

Who's Who on the Maryland Horse Industry Board

In January of 1998 the Maryland Horse Council created legislation for the formation of a Maryland Horse Industry Board to work with the Department of Agriculture, to function as another commodity board for the development of the industry. In April of 1998, the legislation was passed into law. The purpose of the Maryland Horse Industry Board is to help develop and promote the State's horse industry. In 2002 we published an article explaining what a horse industry board can and can not do. If you would like a copy of that article, please call 1-800-244-9580 or visit equiery.com or marylandhorseindustry.org.

One of the main programs of the board has been to offer grant money for Maryland horse related programs. Grant application guidelines are posted at www.marylandhorseindustry.org.

In the Who's Who issue of *The Equiery*, we provide the following profiles on the Board members. The Maryland Department of Agriculture and other interested parties can make recommendations to the Governor's office, but ultimately, except for the Secretary of Agriculture, the appointments are at the Governor's discretion.

For the Thoroughbred Industry

James B. Steele, Chairman

A Thoroughbred owner and breeder for over 30 years, Jim Steele has managed the multi-breed stallion station Shamrock Farm since 1977. Jim is currently President of the Carroll County Farm Bureau, Vice President of the MD Horse Breeders Assoc., a board member of the MD Farm Bureau PAC and of the Maryland Farm Bureau. He is the former Chairman of the Maryland Horseman's Party, a former Chairman of the MD Agricultural Commission and the Carroll County Ag. Commission, a former member of the Committee to Review Ag Land Preservation, and a former member of the governor's special commission to study slots and gaming in the State of Maryland. In the mid '90s, he served on the governor's special commission that recommended that the state and the MD Department of Agriculture formally recognize horses, as well as other nontraditional forms of agriculture, such as turf farms and nurseries, as part of Maryland agriculture. Jim is married to Christie and has five sons.

For Trails and Recreational Riding

Trish Gilbert

An A Pony Clubber with several years of pre-vet school under her belt, as well as a former international level event rider and candidate for the USET, Trish Gilbert has taken an active role in the organizing of three day events in the United States. She has served as a USET vice-president for eventing, chair of the USEA Events Committee, vice president of the USPC (and served for 26 years as a DC), is the current chair of the USEA-USET Credentials Committee. She is an FEI and AHSA licensed course designer, an FEI and AHSA Technical Delegate, and an FEI Steward. She is a co-founder and co-organizer of the Fair Hill International Three Day*** Event, has organized horse trials at all levels for over 20 years, and has served as an FEI steward to three Olympic Games. She and her husband operate the Thoroughbred training facility, Churchmouse Meadows, in Harford County.

For Licensed Boarding and Riding Stables

Carol S. Wicker

Carol Wicker is the owner and manager of Fence Post Farms, a boarding and lesson stable in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, with an emphasis on introduction of the horse and related activities to beginner riders. Mrs. Wicker is a member of the Maryland Horse Council, Maryland Farm Bureau, and the Pasadena Horse and Pony Club. She also has a long standing association with the Linthicum 4-H Club and has introduced many Girl Scouts to the horse through the Girl Scouts Horse Lovers and Riding Programs. Carol was previously a member of the Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables, which was expanded into the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

Vision for MHIB: I am pleased to continue to serve on the Maryland Horse Industry Board as the representative for licensed barns in Maryland and I look forward to hearing from the many equestrians I represent. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. It is my belief the board will give the much needed support to the horse sport to make the horse more visible and accessible. We will be a voice for our horses!

For the Academic Equine Community

Vacant as of press time.



For the Maryland Horse Council

Keith Wills

Keith Wills has been involved in the equine community through horse ownership for 14 years and through multiple volunteer organizations focusing on equine agricultural issues. Keith is an account executive for MidAtlantic Farm Credit who focuses primarily on the equine industry. Keith came to Farm Credit in 1993 and is based out of the Bel Air office.

Keith has served as the Treasurer for the Maryland Horse Council since 1998, and has served on the Maryland Horseman's party Planning Committee since 2001. Other volunteer organizations that Keith has been active with include Maryland Farm Bureau Equine Committee, Junior Gunpowder Farmers Club, Baltimore County Farmers Bureau Board Member, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, Gunpowder Valley Conservancy; Baltimore County Farm Bureau Ag. Educ. Foundation, English Run Homeowners Association, Baltimore County Ag. Resource Center Founding Committee, Baltimore County Extension Advisory Council.



For Equine Veterinarians

John W. Lee, Jr. DVM

John W. Lee, Jr. DVM lives in Rising Sun, Maryland where he and his wife, Jane Fassinger Lee VMD, own and operate, Dayspring Farm, a broodmare facility, and Sham Felek Arabians. Dr. Lee is the senior partner at Unionville Equine Associates P.C., a practice that he started in 1978. Dr. Lee is a 1971 graduate of the University of Delaware and a 1974 graduate of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Lee served as the president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association in 1996. He is presently the chairman of the Cecil County Agricultural Advisory Board which is a committee under the Cecil County Economic Development Department. He is also a member of Cecil County's Equine Industry Task Force, which is a subcommittee of the board. He has been a member of both the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American

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Association of Equine Practitioners for thirty years. Additionally, Dr. Lee practices equine veterinary medicine in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania and holds a license through the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medicine.



For the Maryland Standardbred Industry
Eli Solomon

An engineer who retired from Northrop Grumman Corporation's Electronic Systems, BWI facility, Eli Solomon complements his former highly technical career with a deep and abiding interest in all aspects of the Standardbred industry. He is an owner, breeder, and trainer, and has been involved with legislative and regulatory issues. He serves as an officer on the board of directors of the Maryland Standardbred Breeders Association (MSBA) and the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owners Association (CSOA). In addition, he has been either elected or appointed to numerous committees for these Associations and for Cloverleaf Enterprises, Inc. (CEI), having served as the Chairperson or as a member of these committees.



For Organized shows and Competitions
Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.

Charles C. Fenwick, Jr. graduated with a B.A. degree from Trinity College in 1970. He began working for the investment-banking firm of Robert Garrett & Sons in 1970. That firm was absorbed by Alex. Brown & Sons in 1974, and he continued working there until 1979. Mr. Fenwick's experience in the automobile industry began with Valley Motors in 1979. He has been the General Manager of the Cockeysville-based company since 1984 and currently serves as President and General Manager. An advocate of land preservation, Fenwick seized the opportunity to help save the 300 acres at Shawan Downs from development while ensuring the land's preservation by virtue of a world-class equestrian center and annual steeplechase race, The Legacy Chase. Fenwick is a five-time winner of The Maryland Hunt Cup, ten-time winner of the Grand National Steeplechase, three-time winner of My Lady's Manor, three-time winner of the Virginia Gold Cup and in 1980, he won the English Grand National. In addition, he is a member of the State of Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame as a steeplechase jockey.

Secretary of the Department of Agriculture
Lewis R. Riley

Serving as the Secretary's Representative: Beverly Raymond, MDA State Stable Inspector

Beverly Raymond's quiet and subtle influence on the horse community in Maryland will last for generations to come. It is for this reason Ms. Raymond was awarded with the Anne Pumphrey Unsung Hero Memorial Award at the 1999 Maryland Horsemen's Party. She was an early member of MCTA. Ms. Raymond has been a state inspector of riding and boarding stables and veterinary hospitals for the Maryland Department of Agriculture since the late 1970's. She was a founding member of the Maryland Horse Council and has been a dedicated worker for their programs. She has spearheaded programs for the Maryland Department of Agriculture such as Maryland You Are Beautiful, Christmas tree programs and many beautification programs. Ms. Raymond received a Governor's Citation for her work with Maryland You Are Beautiful, and was awarded as the Employee of the Quarter for the Maryland Department of Agriculture in 2004.

For the General Public

Dorothy Troutman

Dorothy Troutman is considered by many to be a quiet but vital force within the Maryland horse industry. She is the founder and president of the Maryland Equestrian Foundation, which had an integral role in the creation of the Rosaryville Conservancy and the Marlborough Horse Trials. She is a director for the Maryland Association for the Preservation of Equestrian Sports and a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Prince George's Equestrian Center.

Vision for MHIB: Through her work with the Prince George's County Council and the Park and Planning Board, Mrs. Troutman works tirelessly to protect open spaces and trails for equestrian use, and to provide facilities for showing and eventing. At the core of Mrs. Troutman's efforts is her conviction that the horse industry and equestrian events are assets not only to Prince George's County, but also to the entire State. Through the Maryland Horse Industry Board, Dorothy wants to increase the awareness of the number of horses in the State of Maryland and the tradition of horses here, the importance of these horses to the state's economy and image, and the value of the horse and the industry to the state. By increasing this awareness, the Board can promote horses in the State; provide facilities, trails and open space for riding and enjoyment; educate the public on all aspects of the Maryland horse industry; support, and protect horse owners, horses and the related businesses; and help meet their requirements and needs.



For Animal Control and Humane Societies:
Kathleen Schwartz

Kathleen is a co-founder of Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. with her husband Allan Schwartz. Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. began with a dream, their own financial resources, their 10 acre farmette and a horse named "Toby." Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. (DEFHR) is a volunteer-based, non-profit, humane organization established in 1989 to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through rehabilitation, humane education and community outreach. It is the first such organization in the State of Maryland. DEFHR has been licensed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture since 1991, upon introduction of the lesson program. DEFHR has been actively working with animal control authorities since 1991. Kathleen and Allan Schwartz live on the premises, providing 24-hour care. DEFHR is an active member of P.A.W.S. (Professional Animal Workers) and the Maryland Horse Council. Supporters include a network of over 10,000 individuals, organizations, and businesses, both foreign and domestic. Kathleen trains and has been trained in numerous areas of equine health, care, and management on the national level. She is one of the most respected members of Maryland's horse industry, and the programs that she heads have been required by many national humane organizations.

For The Equine Support Industries:

Michelle Slusher

Michelle is a lifelong horse owner and horse enthusiast who has worked for over 15 years in industry related jobs. Michelle works for the Maryland Feed Company based in Hereford, Maryland and has held positions with Pennfield Feeds, The Mill of Bel Air, Mint Valley Forge, Over the Hill Farm, Penowa Farm, and Little Acorn Farm. Michelle received her Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies and Business Management from Wilson College, and is considered part of the newest generation of Maryland horse industry leaders. Michelle recently married Delegate J.B. Jennings of Baltimore County.



Executive Director
J. Robert Burk

Rob is a lifelong horseman who has been working with the MHIB since January 2003. Growing up in Northern California Rob worked as a rider, trainer, and groom. As a teenager Rob worked as a groom for an Olympian the late Captain David Foster of County Meath, Ireland. By the age of 11 Rob was the Junior Novice Combined Training Champion of California, at 15 he was the Young Rider Open Preliminary Combined Training Champion of California, and when he headed off to college at 17 he was an H-A rated member of the U.S. Pony Club. While in College Rob was a IHSA Regional Open Over Fences and Flat Champion, and the fourth ranked Western Reining and Horsemanship Rider in the Nation. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Pre-Vet Equine Science from Otterbein College in Ohio, and a Master of Science in Equine Nutrition from Virginia Tech. While with the MHIB Rob has worked at: promoting the Maryland horse industry, establishing several new programs for the horse industry through the Department of Agriculture, furthering the mission of the MHIB, and he has been at the forefront of many horse related issues in Maryland. Rob has also managed the collection and disbursement of grants from the Maryland Feed Fund, established a database of licensed stables, written fiscal notes and recommendations on numerous industry related bills, and assisted with the licensing of stables in the Maryland.

Stable Inspector
Robin Roscher

Robin worked for the Maryland State Police as cadet from 1982 thru 1983. She briefly worked in private industry between 1984-1986. In 1986 she was reinstated as a state employee, assigned to the Weights and Measures division of the Maryland Department of Agriculture. In 1987 she was transferred to the Animal Health section of MDA as an inspector for the Veterinary Board and the Horse Industry Board. Her duties with MDA range from inspection work, administrative work, to serving on various committees, and working at the annual State Fair.

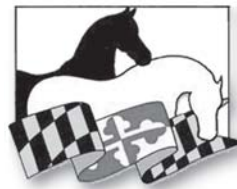


Administrative Assistant
Tonya Kendrick

The Maryland Horse Industry Board is housed at the Maryland Department of Agriculture and Tonya represents the main contact for the Board at the Department. Tonya conducts the everyday activities of the Board and keeps it running smoothly. While not a horse person Tonya is an invaluable member of the Maryland Horse Industry Board and has the dual role of working for the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Technical Advisor
Crystal B. Kimball

Although not formally appointed to the Maryland Horse Industry Board, Crystal Brumme Kimball serves at their request as a technical advisor. Crystal is the publisher and owner of The Equiery. In addition to her articles in The Equiery, which have been reprinted in numerous other publications, her writing has appeared in the USCTA News, Sidelines, The Cecil Whig, Steeplechase Times, and The Chronicle of the Horse. In college, she rode on the University of Maryland Equestrian Team, and has been involved with hunters, combined training, dressage, and fox-chasing. She has served as secretary for Maryland Horse Council (MHC) since 1994 and has been a member of MHC since 1991, and serving on the Board of Directors as a Director-At-Large representing the business membership. She also serves as secretary for the Maryland Steeplechase Association, and is a member of the Howard County-Iron Bridge Hounds, Howard County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and of the MD FFA Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees, and is a graduate of the LEAD Maryland program.



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