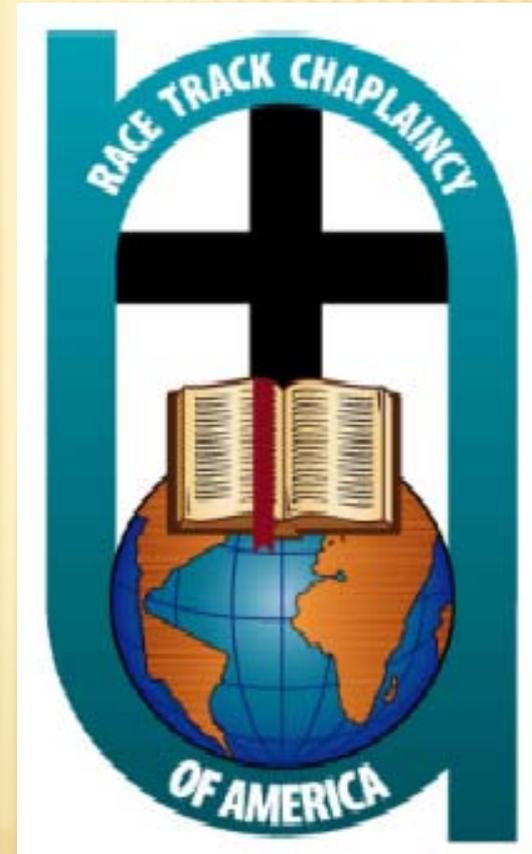


TEXAS RACING COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE

RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY OF AMERICA

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TOPICS



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RTCA – HISTORY



- ✘ Founded in 1970 at Gulfstream Park by “Salty” Roberts, an exercise rider with a vision.
- ✘ Incorporated in 1972 as a 501(c)(3) by the Southern Baptist Convention.
- ✘ National Board of Directors
- ✘ Expanded along East Coast and then westward to California and eventually Texas in 1988.
- ✘ Supported by HBPA, tracks and churches.
- ✘ By 1990, 35 chaplains served 55 racetracks.

RTCA - MISSION



“The Race Track Chaplaincy of America is an evangelical, inter-denominational, Christian organization whose purpose is to minister to the spiritual, emotional, physical, educational and social needs of those persons involved in all aspects of the horse racing industry.”



RTCA CHAPLAINCY



- ✘ APPROVED CHAPLAIN
- ✘ LOCAL COUNCIL
- ✘ RTCA CHARTER AGREEMENT
- ✘ 501(C)(3) NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
- ✘ VOLUNTEER BOARD
- ✘ HORSEMEN
- ✘ TRACK EMPLOYEES
- ✘ CHURCHES





RTCA - MINISTRY

- ✘ Re-organization in 1994 with focus on expansion of services and tracks served.
- ✘ Dr. Enrique Torres hired as Executive Director in 2000 with national office at Hollywood Park.
- ✘ Increased support base with contributions from racing organizations and individuals.
- ✘ Expanded ministry to 77 chaplains serving 116 racetracks, training centers and breeding farms.
- ✘ International presence in England, South America, Australian, New Zealand, South Korea and Caribbean

RTCA – MINISTRY 2010



- ✘ Moved headquarters to Georgetown, KY in 2009
- ✘ Working relationship agreement with Georgetown College
- ✘ Hired professional fund raiser Dr. Paul Ransdell as Director of Development
- ✘ Hired retired Army Major Dr. Robert Barnard, military chaplain and professor at Asbury Theological Seminary as Chaplains' Chaplain
- ✘ Annual Chaplaincy School in April in Georgetown

RTCA 2010 Chaplaincy School

Georgetown, KY

April 13 - 16, 2010



SPIRITUAL



- ✘ CHAPEL SERVICES
- ✘ DEVOTIONALS
- ✘ BIBLE STUDIES
- ✘ DISCIPLING
- ✘ SUNDAY SCHOOLS
- ✘ CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
- ✘ WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
- ✘ PASTORS' DAY AT THE RACETRACK







EMOTIONAL

- ✘ SUPPORT GROUPS
- ✘ PRAYERS
- ✘ COUNSELLING
- ✘ MENTORING
- ✘ INTERCESSION
- ✘ BENEVOLENCE





PHYSICAL

- ✘ ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOR COUNSELLING
- ✘ FOOD PANTRY
- ✘ MEALS – LOCAL CHURCHES
- ✘ CLOTHES CLOSET
- ✘ MEDICAL
- ✘ DENTAL
- ✘ OPTICAL
- ✘ PRESCRIPTIONS
- ✘ RECREATION





EDUCATIONAL

- × BIBLES
- × GED
- × SPANISH
- × ESL
- × COMPUTERS
- × GROOM ELITE
- × LIFE SKILLS
- × RACING RULES & TRACK POLICIES
- × IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
- × LIBRARY (BOOKS, VIDEOS, MAGAZINES, CD'S)



SOCIAL

- ✘ SPORTS
- ✘ BBQ'S
- ✘ MOVIES
- ✘ PARTIES - CHRISTMAS
- ✘ CHILD CARE & CAMPS
- ✘ SHOPPING TRIPS
- ✘ OUTINGS (FISHING, GOLF, TRAIL RIDES)



RACE TRACK ENVIRONMENT



BARN AREA

- + HORSEMEN & WOMEN
- + STABLE WORKERS
- + LOW INCOME
- + PREDOMINATELY HISPANIC
- + FALSE OR UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS
- + MINIMAL EDUCATION
- + NO INSURANCE
- + NETWORKED COMMUNITY
- + LIMITED MOBILITY
- + MINIMAL ADVOCACY





RACE TRACK ENVIRONMENT

FRONTSIDE/GRANDSTAND

- + TRACK EMPLOYEES
- + RACING FANS
- + VOLUNTEERS
- + SOURCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- + BENEVOLENCE
- + ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOR COUNSELLING
- + COMMON GROUND





ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

× EXISTING

- + RTCA
- + WINNERS' FEDERATION
- + GROOM ELITE
- + RACE FOR EDUCATION
- + LIFESTYLES

× FUTURE

- + BENEFITS PACKAGE
 - × INSURANCE COVERAGES
 - × RETIREMENT
- + IMMIGRATION STATUS
- + U.S. CITIZENS
WORK FORCE



FUNDING

- ✘ HORSEMEN & WOMEN
- ✘ JOCKEYS
- ✘ RACE TRACKS
- ✘ HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS
- ✘ FUND RAISERS
- ✘ INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS
- ✘ INDIVIDUALS
- ✘ PARI-MUTUEL CHARITY DAYS
- ✘ DEDICATED % OF GAMING EXPANDED REVENUES





WHITE HORSE AWARD

- ✘ ANNUAL “HERO” AWARD
- ✘ SPONTANEOUS ACT OF BRAVERY IN HORSE RACING
- ✘ WHITE HORSE FELLOWSHIP
- ✘ THURSDAY LUNCHEON AT BREEDERS’ CUP



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