



MHC UPDATE

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The 2003 Executive Committee

The Maryland Horse Council is the umbrella organization for all horse organizations in Maryland. The Board of Directors consists of one representative from each member organization, as well as Directors-at-Large who represent the individual, farm and business memberships, and youth groups. The Board of Directors, which meets quarterly, elects the officers and the executive committee, which serves as the steering committee for the council. Here now are brief biographies of the current members of the Executive Committee. They are your representatives. Please feel free to voice your concerns or opinions to them, whether or not you are a member of MHC. MHC is here to serve the entire Maryland horse community.

President: LuAnne Levens

LuAnne Levens began riding at the age of 10, when her father's Army career landed the family in San Antonio, Texas. LuAnne's earliest experiences riding involved jumpers and cross country. She would eventually switch to the show hunter division, but became intrigued with the "combined training" division, which necessitated her learning dressage. She quickly abandoned the jumping to focus on her dressage, and joined the Potomac Valley Dressage Association in the late 1970s, and has served as the PVDA representative to the MHC board, beginning her involvement with MHC. She was publisher of the *Armed Forces Journal International* for many years. After selling the publication she joined Winchester homes in sales. In 1980 she began boarding horses at her Periwinkle Farm in Spencerville. She is the former secretary of the Eastern Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Eastern Montgomery Citizens Advisory Board, and a former Director on the Board for the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce.

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Vice-President: Michael Erskine, DVM

Mike Erskine has been involved with horses since 1969. He actively participated in Pony Club, 4-H and in Quarter Horses. A 1988 graduate from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, he served as a racetrack veterinarian in Pennsylvania for two years, before moving back to Maryland where he joined Damascus Equine Associates. He is a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, as well as a Diplomat in the

American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, where he is board certified in equine practice. He is a past president of the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association and serves on the board of the Maryland Association of Equine Practitioners, serving as the MAEP representative to the Maryland Horse Council for over three years. He is also a member of the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center Advisory Council. He still manages to find time to go out periodically with the Howard County-Iron Bridge Hounds.

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Treasurer: Keith Wills

Keith Wills has been involved with horses since 1989, enjoys trail riding, and is a member of AQHA. In addition to the Maryland Horse Council, Keith is the vice president of the Gunpowder Valley Conservancy, a land preservation organization participating in the Rural Legacy program to preserve historic and cultural sites, and watershed planning. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Baltimore County Farm Bureau. Professionally, he is an executive for the venerable agricultural lending institution, MidAtlanticFarm Credit.

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Secretary: Crystal Kimball

Crystal Kimball 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 *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 foxchasing. She has served as secretary for MHC since 1994, and is an under-chair of the Maryland Horsemen's Party. She has been a member of MHC since 1991, and serves on the Board of Directors as a Director-At-Large representing the business membership. She also serves as executive secretary for the Maryland Steeplechase Association, technical advisor to the Maryland Horse Industry Board, is a member of the MDA Soil Conservation & Pasture Management Committee and of the MD FFA Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees, and is a fellow in the LEAD Maryland program. While participating in the two-year LEAD program (Leadership, Education, & Agricultural

Development), she is taking a sabbatical from her duties in the MD FFA Foundation, and the MDA Soil Conservation & Pasture Management Committee.

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Member: Timothy Capps

Tim Capps is the executive vice president of the Maryland Jockey Club following a six year stint as the Executive Vice-President of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. His first job after graduation with an MS in Finance from George Washington University was managing the horse racing database development for the Jockey Club in New York. After a brief sabbatical from the horse industry as a Wall Street money manager, Tim returned to the industry as editor and publisher of the weekly news magazine, the *Thoroughbred Record*. From there he moved to vice-president of Matchmaker Racing Services and the Maryland Jockey Club. At the MHBA, he was responsible for the administration of the Maryland-bred Fund, the publication of the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* magazine, and management of the Maryland Million. In his current position, he is responsible for strategic planning and development, governmental and industry relations, sponsorships, strategic marketing, and event management. He has served on the MHC Board of Directors since 1995 as the representative for MHBA, and now for MJC.

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Member: Malcolm Commer, Jr., Ph.D

Malcolm Commer is the Extension Equine Economist at the University of Maryland. He earned a BBS in 1970 and served, in the private sector, as livestock manager and general manager of an agribusiness holding company. In 1985 he earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Mississippi State University. Immediately after earning his doctorate in 1989, he accepted a faculty appointment with the University of Maryland. Dr. Commer's articles in both the academic and general equine press has helped to raise the profile of the horse industry in Maryland. He is the equine industry representation on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Nutrient Management Advisory Committee, represents the academic community on the Maryland Horse Industry Board at the behest of Dean Thomas Fretz, and has worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture on various international

equine-related marketing projects.

Dr. Commer is an active foxhunter and owns a thoroughbred breeding and racing operation, Contrarian Stables. He currently serves on the Boards of the National Steeplechase Association and the New Market-Middletown Valley Hunt.

Dr. Commer was president of MHC from 1996-1998.

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Member: Timothy Streaker

Tim Streaker grew up around Thoroughbred racing and was an active 4-Her and Pony Clubber. Today, he is a farrier in good standing with the American Farriers Association and is a current member of and the immediate former treasurer of the Maryland Farrier Association (which he represents on the MHC Board of Directors).

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Ex-Officio Member: Shirley Geis

A retired microbiologist with the National Institutes of Health, Shirley Geis has been the leader of the Spur and Stirrup 4-H Club in Howard County since 1967. Along with her other county 4-H activities, which include Superintendent of the Howard County Fair 4-H Horse Show, she is also heavily involved in activities on a statewide level. For many years she has chaired the Maryland 4-H dressage show, supervised the state hippology contest, and coached the team which represents Maryland at the national competition in Louisville, KY. Shirley has retired as the active chair of the Maryland Horsemen's Party, a fundraiser for the Maryland 4-H Foundation Sallie Robertson Memorial 4-H Horse Endowment Fund, and for the Maryland Horse Council, her guidance is still present. Shirley has served on the MHC Board of Directors as Director-at-Large for Youth Groups.

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Ex-Officio Member: Sol Goldstein

Sol Goldstein has been an independent life insurance broker since 1957, and has received numerous awards of excellence from the industry. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Sol brings a wealth of community service experience to the horse council, having served on civic boards, including, but not limited to, the Baltimore Urban League, the Ecumenical Drug Abuse Program, Civic Works, Inc., the Jewish Labor Committee of Greater Baltimore, the Metropolitan Athletic Association (which he also help found), the Maryland Bar Review, the Speakers Bureau for the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund, and many, many more. He is an active pleasure horse owner, is a past president of the Plantation Walking Horse Association of Maryland, and helped create the MHC Trails & Greenways Committee. Sol served as MHC vice-president for 5 years, MHC president for two

years and has served on the Board of Directors representing the Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland.

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Ex-Officio Member: Elizabeth Madlener

Grand Prix rider, trainer, and instructor, Elizabeth Madlener first came on the national scene in dressage when she was long-listed by the USET on her two Thoroughbreds Jonathan Swift and Gulliver, winning the World Cup screening trial (PSG) and finishing 8th in the 1980 Olympic trials. She has subsequently brought many horses and students to USDF, AHSA, USET regional and national awards. Elizabeth is the author of *Putting Your Horse on the Bit* as well as numerous articles, and for several years was a contributing editor to *Dressage Today*.

As president of the Maryland Horse Center in Gaithersburg, Elizabeth developed the only state recognized post-secondary school for equine professionals. She has served as secretary and then as president of the Maryland Horse Council, during which time she organized MHC into its present structure.

Currently, Elizabeth is an English professor at Prince George's Community College, and continues to train and teach dressage locally. As a USA Equestrian Senior Dressage judge and a USDF "L" Judges' Instructor, Elizabeth is a frequent flyer, traveling throughout the United States to judge, teach, and train. Elizabeth serves as the MHC representative on the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

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Ex-Officio Member: Beverly Raymond

Beverly Raymond is one of two Agricultural Inspectors for the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Horse Industry Board and State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, having served as an inspector since 1978. Prior to that she operated a licensed stable and was a Registered Veterinary Technician. Beverly has been involved with horses since childhood and has done a little of everything, including showing, eventing, jousting, western games and drill teams with a wide variety of breeds.

Beverly's commitment to the availability of trails in Maryland led to her becoming one of the first members of the Department of Natural Resources' Volunteer Mounted Patrol for Gunpowder State Park. To realize her vision of a united horse community with one voice, she was a founding member of the Maryland Horse Council, served as its Treasurer under three Presidents and is currently the Director-at-Large of Individual Members. She is a member of the Professional Animal Workers, an organization of professionals involved in animal humane interests.

Beverly serves as the Agriculture Secretary's Designee to the Maryland Horse Industry Board, the Animal Disaster Preparedness Action Committee

which develops ways to protect all animals in case of a disaster, and MDA Resource Conservation Outreach Team which promotes good pasture management. Beverly has also been the MDA Coordinator at the State Fair for the Maryland *You Are Beautiful* program which recognizes volunteers, and has served on numerous civic committees.


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Ex-Officio Member: Dorothy Troutman

Dorothy Troutman is considered 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. Through her work with the Prince George's County Council 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.

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