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Christian Harness Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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**Praise reports
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for our newsletter**

Do Right by Others

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

Do Right by Others

Do we believe God? Abraham did and God blessed him in great abundance because of it (Genesis 15:6). Do we trust God? Proverbs tells us to "Trust the Lord completely" and put God first in everything. Then, God will guide us and bless our efforts with success (Proverbs 3:5-6). Yes, that's what happens. So, it should be a no brainer. Just trust God and everything will be okay. Sure, there will always be struggles, but God sees us through them.

Remember the "Golden Rule". "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). Abraham, born long before Jesus even came, put others first. He and Lot were travelling together with all their family members, flocks, herds and herders. God had blessed them, and they had many animals.

Lot's herders began quarrelling with Abraham's herders. Abraham did not want any trouble among Lot, himself and their herders. He was also concerned that the land could not sustain all the animals. So, he told Lot to decide which part of the land he wanted and to go in that direction. Then, Abraham took all of his family, herds and herders and went the other way. Abraham gave Lot first choice (Genesis 13:7-12).

God was pleased with Abraham and after Lot left, God gave Abraham all the land he could see in every direction for him and his offspring forever. God also promised Abraham so many

decedents they could never be counted (Genesis 13:14-17).

Abraham entered through the narrow gate (Matthew 17:13). New England poet Robert Frost wrote about taking "The Road Less Traveled." "That has made all the difference," says Frost in his beloved poem. For Abraham too, choosing to trust God and put others first, led to a full, happy and prosperous life. At each juncture of our lives, with every decision we make, we can choose the narrow gate of life, or just go along the "easy" way.

Lot chose the fertile plain of the Jordan and headed east with his people. They settled near Sodom where the people "were wicked and sinning greatly

against the Lord" (Genesis 13:10-13). Lot chose what he thought was the best land. Unfortunately, the road he took literally led to destruction.

Eventually Abraham had to go and rescue him after he was taken captive.

How do we make our decisions? Do we put others first? Do we first consider what they might like? My grandmother always gave my older brother the biggest piece of pie. I used to complain. Now I realize how blessed I am to have both of my brothers and I want what is best for them.

Sometimes it takes us a while. Hopefully we will learn to walk through the narrow gate that leads to life, happiness, peace, love, joy and prosperity. Yes, the narrow gate leads to God.

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Praise Reports



From Rich Thorstenson...

Happy Retirement to my wife Sandy, 35 total years in teaching, and she will be a huge plus to have with me at the upcoming horse sales and JUG Week at the Delaware County Fairgrounds for CHHA.

From Lorraine Truitt

Praise the Lord! Lorraine Truitt reports Billy Long is back driving and feeling better.

From the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Cathy Parker who has been inducted into the Harness Racing Museum Hall of Fame as a Communicator. We know she is the best!

From Evelyn Johnson

Yesterday morning was 2 days in a row that Greg couldn't breathe (he has COPD) and when he grabbed his chest I said that's it macho man we're going to the ER. By the time we got to town his lips were white and I maintained my composure so as to get him help. Inside I was shake'n like a leaf. I talked to God and asked for His Hand to be upon us and that He would get the problems revealed and solutions made. I was by myself in the waiting room for a bit and just about to the point of tears and feeling quite alone. Then I gave myself an attitude check and told myself you are never alone in the first place - I don't remember scriptures particularly as to where they can be found but I don't forget messages. So I pondered on that for awhile and then it occurred to me that although they aren't here, I have many brothers and sisters in The Lord through CHHA and I felt better.☺ And then the light bulb came on again and I began claiming the Favor, Blessings and Miracles that you have asked for me. Greg is going to be fine, his EKG chest x-rays and a bunch of other tests all came back great. No heart attack or damage, his lungs are in surprisingly good shape and he had a spell of asthma and a slight infection. Thanks be to God this worked out good - I want to thank you for all that you do for all of us In Jesus Name Amen.

Your Sister in Christ, Evelyn Johnson, Monroe LA

From The Meadows

Happy 60th Birthday to Pastor Joe DiDonato who is Chaplain at the Meadows.

Ann Wade is blessed to be recuperating at the home of Gina and Rick Beinhauer.

The Road Not Taken

by Robert Frost



Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Published in 1920 by Henry Holt and Company, NY

From Dot Morgan...

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program recently broke ground for what will become the largest thoroughbred aftercare facility for racehorses. Dot Morgan and her staff work hard to make sure both Standardbreds and thoroughbreds receive the proper care when their racing careers end. Dot said, "There are so many both Standardbreds and thoroughbreds that need this retirement luxury and so few permanent slots available. We are very, very fortunate to have Mereworth."

The Susan S. Donaldson Foundation has donated 85 acres of the historic Mereworth Farm located just outside Lexington, KY.

A few, fortunate Standardbreds who have gone to post hundreds of times just arrived at their new retirement home with luscious, bluegrass fields.

For more information visit them at
www.horseadoption.com.



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Puzzle

Put God First in Everything and God will bless our efforts with success. Proverbs 3:5-6)

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CHHA Videos

Roger Huston came up with the idea of creating some informational videotapes about CHHA to play at the racetracks. Lori arranged with video expert, Jeff Zidek, who was more than willing to help us out. Jeff interviewed me and photographed Pastor Joe DiDonato and me in the chapel and stables at The Meadows. Sam McKee is arranging for someone to video our events at Gaitway Farm, The Hambletonian and The Little Brown Jug. Jeff will pull everything together. I can't wait to see his master piece.



Pastor Joe DiDonato, Chaplain Lee Alphen, Roger Huston and Lori Romanetti

Actually, he already sent a couple of short clips that he is running at The Meadows. Check them out at www.chha.net. Jeff did a terrific job.

Roger Huston and Lori Romanetti have great ideas and enthusiasm for the CHHA. I thank God for them!

Prayer Corner continued from page 5

- A member's daughter-in-law was just diagnosed with cancer. Please continue to pray for Cindy Graham's mother.
- Henry Guilmette's heart is 95% blocked. He needs surgery.
- Diane Hugel's brother, Chuck, had emergency heart surgery.
- David Knight is having vision problems.
- Kaye McDonnell will have heart surgery within the next few weeks.
- Lisa Lynn Messner had back surgery.

- Rick Remenaric is battling cancer.
- Lorraine Truitt has some new health issues.
- Ann Wade shattered her kneecap.
- Steve Warner from Ontario has many health issues and is undergoing tests.
- Please pray for an end to the bird flu and for healthy poultry.

Obituaries cont. from page 5

loved the horses, the racing action, the game and can never be replaced."

Eliogio "Lee" Broglio, best known for training Slapstick, Big Towner, Kala Lobell, Cunning Bunny and Dart Hanover, died June 11 at his home in West Palm Beach, Fla. He was 90. A native of New York, N.Y., Lee got his start in harness racing in 1948 when he bought and trained his first horse.

Roy Dempsey Davis, 85, of Dallas, TX; Pittsburgh, PA; Jupiter, FL.; and Cat Cay, Bahamas, died June 16. Roy was a member of the Hambletonian Society and a former director of the United States Trotting Association. He was an extremely successful horseman in the Standardbred world. His horses, who all had the surname of Spur, won back-to-back Little Brown Jugs (Barberry Spur and Jaguar Spur).



Wayne Heller, the owner of Spring Garden Ranch, died June 10. Wayne and Judy bought the ranch in 2003. The couple were never apart and our prayers are with Judy while she is facing the future without her lifetime mate. According to Travel Pulse, Wayne and Judy Heller transformed travel agency cruise sales by establishing Cruises Only in 1984.



Arthur Jackson Jr., 69, of Canyon, TX, died June 12. Arthur was a longtime owner and trainer-driver of Standardbreds while living in Zanesville, Ohio. He relocated to Texas to work as a cattle buyer. He continued to train Standardbreds on his ranch in Texas before sending horses back to Ohio to race.



Basil Kellis, 78, of Wells, Maine, died May 19 after a courageous battle with cancer. Basil graduated from the Univeristy of Maine Law School and had an office in Sanford, ME. He had an active career as a lawyer for 47 years with a strong work ethic. He was also an active owner and breeder of Standardbred horses for 35 years. He enjoyed time at Lavish Acres, his breeding farm in Greene, ME where Farm Manager-Trainer, Frank Withee kept him competitive in the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes Program in the 70s and 80s.



Edward "Eddie" Morgan Jr. of Leslie, MI, died June 14, at age 75. Eddie was inducted into the Michigan Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2008. He won 4,724 races and generated a total of \$7,689,479 in purse earnings. Among his biggest victories was capturing the Kentucky Pacing Derby at Louisville Downs with Jake And Elwood. He not only was a successful trainer and driver, but he was an incredible mentor and teacher to many current national leading drivers. In addition to his son, Tim Tetrick, Ronnie Wrenn Jr. and Drew Monti are a just a few drivers who were influenced by him. According to announcer Sam McKee, "Eddie always said he'd rather have a *has been* than a *never would be*. He was always good at patching together and racing old class horses."

Ronald E. Patterson 71, of Niantic, IL, died May 6. Ron was a brick mason and for many years owned and operated his own masonry contracting businesses. He also owned and operated the Macon County Auction in the 80's. Ron was an avid marble collector and enjoyed harness horse racing.



Alan Prince, a longtime journalist for the Miami Herald, a journalism professor at the University of Miami and 48-year national officer for the U. S. Harness Writers Association (USHWA) and a harness racing Hall of Fame Communicator inductee, died June 17. He was 85.

Russell Rice, a longtime Lexington journalist and sports information director who moonlighted as publicity director at The Red Mile and Louisville Downs in the 1970s, died May 29 in Ormond Beach, FL. He was 90. He was perhaps best known in Kentucky for his books about University of Kentucky sports, especially basketball and its legendary coaches Adolf Rupp and Joe B. Hall. Russell served as Sports Information Director for the University of Kentucky from 1968-1987 and knew both coaches well from his time in that position.

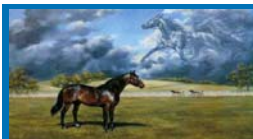
Robert "Bob" Rosenheim, 77, died at his home in Sharon, CT on June 1 after a long illness. As a young man, he went to the horse races with his father in New York. In 1994 he purchased his first Standardbred racehorse and his passion for racing was ignited! In 1996 his horse, Armbro Prowess, won the Breeders Crown and was voted 2-Year-Old Trotting Filly of the Year. Bob bought a farm in Stillwater, NY, near Saratoga Springs and built a training track. He visited the farm often and enjoyed watching his horses train and race.



Patrick 'Pat' Ryan of London, Ontario, died June 12, 2015 at the age of 60. Pat was connected to a number of recognizable stakes winners, including 2004 Confederation Cup winner, Sparkler, 2007 Jugette winner, Western Graduate, as well as Parlee Beach and Countryview Miss.

**Put God First
Puzzle Solution**

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

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 In memory of **Priscilla Halfyard Sebok** by: CHHA- The Meadows and
 Pastor Joe and Marci DiDonato

Obituaries

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

Edward B. Billewicz, 58, (formerly of Lawrence, MA) died June 8, in New Jersey in a car accident. He graduated from Lowell Technological Institute (now Lowell University) in 1978 majoring in Business Administration. It didn't take Ed long to realize that work behind a desk was not for him. His love of the outdoors combined with the joy he felt working with harness horses at Rockingham Park in Salem, NH, set his career path. He moved to New Jersey and worked with well-known trainers Bob Bongiorno and Joe Holloway caring for the best paid trotter of all times, Florida Jewel in the early 90s. His employer for the last 20 years, Greg S. Dey, a veterinarian, said, "Ed was so conscientious,



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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, Wayne Cowdry, Margaret Cromer, Sharon Cromer, Janet Dehart, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Tiffany Fisher, Margaret Groce, Marilyn Hankins, Rose Hennessey, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Larry Lederman, Evan Leversage, Rox Liles, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Mrs. Miller, Corey Murphy, Randy Nix, Pierre Noel, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Jim Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Del Smart, Jimmy Sommers, Jack Taylor, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward Sr., Alice Wardman, Evan Wellwood, Betty Wogoman, Marty Woebkenberg, Chaplain Yurian, Joyce Zeasapolowski

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Gary Bennett, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Gaetane Breton, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Helen

Focusing on God by Lee Newcomer

John 10:10 says, "The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." No matter the circumstance, we have to keep our chin up high and not let Satan attack.

Today I was on top in a race, and it looked like I would win easy. Then, within feet of the wire, all of a sudden my horse slipped and made a break. Within seconds I was second. What a deal. It was on our home track. My family was all there wanting a picture with the grand kids in the Winner's Circle. The race was exciting, but the finish was not what I expected. We were so close to the finish line, leading the race with only a few lengths to go to the wire, and she made a break. REALLY!!!!

Even though I finished second, I kept myself from letting Satan win. I didn't let him destroy me.

Sometimes it's so difficult to keep from letting Satan destroy us, but, by having the grace of God and love within, I stayed focused and I still won. As we came off the track, the grand kids said good job grandpa, we will get it next time. What a trophy of words spoken from little children.

This is the same way with our Christian walk. We need to keep praying and keep focused on our Father in heaven no matter what earthly things happens to us.

Reminder!!!! Keep God around us at all times. Do as He asks. Our reward and prize will be in heaven for eternity.

**Praise Reports - Testimonies
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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:

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Unique Forged Items

The Lord inspires Maine blacksmith, Ernie Lowell, to use his talents, forge, and hammer to shape iron into works of art. Ernie is always toting a new creation or two around in his truck. The way he turns horseshoes hot from the forge and decorates them by wielding his hammer on the anvil constantly amazes me. No two items are ever exactly alike. Many of them are three dimensional.



Ernie Lowell with
Bubba's Bustin Out

Would you like a unique piece for yourself or to give as a gift? Check out the samples on our website at www.chha.net or give Ernie a call at 207-468-4489 and discuss an idea you have in mind. Ernie will donate a portion of the proceeds to CHHA if you mention you learned about him from us.



Jug Week Prayer Breakfast!

When: Wednesday, September 23, 2015
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Where: Backstretch Hospitality Tent on the Delaware Co. Fairgrounds, Delaware, OH
(across from the Log Cabin)

Plan to join us—it's FREE!

Come to our
BBQ at Gaitway Farm
355 State Route 33, Englishtown, NJ
Monday, July 20, 2015 at 12:30 PM
Free
BBQ Inspiration Music Fun
Ron Dancer will speak about the Race of Life

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When I woke up this morning,
I asked myself, "What is life about?"
I found the answer in my room....the fan said, "Be cool."
The roof said, "Aim high."
The window said, "See the world!"
The clock said, "Every minute is precious."
The mirror said, "Reflect before you act."
The calendar said, "Be up to date."
The door said, "Push hard for your goals."
The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."
The phone said, "Reach out and connect with others."

What is life About?

Author unknown