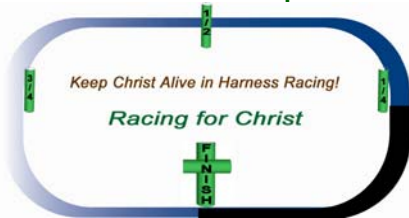


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Visit our website for the  
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## The glory of God shall be your rear guard!

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Now, wouldn't that be nice? I for one would like to think the Lord had my back. You know, life has its ups and downs. We handle the ups just fine. It's the downs that concern us. In today's economy money is often a struggle. Accidents, health issues, relationships too take a toll on us, individually, and as families. If only there was someone we could turn to when times were tough.

Have you ever had a hungry cat or dog show up at your door or in your barn? Dot Morgan, Lorraine Truitt and some of our other members work hard to find homes for horses whose owners are no longer able to feed them. I think Kate Walker does this too. Isn't it terrible when our animals don't have enough to eat? We harness racing folk are good though. We throw a bone, some hay or a bit of food when we find a hungry animal.

Jesus is hungry. Will you give him something to eat? Or, maybe he needs a listening ear, a hospital visit or a letter to him in prison. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me. (Matthew 25:40)" Maybe

someone just needs our forgiveness, love and understanding.

During Lent we think about the passion of Christ. 18<sup>th</sup> century artist, Georges Rouault, was determined to celebrate Christ's presence among the poor, the suffering and sinners. He claimed "all of my work is religious" even though he often painted brothels, the circus and the courtroom. Because each of Rouault's paintings offers an opportunity to reflect on the themes of sin, hypocrisy, and judgment they are linked to the passion of Christ. Christ is alive in all Renault's paintings

Yes, Christ lives in every person we meet. Many are suffering their own passions. This Lent I plan to make a conscious effort to look for Christ in a variety of people as I go through my days. Hopefully, if I find a Christ in need, I will remember to respond and make Jesus proud. Then, yes, I can claim the promise of Isaiah 52:9. "The glory of God will be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!"

### Letter from Katelynn Fedoris

As I travel through my college year I am very blessed to be given the opportunity to further my education in Business Management with the support that CHHA has given me. I was able to accomplish one of my goals I set for myself that is, being on the Dean's List.



Throughout my semester my classes were challenging, but with determination and faith I was able to finish. I give thanks to

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### EL Roope Helps Win Souls for Christ

By Cynthia Graham

Christ has always been first in my life since accepting him as Saviour at age of 14. I had a horse when a teen and always wanted to get another. At the age of 47 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. The Lord healed me through surgery and radiation! By his Stripes I was healed! Realizing life is precious - now was the time to get another.. My



EL Roope and Cindy Graham

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### Obituaries

*Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:*

**Dan Conway**, 68, a Standardbred publicist and writer from Michigan, died Jan. 17.

**James E Derue**, 49, a Farrier from Saratoga Springs, died on November 20.

**Rebecca Floyd**, 65, died in Anderson, Ind., on Jan. 23 from complications from pneumonia.

**Peter Haylesworth** died Jan 2 in Pompano.



**James Heyman**, 81, of Sandusky, Ohio died on February 5, at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio.



Longtime Michigan-based horseman, **Larry Jones**, 69, of Jackson, died Jan. 27.

**William 'Bill' Kingshott** of Brampton Ont. died January 24.

**Dr. Lucien Paiement**, 80, president of Semalu Farm, in Laval, Quebec, died Jan. 23.

Maryland horseman **Thomas R. Swann**, 75, died Jan. 22.



*Fedoris cont. from pg. 1* God every day for being there as my biggest supporter and guiding me through my fall semester. For the most part, I was fortunate for the way things approached themselves, and was able to take any task that was thrown at me.

I continue practicing my faith every week and when situations get hard, I ask God for help and let him take lead of the situation and have hope that the outcome will be good.

With the help of CHHA, I was able to purchase my books for the fall semester, which was a blessing. I was prepared and relieved when starting my semester, and went in with my head high.

Within this semester I found out many different characteristics about myself that I didn't know I had. One that stands out is the confidence that I have built up over the semester. I volunteer in groups at school, and stand out more than I did before. I am very blessed to have been given the opportunities that I have and will continue to give thanks to God and my family and friends who are there for me in my time of need. Finally, I want to give thanks and appreciate all that CHHA has given me and for the caring relationship that they provide to me.

Please pray for the seven students we are helping through CHHA scholarships:

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*Memorials are posted at [www.chha.net](http://www.chha.net).*

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### Prayer Corner

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

**Doug Ackerman, Debbie Boardman, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Jimmy Derue, Jan Donovan, Chaplain Tom Farley, Shirley Fiske, Greg Gehman, Marilyn Hankins, Mary Haskell, Betty Haws, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Larry Lederman, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, June McLaughlin, Michael McDonnell, Stephen McDonnell, Corey Murphy, Suzanne Murphy, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Doris Perzolla, Dr. Art Reynolds, Pete Richards, Rose Sinclair, Jimmy Summers, Fred Ward, Sr., Joyce Zeasapolowski and Will.**

Please continue to pray for **Weldon Stockwell**.

*These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:*

**Lois Boyken, Mary Burton, Joyce Cardoza, Carol Ann Case, Faye Clayborn, Joan Collins, Dale, Dick, Mr. DiDonatto, Dennis Drenth, Billy Dubois, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Nancy Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, James Heyman, Donna Holterman, John Hostler, Jesse Hughes, Thelma and Winthrop Klark, Kenny Kane, Irving Liverman, Katherine Lonager, Faye Mackey, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Dean Miller, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Waverly Parsons, Ralph Rosenberry, Rev. and Mrs. James Slack, Abe Stoltzfus, Tony, and Bill Wick.**



**Please pray for those serving in the military, especially: Sgt. Joshua Hankins and Chris Petruello.**

**Gayle Hanson's 92 year old Aunt Dotty** is hospitalized.

**Kory McDanel**, 18, was accidentally shot in the thigh and has a long road to recovery.

**John Fyke** is struggling with some issues.

Ann MacNeill's brother, **Tim Jenkins**, 46, has heart problems.

**Morely and Marilyn Bradshaw** would like some prayers.

**Larry** is struggling.

For all our members who are struggling financially.

**Karen Carter** has a tumor.

**Stewart Nemiro** shattered his ankle jogging at Pompano.

**Jerry Hissam** is struggling with pancreatitis.

**Carolyn Linder** has been sick all winter with the flu.

### Praise Reports

**Greg Gehman** is cancer free!!! Praise the Lord!!! Thank you Jesus!!!

**Rich Heffington** is doing great following his heart surgery.

The **CHHA Stallion Auction** was a big success. Thank you God! And thank you to all who donated breedings.

**George Mirka's** heart ablation went very well.

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*Racing for Christ Program*

**Registration Form**

Name	
Address	
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Name of horse	
Pledge % of earnings	____1% ____ 1/2% ____2% ____5% ____10% \$ ____ other <i>Please check one or write in other amount</i>
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Register on line at [www.chha.net/rfc](http://www.chha.net/rfc) or by returning your completed *Racing for Christ* Registration form to: CHHA 157 N. Main St, Salem, NH 03079

CHHA's *Racing for Christ Program* supports our mission to Keep Christ Alive in Harness Racing! Current participants are:

**Members**

- Ronald Beback, Jr
- Amy Bondon
- Linda S Condon
- Greg and Karolyn Gehman
- Cynthia E Graham
- Peter Grandich
- Kim Hankins
- Carolyn Linder
- Bruce Ranger

**Members**

- Ray and Lori Romanetti
- Brandon Simpson
- Stirling Brook Farms



**Horses**

- Cajun Lady
- Country Superstar
- Dance Hall Wendy
- EL Roope
- Get Over Liz
- IMA Holy Terror
- Rain Dance Heather
- Speed Mcqueen
- The grey filly

**EL Roope cont. from pg. 1** brother gave me his retired horse which I bred. I purchased another broodmare, and a yearling called EL Roope! I gave away 50% ownership to afford his training. I fell in love with him knowing God had given him to me for a reason. EL Roope began racing at 3 at Kawartha Downs doing well - then my trainer at the time asked me to buy him out. He felt EL Roope had reached his peak - Feeling differently I purchased him. He has since won Aged Trotter of the Year award at Kawartha Downs for 2012! God has blessed me through him.

I love my horses dearly and never allow them to be drugged. This is why I am so proud of EL Roope for winning this award. The Industry is having issues here in Ontario. I have been struggling whether I should leave racing. While trying to decide I received an email from a Christian friend who is not in the racing Industry, saying "do you wonder why God chose EL Roope to win this award - because he is blessing him so you can bless others - this is EL Roope's way of helping to win souls". Then I saw your *Racing for Christ Program* - I believe this was an answer to prayer and I should in fact stay in the industry. Malachi 3:10 God says to put him to the test. Many people are lost these days and in need of our Loving Saviour. I want to win souls for Christ and have registered all my horses so I can help do this as my two passions are Christ and horses. I challenge others to register their horses in the *Racing for Christ Program* and let's watch how God begins to bless others through our horses.



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Participants in the *Racing for Christ* program contribute a portion of their purses to help the [Christian Harness Horsemen's Association](http://www.chha.net) in its mission to **Keep Christ Alive in Harness Racing!**. Some CHHA activities are listed below:

- Evangelize
- Encourage Christians in harness racing in their faith
- Publish an inspirational monthly newsletter
- Support and encourage chaplains at harness tracks
- Find new chaplains
- Pray for members, benefactors, and their families
- Pray for the sick and others in harness racing
- Make pastoral visits to harness tracks, farms, training centers, and industry events
- Offer pastoral counseling
- Publish and distribute CHHA mission related materials
- Generate healthy excitement for harness racing
- Maintain an interactive website
- Help keep Christians in harness racing connected
- Award scholarships



Participants in the CHHA *Racing for Christ Program* will receive a lovely 8.5" x 11" laminated certificate (pictured above) inscribed with their name or their horse's name. Hanging these in your stable or home will provide an excellent Christian witness opportunity and help us to **Keep Christ Alive in Harness Racing!**. Details are on page 3.

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