



# PTHA NEWS

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Newsletter  
*We ARE Pennsylvania Racing*

2016 Issue #2

## Trouble Kid Honored as 2015 Parx Horse of the Year

The PTHA partnered with Parx Racing on March 30 to honor the top horsemen and equine athletes from 2015. Headlining the evening was Horse of the Year Trouble Kid, who was improved from a \$15,000 claim in June to becoming a multiple stakes winner by year's end. Also taking home awards were Leading Trainer Ramon Preciado, Leading "Division B" Trainer Miguel Vera, Leading Owner Barbara Hopkins, Leading "Division B" Owners JAG Racing & Jettany Thoroughbred Corp., Leading Jockey Frankie Pennington and Leading Apprentice Jockey Michael Ritvo. A full recap

of the 2015 champions can be found throughout this edition of *PTHA News*.



Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture **Fred Strathmeyer, Jr.** presents the trophy for **Horse of the Year** to **Barbara Hopkins**, owner of **Trouble Kid**.



**Trouble Kid** captures the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes (G3) on Pennsylvania Derby Day en route to a championship season at Parx.

Photo: Anna Cascio

Photo: Nikki Sherman

## 'Safety' is Motto at Parx in 2016

Parx Racing's horsemen met for the first PTHA General Membership Meeting of the year in mid-February

and were informed of a goal for 2016 - to join the small but formidable group of racetracks that are accredited

by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's (NTRA) Safety & Integrity Alliance. All compliant organizations must address the following six standard areas of importance:

- 1) injury reporting & prevention;
- 2) creating a safer racing and training environment;
- 3) uniform medication, testing and penalties;
- 4) safety and health of jockeys;
- 5) aftercare and transition of retired racehorses;
- 6) wagering security

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Photo: Nikki Sherman



## President's Message

### Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esq.

After an unexpected delay, we are back to racing here

at Parx and it has been going very well. I would like to thank all of our horsemen for your patience over the early part of this year as track maintenance worked diligently to create a safe racing surface.

Speaking of safety, we are excited that Parx Racing management plans to seek accreditation through the NTRA's Safety & Integrity Alliance. Some of the most prestigious facilities in the country are already accredited and we look forward to being held in the same high regard as tracks such as Saratoga, Del Mar,

Churchill Downs, Keeneland and Gulfstream Park.

As I'm sure you are already aware, we are currently in the midst of another quarantine, but note that this particular strain of EHV-1 is different than in the past. I believe that our affected horsemen have been careful thus far, but it is important that everyone continues to stay vigilant as this is not a virus to be lax around. We should just continue to follow proper biosecurity measures and hopefully the quarantine will be lifted as quickly as possible.

On a different note, last year's state budget was recently passed but the horsemen's financial status is still unresolved. A new budget must

be passed by June 30, so Executive Director Mike Ballezzi and I will be continually working to establish a fair outcome for Pennsylvania horsemen.

On March 30 we celebrated the very best at Parx Racing and I was honored when my homebred filly Discreet Seniorita was named Champion Three-Year-Old Filly. Congratulations to my partner Rosemore Farms, as well as all of the other 2015 Champions!

As we now move into spring, we are coming up on an excellent stakes schedule and I'm very much looking forward to a good summer of racing!

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# Parx Horsemen Around the Nation

## Jan. 16 - **FRANK WHITELEY JR. S.**

Laurel Park, 7f  
3rd - HENRY THE KING  
O: Rising Sun Racing Stables, Inc.  
T: Gregory Sacco  
J: Mychel Sanchez

## Jan. 16 - **FIRE PLUG S.**

Laurel Park, 6f  
3rd - BEACH HUT  
O: Silver Trail Stables LLC  
T: Marcos Zulueta  
J: Trevor McCarthy

## Jan. 23 - **PASCO S.**

Tampa Bay Downs, 7f  
1st - MORNING FIRE  
O: Mercedes Stables LLC  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Daniel Centeno

## Jan. 23 - **WAYWARD LASS S.**

Tampa Bay Downs, 1 1/16 miles  
3rd - HER MAJESTY'S FIRE  
O: Mercedes Stables LLC  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Antonio Gallardo

## Jan. 30 - **FORWARD GAL S. (G2)**

Gulfstream Park, 7f  
1st - CATHRYN SOPHIA  
O: Cash Is King LLC  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Joel Rosario

## Feb. 13 - **SAM F. DAVIS S. (G3)**

Tampa Bay Downs, 1 1/16 miles  
3rd - MORNING FIRE  
O: Mercedes Stables LLC  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Daniel Centeno

## Feb. 13 - **MARYLAND RACING MEDIA S.**

Laurel Park, 1 1/16 miles  
2nd - JOINT RETURN  
O: Main Line Racing Stable  
T: John Servis  
J: Kendrick Carmouche

## Feb. 27 - **FASIG-TIPTON DAVONA DALE S. (G2)**

Gulfstream Park, 1 mile  
1st - CATHRYN SOPHIA  
O: Cash Is King LLC  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Javier Castellano

## Mar. 12 - **TOM FOOL H.**

Aqueduct, 6f  
2nd - ALWAYS SUNSHINE  
O: Gilbert G. Campbell  
T: Edward T. Allard  
J: Frankie Pennington

## Mar. 12 - **SILKS RUN S.**

Gulfstream Park, 5f (T)  
2nd - AMELIA'S WILD RIDE  
O: Silver Trail Stables LLC  
T: Ramon Preciado  
J: Jose Lezcano

## Mar. 12 - **PRIVATE TERMS S.**

Laurel Park, 1 1/16 miles  
1st - ABIDING STAR  
O: Stonehedge LLC  
T: Edward T. Allard  
J: Jevian Toledo

## Mar. 12 - **CHALLENGER S.**

Tampa Bay Downs, 1 1/16 miles  
1st - ADIRONDACK KING  
O: MarchFore Thoroughbreds  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Javier Castellano

## Mar. 19 - **SPECTACULAR BID S.**

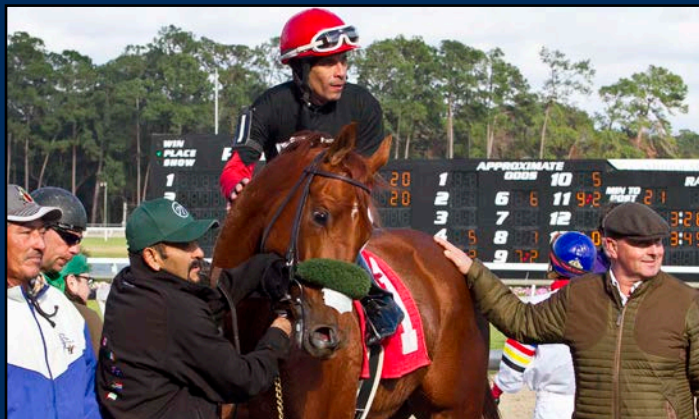
Gulfstream Park, 6 1/2f  
1st - MORNING FIRE  
O: Mercedes Stables LLC  
T: Keith Nations  
J: Daniel Centeno

## Mar. 26 - **PRIMONETTA S.**

Laurel Park, 6f  
2nd - DISCO CHICK  
O: Freedom Acres, Inc.  
T: Mario Serey, Jr.  
J: Trevor McCarthy

## Apr. 9 - **ASHLAND S. (G1)**

Keeneland, 1 1/16 miles  
3rd - CATHRYN SOPHIA  
O: Cash Is King LLC  
T: John C. Servis  
J: Javier Castellano



**Morning Fire** in the winner's circle after taking the Pasco Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs. He also won the Spectacular Bid Stakes and finished third in the G3 Sam F. Davis Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Photo: Nikki Sherman



**Abiding Star** captures the Private Terms Stakes at Laurel Park.

Photo: Jim McCue | Maryland Jockey Club



**Cathryn Sophia** won two Grade 2 events at Gulfstream Park this winter: the Forward Gal Stakes and Fasig-Tipton Davona Dale Stakes before finishing third at Keeneland in the G1 Ashland Stakes in April.

Photo: Kim Pratt

# 2015 Awards - The Horsemen

Photos: Nikki Sherman



## BARBARA HOPKINS

*Leading Owner*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:**  
108-40-29-9

**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:**  
\$1,331,097

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Finished 2015 at 37% wins and 72% OTB; took the first graded stakes victory of her career with Trouble Kid in the G3 Gallant Bob Stakes; topped seven figures in

earnings for the first time in eight years of owning horses; earned Parx Racing's Leading Owner title for the first time after finishing third overall in 2014



## JAG RACING & JETTANY THOROUGHBRED CORP.

*Leading "Division B" Owner*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:** 26-12-6-0  
**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:** \$539,030

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Finished 2015 with an incredible 46% winners from starters at Parx; won \$150,000 Roamin Rachel S. with Hey Kiddo; also owned winners Lucy N Ethel, Roxbury N Overton, Jake N Elwood, etc.



## RAMON PRECIADO

*Leading Trainer*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:**  
463-148-93-50

**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:**  
\$4,608,385

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Garnered 30 more wins than his 2014 record which also earned him Leading Trainer at Parx; claimed Trouble Kid for \$15,000 and trained him to the 2015 Parx

Racing Horse of the Year title



## MIGUEL VERA

*Leading "Division B" Trainer*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:**  
114-27-26-13

**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:**  
\$741,784

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Set the claiming ranks on fire with a small barn of horses, earning six figures for the first time in his career (has only been training since 2011); trained

2015 Parx Racing Claiming Horse of the Year Ticfaw



## FRANKIE PENNINGTON

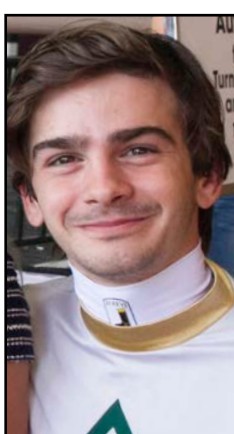
*Leading Jockey*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:**  
644-124-96-105

**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:**  
\$4,784,478

**2015 Parx Highlights:** 2nd consecutive & 3rd career Parx Racing jockey title; captured the \$200,000 Parx Dash Handicap, \$100,000 Dr.

Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes, \$75,000 Turning for Home Stakes, \$75,000 Crowd Pleaser Handicap; won 22 more races than his next-closest competitor in the Parx Racing jockey standings



## MICHAEL RITVO

*Leading Apprentice Jockey*

**2015 Parx Racing Record:**  
335-49-38-58

**2015 Parx Racing Earnings:**  
\$1,409,621

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Won multiple stakes races in Florida before traveling midway through his bug to tackle Mid-Atlantic racing; won 49 of 75 wins in 2015 at Parx Racing; finished 12th overall in the Parx Racing jockey standings



# 2015 Awards - The Horses

Photos: Nikki Sherman



## TROUBLE KID

*Horse of the Year, 3yo Male,  
Outstanding Claim of the Year*

**Owner:** Barbara Hopkins  
**Trainer:** Ramon Preciado  
**Breeder:** Morris B. Floyd, Pat Farrah,  
Dan Tsujioka & Dave Alban

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Claimed for \$15,000 in July and went on to win the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes (G3) and \$150,000 Valley Forge Stakes

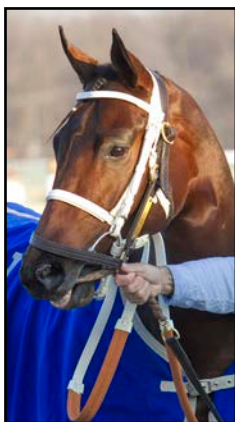


## AFTER THE BELL

*Winningest Horse*

**Owner:** Breakaway Stable  
**Trainer:** Michael Pino  
**Breeder:** Darley

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Ranked 8th nationally by wins; ran all 11 races in 2015 at Parx, winning 8 races for three different sets of connections; finished 2015 with 73% wins



## BIRD OF TREY

*2yo Male*

**Owner:** JRita Young Thoroughbreds  
**Trainer:** John C. Servis  
**Breeder:** JRita Young Thoroughbreds

**2015 Parx Highlights:** 100% on the board in five starts including a 7 1/4-length romp in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes and an 11-length score in a MSW; also 2nd in the \$150,000 Hall of Fame Stakes



## CATHRYN SOPHIA

*2yo Filly*

**Owner:** Cash is King LLC  
**Trainer:** John C. Servis  
**Breeder:** Robert T. Manfuso

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Won first time out in a MSW at Parx by nearly 13 lengths; is now a top contender for the nation's most prestigious sophomore filly races

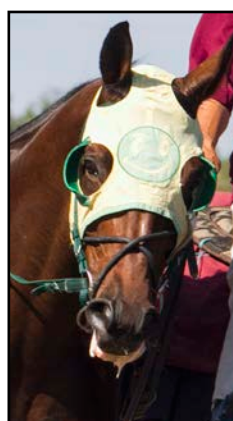


## DISCREET SENORITA

*3yo Filly*

**Owner:** Dun Roamin Farms Inc. & Rosemore Farms Inc.  
**Trainer:** Edward Lehman  
**Breeder:** Dun Roamin Farms & Rosemore Farms

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Won 7 of 11 starts in 2015 (all at Parx) including the \$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes



## UNCLE DAVE

*Older Male*

**Owner:** M-Z Racing Partnership  
**Trainer:** Marcos Zulueta  
**Breeder:** Nelson E. Clemmens

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Captured the \$100,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap on PA Derby Day by a hard-fought head

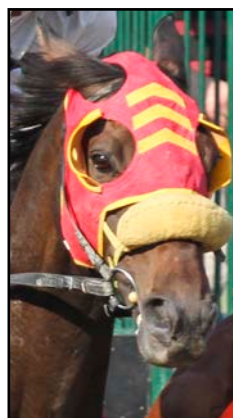


## BOUND

*Older Female*

**Owner:** Barlar LLC  
**Trainer:** T. Bernard Houghton  
**Breeder:** Barlar LLC

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Captured three of four races at Parx including the \$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes by a length and a half



## TICFAW

*Claiming Horse of the Year*

**Owner:** Miguel Vera  
**Trainer:** Miguel Vera  
**Breeder:** George Waggoner Stables Inc.

**2015 Parx Highlights:** Won 6 of 18 starts in 2015 (all at Parx Racing)



# 2015 Parx Racing Horsemen's Awards Banquet



PTHA Board Member **Ron Glorioso** presents the award for **Champion Two-Year-Old Filly** to **Tyler Servis**, assistant trainer for **John Servis**, & girlfriend **Meredithh Forest**. **Cathryn Sophia** was named the winner for owner **Cash is King LLC**. Tyler also accepted for **Champion Two-Year-Old Male Bird of Trey** (trained by **John Servis** & owned by **JRita Young Thoroughbreds LLC**).



**Claiming Horse of the Year** went to six-time winner **Ticfaw**, whose trophy was presented by PTHA Board Member **Kate DeMasi** to owner/trainer **Miguel Vera** and his son **Leandro**.

Photos: Anna Cascio



**Trouble Kid** captured **Champion Three-Year-Old Male**, **Outstanding Claim of the Year** and **Horse of the Year**. Here, PTHA Board Member **Ron Glorioso** presents the Outstanding Claim trophy to owner **Barbara Hopkins**.



Parx Racing's **Tommy Creel** presents the trophy for **Leading "Division B" Owner** to **Steve & Jane Perry** of **J A G Racing & Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.**



Parx Director of Racing **Sam Elliott** presents the trophy for **Leading "Division B" Trainer** to **Miguel Vera**.



"Cutest Moment of the Night" went to little **Frankie Pennington**, who accepted his dad's **Leading Jockey** trophy from PTHA 1st Vice President **Dr. Steve Appel**.



**Barbara Hopkins** accepts the trophy for **Leading Owner** of 2015 from Parx Racing's Director of Racing **Sam Elliott**.





PTHA 2nd Vice President **Mary Zanone** presents the award for **Champion Thre-Year-Old Filly** to the connections of **Discreet Seniorita**, including trainer **Ed Lehman** as well as owners **Dr. Steve Appel**, **Sal DeBunda** & **Cheryl Finocchiaro**.





# 'Safety' is Motto for Parx in 2016

(cont'd from cover)

The racetracks and horsemen's associations in Pennsylvania have already been at the forefront of the uniform medication and multiple violation penalty movement, while the creation of the PTHA's Turning for Home, Inc. in 2008 marked the first equine aftercare program in the nation based at a year-round racetrack. The next step for Parx Racing to achieve compliance was to address existing and future safety concerns.

Last year a system of flashing lights and a siren was installed for rider safety for use during both morning training as well as afternoon racing. In addition, during the first ever winter break at Parx, the inner safety rail was replaced with a brand new, state of the art safety rail, after which the racing surface itself was reworked before training and racing returned in February.

Another change for 2016 was to implement new equipment requirements for all people on horseback, who must wear an approved helmet and vest. On the following page are the acceptable safety standards that are compliant for the next five years:



Horses race past one of the new safety lights.

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Construction workers attend the safety rail in January.



The old safety rail is removed in January.



The brand new safety rail.



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# Safety, Construction, Quarantine



Vicky Mangini assists all riders with trying on equipment.



The last of the old barns were demolished in April.



Construction crews work on paving around the stable gate.



Barn 4 was quarantined in April.

## HELMETS

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM 1163); or
- European Standards (EN-1384 or PAS-015 or VG1); or
- Australian/New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ 3838 or ARB HS 2012); or
- Snell Equestrian Standard 2001

## VESTS

- British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA):2000 Level 1; or
- Euro Norm (EN) 13158:2000 Level 1; or
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2681-08; or
- Shoe & Allied Trade Research Association (SATRA) Jockey Vest Document M6 Issue 3; or
- Australian Racing Board (ARB) Standard 1.1998

Approved helmets and vests have been made available through the Horsemen's Purchasing Association (HPA) and thanks to the PTHA and HPA they are discounted an additional \$100 from an already low wholesale price. Riders can also set up a payment plan through HPA Manager Vicky Mangini.

To make sure that all safety rules are followed, Parx Racing has hired Olga Nowak as Safety Coordinator. She has worked in many areas of the industry and will work to make sure that the rules stated directly in the condition book are upheld to the highest standards.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In mid-April the very last of the old barns were demolished at Parx Racing. This project has been a long time coming but well worth the wait to finish. The new barns are beautiful and perfect for winter as well as summer racing.

Another exciting change has been a repaving of the backstretch. Gone will be the potholes and soon enough all of the driveable roads on the backside will be brand new.

## QUARANTINE

The Parx Racing backside is currently dealing with a deadly strain of EHV-1. Thus far two barns are quarantined by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, while Parx management has closed the stable gate for the remainder of the horses on the grounds as a precaution. This version of the virus is not only extremely contagious but also debilitating, leaving many horsemen no choice but to euthanize their infected horses. The difference between this strain of the virus is that it is neuropathogenic while the prior virus that hit Parx was non-neuropathic. Thanks to the cooperation of both track veterinarians and horsemen, safe biosecurity is at an all-time high.

# Horsemen's Bookkeeper Money

*IMPORTANT for all horsemen who have accounts with the Parx Racing Horsemen's Bookkeeper!*

*You may have money sitting in your account that will soon be sent to the state due to inactivity.*

*Please contact the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at Parx Racing ASAP; otherwise the money will be held by the state. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper may be reached via phone at 215-639-9000 x3315 or 3389 or fax at 215-639-8480.*

## Arizona

Ruby Stables (Anthony Mariadito) & Klesaris, Steve

## California

ACME Stable  
(William Shamlian)  
AJM Racing, LLC & JBK Stables (Joshua Matthew Litt)  
AR STABLE 3, LLC  
(J. Ariel Ramos)  
Bolton, George; Corrigan, Joan; & Beck, Antony  
Broad, Gary  
Capestro, Paula  
Capestro, Paula; Cornett Racing; & LA Thoroughbreds  
De Julio, Bruno  
Equine Prep Management (John O'Hara)  
Naify, Marsha  
O'Neill, Douglas F.  
Owners Stable & Gorman, Mark  
Stathatos, Damon

## Connecticut

A J Stables (Robert Lipka)  
Denlea Park Ltd. (Kurt & Kimberly Butenhoff)  
Jay Bee Stable (Henry Butler)  
Lanyi, William A.  
Vincent, George G.

## Delaware

B & B Racing Stable LLC (John Ballenger)  
Ballenger, John G.  
Bean Counter Stables LLC (Gregory Harry Papaleo)  
Bus No. 9 Ranch (Robert C. Wheeler)  
Inwood Farm (Lloyd Palmer) & Price, Harry  
Jennings, William J.  
Monjes, Ruben  
Okolona Plantation (Christine Berkeley)  
Sanchez, Oscar  
Schoell, Joseph C.  
Simpson, Deborah M.  
Vargas, Jose A.  
Walker, Daniel & Widener, Christopher  
Weymouth, Cindy

## Florida

Ascot Racing Stable  
(Margo J. Flynn)  
Bazaguma LLC (Jared & Sherrie Abbruzzese)

Bebecho Stable  
(Carlos Jose Morales)  
Blahova Bloodstock LLC (Karen Blahov)  
Cape, Gary; Rubacha, Leonard; Stefanski, Mike; & Stefanski, Frank  
Carousel Racing Farm LLC (Rebeca Rivera)  
Charles, Kelli L.  
Chrome Cowboy Racing Stable LLC (Charles J. & Victoria Levy)  
Cloverleaf Farms II (Sykes, John H.)  
Double Dare Racing (Robert A. Murphy)  
Esquivel, Richard  
Full Circle Bloodstock (Gutierrez, Rosario)  
Hav Sav Ner Stable (Scott Savin)  
Henson, Frank  
Hernandez, Enrique E.  
Jilsie's Gigalo Stables, Inc. (Linda Kruger)

Kohn, Peter  
Laramie Racing Stable (Kaliopé & Nicholas Sideris)  
Leo-Sag Stable (Robert DiBona)  
Lewis, Cynthia  
Los Presidentes Stable (Gonzalez, Jorge)  
Luxair Properties (Enrique Llorente)  
McCullough, R. Mark  
Navas, Sr., Luis A.  
Noble, Kacy; Trabocco, June; Levin, Peter; & Katich, Douglas  
Palm Beach Racing LLC (Marc Haisfield)  
Patsicostas, Nick  
Ramos, Rafael  
Rey Wan Racing (Sixto M. Figueroa)  
Reyes, Alejandro M.  
Ropes, John  
Rub Rosa Stable Inc. (Gabriel Imperato)  
RV Racing Stables LLC  
Sainer, Joel W.  
Sale Toppers LLC (Francis Hopewell)  
Scanlon Training Center & Andrew Farm (David Scanlon)  
Schmidt, Ellie  
Sessa, John C.  
Shultz, Richard L.  
Six SandBaggers Stables (Richard M. Weiss)

Star Racing Stable (John Perrotta) & Keaveney, Thomas  
The Four Horseman Racing Stable (John A. Kasbar)  
Washburn, Ernest

## Georgia

Robinson, J. Mack

## Illinois

Bargowski, Craig & Rivelli, Larry  
Rainwater, Owen L.

## Iowa

Roll Reroll Stables, LLC (William Gessman)  
Windsor Thoroughbreds (Alvin & Darleen Hackman)

## Kentucky

Anthony, Edwin C.  
Autrey, Cody & Newcomer, Tim  
Autrey, Cody & Wind River Stables (Evan Trommer)  
Beech Tree Stable (Michael Hernon)  
Bennett, William Don & Bowling, Carl  
Brede, Arthur T.  
Cunningham, Patricia B.  
J C Davis Farm Inc. (John C. Davis); Coudret, David; & Sandefur, Jack  
RAP Racing (Jordan Sucher) & Bradshaw, Randy  
St. George Farm Racing LLC (Ian Banwell)  
Staton, Coleen & Boyd, Donald L.  
Waterman, Scot  
Werner, Ronny & Rowdy  
Wind River Stables (Evan Trommer) & Mills, Robert E.  
WinStar Farm & Gulf Coast Farms

## Louisiana

Southern Equine Stables LLC (Michael Moreno); Girdner, Paul K.; & Jones, Reginald

## Maryland

Bailiff, John  
Baldwin, Alexander D.  
Bashore, Robert W.  
Beattie, Christine  
Bloxxham, Diane I.

Boyer, Robert L.  
Brewster, Andrew  
Chambers, Ronald & Brandt, Benita  
Charter Farms (Margaret Cowan & Bruce Nichols)  
Ciarlo, Rick & Ritchy, Timothy F.  
Circle Z Stables (Domenico Zannino)  
Cole, Jason L.  
Corbett Farm (William L. Jackson)  
Dark Hollow Farm (David Hayden) & Beatson, William  
De Ascanis, Carla  
Downs, Leonard J.  
Fedder, Ira & Magee, Sean  
Fisher, Jack O.  
Folly Quarter Stables (Jonas W. Cash)

Gabel, Judith  
Garboso Inc. (Raul Garrido)  
Glessner, Stephen A.  
Hardesty, James V.  
Herbert Racing Stable (James Herbert)  
Ingham, Robert  
Johnson, Jerry W.  
M.K. Stable (Kohlheim, Mark)  
McGowan, Tim & Kenneth  
McHargue, Gladys  
Melting Pot Stable (Christina M. Bowman)  
Merrell, Bradley C.  
Merrick, III, Charles P.  
Mohan Enterprises, Inc. (David Mohan)  
Murphy, Jr., Raymond T.  
Pieces Of Eight LLC  
Queen, Jack  
Raintree Racing Inc. (Russell Schalk, Jr.) & Kessler, Lucy  
Regalbutto, Dolores M.  
Riedlbauer, Anton  
Taino Farms (Kenneth E. Tucker)  
Webb Stable (Lucy B. Webb)  
Wellwood Stables (Lawrence C. Metz)  
Wise, Anthony D.

## Massachusetts

Bell Stables (John Harold Bell)  
Fagan, Joseph  
Federico, Dennis F.  
Greenebaum, Stewart & Nechamkin II, Leo S.  
Pinciario, Cresidio Joe & Federico, Sr., Joe  
Posco, Ken

Spring Hill Stable (James W. Kirylo)  
Thiel, Dale Lee & Fenton, James B.  
Vires, George & Panzera, Sal

## Michigan

Gilman Racing LLC (Milton R. Gilman)  
Moneylane Farms (Nick Wilson)  
Moss, Troy  
Sobczak, Adam

## Montana

McCluskey, Tonya D.

## New Hampshire

Guaraldi, Lisa & Ochre House Stable

## New Jersey

Agro-Primiani, Pamela  
Alien Farm (Michael Harrison)  
Bogon, Paul D.  
Bottazzi, Sr., Patrick L.  
Brunonia Stable (Joel Shapiro)  
C & L Stables (James A. Gross)  
Carapan Farm (Edward A. Gregory)  
Caroll, Carol  
Caruso, Barbara  
Casino Royale (Ron Perozzi) & Johnson, Gregg  
Cringoli, Dominic  
Dependable Stables (Patrick Nelson)  
DiCosmo, Philip & T.G. Thoroughbred  
Dweck, Raymond  
Estate of Philip J. Torsney  
Etter, Richard & De Sanctis, Joyce  
G.I. Joe & The Wolf Hounds Stable (Joseph Lombardo)  
GJ & RD Stable (Ronald Vespa)  
Go for Gray Stable LLC  
Guilmin, Kenneth C.  
Haynes, Anthony J.  
Hurricane Racing & Sollena Stables (Faro Sollena)  
Hurricane Racing & Tapsas, Margarita  
Ioia, Joseph  
K. C. Star Stable (Frank Pingitore & Joe Procopio)  
K. G. Stable (Jeffrey Griffie)  
Kelly, John J.



Kernan, Mary &  
Biggs, Charles  
Ketelsen, Jr., William D.  
King, Edward &  
Nelson, Denise  
Lambi & Juanito Racing  
Stables (Haralabos  
Maravelias)  
Lloyd, Henry H.  
Lloyd, Henry H. &  
Adam Win Stable  
Mamone, Raymond  
Newman, Joseph J.  
Petrified Stable  
(Robert Shavelson)  
Profera, Paul  
Rager, Clayton  
Rispoli, John A.  
Sargent, Lawrence E.  
Sessa, Vincent  
Spak, Michael  
T-Bird Stable (Louis J. Petrie)  
Tiff 'n Aug (Steven C. Cioffi)  
Vienna Acres (Peter &  
Helga Nemeth)  
Wendling, Janice &  
Spak, Michael  
Windhover Farm  
(Barbara Jannucci)  
Zarrilli, Anthony

## New Mexico

JC Summit Farm  
(Nancy Canning)

## New York

Albert, Jessie  
ARG-USA Stable  
(Anne Marie Labia)  
At Liberty Farms  
(Arlene Lauren)  
Audley Farm Stable  
(Edward Tanenbaum)  
Behrendt, John T  
(Gibson Dunn)  
Biamonte, Mary Ellen &  
Wags Nags LLC  
Calcanes, James; Miller,  
Anthony J.; Sullivan, James  
F.; & Duffers Stable  
Candlin, John P.  
Cedar Meadow & Old Dog  
Stable (Paul Giardina)  
Celis, Rafael & Katrina  
Cipriano, Robert V.  
Corrado, Robert  
Cranmore Stables  
(Donna Lee Estey-Vild)  
Crawford, Barbara  
d'Aloia, Carol  
DeeTee Stables  
(Stephen Leigh Byk)  
Delaney, Austin  
Divitto, Michael  
Forrest, Joseph  
Foxwood (Judith E. Dunham)  
Gallagher, Daniel J.  
Grate Enterprise Inc.  
(Harris Dukes Jr.)  
Hayek, John

Hibernia Farm; Finn, John;  
& Mcitosh, Rustin  
(Margaret Murphy)  
Hidden Hill Stables  
(Charles V. Conforti)  
High Grade Racing Stable &  
Island Wind Racing  
(Peter Randazzo)  
Karches, Peter F.  
Lageman, William  
Lemmens, John  
Lenox Hill Thoroughbreds  
(Richard Nicolai)  
Lords of Racing  
(Marcelo Kotiagust)  
Luxair Properties &  
Celis, Rafael  
Mackay, Patrick H.  
Metwally, Ola Irene  
Mondello, Ben &  
Gizzo, Christopher  
Muzyka, Gene &  
High Grade Racing Stable  
(Peter Randazzo)  
Ourbestpal Stable  
(Mahendra Deoraj)  
Pecoraro, Jill & Lianna  
Stables (Vincent Vivolo)  
Perrino, Vincent, et al  
Prendamano, Michael P.  
Quiles, John N.  
Ricatto Jr., Michael P.  
Roberts, Lloyd  
Santangelo, George L.  
Shook, Walter  
Siskin, Jeff & Friedkin, Jamie  
Tobio, Manuel P.  
Tucker, Jeffrey  
Urrutia, Robert A.  
Windmill Manor Farm, Inc.  
(Richard Imbert)  
Windy Hill Stable  
(Raymond Ferran)

## Ohio

Amos, William J.  
Drake Racing Stable &  
Zahler, Gerald E.  
McCann, Thomas M.  
McLean, Michael S.  
Pavlish, Patricia  
(Beau Ravine Farm)

## Pennsylvania

Abumohor, Roberto &  
Castillo, Octavio  
Acme Stable & Wild Horse  
Stables (Regina Brennan)  
Adam Win Stable (Patrick  
Wall) & Perna, Richie  
Alexander, Joann D.  
Ali's Way Racing Stable LLC  
(Edward Phelps)  
Allen, Ainsley  
Almosta Farm (Marlin Miller  
& Kimberly Nowlen)  
Bazeaos, Peter  
Big M Stables (Marty  
Mornhinweg)  
Bizzy B. Stable (Kenneth C.  
Bowman)

Byrnes, Michael &  
Estate of Richard Block  
Castillo, Octavio  
Chisholm, Janet  
(Hillrise Farm)  
Christ, Joshua A.  
Clifford, Jr., Donald R.  
Collazo, Victor O. &  
Astudillo, Marcio  
Condrey, Tommy H. &  
Turkeyfoot Stables  
(Christy L. Potts)  
D'Amico, Christopher &  
D'Amico, Ashley  
Damasceno, Luigi  
Damasceno, Nancy Ellen  
De Nanno, Donald E.  
Divver Quinn Racing LLC &  
Enck Racing LLC  
(Douglas Enck)  
Double J-B Racing Stable  
(James R. Brame)  
Dubuc, Charles E.  
E & C Stable (Eberd Estrada)  
English, Edward T.  
Everett, Charles W. &  
Grabel, Howard  
Everett, Charles W. &  
High Grade Racing Stable  
Ferreira, Fernando  
Ferreira, Judy  
Fire N Ice Stable  
(Samuel Keyrouze)  
Five Angry Clowns Stable  
(Michael Stache)  
Friedman, Howard &  
Trin Brook Stables Inc.  
(Uriah St. Lewis)  
Gordon, David &  
Wasserson, James  
Gramiak, Bruce C  
Gramiak, Michael &  
Girard, Robert J.  
Green Ridge Racing  
(Harold Anderson Jr.)  
Home Team Stables &  
Flynn, Edmond (Scott Lake)  
HWH Thoroughbreds LLC  
(Elisa Pileggi)  
Jester, Michael W. &  
Gasper, Donna  
Jones, Carl C.  
JTD Racing LLC  
Kennedy, Kenneth J.  
Knable Stable  
Knable Stable & Long Ball  
Stables LLC (Robert  
Knable)  
Kondor, Helen J.  
L.E. Racing Stable LLC  
(Lyndon E.H. Evans)  
Lomas, Theresa  
Longball Stables LLC &  
Bres Racing Stable  
(Eberd Estrada)  
Lyons, Nancy E. &  
LR Racing Stables LLC  
M G B Racing LLC  
(Elizabeth Gory)  
& Castillo, Michelle  
Martinez, Luis A.

Mayne and Tail Stable  
McHenry-Dommel, Denise  
Menei, Gabriel  
Merchant, Thomas &  
Alexandria, et al  
Miller, Jenna  
Moran, Michael R.  
Morrison, E. Marie  
Naylor, Rebecca S.  
O'Brien, Agnes P.  
Par Five Stable LLC  
(Thomas Nash)  
Park Avenue Stables  
(Victor T. Marano)  
Pasceri, Bruno S  
Pierce, Kendall  
Pointer, Jodie  
Pumpkin Head Stables  
(Larry Bunting)  
Ramirez, Frederick  
Ramos, Jorge I.  
Rathman, Michael  
Raymond, Joanne E. &  
Abrams, Ronald B.  
Red Baron's Barn & L A  
Thoroughbreds (Lisa Allen)  
Rednilracing (Louis Linder,  
Jr.) & Why Knot TRS LLC  
Refuse 2 Lose LLC  
(Donna & Frank Perri Jr.)  
Refuse 2 Lose LLC &  
Perri, Gina  
Resto, Osmay  
Rogers, Heather  
Rosen, Mark J.  
Schurman, James &  
Klesaris, Steve  
Singh, Robin &  
Out & About Stable  
Smith, Thomas R.  
Smith, Wright A.  
Smokey's Run Farm  
(Teresa J. Garofalo)  
Stix-N-Stones Stables  
Thomas, Joseph R.  
Tootie Racing Stable &  
Waldkoenig, Gretchen  
Turner, Allen Q.  
Unlimited Thorobreds  
(Charles Everett)  
Verratti, Robert  
W. P. C. Stables LLC  
(William P. Cook) &  
Cringoli, Dominic  
W.P.C. Stables LLC  
(Marijo & William P. Cook)  
Wooleyhan, Linda  
Young, Jay F. &  
Geist, David W.  
Zarate, Alexis G.

## Rhode Island

Caprio, David G.

## South Carolina

Barker, Charles  
Conto, Kevin

## Tennessee

Tonelson, Leon

## Texas

956 Ranch, Inc.  
(William Miller)  
Bravenec, Jr., Tom  
Day, William C.  
Fitzsimons, Jr., Hugh A.  
Hefflin Driver Racing  
(James T. Driver)  
Huntsinger, Larry S.; Head,  
Phil; & Williams, Mike  
Jaynes, Jan  
Karp, Lawrence & Stone, Ron  
L. T. Smith Enterprises  
(Larry T. Smith)  
Sousares, Diana L.  
Switser, James G.  
Trent, Ronald  
Werner, Ronny W.;  
Oak Meadow Farm (Leslie  
Schmidt); & English, Daren  
Woolsey, Erv &  
Asmussen, Keith

## Utah

High Country Thoroughbreds  
(Allen R Johnson)

## Vermont

Sullimar Stables  
(Mary A. Sullivan)

## Virginia

Concepts Unlimited & Smith,  
Catherine J. (Charles A.)  
D. D. S. Stables  
(Denis Curran)  
Hackman, James &  
Thompson, Glenn R.  
O'Toole, Francis J.  
Ruch, James  
Sager, Cynthia A.

## Washington

Mark DeDomenico LLC;  
Jelladian, Dan; &  
Todaro, George  
Ralls and Foster, LLC &  
Westrock Stables, LLC  
(Dennis E. Foster)

## West Virginia

Jones, Brenda K.; Mar-Mac  
Farms; & Sharp, Marc J.  
McKee, John D.

## Washington, D.C.

Rappaport, Yigal

## Canada

McMullen, Marilyn G.  
Pereira, Lionel

## Hokkaido

Yamamoto, Masahiro

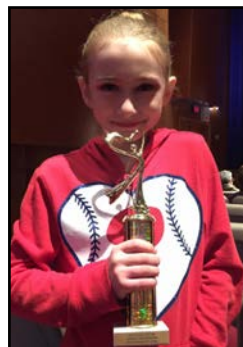
# Backstretch Views

## *Congratulations...!*



**Yarell Santos**, groom for trainer **Ed Coletti, Jr.**, recently became a new father with wife **Jiset Valentin**. Little boy **Yaziel Yarell** was born in the evening morning of April 14, 2016. He is Yarell's fifth child, joining two brothers and two sisters. Congratulations to the entire family!

## *Wow...!*



Proud parents **Steve & Diana Clarkson** were ecstatic to watch their daughter **Autumn** compete against older girls during a dance competition at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School on April 3, 2016. They were blown away when Autumn and her teammates captured the title, earning the 2016 High Score for Dance Expressions Performance Level!



## *From Abroad...*

Students from the **Aasane Folkehoes-Skole in Norway** visited Parx Racing as part of the school's seventh annual trip to the United States. The students were thrilled to spend a day at Parx Racing! Many thanks to **Brandy Steenson** for her hard work in making their experience possible.



## *Condolences...*



**Sandy Lyons** passed away after a long but hard-fought illness on April 3, 2016, surrounded by her family. Her daughter **Danielle Montgomery** is the Program Administrator of Turning for Home and she is so appreciative of the many kind words, thoughts and prayers from her racetrack family. Sandy was a longtime member of the Game Horse Association and

loved cooking, going to the beach, training Labrador Retrievers and spending time with her family.

**Dr. Thomas Ruffner**, VMD, passed away on March 24, 2016. He was a veterinarian at Philadelphia Park for many years. Family and friends met for a condolence gathering at The Olive Garden in Philadelphia on March 29.



**Holly Cheshire**, 60, died peacefully at home on March 27, 2016. She was married to equine dentist **Mark Cheshire**. Holly was devoted to her career in education development and had worked for Gwynedd Mercy Academy, the Malvern Preparatory School, Valley Forge Military Academy & College and

her alma maters the University of Pennsylvania and Germantown Academy. Memorial donations may be gifted to The Valley Forge Military Academy Forge Fund, Attn: Development Office, 1001 Eagle Road, Wayne, PA 19087.



## Did You Know?



Riding a 2yo colt for  
Godolphin Racing

Last year, **Trish Bowman** was chosen to be a part of the Darley Flying Start program. Just twelve students are selected from an international pool of applicants and is considered one of the most prestigious programs in the world, with students not only learning from elite horsemen but also travelling to Kentucky, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia and Dubai. Trish worked as a groom apprentice at

Parx Racing for trainer **Kate DeMasi**, who is quick to say how exciting it is for “one of Parx Racing’s own” to be a part of the prestigious program. In addition, DeMasi notes that Trish is the very first candidate from the entire Mid-Atlantic Region to be accepted into Darley Flying Start.



Meeting American Pharoah

## Do you have any news for Backstretch Views?

We’re always on the lookout for backstretch news! Contact **Nikki Sherman**, Marketing & Publicity Director, in the Turning for Home office or send over an email to [nsherman@patha.org](mailto:nsherman@patha.org).

# PENNSYLVANIA PAYS!

## Make The Best Choice For Your Mare

2015	Pennsylvania	Maryland	PA	MD
Restricted Races*	450	5	✓	
Restricted Race Purses*	\$14,195,251	\$325,000	✓	
Breeder Awards	\$9,327,230	\$3,141,642	✓	
Stallion Awards	\$1,623,852	\$240,125	✓	
Total Fund Disbursements	\$30,840,880	\$8,517,768	✓	

\*Races Restricted To PA and MD Bred Horses Only Including Stakes Races.

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# Turning for Home Day 2016

## Thoughts from Program Administrator Danielle Montgomery

Turning for Home, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to find homes for Parx Racing's retiring thoroughbreds.

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Through the foresight of the PTHA, Turning for Home, Inc. has saved nearly 1,800 Parx-based horses from an uncertain retirement. For eight years, owners and trainers have both supported and benefitted from our rehabilitation, retraining and rehoming program, as evidenced by the hundreds of success stories pictured on our office walls, website and newsletter.

Vital to the success of Turning for Home is the necessary funding provided by our generous donors as well as the Partner Farm managers, veterinarians, volunteers and adopters who open their hearts and barns to our horses.

2015 marked the final year of a major five-year grant, and we have new objectives to help replace that funding, including an expansion of Turning for Home Day activities on June 25, 2016. The 3rd Annual

\$100,000 Turning for Home Stakes will draw excitement and a day of good racing for fans, and with your help, we can also raise the funds required to keep our program going strong.

Please consider sponsorship for the day: either a race, an award, a banner, or any portion of the special events to be hosted during the picnic at Parx Racing. Thank you for opening your hearts and supporting the PTHA's Turning for Home.

## Please support us on Saturday, June 25th for the 3rd Annual Turning for Home Day



## Sponsorship Levels

### \$5,000

- Trophy presentation in winner's circle to winning owners of \$100,000 Turning for Home S.
- Logo in race program
- Reserved table for 6 to luncheon
- Reserved box seats for races
- Full-page ad in *PTHA News* (circulation >3,000 horsemen)

### \$2,000

- Presentation in winner's circle to winners of sponsored race
- Logo in race program
- Reserved table for 6 to luncheon
- Quarter-page ad in *PTHA News* (circulation >3,000 horsemen)

### \$1,000

- Presentation in winner's circle to winners of sponsored race
- Logo in race program
- 2 tickets to luncheon

**For more information, please contact Danielle Montgomery  
at 267-223-3418 or [turningforhome@patha.org](mailto:turningforhome@patha.org).**



# 2016 Basket Auction



Photos: Anna Cascio



**The following groups donated to our basket auction, silent auction & 50/50 raffle at the Horsemen's Awards Banquet. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to raise \$4,900 for TFH & the Granny Fund!**

American Helicopter Museum	Lighted Way Equestrian Program
Applebee's	Longwood Gardens
Bell Run Farm	Mad Golfer Golf Club
Bensalem Country Club	Maui Meadow Farm
Bertucci's	National Constitution Center
Blue Bell Country Club	Nick Martinez
CDK Industries	Nick Saponara
Chaplain Rick Bunker	Nutrena
Courtyard by Marriott	Outback Steakhouse
Crowne Plaza Bensalem	Oxford Feed & Lumber
Dave & Buster's	Panera Bread
Dr. Debra Kriftchner-Collazo	Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association
Eastern State Penitentiary	Philadelphia Eagles
Ellen Harvey	Philadelphia Phillies
Fort Mifflin on the Delaware	Radison Hotel Trevoise
Geoffrey Moulton	ReeLee Restarting & Training
Ginny Suevo	Susan Meckling
Glencairn Museum	Track to Tranquility Equestrian Program
Harmony Hill Stables	Trenton Thunder
Holiday Inn Bensalem	
Jericho National Golf Club	
Kellie Hain	

**We would also like to thank our volunteers for their tremendous work on the baskets and help throughout the night:**

Christine Benedetto	Ali Montgomery
Mike Bilinskas	Jan Palmer
Jean Fritz	Nikki Sherman
Joi Hollinger	Ginny Suevo
Donna Hural	Maddy Trimarco
Marissa Monaghan	Debbie Ulmer

## Here's Your Second Chance at Phillies Tickets!



**PTHA Board Member Nick Saponara donated a set of Diamond Club Phillies tickets (parking included) to the silent auction. Those tickets were auctioned off for over \$300...but we have one more set! On Kentucky Derby Day (May 7) we will be raffling off a pair of Diamond Club tickets (parking included) to the Phillies vs. Cincinnati Reds game on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 7:05 pm. Find the Turning for Home table in the grandstand to purchase your raffle tickets...and good luck!**



## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

***“<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. <sup>13</sup> The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.” - Psalm 33:12-13 (KJV)***

This is only the second column I have been blessed to write to you this year (the first was actually written before this year had begun). It may be too early in the year to be waxing patriotically, but then we have decades of deleterious effects to make up for, so to be early in a year may be a necessity.

I remember reading Francis Schaeffer who explained so well how the American Revolution had so little in common with the French Revolution. He explained that the French Revolution was bloody and Godless and was thus akin to the Bolshevik Revolution; both relatively short-lived, certainly compared to both the American and Glorious Revolutions (which have so much in common), because the latter were based upon truth.

Have I already become tedious? I cannot remember the last time I have been told that this is the most important election of our time, and I cannot remember the last time that I have had to admit that it was probably true. The United States of America is the greatest nation in the history of the world and for over a century whenever it cowered from this fact the whole world suffered.

I have become tedious for too many. But, I must tell you, that the other Great Seals of the United States that were suggested were none other than one which Franklin chose that was an allegorical scene from Exodus, described in his notes as “Moses standing on the Shore, and extending his hand over the Sea, thereby causing the same to overwhelm Pharaoh who is sitting in an open chariot, a crown on his head and a sword in his hand. Rays from a Pillar of Fire in the Clouds reaching to Moses, to express that he acts by command of the Deity.” With the suggested motto, “Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God.” Another recommended by

Jefferson was one that suggested a depiction of the Children of Israel in the wilderness, led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night for the front of the seal. How glorious and Biblical were our Founding Fathers feelings and/or recognitions of the hope and plan for this new nation!

As the fiftieth anniversary of this greatest republic and nation in the history of the world neared, her second president (John Adams), at the age of ninety, was forced to decline an invitation to the celebrations in his nearby Boston. In his response he wrote that “the anniversary would mark a memorable epoch in the annals of the human race, an epoch destined in future history to form the brightest or blackest page according to the use or abuse or those political institutions by which they shall in time to come be shaped by the human mind.” A few days later a more local committee (Quincy) requested, directly, after he declined an invitation, that he communicate a sentiment for a toast that could be presented on his behalf at the local celebration. “I will give you,” said he, “Independence forever.” When asked if he wished to add something further, he firmly replied, “Not a word.”

It seems to me that horsemen and women have a sense and love for independence like few other Americans or humans I have ever known. Why is that? Is it because you love and care for such a powerful species that is yet also prey within the circle of life? Is that how you know how delicate and dependent upon the grace of the Divine is our independence? However, it is a pleasure to be among you and to serve you. May you decide well, may you build well upon the stones that have been lain, and may you be filled with the wisdom and the courage necessary for this to be so. God bless you and keep you, Amen.....

***“<sup>34</sup> Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. <sup>35</sup> The king's favour is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him that causeth shame.” - Proverbs 14:34-35***





## The Granny Fund

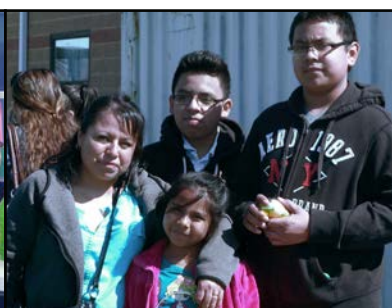
The Granny Fund was established in March 2000 as a memorial to Catherine "Granny" Youmans. Granny was a fixture on the backstretch, and was adamant about people bettering themselves through education. When Granny passed on Feb. 22, 2000, The Granny Fund was established as a scholarship program to aid trainers and stable employees as well as their dependents. A new record was established in 2015, with eleven students receiving scholarships (up from 10 in 2014)!

### Recent Scholarship Recipients

Jack Abrams	2015	University of South Carolina
Max Abrams	2015	Temple University
Kimberly Chacon	2015	Bucks County Community College
Alexis Day	2015	Bucks County Community College
Frances Delp	2015	Bucks County Community College
Kaitlyn Dougherty	2015	LaSalle University
Annalise Dunn	2015	Bucks County Community College
Ana P. Gonzales De la Pena	2015	Temple University
Alexandra Montgomery	2015	Rutgers University
Tony Perez	2015	Pennco Tech
Marcela Rodriguez	2015	Temple University

Do you or a family member want to apply for a scholarship with The Granny Fund?  
See Connie Youmans in the PTHA office or Chaplain Rick Bunker for details!

## Easter 2016



# PTHA Sponsors YWCA Teen Volunteer Award

When Bucks County Congressional Representative Gene DiGirolamo was notified that the YWCA of Bucks County, of which he is a member of their Advisory Council, was lacking funding for their 20th Annual Teen Volunteer of the Year Awards, he immediately reached out to PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi for assistance.

It is now three years later and the awards program is still going strong, thanks to the sponsorship of the PTHA. The purpose of the award is to reward Bucks County junior and senior high school students for their community service and volunteerism. Every nominee this year was truly impressive but on April 13, 2016, Emma Lambert of Council Rock High School North was named the 2016 YWCA Teen Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to all of the nominees, especially Emma!



- **Shrhea Banerjee (Central Bucks H.S. South):**  
Manna on Main Street, Neshaminy Manor Bucks County, SPCA, Special Equestrians, Warrington Township Library
- **Harry Bluestein (Pennsbury H.S.):**  
Four Diamonds Mini-Thon, Math Tutor, National Business Honor Society, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, YMS Soccer
- **Shannon Coleman (Villa Joseph Marie H.S.):**  
Athletes Helping Athletes, Bike the Basin, Coaches vs. Cancer, Community Service Corps, Jimmy V Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Mini-Thon, Retreat Leader, Service Trip to Haiti, Twinning Village Senior Citizen Prom, Urban Challenge
- **Kate Franklin (Council Rock H.S. South):**  
Buddy Club, Camp Discovery, P.E. Leadership, Peer Mentor Program, Special Olympics, Theatre Buddy Club
- **Elizabeth Garneau (Conwell-Egan Catholic H.S.):**  
Capital Health Hospital, Conwell-Egan Catholic, Makefield Woman's Association, Remnant Youth Ministry, Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Sister Mary Wheeler, Students for Life
- **Maggie Hatala (William Tennent H.S.):**  
Acting Without Boundaries, Bucks County Lavender Farm Memorial Service, Buddy Ball, Hospice Volunteer, Longstreth Elementary Fundraiser, North Penn Elementary School Holiday Crafts, Our Lady of Good Council Bible School, Our Lady of Good Council's CCD Program, Special Olympics, The Gift of Life
- **Sarah Caitlin Hoath (Pennridge H.S.):**  
Burmout Unitarian Universalist, Dreamland Farm, Key Club, Last Chance Ranch, National Honor Society, Neighborhood Helper, Stand Tall Mentoring, Student Council, Youth Group
- **Joseph Iwasyk (Holy Ghost Preparatory H.S.):**  
Dominican Republic Service Trip, Eagle Scout Project installation of brick-paver pathway at Veteran's Monument in Lower Makefield Twp., Mu-Alpha Theta Math Honors Society, National Honor Society, St. Mary's Hospital
- **Emma Lambert (Council Rock H.S. North):**  
Dresses with lovE, Friends of the Peace Train, Girl Scouts Gold Award, Hometown Heroes, Loaves and Fishes Program, Love Knots Premie Bundles, March of Dimes Philadelphia Walk, Newtown Sewing Club, Philadelphia Protestant Home, St. Mary's Cathedral, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk
- **Amy Ma (Bensalem H.S.):**  
Bensalem High School Craft Fair, Bensalem High School Tutor, Bensalem Public Library, Science in the Summer, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- **Dana McCabe (Neshaminy H.S.):**  
Blankets for Homeless Teens, Christmas Cookies for Hospice Patients, Feasterville Rotary, Interact Club, Langhorne Rotary, Neshaminy Color Fest, Neshaminy's Got Talent, Neshaminy's Show Your Socks, Ronald McDonald House, Sister Mary Wheeler
- **Sierra Mills (Central Bucks H.S. West):**  
Computer Science Club, Cooking for the Homeless Club, Doylestown Elementary School's Home and School Association, IT Girl Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Service Trip to Lima, Peru, Smart Arts, Student Council, YMCA Go Global, YMCA Teen Leader
- **Bridget Newns (Archbishop Wood H.S.):**  
Aid for Friends, Athletes Helping Athletes, Broad Street Ministry, Catholic Heart Work Camp, Four Diamonds Fund, Special Olympics, St. Jude Parish Youth Group
- **Taylor Ochsenreither (Central Bucks H.S. East):**  
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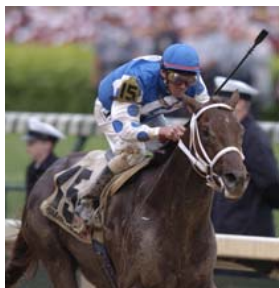
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