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From RTCA Board President, Dan Fick

Thanks to a loving God that cares greatly about this ministry and the people we serve, 2010 was a good year for RTCA. On behalf of the Executive Committee of the board, I give you this update on what has been accomplished in 2010 and priorities for 2011.

While we did not achieve all of our goals and objectives last year, we accomplished many that have enhanced communications and connections with the chaplains and councils. We were especially effective in fundraising during difficult economic times.

Just to count a few of our blessings:

- **The Chaplains' School and Annual Meeting** in Georgetown were well-attended; and the feedback we received in the attendee evaluations was predominately positive towards the curriculum, the presentations and the speakers. The Chaplaincy School & Annual Meeting (CSAM) 2011 will be even better with your help.
- **The support we received from Georgetown College** is greatly appreciated; and we know there are significant opportunities for our staff and theirs to work together in the future.
- **Chaplain Waverly's "Thought for the Day", Chaplain Sam Ed's weekly "Chaplain's Letter" and all of the newsletters we receive from the chaplains and local councils** are a great blessing and a window into the ministries you make possible to the horse racing industry.
- We now have a weekly **"Current News"** from Dr. Torres, a monthly **"Network News"** from Dr. Barnard and a semi-annual **"Winners' Circle"** from Dr. Ransdell. These will continue to improve and spread the message in 2011, especially as the chaplains, councils and board members provide updates, praise reports, photos and perhaps contribute articles.
- As I mentioned, **RTCA financials have been good this year**, as we have raised more than 95% of our revenue goals in contributions, sponsorships and in-kind donations. At the same time, we have kept expenses below budget, and finished 2010 with a small positive cash balance. This was accomplished while also contributing \$60,000 back to the local councils.
- In addition, we **moved all of our accounting and banking to Lexington under the supervision of Christy Woodward**, our CPA at Miller, Mayer, Sullivan and Stevens LLC of Lexington. We expect to have a compilation/review of our 2010 financials and will be in a position for a full audit in 2011.
- We have a **well-equipped and experienced staff** on board, which has been working hard to manage the office, raise the funds, administer the programs, organize committees and communicate with the councils and board members on a timely basis. Have we been 100% successful in our efforts? No, but we continue to learn, organize and communicate in the effort to hit 100% in 2011.
- Being able to travel these past six months to visit the chaplains, councils, racetrack management, horsemen, board members and donors has really helped our new staff members understand the horse racing industry and the local ministries our chaplains and councils provide. The more they know and understand; the more the **chaplains and councils communicate with the staff**; the more effective and supportive the staff can be in 2011.



Region 1 Meeting host John Harris of Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA.



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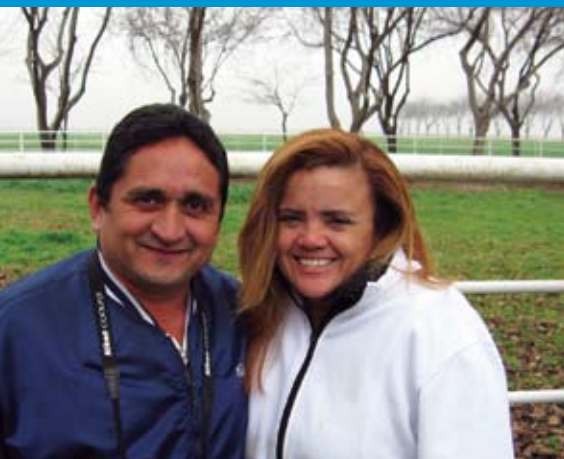
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Daniel Orantes recipient of the 2010 White Horse Award.



Thelma Lynn, council president at Emerald Downs



Chaplain Eddie Meza and wife Frances of the Southern CA Council

- **The White Horse Awards Luncheon** during Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs was a great event with our highest attendance ever, and wonderful, heart-felt tributes to our White Horse Hero, Daniel Orantes, and community service recognitions of Bill Howard and Dick Broadbent.
- **The national Office has relocated** to South Creek Properties on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington, near many of the corporate offices of the racing industry, and conveniently across the hall from our CPA. Thanks to several benefactors and a reduced rate from the property owners, we finally have sufficient office space for our entire staff to work.
- We have been able to provide **2000 Spanish and English Bibles** to the chaplains for distribution.
- **The new RTCA Endowment Program**, to which individuals may leave a legacy gift through their estate plans, will secure the future of RTCA ministries in perpetuity.
- Perhaps most importantly, we have finally begun our **chaplains' benefits program** in 2010 with health insurance through NTRA Advantage and Wells Fargo, AD&D insurance coverage paid by RTCA, and the new retirement programs recently announced through MMBB.

For 2011, we will continue to work on effective organization, administration and communication, which I believe is the function of the national office, necessary to provide the needed support of the local chaplaincies across this country and around the world. However, our 2011 focus needs to be expanding the resources and services the national office provides the chaplains and councils, especially in the realms of chaplains' benefits and evangelism efforts.

I began my second term in 2010 after the Annual Meeting by asking all board members to be fully committed to RTCA, both financially and through participation. I realize many of the chaplains and council presidents are financially committed to your local chaplaincy, as they should be. However, at the national level, we also need the support of our board members, especially the regional, at-large, international and emeritus directors.

I'd again challenge you to personally evaluate your commitment to RTCA in 2010, and re-energize for 2011 to provide the national office the commitment it needs to support the local chaplaincies.

I want to thank each of you for the blessings I have received and the amazing experience I have had being board president of RTCA these past two years. While I will continue to serve as an RTCA Director Emeritus, and look forward to being closely involved with the chaplaincies in Oklahoma and Texas in 2011, I will not be seeking a third term as President of RTCA.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Fick".

Dan Fick
RTCA Board President

RTCA National Office Budget Summary

January - December 2010

Beginning Surplus **\$86,373**

Income

Total Council Contributions	\$67,501
Total Corporate and Foundation Support	\$40,595
Total Individual Support	\$396,395
Total Special Events Revenue	\$35,681
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Total Income **\$541,403**

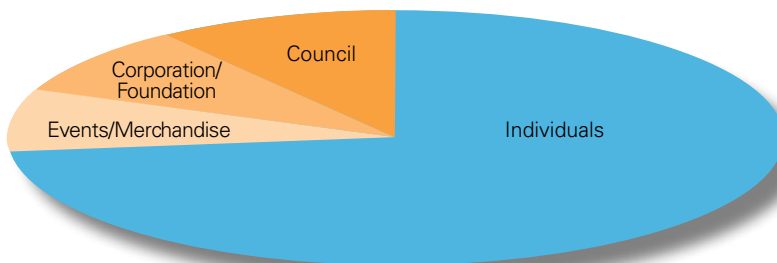
Expenses

Total Administrative Expenses	\$292,970
Total Chaplaincy Expenses	\$252,172

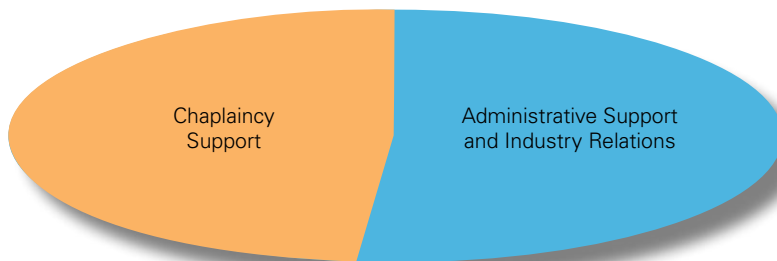
Total Expenses **\$545,142**

Ending Surplus **\$82,634**

2010 Income



2010 Expenses



Rob Cochran of the Northern CA Council



Chris and Karen Belluomini of the Northern CA Council



Region 1 Meeting, Harris Ranch

Chaplaincy Highlights from 2010



*Bob and Sharon Sparling
of the Emerald Downs Council*



*Chaplain Candidate Sergio Armas
from Los Alamitos*



*Juan and Martha Landeros of the
Northern CA Council*

It's awfully easy to believe the strength of an organization resides solely in the effectiveness of its national office. But even as RTCA's national office excels, the real proof of RTCA's strength is found on the backstretch. And every sign points to a renewed hope, inspiring optimism that RTCA's best days are still ahead.

We hold closely those inspirational stories of hope, strength, and devotion experienced on the backstretch in 2010. With some 53 ministries operating at nearly 70 racetracks, training centers and horse farms, the stories of changed lives are numerous — too many, in fact, to tell them all.

How do you measure the impact of a kind encouragement, a silent prayer, or a box of groceries? Moreover, how life-changing is a mammogram, and childcare program, or a weekly worship service? While Chaplains are on the backside making a difference day-in and day-out, your support makes their ministry possible. And while their impact is too numerous to tell or even to know, here is a recap of some of the remarkable stories shared by our Chaplains during 2010.

- **Chaplain Ken Boehm, Kentucky**

In August, on the backside of Churchill Downs, a Tumblebus was rolled-out (figuratively speaking) for its run as a Children's Center. The exterior was repainted to blend in with its surroundings (next to Christ Chapel), and the interior fitted with drop-down tables for crafts and other activities, as well as overhead lockers for storage installed. Principal donors included: Kosair Charities, Southeast Christian, and the Community of Epiphany. "The Ark" came about because of the need for space for the children of backside workers to have a meaningful children's worship experience. Mrs. Muffy Sinclair, a professor at the University of Louisville, oversees the children's ministry, and her team of volunteers leads the instruction.

- **Chaplain Humberto Chavez, New York**

Live-saving can be added to Chaplain Humberto Chavez's list of success stories for 2010. After a request from some backstretch workers in New York, Chaplain Humberto aided Juan Plaza in obtaining medical treatment for a previous injury. He arranged for a local doctor to see Plaza and within the same day Plaza underwent life-saving brain surgery. Chaplain Humberto remained at the hospital throughout the surgery praying for a successful outcome.

Indeed, 2010 marked another successful year for the RTCA-New York Division and its wide array of programs. Some of the chaplaincy's most successful programs include the Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Youth Group, Closet of Hope, Chaplaincy Care, Honoring Grooms and Hotwalkers, Special Events Ministry, and Recreation Ministry.

- **Chaplain Bob Miller, Florida**

Through the grace of God and financial contributions from organizations such as Ocala Breeders Sales, the Florida Thoroughbred Fund Managers, and many other location organizations, Chaplain Bob Miller spent part of 2010 finalizing plans and obtaining zoning and legal approval to begin construction of a new 3,000 sq. ft. facility on seven acres. The focus of this facility will be to provide a variety of services including bilingual classes, free medical services, emergency food and clothing, and counseling services for horse farm workers.

- **Chaplain Jimmy Sistrunk, Louisiana**

Louisiana Downs has a thriving ministry thanks to the grace of God and the leadership of Chaplain Jimmy Sistrunk. Chaplain Jimmy works continuously with 15 volunteers to provide ministry services to over 130 in weekly worship services. He and his volunteer team also provide other much needed support services to the backstretch community, including a weekly bus trip to Walmart.

- **Chaplain Joe DiDonato, Pennsylvania**

The last 17 years of Chaplain Joe DiDonato's life have been a blessing to those he has served through his ministry. Chaplain Joe shares the story of the humble beginnings of the Chapel at the Meadows and expresses his gratitude for the many blessings and financial contributions that allowed the ministry to grow.

- **Chaplain Carl Criswell, Oklahoma**

Chaplain Carl Criswell recognizes Chaplain Pete Criswell as the mentor who got him involved in the race track ministry. After a visit to his brother, Chaplain Carl knew this was what he had been called to do. So upon graduation from Bible College in 1989, he joined his brother at Remington Park. After 21 years and 11 race tracks, Chaplain Carl has never looked back except to acknowledge his admiration and respect for Chaplain Pete, who helped him on his journey to serve the Lord.

- **Chaplain Darrel Winter and Mark Green, New Mexico**

Chaplain Darrel Winter and Mark Green have a unique ministry that serves both the racetrack workers and the casino employees. This unique opportunity has provided Chaplain Darrel and Mark Green with some challenges and many rewards. Chaplain Darrel makes his ministry efforts as unique and individual as possible despite the growing number of needs these two groups have. Fortunately with the support of the track, Chaplain Darrel Winter and Mark Green are able to offer a variety of services to all its parishioners. These services include preschool education and entertaining activities for back stretch children while their parents are working, ESL classes, counseling programs, and meals

- **Acting Chaplain Don Dean, Maryland**

"God has answered our Council's prayer..." These words were written by Don Dean in response to Father Jose introduction at Laurel Park. With his guidance and the help of a seminary student, the Spanish-speaking Catholic backstretch workers participate in worship services at Laurel Park. This was a much needed program since the workers had been without this type of spiritual guidance for about six years.

Because of You...

Without the support of Chaplains and volunteers, the hardships and despair among the men, women and children on the backstretch would be severe. Through their efforts, thousands of backstretch workers have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, while workers and their families experience a better quality of life.

Thank you for making these and many other racetrack ministries possible.
Every friend—and every dollar—makes a difference!

In Memoriam

FORT LAUDERDALE

(Florida Baptist Convention)—

Tatiana Mazeem Temoshchuk Dawson, the daughter of Russian immigrants and perhaps the most influential layperson in the history of Gulf Stream Baptist Association, died February 1, 2011, after an extended illness. She was 91 years old.

Tanna Dawson was born September 13, 1919 in Philadelphia, Penn. She was an inspiration to the RTCA family as she worked diligently alongside her husband, Rev. A.D. Dawson. Together with H.W. "Salty" Roberts, Rev. and Mrs. Dawson were the co-founders of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America.

After her husband passed away in 1979, Mrs. Dawson continued to devote her life to the mission field, and to RTCA, taking on various positions with the RTCA Executive Committee, and as president of RTCA from 1991 to 1994. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 12, at the First Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, and a private interment at Memory Gardens in Lake Worth.

The White Horse Fellowship

Those contributing \$20,000 or more within a five-year period

The Estate of Charles E. Alsdorf
American Quarter Horse Association
Gary Bizantz
Alexis and David Borden
Bill and Susan Casner
Annette and Robert Cummings
Daily Racing Form
Darley America
Pat and Sheila Day
Bertram and Diana Firestone
Dan and Cynthia Fick
Fort Dodge Animal Health
Georgetown College
Joe Harper
Carolyn Linder
Cindy Litsinger
Frank and Jane Lyon
Melodie Muchell
Ben Hudson / Track Magazine
Lin Martin
Repole Stables
Robert and Connie Rosenthal
Mace Siegel
James and Gus Tafel
Taylor Made Stallions
Thoroughbred Charities of America
Johnny Trotter
Kenny and Lisa Troutt
Diana Wister

Legacy Society

Recognizing those who are known to have named RTCA as beneficiary in a will, trust, or life insurance

Christine Race

If your name should be listed here, please inform us that you have made an estate provision on behalf of RTCA.

A look ahead: 2011

It's an old cliché, "as good as the past has been, our best days are still ahead of us." This could be no truer than for RTCA, for which 2011 represents ongoing transformation.

Three prevailing notions encompass a host of strategic priorities for this year.

- 1 Getting our house in order
- 2 Effective governance and leadership
- 3 Extraordinary service to chaplains

Getting our house in order means every council has a chaplain, every chaplain is trained and equipped for ministry, and every ministry is robust. It means the proper documents are in order and on file; and it means all local, state, and federal legal requirements are properly satisfied.

Effective governance and leadership mean that the board functions through fiduciary oversight and policy, but the executive staff drives the organization forward in fulfillment of its mission. It means "God has arranged the parts in the body—every one of them—as He has seen fit" (1 Corinthians 12), so that governors may govern, and executives may execute, each enthusiastically according to his function.

And extraordinary service to chaplains means no excuses; chaplains are at the center of everything the national office does. No, RTCA doesn't exist for chaplains—it exists for those whom God loves at the racetracks. But we serve God's children through chaplains, so we pledge to serve them expeditiously and without fail.

These are our priorities for 2011.



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