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CHHA is very pleased to welcome **Roger Huston** to our Board of Trustees.

Exciting Beginnings

By Chaplain Lee Alphen

“And they’re off...” says the announcer at the start of each new race. Gold, orange, yellow, and red sunrises begin each new day. Well, sometimes they are more spectacular than others. Spring arrives with new growth here in the northeast. Every 4.2 seconds a new baby is born somewhere in the world. January first 2015 arrived full of hope and promise.

I was reading Mark’s account of the feeding of the 5,000 with 5 loaves and a few fish. After everyone ate and were satisfied, the disciples put out across the lake while Jesus went off to a mountain to pray. Later during the night, as the boat was tossed about in a storm, Jesus came walking on the water and told the disciples, “Don’t worry, have courage,” as He got into the boat. Mark points out that they were completely astounded, and that they didn’t understand the miracle of the loaves.

How could they not understand? Jesus fed the multitudes an abundant

meal with a paltry amount of food. At this point Jesus had already healed many who were sick and He cast out demons. In fact,

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
All fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives**

By Bill Gaither

the disciples were just reporting back to Jesus about all the miracles they had done and all they had taught after being sent off by Jesus. Jesus performed many mighty miracles to open hearts to hear the “good news” and empowered the 12 to do the same. Yet, the disciples still didn’t get it.

Were their hearts so hardened they did not see God working powerfully in their lives? How about our hearts? Do we stop and reflect on all God does for us? Do we see the promise of each new day and hold out the hope that God is making all things new? (Rev 21:5)

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Paul Hershey is Free Wheelin!

Bicycles are a common mode of transportation around our racetracks. CHHA Member Paul Hershey is using his skills volunteering at Freewheelin' Community Bikes to help underprivileged Indianapolis kids earn and maintain their bicycles.

Visit www.freewheelinbikes.org to learn more about this exciting project. By the way, Paul will be 80 next May.

Christian Veterinary Mission

by E Wesley Parry, II DVM

It all started when shortly after graduation from Vet School, when I started my own practice at the Meadows in Meadowlands, PA. My wife, Ruth, and I found out that in spite of our history, God was a loving and forgiving God. We just had to accept the fact that we are all sinners, so God sent his son, Jesus, to die for us; that He rose from the dead, and that if we confess our sins we are forgiven. Putting these beliefs into practice literally changed our lives.

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Doc Parry on his last trip to the Sioux in Pine Ridge, SD

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Obituaries

Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:

Leroy Amos, 64, of Navarre, Ohio, died Nov 28 from complications of a massive stroke. Leroy, a veteran of the Vietnam War became a farrier. His passion was Standardbreds, which he bred, raised and raced over a span of 30 years. In 1986, he authored *Limbs of the Equine*, which is still being circulated across academia and horse people globally. Outside of his career, he spent countless hours as a leader and volunteer in various national and local horse associations.



Robert E. "Bob" Botsch, 81, of Garrisons Lake, DE, died Dec 1. Bob was a US Army Medic during the Korean war. He used to raise, train and flow homing racing pigeons. He also enjoyed his Fox Hounds. Bob also owned, trained and drove Standardbreds for 57 years.



John "Jake" Chapman Jr. died Dec. 19, at his home in Orchard Park, NY. Jake was a horseman and a son of the late Hall of Fame horseman John Chapman. He was 60.



Donna J. Evans Hite, 79, of Coal Center, PA died Aug 23. She worked in the cafeteria for the Belle Vernon School District and was an avid race horse owner. Her son, Wayne and daughter, Janis race at The Meadows.

Lawrence M. Gary, 92, of Ada, MI, died Dec 7. Lawrence attended Wheaton College. He was a decorated World War II veteran. He founded his successful beer distributorship, Kent Beverage. He loved raising and racing his horses and always looked forward to his annual Canadian fishing trips.

Susan M. Kelly, 74, of Manalapan went home to be with the Lord on November 27. Susan was retired after working side by side with her husband for many years in the horse business. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Freehold.

Kathleen Marshall, mother of USTA director Kenneth Marshall, died Dec 16. She was a resident of Hazel Park, MI.

Robert William "Bobby" Miller, 73, of Leburn, KY, died Nov 4 in Deland, FL. Bobby has owned harness horses for many years.

Ebbert L. "Ed" Quinn, 84, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died Nov 27. He was a Korean Conflict veteran, a retired heavy equipment operator and a Standardbred trainer. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He trained Standardbreds since 1949 and for 30-plus years at the Croton Fairgrounds.



Marty Jay Quist, 61, of Moline, IL died October 10. Marty enjoyed raising miniature horses. He and his wife, Debbie, were good friends of Evelyn Collins. He worked the last 31 years as a well respected insurance agent.

Anita Ratliff, who managed Thunder Ridge Racetrack in Kentucky with a big heart but little money, has died after a three-year battle with cancer. Anita worked in public accounting for 50 years before ending her career as general manager and chief financial officer of Appalachian Racing in Prestonsburg, KY.

George Raymond, 81, of Delhi Township, MI, died Nov 8. He and his wife, Dawn, bred Standardbreds until her death in 2010. George served in the US Army, worked briefly delivering milk for Heatherwood Dairies, and then landed a job selling advertising for the Mason, Mich., newspaper. By the end of his working career he owned that newspaper along with several other community shopping guides, and was a well-known local businessman and philanthropist. George would always count among his greatest accomplishments defeating the great Speedy Crown with his trotter

Dearborn Star in the Open Trot at Wolverine.

Jeffrey Alan Remy 65, of Columbus, Ohio, died Dec 4. Jeffrey entered the business working as a groom for trainers Ron Noel and Gene Riegle, and was a second trainer for Joe Adamsky. He loved developing young horses and escaping the Ohio winters by heading south to Pompano, FL and Hawkinsville, GA. Jeffrey also served as a racing official. However, his real passion was training.

Dr Rocovich died in 1990 in California He was a brain surgeon who also raised race horses. Chaplain John Prescott trained his horses at one time.



Paige H. West, 82, of Pompano Beach, FL, died Nov 23. He had been a local resident since 1986 after moving from Salisbury, MD. Paige was retired from the harness horse racing business. He was the trainer and sometimes driver of Adios Butler, the Horse of the Year in 1960 and 1961.

Robert J. (Bob) Williams Sr., 78, died Dec 9. Bob began his racing career in 1942. When he was six, he trained his first horse for his father, John Williams. He began his driving career in 1954 right after graduating high school. In the late 1950s owner Peter Katona entrusted his entire stable to the 23 year-old Robert who took full advantage of the opportunity by becoming a leading driver-trainer, first, in Michigan and then Illinois and California. After retiring as a trainer-driver in the late 1980s, Robert became a Paddock Judge at Muskegon Raceway then an Associate Judge at Toledo Raceway and Pompano Park. He was elected to the Florida USHWA Hall of Fame in 1999 with a similar honor in Michigan Harness Horsemen's Hall of Fame in 2004.

Dale Wood, 84, of New Hampton, NY died August 30. Dale trained horses at Historic Track, Goshen, NY. A NYU graduate, Dale worked as an electrical engineer. However, his first love was horses and he was a highly respected horsemen with many friends.

Memorial Contributions

Memorials are posted at www.chha.net.

In memory of **Bob Farrington** by: Clara Young

In memory of **Cynthia Bourne** by: Jacquelyn Kopacz

In memory of **Sue Kelly** by: Sue and Ray Beachy

In memory of **Marty Quist** by: Evelyn Collins

In memory of **Dr Rocovich** by: John Prescott

In memory of **Dale Wood** by: Howard Gill, DVM

In memory of **John and Janet Klark** by: Bob and Beth Cain and Craig Holterman

In memory of **Weldon and Nancy Stockwell** by: Bob and Beth Cain

Beginnings cont. from page 1 Bill Gaither put it nicely when he recorded **Because He Lives**. (*chorus is printed on page 1*)

We never know for sure how a race will turn out as the horses line up behind the starting gate. A beautiful sunrise holds out the promise of a good day. The coming of Spring, and the start of a new year put a smile on our faces. So does a new foal or a new baby.

The greatest new beginning is each new beginning with the Lord. Each time we stop and think about how God is working in our lives; we are blessed. This year I am going to think about what God is doing in my sunrises and starting gates, as I look to the future trying harder to walk with the Lord. I believe I am in for an exciting year.

"Take courage and fear not," says the Lord. I make all things new. Exciting beginnings are in store with God.

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Items available while supplies last

Donations also accepted at www.chha.net.

Prayer Corner

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



Debbie Boardman, Jana Brocco, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Wayne Cowdry, Janet Dehart, Maryanne Doherty, Jerry Eby, Chaplain Tom Farley, Tiffany Fisher, Margaret Groce, Marilyn Hankins, Rose Hennessey, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Rox Liles, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, Priscilla McFayden, Mrs. Miller, Corey Murphy, Randy Nix, Pierre Noel, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Patsy Payne, Jim Raymer, Robyn Rembleski, Del Smart, Rose Sinclair, Jimmy Sommers, Jack Taylor, Gary Tyron, Fred Ward, Sr., Alice Wardman, Betty Wogoman, Marty Woebkenberg, Chaplain Yurian and Joyce Zeasapolowski.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Chaplain Kelly Blanton, Gary Bennett, Amy Bondon, Peter Blood, Marilyn Bondon, Diane Boyken, Kevin Burns, Mary Burton, Carol Ann Case, Joan Collins, Anthony Coletta, Dale, Harold Dancer, Blanche DiDonatto, Jimmy Doherty, Dennis Drenth, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Sylvain Gagnon, Greg Gehman, Dr. Howard Gill, Bob Goth, David Graham, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Bob Hilliard, Bob Jones, Nancy Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, Jerry Hissam, Donna Holterman, John Hostler, Jesse Hughes, Thelma Klark, Kenny Kane, Katherine Lonager, Billy Long, Faye Mackey, Joanne Maiorca, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Melissa MacNeill, Kaye McDonnell, Dean Miller, Raymond Miller, Margaret Nields, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Ronnie Parker, Susan Parks, Rita Polese, Donnie Richards, Ken and Peggy

Roper, Brad Strawser, Tony, Lee Anne Taylor, Lorraine Truitt, Mel Turcott, Greggie Welch, Jr, Bill and Lucille Wick and Tony Working.

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

Karen Carter's cancer has returned.
Priscilla's cancer has continued to spread.
Brent Graham has been diagnosed with last stage dementia and is in hospital. His wife, Barbara is in hospital the with a broken back.
Mary Virginia Jones fell and broke her right ankle and left kneecap.
Larry, who has been running the Bible Study at Pompano, had surgery on his arm and cannot move it for 6 weeks.
Sharon Lowell has Myfineas Gradis. There is no cure. She is on steroids. Please pray it goes into remission.
Patty Menne is scheduled for a total knee replacement.
Jim Raymer has pancreatic and liver cancer.
Robert Swain had a stroke.
Phil Terry broke his ankle.
Sandy Weiss had back surgery.
Dave Wardman has the shingles.
Lucille Wick had a total hip replacement that cracked.
Joanne Ranger has a brain bleed.

Doc Parry cont. from page 1

We felt that God was directing our lives and one of the first things we did was in the 70's. We worked with our Pastor and others in the community to copy other tracks and start a chaplaincy program. At first the chaplains were volunteers. We also held Vacation Bible School for the track children at the local Assembly of God Church. It didn't really take off until Ed Ryan helped to fund the program, and Pastor Joe DiDonato came on board. As they say, the rest is history. Our next years in Washington, PA area were spent supporting the ministry at the track and other missionaries around the world.

Toward the end of our time at "The Meadows," I took a trip to Haiti to help with their animals. This began my more extensive involvement in missions. About three years ago, Ruth and I spent two weeks working in Honduras. Every day we went to a different village and did what needed to be done with the villagers' animals. Ruth played with and read about Jesus to the children. In the last couple of years, I have spent most of my time and energy going on mission trips to help Native Americans with their animals. I have gone to the Cherokee in NC, the Navajo in the southwest and the Sioux in SD. I go through the Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) with fellow veterinarians, vet students and vet techs. The theme for CVM is: sharing God's love through caring for animals.

Ruth and I are planning to go to Central America again this Spring. I will be doing spays, neuters, vaccinations, castrations, floating teeth and deworming. We do this all at a nominal cost to the owner. I'm sure you can imagine the cost involved.

If any of you feel led to assist financially, you can send donations to the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA) noted that it is for CVM. CHHA will be happy to forward them on, and Dr Parry will get the credit for your gift.



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Yankee Skyscraper



Charlie de Vie

2015 Stallion Auction

2 pm Wednesday, January 28 thru 2 pm Saturday, January 31

Bid at www.ongait.com or by phone at 603-898-1927

Check up do date stallion listing at www.chha.net/stallions

Illinois			
Yankee Skyscraper	P	Walker Standardbreds	3,500
Indiana			
Airzoom Lindy	T	Ivy Lane Farm	2,500
Arachache Hanover	P	Ivy Lane Farm	2,500
Jereme's Jet	P	Ivy Lane Farm	3,000
Mr Cantab	T	Hoosier Standardbred Farm	3,000
Maryland			
Charlie de Vie	T	Fox Den Farm	1,500
Four Starz Robro	T	Harris Paint Stallion Station	1,000
The Fraternity Pan	P	Harris Paint Stallion Station	1,000
Totally Western	P	Winbak Farm of Maryland	2,000
New York			
Conway Court	T	Majestic View Farms Intl	\$1,000
Quality of Life	P	Surf Cast Paradise Farm	750

Ohio			
Allamerican Native	P	Hagemeyer Farms	2,500
Full Count	T	Marvin Raber Farm	2,000
Ghee's House	P	ATI Equine—OSU	2,000
Nob Hill High	P	Hagemeyer Farms	2,500
Powerful Toy	P	ATI Equine—OSU	1,500
Three Olives	P	ATI Equine—OSU	1,500
Pennsylvania			
Keystone Savage	T	Rock Oak Farm	1,500
Slickest Hanover	P	Rock Oak Farm	1,000
Touchdown Town	T	Rock Oak Farm	1,500
Tuffofthetoughest	P	Delaware Valley College	2,000
Ontario			
Daylon Frontier	P	Casimir Farm	1,500
Mr Lavec	T	Tara Hills Stud Farm	500
Sir Luck	P	Casimir Farm	1,500
Up the Credit	P	Casimir Farm	3,000



Aracache Hanover



Up the Credit



Ghee's House

Bidding Instructions

Minimum raise is \$100. Winning bidders owe a 10%, minimum \$100, deposit postmarked by February 3, 2015. The balance (90%) is due on the birth of a live foal. There is no return privilege. Please only bid on breedings you intend to use. This is CHHA's main fundraiser.

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.

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