

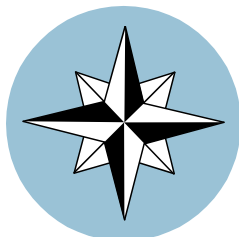
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RTCA NETWORK NEWS

May 25, 2004: Members of the RTCA Southern California Council held a strategic planning session at Hollywood Park. Rev. Edward Donnally, the RTCA Director of Development, moderated the meeting. Many excellent ideas were presented. In addition, Rev. Richard Mena was officially approved as the chaplain for the council. Chaplain Mena serves the following racetracks: Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, Del Mar, Los Alamitos and Fairplex at Pomona. We welcome Chaplain Mena to our RTCA family!

May 26, 2004: An Executive Committee conference call was held. Discussion centered on evaluating the present ministry in Toronto, Canada. For the glory of God, we would like to report to our RTCA family that the ministry is going quite well and that Chaplain Les Riggs has an excellent ministry set up. In the near future, we will have a council formed and we will start searching for the person of the Lord's choosing to be chaplain. Praise the Lord!

May 26, 2004: The Executive Director and Los Alamitos Chaplain Aureo Bermeo searched many different hotels and facilities for our upcoming Chaplains' School and Annual Meeting. The hotel that is most fitting for our event is the Coast Anaheim Hotel, located at 1855 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. The Executive Committee is reviewing the contract at this time. **The dates for this event are January 5 through 10, 2005.**

May 27, 2004: The Executive Director participated in a conference call with many other racetrack leaders. The subject was the Groom Elite program. This organization provides training to the people on the backside in order to enhance their skills in the racing industry. In addition, the teaching provides the skills needed to develop injury prevention habits. We are very pleased to be board members of this organization. Likewise, our chaplains across the country are encouraging strong participation in this training. The Groom Elite program needs our prayers and financial support.

May 27, 2004: The National Evangelism Task Force held a conference call. The main subject was implementation of the steps to reach the RTCA goal of bringing 25,000+ people to Christ by the year 2010. A letter from our President, Don Dean, and Mr. Edward Smith (from Lonestar), will be in your hands very soon. This will explain the process that we will establish in order to attain the goal.

May 31, 2004: A special gathering was held at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie in conjunction with the RTCT for friends of our ministry. Approximately 35 people gathered in the chapel facilities on the backside. An exquisite luncheon was served and an excellent presentation of our ministry in the USA and other parts of the world was presented. We would like to extend our gratitude to Corey Johnsen, John Records, Chaplains Sam Ed Spence, Eddie Rodriguez, Waverly Parsons, and Jaime Obregon. Our Executive Director and the Director of Development led the event.

June 1, 2004: A very important meeting was held this day in Dallas with leaders of MBNA Bank. This organization is interested in seeking ways to serve the RTCA family. More meetings will be held as our organizations explore how resources from their foundation and other foundations can benefit our RTCA family. We express our sincere gratitude to our mutual friend, Bryan Pettigrew, for being an important part of our delegation.

In addition, the Executive Director had an excellent meeting with Chaplain Mike Bingaman and Mrs. Sue Cox on the same day. Mrs. Cox presented a valuable proposal to the RTCA that will be considered by the Chaplains' School Program Committee. This includes a two-year training program for our chaplains in the area of problem gambling intervention. This training seeks to prepare our chaplains as Certified Race Track Compulsive Gambling Prevention individuals. More details will be given after the first meeting of the Program Committee.

June 7, 2004: Our Executive Director met with the Los Alamitos Council in order to make a presentation about the Chaplains' School and Annual Meeting requirements. The council is working hard to be an excellent host to the people who will be attending our convention. Our congratulations go to this council for their excellent work and dedication. Mrs. Melody Knuchell is the president, and their chaplain is Rev. Aureo Bermeo.

June 8, 2004: This was a day to be celebrated in the RTCA family. Our dear brother, Nick Salios, received his doctoral degree. We rejoice with the Salios family for this great achievement. The RTCA family would like to sincerely express our congratulations to Dr. Nick Salios.

June 10, 2004: The Executive Director met with management of Bay Meadows in San Mateo, California. It was great to hear the excellent report of the efficient work that Chaplain David Corrales is doing. The purpose of our visit was to develop a line of communication to encourage an expansion of the support for our chaplaincy at the track. In addition, the Executive Director met with the RTCA Northern California Council on this day. This was a very enriching and productive meeting. Rev. Paul Corrales is the president of the council.

News from our Chaplaincy Planter, Rev. Les Riggs: "On May 3rd, Chaplain Riggs and his wife, Johnneta, left Bossier City for Toronto, Ontario, driving a motor home and hauling a van behind it. He looked forward to the challenges of planting a new ministry for the glory of the Lord, and was praying that God would use him in a mighty way." This is the way Chaplain Les introduced the first report that he gave to the RTCA family. He continued the report by indicating all the different victories that the Lord has given to them in this short time. Many miracles have happened, and the Word of the Lord has been preached with authority to many

people. The news media has also been covering the many activities of his ministry. We rejoice in this report and we will continue praying for this important missionary enterprise of the RTCA family.

Chaplain School January 5, 6, and 7, 2005: Don Dean appointed Chaplain Mike Bingaman to be the chair of the Chaplains' School for the 2005 event. Other members of the committee include: Chaplain Sam Ed Spence, Dr. Nick Salios, Chaplain Thomas Farley and Mrs. Becky Bergquist. Our prayers are with this special committee and their very important responsibility.

New Dates for Annual Meeting, January 5-10, 2005: Due to conflicts with other important events in the racing industry, and the hotel with which we are in the process of signing a contract, we moved our announced date (NN: March/April, 2004) for our Chaplains' School and Annual Meeting to January 5-10, 2005. It is our hope to see all of our RTCA family attending this event. Please check your calendar and make note of the changes.



Coast Anaheim Hotel

The Pat Day Tour

By: Ed Donnally

Our good friend, Pat Day, whose remarkable 31-year riding career is a part of horse racing history, will conduct a special "What a Difference a Day Makes" tour of tracks this summer to help raise awareness and funds for local chaplains.

The tour we're calling "Race Track Revival" will consist of visits to tracks to race, greet fans in track promotional events, and take part in their media events. He will also be available to speak at corresponding chaplaincy events, the purpose of which will be to win persons to Christ, raise funds and increase awareness for chaplains and their councils.

"The primary purpose of this tour is obedience to the Great Commission, i.e. to go into all the world and preach the Good News," said Day, quoting Mark 16:15. "We also want to meet and greet racing fans and encourage and uplift our chaplains. We also hope to prayerfully seek support, financial and otherwise, for the ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the racing industry."

We will ask that tracks provide a place for a fund-raising lunch or dinner, food at wholesale cost, print tickets we will design and the council will sell, advertise the event in their racing programs and provide space in the grandstand on major racing days leading up to the event at which council members can man a booth/exhibit to expose the ministry and sell tickets. We are suggesting that tickets be sold for at least \$50 and that the event include a silent auction of items gathered from track vendors, feed stores, tack shops, track gift shops, etc. The home office has other sales items

available and can obtain large items for a live auction if one is desired. During a March event in Ocala, Florida, at which Pat spoke, the local chaplaincy netted over \$30,000.

Pat delivers a strong salvation message. We will supply New Believer's Packets with commitment cards to every council hosting these events. Those making decisions for Christ will sign and return a portion so local chaplaincies can follow-up with the new believers. We ask that you join us in prayer for this tour. We also hope every council and chaplain hosting one of these events will undertake regular concerted prayer.

As you know, Day is a long time RTCA officer and our official Industry Spokesperson. He will be available chiefly on weekdays, which tracks perceive as best for special promotions. The tour will begin on July 20, with an event scheduled at River Downs to aid the ministry of Forest and Heather Casey. It will end when Keeneland opens October 8. We hope to arrange visits to 12 to 15 tracks during that time span.

We will provide free tickets to backstretch workers who cannot afford to purchase them and Pat will return riding fees to the mount's scheduled rider.

Since winning his first race at Prescott Downs in Arizona in 1973, Day has become the all time leader in purses won (\$290 million) and is the leading active rider in victories, with over 8,700. He ranks third in all time victories to the late Bill Shoemaker (8,833) and the retired Laffit Pincay Jr. (9,530). A member of racing's Hall of Fame since 1991, Day has won four Eclipse Awards as the nation's Outstanding Jockey and nine national riding titles. He has also won nine Triple

Crown races and is the only rider to ride in all 20 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships. He has won 12 Breeders' Cup races.

Pat is allowing himself to be used by the Lord in a mighty and wonderful way. He is also providing an amazing gift to the ministry. Dr. Torres said he thanked God for Day's decision to tour. "Pat has been appointed by the Lord to be His ambassador, representing Christ and RTCA at race tracks around the world," he said. "We thank Pat and we congratulate him for accepting this call from God."

The RTCA home office, in conjunction with local chaplaincies, will manage tour arrangements. Pat has asked that we make the first contact with each track's marketing and publicity departments and we are in the process of contacting 25 tracks to discuss arrangements. Track managements are encouraged to call us and discuss Pat appearing at their respective facilities.

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