



# PTHA NEWS

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association  
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## Big Names, Big Purses Highlight Summer '08

### Zito's \$1 Million Derby

Under blue skies, and in front of a spirited crowd Labor Day crowd, trainer Nick Zito scored his second ever PA Derby win with 16-1 shot Anak Nakal on September 1. Jockey Joe Bravo was aboard for Four Horsemen Thoroughbreds, scoring his third Derby win. Prior to 2008, he won with Meadow Flight in 1994 and with Grand Hombre in '03.

The day also marked the completion and grand opening of the first new barn on the Philadelphia Park backstretch. Used as the new receiving barn, the renovated structure housed the first of the stakes competitors accompanied by their grooms shipping in early Monday morning for the day's card.

### Revival of Greenwood Cup Marks New Era

Returning to the Philadelphia Park stakes schedule on July 19 after a three-year absence, was the \$250,000 Greenwood Cup at 1 1/2 miles. Multiple graded stakes winner and fan-favorite Evening Attire scored his 40th and final career victory in track record time under Jose Espinoza.

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Field for the 21st running of the PA-Derby breaks before energetic late summer crowd on Labor Day (above). (Left) "Jersey" Joe Bravo scored his third Derby win with the Four Roses Thoroughbred owned Anak Nakal, trained by Nick Zito..



Trained by Pat Kelly, popular veteran Evening Attire charged home first in front of a cheering crowd of followers in the Greenwood Cup on July 19 (left). Anak Nakal scores first win of 2008 in the PA Derby on Labor Day (right). Photos by Equi-Photo



Jose Espinosa accepts the Greenwood Cup trophy from Bill Hogwood on July 19 for his victory aboard Tommy Kelly and Joseph and Mary Grant's 10-year-old Evening Attire. It was to be the multiple stakes winning gelding's last race before his retirement in September. (right)



### Living Legends Tour Stops at Philadelphia Park

Racing Hall of Fame jockeys Pat Day, Angel Cordero, Jr., and Laffit Pincay sport PTHA Turning For Home hats at Philadelphia Park on October 5 as part of the Breeders' Cup Legends Tour. The multi-city tour includes appearances at nine racetracks and a hotel and casino in Las Vegas before its final stop at Santa Anita. Cordero, is best known at Philadelphia Park for his exciting ride aboard Broad Brush in the 1986 PA Derby. Trained by Richard Small, Broad Brush bolted to the outside rail at the top of the stretch, but still won the race for owner Robert Meyerhoff. Fourteen years later, Pat Day won the Derby with Summer Squall, trained by Neil Howard for the Dogwood Stable.

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## President's Message

The summer months presented a lot of opportunities for handshaking and all around congratulations as the PTHA saw the efforts of hard work and unity between Philadelphia Park and the horsemen come to fruition.

On August 11, Joe Wilson presented a \$50,000 check from Philadelphia Park and matching the PTHA's donation, to the PTHA's Turning For Home to help fund the track's retirement program for racehorses. Always a mission close to their hearts, Philadelphia Park's Joe Wilson and Sal Sinatra are to be thanked for their support of the five month old program which has been able to help trainers place their horses when their careers are over.



Joe Wilson, COO Philadelphia Park (r), and Sal Sinatra, Director of Racing (l), present donation check to PTHA President Donald Reeder for the formation of the PTHA's Turning For Home.

welcoming the runners competing on PA Derby Day. Brighter stalls with state of the art flooring, higher ceilings, improved ventilation, and increased attached storage for tack and feed are just a few of the amenities each of the new barns will offer.

As we move into the chillier months of Fall, we'll rest easier knowing that our horses are well taken care of, whether in their retirement or at home here at the track.

*Donald Reeder*

**PRESIDENT  
PTHA**



Ribbon cutting ceremony as the first of 36 barns at Philadelphia Park has been completed as part of the track's \$30 million backstretch renovation plan. (l to r) Dave Ziegler, Director of Design & Construction; Joe Wilson, Michael Ballezzi, Donald Reeder, PTHA Board Member Mary Kernan, and Sal Sinatra



### "Feels Good to Be Home"

Philadelphia Park owner Joel DuBow welcomes Ian's Rocket home after the 10-year-old retired from racing last month. DuBow races under the name Paladin Inc., and Ian's Rocket was the first horse he chose on his own when he and Bob Seeger teamed up to claim horses six years ago. Although DuBow lost Ian's Rocket through the claim box years ago, he kept track of the old fellow through Equibase's Virtual Stable.

"He was a \$7,500 claim who earned over \$100,000 for us," said Dubow. "On PA-bred Day, he finished third to Docent in a 7 furlong stake. We had him for two full years before Michael Gill took him for \$45,000."

Becoming concerned after the classy veteran dropped into the \$3,500 ranks at Ft. Erie, DuBow contacted the trainer and arranged to get him back.

"I was worried because I know that horse slaughter is legal in Canada, and I don't know where he would have ended up when he was done racing."

Trainer Denyse McClachrie had scratched him from his last race, and the owner, Shale Wagman set up shipping arrangements to get him back to Dubow.

Stepping off the trailer at Hill Haven Farm in New Jersey, Ian's Rocket's coat glistened and he was in good weight after his long trip. Prancing about on the end of the lead shank, he looked much the same as Dubow remembered him.

"He was always a spirited horse," said Dubow. "He loved to gallop, and he loved to train. He'd dance around like Mohammed Ali out there -- a real challenge for his exercise boy. I am so glad to have him home."

After some well-deserved time off, Dubow will look for someone to give Ian a permanent home and new career.

## PTHA Trophy List

DATE	OWNER	HORSE	TRAINER
6/7/08	Rocky Hill Group	Red Magic	Armand Correnti
6/14/08	W.P.F. Stable	Shouldabeenaclown	Pam Shavelson
6/21/08	Edward P. Evans	Rough Water	Anthony Dutrow
6/28/08	CJZ Racing Stable	Full Makeover	Robert Reid, Jr.
7/5/08	HACK Stable	Pleabargain	Andrew Carter
7/12/08	Jeremy Gilliam	Happy Digger	Jeremy Gilliam
7/19/08	Armand Delaperriere	Preachin Heat	Anthony Pecoraro
7/26/08	Larry Zellen	Uncle Gidge	Alan Goldberg
8/2/08	Danny Limongelli	Western Illusion	Steven Krebs
8/9/08	Lianna Stables	Ramblin Romeo	Julian Canet
8/16/08	Mark Lewis	Ricardo A	Alfredo Velazquez
8/23/08	Joann Alexander	Partner George	Peter Alexander
9/6/08	Two C Stable	Texas Charlie	Armand Correnti
9/13/08	Robert S. Evans	Bitter End	Tim Ritchey
9/20/08	Charles Merrick III	Grand In Grey	Tim Ritchey
9/27/08	Eric Mitchell	Splendor Spender	Karen Kunes

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## From The Desk of the Executive Director

..... Michael P. Ballezzi



In recent months, through the efforts of the PTHA and Philadelphia Park, thoroughbred racing in the Commonwealth has undergone many positive changes. Our racetrack, in particular, has been recognized by the racing industry due to the strength of our horsemen's contract, the advent of casino wagering at Philadelphia Park, our substantial increase in purses, our tremendous care of backstretch personnel with some of the best medical, dental and prescription coverages, our \$25 million backstretch renovation project, and our model horse rescue program--the first of its kind in the nation.

Our purse increases to \$250,000 a day (and still growing) have provided the incentive to improve our product and strengthen our racing and breeding programs in Pennsylvania.

With the 29th running of the PA Derby on Labor Day now offering \$1 million in purse money, we attracted a full field of 13 entrants to this year's race, including some of the nation's budding three-year-old stars. Just a week earlier, PA-bred day showcased the best of our statebreds, offering eight races with full fields and nearly \$1 million in purses.

The PTHA has worked hard to protect and provide for our horsemen the guarantee of live racing, increased purses, and health care for our families. I look forward to expanding on these accomplishments -- and the best is yet to come!

## Where We Are Now...After Twelve Years of PTHA Service

### PURSES

- Over \$300,000/day anticipated Fall '09
- Over \$60 million anticipated to be paid out in '08 in overnight races, stakes and Pa-bred bonuses.



### BACKSTRETCH IMPROVEMENTS

- Implementation of \$25 million plan for complete backstretch renovation, including barns with attached feed and supply sheds, upgraded electric, water, and ventilation; as well as refurbished dormitories with new heating, ac and electrical systems, and new paving and beautification between barns and roadways.
- Expanded trash removal
- Hot walking machines
- Track kitchen renovation
- New trainer viewing stands
- Dormitory and barn maintenance repair checklist



### FRONTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- Return of newly renovated grandstand for fulltime racing in Fall 2009
- Paddock renovation and expanded walking ring
- Summer paddock and viewing stand expansion
- Horsemen's parking
- Box seat section for horsemen
- Weekly trophy race with trophy to owner and blanket to trainer

### HEALTH CARE

- \$1.2 million annually in health insurance for trainers and families through Keystone East, Delta Dental, Vision Svcs., SunLife Insurance



- Over \$330,000 in PTHA Benefit Trust for stable employees in 2007
- Weekly health services through LaSalle Nursing
- Dr. Brian Rizen and staff in Rec Hall
- Emergency burial service

### LOBBYISTS

- Lobbyist on retainer to keep horsemen informed of important state legislative changes in Harrisburg that would affect the horseracing industry
- American Horse Council representative apprising horsemen of important federal legislation

### LEGISLATION

- Slots legislation passed and signed by the Governor in 2004
- In 1996, repeal of 6% sales tax on commercial horse sales and claims
- Establishment of Pennsylvania Horseracing and Breeding Coalition which meets quarterly to address needs of Thoroughbred and harness industries, and whose purpose is to present a united front to legislators, as well as to both the Thoroughbred and Harness Racing Commissions.



### PERSONAL ATTORNEY SERVICES THROUGH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Provides pro bono legal help and advice in licensing, ejections, due process, personal credit problems and criminal matters

### SOCIAL & CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS

- Annual awards banquet honoring outstanding racing achievements
- Shared sponsorship of Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving dinners for backstretch employees with Chaplain Cordell and RTCA, as well as children's holiday parties three times a year.
- Annual Labor Day Pig Roast

- and Independence Day Picnics for backstretch employees and their families
- Sponsorship of Chaplain's programs for alcohol and drug treatment
- Sponsors Groom-Elite Program
- Granny Youmans Scholarship Fund



### HORSEMEN'S OFFICE

- Expanded hours to better accommodate horsemen's needs
- Racing publications, sales catalogues and condition books availability
- Networked office computers
- Two computers with internet access for horsemen's use, as well as copier and fax service, free for racing related documents
- Bulletin board for local tracks' overnights
- American Produce Records available on CD-ROM
- Notary available daily

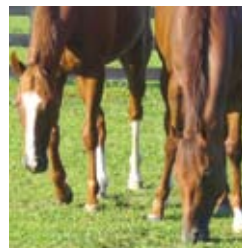


### HORSE RESCUE

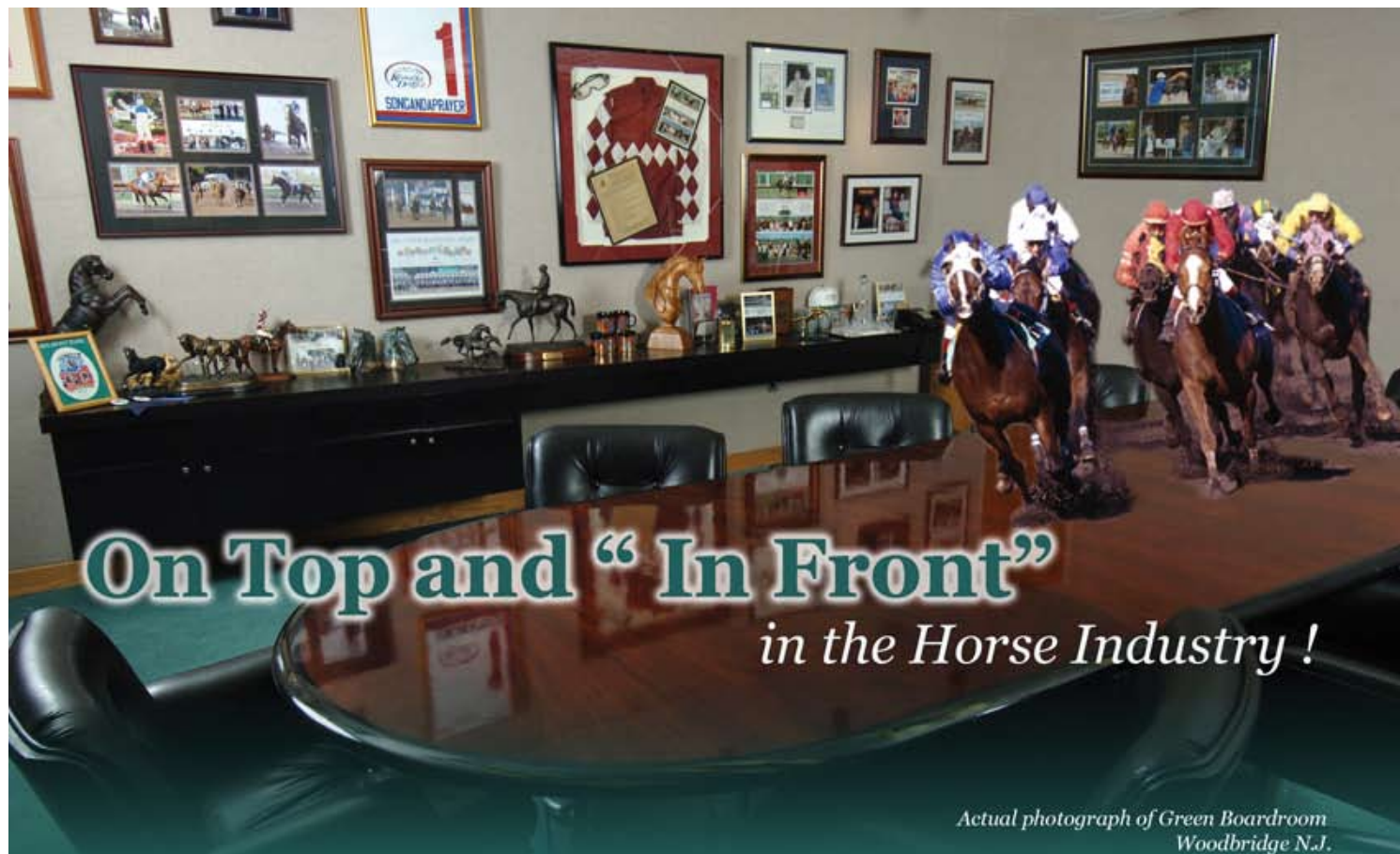
- In 2008, became first year-round racetrack to provide safe outlets for retired or injured Thoroughbreds with Turning For Home, Inc., a non-profit program that is becoming a model for other tracks.

### MEDIA

- Website with up-to-date information, horse adoption page and current press releases
- PTHA Newsletter expansion
- Let's Go Racing, weekly TV show produced by the PTHA using local talent Bruce Casella, Keith Jones, Dick Gerardi, and Barbara Luna







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# Turning For HomePage

News and Notes About Philadelphia Park's Racehorse Retirement Program  
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Horseshoe decorating, sponsored by Philadelphia Park, helped raise more than \$200 for Turning For Home.

Jockeys Josiah Hampshire and David Mello autographing hats and t-shirts on PA Derby Day to help raise money for Philadelphia Park's racehorse retirement program. Special thanks also to all the riders who showed their support, including Tony Black and Victor Molina.

## Nine-Year-Old Gelding Focus of Game Changers on Philly's Channel 10

Premium Saltine, who was recently retired to Turning For Home by trainer Patricia Farro, was the star of sportscaster Jade McCarthy's Game Changer feature aired on September 1.

McCarthy, a horsewoman herself, searches for stories that will change people's image of sports, and felt Philadelphia Park's retirement program and a retired racehorse with a chance at a new career would fit the bill.

Filmed at Rein Dancer Therapeutic Riding Center in New Egypt, NJ, the show demonstrated "Mr. Salty" being ridden by a teenager after his long racing career of 7 years was over. Premium Saltine was adopted by Beth Coale right after the show aired.

Watch the video at <http://video.nbc10.com/player/?id=289055>.



Premium Saltine scoring his 15th career victory at Philadelphia Park May 5 Photo by EquiPhoto

A \$5 donation will get you this cute Turning For Home pony, as well as help a very important program place Philadelphia Park's retired Thoroughbreds into safe, approved homes. T-shirts and hats are also available.

Call 215-272-6716 to ask how you can help!



## Turning For Home Teams With TRF to Place Horses in Maryland Correctional Facility

Turning For Home will sponsor the construction of a new roof on the barn at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services facility in Sykesville, Md. In return, many of the Turning For Home horses will be provided safe haven and a second chance at life, along with the inmates who will care for them.

It will be the eighth TRF program at a correctional facility, and the first time Turning For Home has teamed up with the TRF.

The TRF program oversees an officer with expertise in horse care at each facility. Inmates will be responsible for building the barns, fences and paddocks, maintenance of the farm, and complete care of the horses from feeding to grooming.

"We are very proud and happy to join with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation in this very worthwhile project," said Turning For Home's Program Administrator Barbara Luna. "The TRF's successful history with placing over 300 horses in this kind of program offers a safe and useful life to horses who may otherwise end up at slaughter, as well as rehabilitating and finding useful careers for prison inmates."

The new facility is scheduled to open this fall.



## Intrinsic Worth Headed to "The Big Easy"

When trainer Hilary Pridham lost track of Intrinsic Worth, she suspected the worst for the handsome 7-year-old son of Red Ransom.

But careful research found him after Philadelphia Park trainer Lisa Aitchison placed him with Turning For Home.

Intrinsic Worth started his career at Arlington Park, and raced 53 times, winning nine races and \$221,608 "I worked with him as a two-year-old and we just loved him," she said. "We'll ship him to Lexington and turn him out while we are at Keeneland, then in November, back home to Louisiana." Pridham hopes to train him to be a stable pony, but says "it doesn't matter if he can do it or not, I'll be happy to have him around."

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# Summer Fun at Philadelphia Park



## They Went 'Whole Hog' On This One!!!

Actually, it was THREE pigs, weighing in at 180 pounds each--enough to feed the 400-plus in attendance at the Annual Pig Roast on August 29 on the backstretch at Philadelphia Park



Flowers, by Brenda Wilson!



Sambucca provides music for the Annual Pig Roast



Rocco Gabriella on the mike at the PTHA Annual Picnic on July 3.



## Taking a Spin

Jockey Victor Molina's daughter tries the hula hoop at the Pig Roast



## Artist at Work...

Budding young artist tries her hand (face, and arms) at painting horseshoes for Turning For Home



DOG Day afternoon?!?!?!?



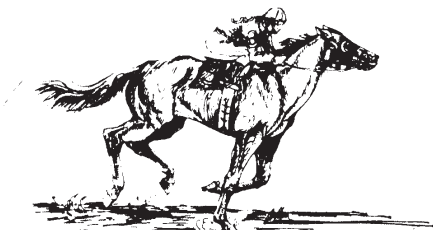
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### (Summer highlights cont. from page 1)

The 10-year-old gelding was retired in September with earnings of over \$2.9 million.

The race, named for Bob Green and Bill Hogwood, co-founders of Greenwood Racing which owns Philadelphia Park, returned as part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, automatically qualifying the winner for the 2008 BC Marathon.

"We are so happy to have the Greenwood Cup back on the schedule," said Bill Hogwood, who presented the trophy to owners Joe and Mary Grant. "We look

forward to higher purses and attracting great horses to the track because of the additional money from the slot machines and gaming. It is the start of a new era here at Philadelphia Park."

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races offered over \$925,000 in purses for state-breds on August 23. A 10-race card highlighted by eight stakes including the \$125,00 Smarty Jones Classic was just part of a day that also offered food, fun and games in the popular track picnic area.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S \$20,000,000 BREEDING FUND PROGRAM 2009 FOAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

**FOAL REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** - A Thoroughbred foal born in the state of Pennsylvania in 2009 and registered as such with The Jockey Club is eligible for Pennsylvania-Bred registration with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association if at least one of the following conditions is met:

- (1) The dam of the foal resided continuously in Pennsylvania on or before October 1, 2008, through foaling; or
- (2) The dam of the foal was purchased at a public sale after October 1, 2008, then brought into Pennsylvania within 14 days of the date of purchase, and remained in Pennsylvania through foaling. During the year of foaling (2009), the foal or its dam must spend at least 90 days in the state; or
- (3) The dam of the foal will be bred in 2009 to a stallion standing in Pennsylvania which is registered with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association as a Pennsylvania stallion, and said dam of the foal will remain in Pennsylvania for at least the next 90 days after foaling.

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Atoned, trained by Todd Pletcher, awaits post time for the PA Derby in the new barn.

## Pennsylvania's Day at the Races

### \$100,000 Captain My Captain H. 7f

Power By Leigh  
Secretintelligence  
Whistle Pig

Barbara Geraghty  
Win More Stable, Inc.  
HACK Stable

### 3yo & Up, PA-Sired

Armand Correnti  
Tim Ritchey  
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### \$100,000 Northern Fling H. 7F

Miss Blue Tye Dye  
She's Fang Free  
Gold Stones

Roll Z Dice Stable  
Anthony Merlino  
Plumstead Sable &  
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### F & M, 3yo & Up, PA-Sired

Robert E. Reid, Jr.  
Philip Aristone  
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### \$100,000 Devil's Honor H. 6F

Joey Carson  
Night Stand  
Banjo Picker

Big Daddy Stable  
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### 3yo & Up

Tim Ritchey  
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Senator Vince

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### 3yo

Ramon Preciado  
Edward Lehman  
Anthony Dutrow

## August 23, 2008, Philadelphia Park

### \$100,000 Ambassador of Luck H. 6F

Jet Away Jane  
Hallie's Girl

Golden Oak Farm LLC  
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Secluded Stable  
McClay & Nye, et al

### F & M, 3yo & Up

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Guadalupe Preciado  
John Randolph

Control System

### \$125,000 Smarty Jones Classic S. 1 1/16 M

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# Chaplain's Corner

## "Building a Monument"

By Chaplain Jack Cordell

Chickamauga National Park near Chattanooga, Tennessee is home to a monument to a riderless horse. During the Civil War Battle of Chickamauga, the young Wisconsin cavalry officer on his mount lost his life in the early morning of "the bloodiest two-day battle of the war." But his horse continued charging all morning with "almost human bravery" until bullets felled it around noon. Witnesses to its gallantry buried the animal near the spot where it died. Today, the "Wisconsin Monument" memorializes the courage of "the horse with the terrified eyes." We all admire courage, whether it's seen in animals or in humans. We construct memorials to greatness.

To people of courageous faith, we erect monuments because they dared to trust God against all odds. The Bible refers to the numerous persecutions endured by many in the Old Testament and concludes, "the world was not worthy of them." For sure, those words could be etched in granite to those believers. The New Testament apostles paid for their faith with their lives. Their fierce loyalty to God sustained them and they changed their world. In fact, the Scriptures say they "turned the world upside down." The prophets and apostles altered their external world because of something inside them – their absolute trust in the living God. Today, churches around the world are sacred monuments to those people of faith.

What kind of monument are you and I building? If we were to be memorialized, how about having our name recorded in stone followed by three words -- "person of faith."

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# Backstretch Views

Congratulations to trainer **Jackie DeSanctis** and **Todd Harper**, parents of baby girl Emma Joy. Born in the wee hours of the morning on September 18, **Emma Joy** was 19" long, and weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. Proud grandparents are **Ralph and Joyce DeSanctis**, and **Susan Harper**.



Speaking of proud parents, **Dave Flood**, who works as a groom for trainer Frank Menarde, announced that his son, **Jonathan**, won the Respectful Award at summer camp in Deer Park, PA. The 11-year-old likes swimming and horses, and wants to learn to ride.

Best wishes for a quick recovery to **George Smith**, who was injured in an accident in mid-September. He is recovering at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, and get well cards can be sent through the PTHA office. Hurry back, George--we miss you!

**Jane White**, wife of trainer **Donald White**, is raising money to help pay for medical expenses for Don's grandson, three-year-old **Jan Michael**, who was born with a cleft palate and hearing and speech impediments. Funds are needed to cover expenses which are not handled by the insurance company, and are mounting daily. Artist Fred Stone has donated autographed lithographs of Big Brown, which sell for \$150 each. Also, 50% of whatever is purchased from Stone's website ([www.fredstone.com](http://www.fredstone.com)) will also be donated toward the youngster, if you order through Jane. Please call Jane for more information at 215-633-7092.

**Daniela Mangini**, who gallops horses for Scott Lake and competes yearly in the Amateur Riders Club of America (ARCA) races, was invited to Deauville, France in August to ride in the Fegentri International Riders Club race at the Hippodrome Deauville. Setting aside a few days for sightseeing, Daniela visited the Eiffel Tower, and is seen here in front of the Arc De Triomphe.

She has won six of 11 amateur races in the United States, and we hope to cheer her on when she rides at The Meadowlands for ARCA this fall.

**Wendi Starritt**, daughter of trainer **William Starritt** and his wife, **Carolyn**, and husband, trainer **Edward Graham**, welcomed their second child into the world on September 25. Joining two-year-old brother, Mason Edward, the new little boy is named **Chase William**. Congratulations!



Best wishes to **Rocco Gabriella** and his wife Deatra, who are moving to Pawley's Island in South Carolina after Rocco's retirement from the Philadelphia Park racing office September 30. We'll all miss you, your wonderful voice and outgoing ways, Rocco! Good luck down in Low Country.



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