO Cheese Co., Inc. an international Cheese Manufacturing Company founded by his mother in 1936, owner of Paradise Farm, Standardbred horse breeder and held Leadership positions in many organizations. He was prominent in the NYSS. Chaplain John Prescott says, "He helped me secure my champion mare Surf Cast Paradise the namesake of my farm. I considered Joe a good friend. I am praying for his wife. I miss him."

Kevin A. Fort, 61 of Pittston, PA died Nov 24 while on vacation in Cancun, Mexico. Kevin is survived by his sons AJ Fort of Lehighton, PA and Christopher (Britt) Fort of Chesapeake, Virginia. He was a Farrier by trade, spending most of his career in the racehorse industry. For the past 20 years, he operated a blacksmith shop at The Downs at Mohegan Sun in Pocono and also worked at several farms in the Pocono area.

Russell Charles Haskell, 91, of Ludlow, VT died Nov 24. Russell served in the US Marine Corps and was a proud survivor of the Iwo Jima campaign. After his discharge, Russ began his 42-year career with General Electric. He also served 26 years on the Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department including 10 years as chief and volunteered his time for many other organizations as well. Russell was Chaplain Lee Alphen's Uncle.



Audre J. "Tete" King, 68, of Stoneboro, PA, died Nov 25. Tate grew up helping her dad with his race horses and became a trainer and owner of Standardbreds. She and her late husband, Richard, operated King Stables and raced at The Meadows, Northfield, Buffalo and many of the Pennsylvania fairs over the years. She was the race secretary at the Great Stoneboro Fair for many years, as well as for many other local county fairs.



Evan Leversage, 7, of St. George, Ontario died Dec 6. Some say he was an angel, placed here to remind us of the important things in life. He was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor just days before his 2nd birthday.

John Lowndes, 57, of Richmond, VA died Nov 28. John was a creative and generous man as well as an inspiring and magnetic leader. He impacted every life he touched. He was the owner of a prominent, successful Richmond business and a long-standing member of a twelve-step program. John contributed vastly to the Richmond recovery community and was a good friend of Bruce Ranger.



Thomas Malibashka, 68, of Cream Ridge, NJ, died November 23 after a battle with cancer. Born in Manhattan, Tom moved to Freehold when he was young and became interested in horses. He moved to Cream Ridge in 1979 and

started Camelot Farm with his wife, Mique. Tom enjoyed a long career as a harness horse owner and trainer. He retired in 2001 but still actively managed the farm.

Bill McEnery, 73, from IL and former president of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, died Nov 23. Bill was also, at one time the owner of the Gas City fuel and convenience store outlets. He bred Standardbreds at his Bell Valley Farm in Frankfort, IL and campaigned many with the Bell Valley name.



Michael Parisi, 51, owner and general manager of White Birch Farm in Allentown, NJ, died Dec 5. White Birch, founded by the late Joe and Marie Parisi, is an 800-acre facility in Allentown, NJ and is home to nearly 100 broodmares. It also serves as one of the premier training centers in Central New Jersey. White Birch Farm was honored as the Breeder of the Year by the United States Harness Writers Association in both 2012 and 2013.



George "Buddy" Regan, 78, died Nov 24. Born in New Castle, New Brunswick, Canada, Buddy established himself as one of the premier New York (Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceway) trainers during the 1970s. Mr. Regan began his career in harness racing working for Joe O'Brien and Stanley Dancer. From 1971 through 1980 he had a string of 10 consecutive \$1 million seasons. During the same time period he won more than 10 Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceway training titles.

Leon T. Selby, 81, of Rensselaer, Indiana, died December 8. He served in the United States Navy and was stationed at Argentina, Newfoundland. Later Leon returned to Rensselaer and for 40 years was the trainer and owner of Selby Racing Stable. He was also the owner and operator of the Marathon Gas & Service Station in Rensselaer for 20 years. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Rensselaer.



William Robert (Bill) Stuart, 91, of Ilderton, Ontario, died Dec 11. Bill and his wife of 65 years, Eileen Mae, began a breeding operation early in the 1970s. As breeders the Stuarts had the good fortune to purchase the great trotting broodmare Mygal Haw Lea as a yearling in 1975 from the first crop of Speedy Crown. A highlight of their very successful career came in the summer of 2007, when they purchased a share in Deweycheatumnhowe. That deal landed them in the 2008 Hambletonian Winner's Circle.

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Stallion Auction Bid Instructions

Our 2016 Stallion Auction will run from noon on Tuesday, February 2 through noon Saturday, February 6, 2016 at www.ongait.com. Bids will also be accepted by phone at 603-898-1927.

Minimum raise is \$100. Winning bidders owe a 10%, minimum \$100, deposit post marked by February 8, 2016. The balance (90%) is due on the birth of a live foal. Ongait.com will also charge \$50 for each winning bid.

There is no return privilege. Please only bid on breedings you intend to use. This is the major fundraiser for CHHA.

No ownership change on a mare is permitted until the service fee is paid unless a statement from a licensed veterinarian declaring the mare is not in foal is provided to CHHA. Please do not bid for mares over 20 years old or mares that have been barren two or more consecutive years. Please do not bid on a stallion for which you already have a contract.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the people on our Prayer List who are battling cancer, especially:

Debbie Boardman, Jeanne Duso Boudot, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Karen Carter, Sam Castimore, Ginny Chudoba, Sharon Cromer, Janet Dehart, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Tiffany Fisher, Pastor Bill Grant, Margaret Groce, Marilyn Hankins, Rose Hennessey, Betty James, Rita Jacobs, Bob Kinsey, Donnie Knight, Larry Lederman, Evan Leversage, Rox Liles, Ricky Macomber, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Donna Mclvor, Mira McKnight, Leo McNamara, Mrs. Miller, Corey Murphy, Randy Nix, Pierre Noel, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Robyn Rembleski, Daren Richner, Del Smart, Doug Stringer, *Beverley Sweeney*, Jack Taylor, Carrie Thompson, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward Sr., Alice Wardman, Evan Wellwood, Marty Woebkenberg, Joyce Zeasapolowski

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Danny Breton, Gaetane Breton, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Thelma Chrisman, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Dale, Harold Dancer, Dennis Drenth, Sylvain Gagnon, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, Barbara and Brent Graham, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Doug Haskell, Nancy Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, Donna Holterman, John Hostler, Jesse Hughes, Don James, Thelma Klark, Kenny Kane, Sam Lilli, Katherine Lonager, Billy Long, Sharon Lowell, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Tom Malibashka, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Melissa McKee, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Gordon Murphy, Margaret Nields, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Waverly Parsons,

Obituaries

Shawn Christopher Armour, 41, of Rising Sun, MD, died Dec 3 in an auto accident. Shawn raced horses primarily in Maryland and Delaware following in the footsteps of his grandfather. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Dallas Cowboys' fan. Shawn was devoted to his family and friends and will be missed dearly by all.



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*May the angels
lead you into paradise*
Memorials posted at www.chha.net

Memorial Contributions

In memory of **Brandy Kise** by: Joan Burns
In memory of **Susan Kelly** by: Harold Kelly

Susan Parks, Aaron Peternel, Rita Polese, Joanne Ranger, Donnie Richards, Gerald Russell, Tori Scott, Madisyn Smith, Brad Strawser, Tony, Lee Anne Taylor, Marsh Townley, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Justin Vance, Steve Warner, Greggje Welch, Jr.,

Please try to keep me updated about the people on our prayer list.

Please pray for those serving in the military, especially Joshua Hankins, Yann Lamiqu, Chris Petruzzo and Elizabeth Welch

Special Intentions for this month:

Mr Anonymous' PSA numbers are too high again.

Antonietta has metatarsalgia disease in her feet.

Jason Apperti has been crippled since he fell off a roof 30 years ago. He now has a bad infection requiring surgery.

Dot Morgan's brother, **Morris Hoagland**, was recently diagnosed with aggressive cancer and is undergoing intense radiation and chemo.

Diana lost her dad and a few months later her husband.

Lyndsay Hagemeyer has a Jan 6th interview at the Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine.

J Bradley Harris broke his pelvis in a racing accident November 21st.

Please continue to pray for **Donna Holterman** who has MS.

Jane recently had a heart attack.

Katie and Rick are dealing with cancer issues.

Leo Macnamara is continuing his cancer treatment.

Elaina Storlazi has cancer.

Jackie Provencher had a heart attack

Max Walton was recently diagnosed with A.L.S.

Allie Zarley had surgery.

Coal Miners in VA, WV and KY are losing their jobs.

Let's pray for the **families of the San Bernadino, CA victims** and for an end to terrorism.

Let's also pray for our **government leaders** that they listen to God and make right decisions.



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Up the Credit



Three Olives



Join us as at
Spring Garden Ranch
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
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Stallion Auction

February 2 - 6, 2016

Up to date List of Stallions at
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Yankee Skyscraper



Airzoom Lindy



Four Starz Robro

Partial Listing

Website is updated as new stallions are added

| State | Stallion | Farm | G | StudFee |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------|
| IL | Yankee Skyscraper | Walker Standardbreds | P | 3,500 |
| IN | Airzoom Lindy | Ivy Lane Farm | T | 2,500 |
| IN | Aracache Hanover | Ivy Lane Farm | P | 2,500 |
| IN | Blueridge Camagot | A&E Farm | P | 1,000 |
| IN | Jereme's Jet | Ivy Lane Farm | P | 2,500 |
| IN | Mr Cantab | Hoosier Standardbred Farm | T | 3,000 |
| MD | Charlie de Vie | Fox Den Farm | T | 1,500 |
| MD | Four Starz Robro | Harris Paint Stallion Station | T | 1,000 |
| MD | Rusty's All In | Fox Den Farm | P | 1,000 |
| MD | Tarver Hanover | Fox Den Farm | P | 1,000 |
| MD | The Fraternity Pan | Harris Paint Stallion Station | P | 1,000 |
| MD | Totally Western | Winbak Farm - Maryland | | 2,000 |
| NY | Quality of Life | Surf Cast Paradise Farm | P | 500 |
| OH | Powerful Toy | Ohio State ATI | P | 1,500 |
| OH | Three Olives | Ohio State ATI | P | 1,500 |
| PA | Better Caviar | Waynesburg, PA | T | 1,000 |
| PA | Detour Hanover | Delaware Valley University | T | 2,500 |
| PA | Western Shore | Delaware Valley University | P | 3,000 |
| Ontario | Up the Credit | Casimir Farm | | 3,000 |
| Ontario | Daylon Frontier | Casimir Farm | P | 1,500 |
| Ontario | Sir Luck | Casimir Farm | P | 1,500 |



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Mr Cantab



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The Fraternity Pan



Detour Hanover
Photo by Mike Lisa



Western Shore
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