



Old Friends

Eclipse Award-Winning Thoroughbred Retirement
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Georgetown, Kentucky



Spring 2023

A Message from Michael Blowen

An interviewer recently asked me to reflect on the 20th anniversary of Old Friends. Naturally, I'm very proud of what we have accomplished.

Starting in 2003, with one horse at Afton Farm in Lexington, and growing to the point where we have more than 200 retirees in Kentucky; a branch with JoAnn Pepper at Old Friends at Cabin Creek in Greenfield Center, New York; Old Friends in Japan; plus rumblings of a farm in California and another in Florida, it's all very gratifying.

But it's not me. Old Friends has evolved because of the momentum generated by the idea itself. It's not because I dreamed it up and made it happen. It happened and took me along with it. Old Friends owes its existence to the thousands of fans and visitors who appreciate how these horses have improved their lives.

They come to Old Friends for the same reason rock-and-roll fans go to Cleveland or basketball fans go to Springfield or baseball fans go to Cooperstown,,to pay homage to the sport they love and the stars that inspire them. But, while I appreciate the accomplishments of our Thoroughbreds, it's the future that allows me to feel that I live in the perfect place for me.

There are so many horses running today that should be guaranteed a satisfying post-racing career. And I don't mean just the Hall-of-Famers like Silver Charm and Lava Man, but also my old pal, Summer Attraction, who I claimed for \$5,000 at Finger Lakes on Mother's Day in 1999, and is still with me.

It took 20 years, but we now have retired hundreds of Thoroughbreds from Hall-of-Famers to blue-collar iron horses, all who have attracted more than 100,000 visitors, many of whom have become wonderful friends.

The future is much brighter with the spotlight on Aftercare and the efforts of so many groups such as Our Mims, New Vocations, and the

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, all under the watchful eye of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), to give these athletes the dignified retirement they deserve.

So, let's press on and think of new ways we can try to re-pay the unpayable debt we owe to these magnificent creatures.



Michael Blowen
President & Founder



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THE BIG MARCH WIND

Gorgeous George stands guard by his overturned run-in shed. According to George: "Ide & I were minding our own business. Then there was a big wind. Then our house blew over. There it is. Over there. We didn't do it. Billy & James fixed it. The end."



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Meet Our Newest Old Friends



We are excited to introduce you to our newest Old Friends, ready to begin the next chapter in their lives. They come from many circumstances with one thing in common—your commitment has helped make the dignified retirement they deserve a reality. We are excited to introduce you to these **10(!)** new Old Friends:



Photo © Mary E. Greene

Dre Dan (8), a \$975,000 yearling who was winless in three starts, retired after a back ailment ended his career as a pleasure horse. He arrived in November from his owner, board member Susan Chu.



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Cora Mesa (13) is a horse well known to us. Thanks to our good friend Charlie Pigg, we got to enjoy Cora Mesa's racing career up close and personal. Cora retired to Old Friends in January after a brief broodmare career.



Photo © Mary E. Greene

With This Ring (29), a daughter of Green Dancer, was winless in five starts, produced 10 foals in her 16-year broodmare career. She formerly resided at Pin Oak Stud.



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Shepherd's Delight (3) is an unraced son of Tapit who was a \$300,000 yearling. He suffered an injury and was retired to Old Friends in February by board member Corey Johnsen and Spendthrift Farm.



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Ruler On Ice (14), is the fourth Belmont winner to call Old Friends home. He won the 2011 version and over \$1.7 million in a five-year career for owners George and Lori Hall. Ruler arrived in December.



Photo © Mary E. Greene

Silenced (7) won two races and \$85,000 racing in California, Florida and Kentucky. He and his blaze arrived in December from Lee and Susan Searling's CRK Stable.



Photo © Laura Battles

Copacetic (14), a daughter of Officer out of a Gone West mare, she was bred by Pin Oak Stud. She is unraced and was unsuccessful as a broodmare.



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Control Tower (23), won four races and \$181,390. He finished third in the Chief Bearhart Stakes at Woodbine in Canada. He retired to Old Friends from the famed Pin Oak Stud.



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Dixieland Squall (20), a daughter of Summer Squall, was helped out of a bad situation by the I Think I Love You Animal Foundation and our sister TAA organization, Take the Lead. She moved in to her forever home in March.

It's a Given

Another chapter in Old Friends' unique history of repatriating overseas stallions to the Bluegrass region of Kentucky played out early this year, culminating in the March 6 arrival of Any Given Saturday to our main farm in Georgetown.

In mid-January the 19-year-old stallion boarded a flight from Incheon, South Korea, and after stops in Anchorage and Chicago, arrived at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington to comply with the standard quarantine



Photo © Rebecca Monakil

procedure required for imported stallions.

In two years of racing Any Given Saturday was among the best of his generation, winning six races including the G1 Haskell Invitational,

G2 Dwyer, and G2 Brooklyn. He entered stud in 2008 with career earning of \$1,083,533. After standing stud in Kentucky and Pennsylvania, he was purchased by the Korea Thoroughbred Breeders Association in 2014 and was relocated to South Korea.

South Korean bloodstock agent, Jun Park, who facilitated Any Given Saturday's return, said, "(Michael) has been (doing an) excellent job in the last



Photo © Mary E. Greene

few years; and, actually, since he founded the farm. I mean, the horses are happy out there, (and) racing fans are still able to see the horses. And

that's great."

Michael said, "It's a prime example of how we can all work together for the betterment of these invaluable athletes."

Any Given Saturday will be available to meet during our 2023 tour season.

Any Given Saturday's long journey home would not have been possible without the team efforts of Jun Park, the Korea Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, IRT Horse Transport, Korean Air Cargo, Aprile Horse Transport, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, and Goldolphin. Our gratitude to all.

**We have sadly said good-bye to these wonderful Old Friends.
It was our privilege to care for them.**



Cool 'n Collective
1997-2022



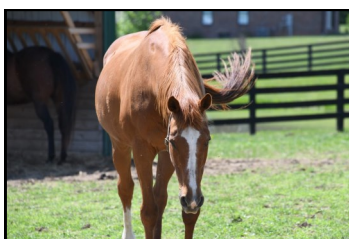
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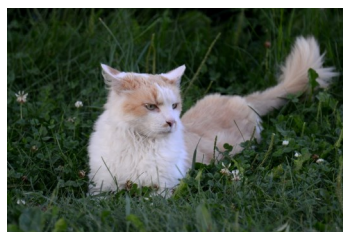
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2003-2023



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1992-2023



Buddy
2005(?) - 2023



Favorite
1995-2023

Old Friends Trifecta

by Mary Gannon

*The **Old Friends Stakes** started as a joint venture with Kentucky Downs in 2015. During the five annual runnings of the race, Old Friends maintained a satellite location for retirees at Kentucky Downs. (The horses were relocated to Georgetown in 2019.) What made the Old Friends Stakes unique was that whoever won the race earned guaranteed entry into Old Friends when the winner was ready to retire. The five winners of the Old Friends Stakes were Kalamos (2015), Flatlined (2016), Sir Dudley Digges (2017), Next Shares (2018), and Get Western (2019). In 2022, Old Friends reached the trifecta of Old Friends Stakes winners by welcoming Get Western, who joined fellow Old Friends Stakes winners, Kalamos and Next Shares, in retirement at Old Friends.*

Kalamos was the first of the trio to arrive at Old Friends. Owner and Trainer Edward Boerjan bought Kalamos during the 2014 November Keeneland sale for \$3,000, after an injury paused his racing career. Edward initially trained Kalamos by taking him on daily trail rides, while Edward was battling cancer. Edward soon realized that Kalamos wanted to continue racing, so in February 2015, Kalamos was entered into his first race since the previous June. Kalamos continued to race through the summer, when Edward entered him in the first running of the Old Friends Stakes race. Winning this race meant so much more than the purse money to both Kalamos and Edward, because it would ensure that Kalamos had a home in the event of Edward's passing. Kalamos won the Old Friends Stakes in September 2015 at 50-1 odds, and not only secured the win, but also a permanent home at Old Friends when he was ready to retire. Edward described this win as being worth more than money because he knew that Kalamos would be taken care of for the rest of his life. In November 2017, Edward passed away. Kalamos was at Turfway Park, and retired to Old Friends days later, where he has been since 2017.



Photo © Laura Battles

Kalamos, the first Old Friends Stakes winner, looking happy and relaxed in retirement.

For one horse, winning the Old Friends Stakes was the start of a multiple stakes-winning career. Southern California trainer, Richard Baltas, entered **Next Shares** in the Old Friends Stakes race in 2018, in order to give Next Shares the chance to win a guaranteed home when he was ready to retire. In September 2018, his dreams came true and Next Shares won his first stakes race and secured his spot at Old Friends by



Photo © Old Friends Farm

Next Shares in the winner's circle at Kentucky Downs, and chillin' in retirement.



Photo © Laura Battles

winning the fourth running of the Old Friends Stakes by 1 3/4 lengths. After that win, Next Shares went on to win the 2018 Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes (G1) the 2019 San Gabriel Stakes (G2), and the 2019 Seabiscuit Handicap (G2). After his final race in 2021, Next Shares arrived at Old Friends to begin retired life.

Old Friends Trifecta, continued . . .

In 2018, **Get Western** broke his maiden as a 3-year-old at Churchill Downs. His first and only stakes win came to him in 2019 when he won the final running of the Old Friends Stakes at Kentucky Downs with trainer Charlie LoPresti. Get Western ran the race at 8-1 odds and won by 1 1/2 lengths ahead of the second-place finisher. Get Western's race was particularly memorable, due to his leap above a shadow he saw on the turf near the finish line. Get Western moved to new trainer J. Reeve McGaughey's barn and ran his last race at Turfway Park in February 2022. After his last race, he was transferred to sister TAA organization, The Secretariat Center, at the Kentucky Horse Park, but soundness issues prevented him from starting a second career, and he retired to Old Friends in 2022.

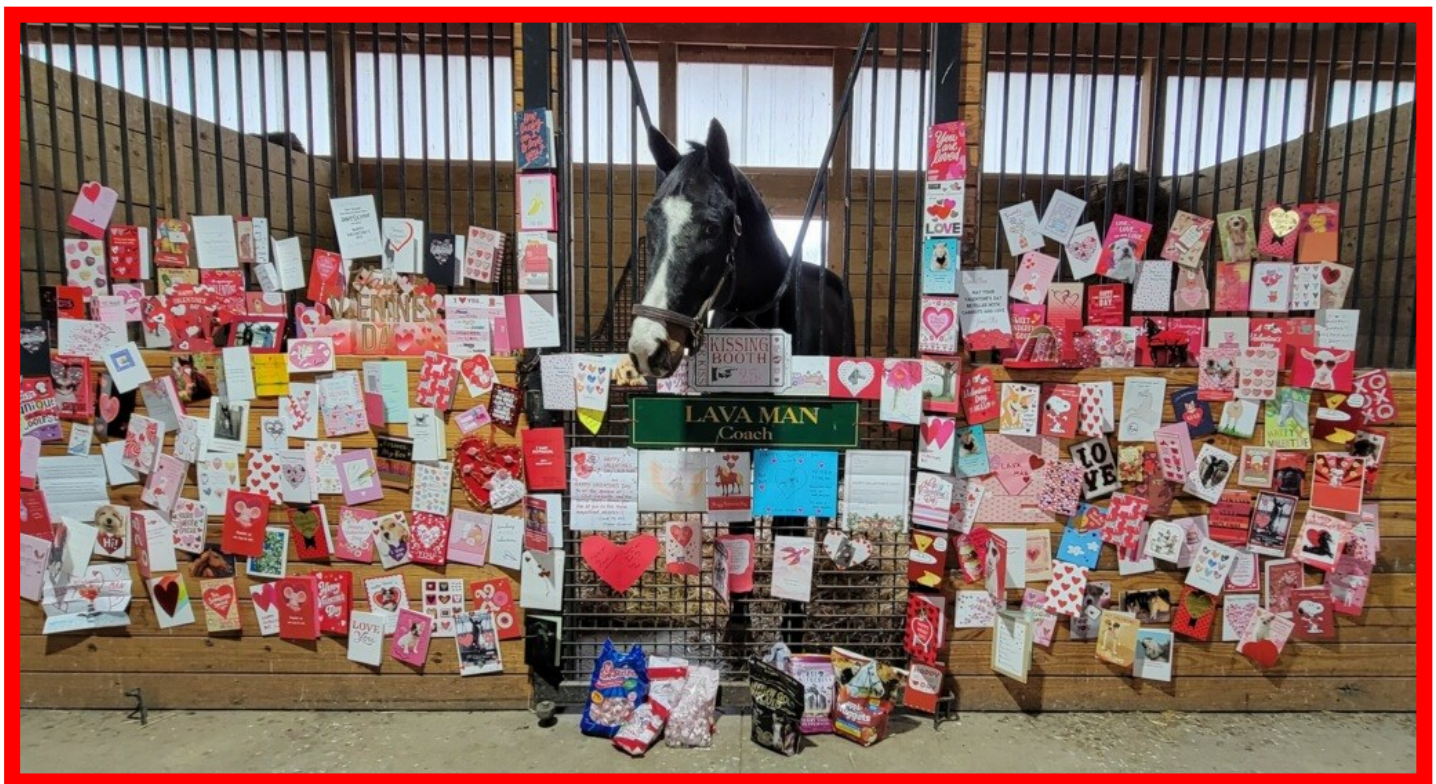
Old Friends is happy to have the trifecta of Old Friends Stakes winners here enjoying their retirement. Each one has such a unique story and goes to show how one win can positively alter the course of a horse's life forever.



Get Western jumps a shadow on the wire to win the 2019 Old Friends Stakes, and (below) enjoying retirement.



Photo © Laura Battles



February 14, also known as Valentine's Day, finds LAVA MAN surrounded by hearts. Thanks for loving "Coach"!

Baby, Was It Cold Out There!

by Cynthia Grisolia

Cold didn't begin to describe it. Icy, bitter, downright frigid were far more accurate. On Thursday December 22, 2022, as Kentuckians were preparing for the generally cheery Christmas weekend, Mother Nature decided to drop an arctic blast on the Bluegrass. Snow, 30+ mph winds, and temps as low as -8° created conditions that were treacherous to both equines and humans.

The threatening forecasts began earlier in the week, giving the Old Friends farm staff a few days to prepare. The challenge: How to keep over 200 horses and a team of hardworking humans safe through some of the most perilous weather conditions seen in decades.

While horses are usually well-equipped for cold weather, what was coming was extreme, nevertheless, and consulting veterinarians advised us to keep the horses on the daily regimen they were accustomed to. So most of the herd stayed out, supplied with vast amounts of extra hay—in the form of huge round bales—to help them continually generate heat, and “blankets, blankets, blankets,” says Assistant Farm Manager Tammy Crump, “Lots and lots of blankets.” (Thanks to a recent

fundraising drive, the farm had just received nearly 30 new blankets). Even Eldaafer's goat pal, Yahoo, dressed for the occasion. A few days before the weather change, Tammy noticed that Yahoo was shivering. “I found an old coat that was for our dog Lou, who passed away recently,” she says. “It fit perfectly.”

At Old Friends, each pasture is outfitted with a run-in shed to provide shelter in just such conditions, however, it was decided that some horses would still need additional cover. “Anyone older or with a health condition, or ones we knew might not do well came in,” noted Grounds Manager James Crump. Game On Dude, Silver Charm—who is usually inside overnight—elder stallions such as Kayrawan, and mascot Little Silver Charm were among those brought inside. “But some, when they come to the barn, they are a little antsy or stressed,” says James. “So we just lavished them with extra attention and treats just to continually reassure them.”

In addition to extra hay, water is also imperative, and James adds that all of the in-ground waterers were prepped in advance. “We maintained the spigots with heat tape and insulation,” he says. “They still froze, so the next morning we were out there breaking up the ice and melting them with hair dryers.”

But it wasn't only the equine residents that needed extra care. Prior to the blast, Tammy notes the farm staff was supplied with thermals, extra gloves, hats, face masks, and shields, “anything to protect our skin,” she notes. The Crumps remained on a 24-hour watch, perusing the farm periodically as nighttime temps dipped lower and lower. Then “come morning, we needed to work in rotating shifts to avoid frostbite,” says James. “Once we felt ourselves getting too cold, we'd come in to the warm room, and a second shift would go out.”

Even the farm equipment took a hit: “By Friday, we needed to put out more round bales, but in the morning, the tractor wouldn't start--the cold had zapped the battery. We had to use the backhoe to set the bales down,” he said. “Because of the holiday we couldn't even get a new battery for a few days.”

By Saturday, Christmas Eve, temps rose to the mid-20s, still cold but the crisis was over. “We did lots of praying that the horses would all do okay,” says

Tammy, “and they did. Everybody did spectacular. Horses are just amazing.”

Indeed.



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and
Tammy Crump*



Dreams Come True

*We are thrilled to announce a major renovation project in conjunction
The Pin Oak Foundation.*

It has long been our dream to renovate the main tobacco barn on Dream Chase Farm into a state-of-the-art Center where our retirees racing memorabilia, videos of their awe-inspiring races, and events celebrating Thoroughbred horse racing could be shared with racing fans and the public.



Thanks to generous support from Josephine Abercrombie's Pin Oak Foundation, dreams are becoming reality. The Foundation will assist in fundraising for the construction of the *Josephine Abercrombie Center at Old Friends* by matching donations up to \$500,000. The Center will serve as a showcase for Old Friends retirees, and will be a lasting memorial to Mrs. Abercrombie's legacy and her life-long commitment to horse welfare.



To support the Center, visit:
oldfriendsequine.org.



A late Spring 2023 Opening is Planned

My Uncle Buddy

by Lucy the Cat

I miss my Uncle Buddy. He died in December. He was 18, very old for a cat, so they tell me.

Uncle Buddy and I go back years, back to when I was a kitten and he adopted my brother Desi and me.

Someone abandoned us not far from Old Friends. We were scared and hungry. When we walked into that trap, lured by the aroma of canned tuna, we didn't know what to expect.



Photos © Laura Battles

We were so wild that the people in the office put us in a big cage. They were kind to us, and brought us food, talked to us and tried to make friends. We knew they meant well, but we didn't trust humans.

We trusted Buddy though. He sat by our cage day after day, night after night, assuring us that there was no reason to be frightened. Buddy told us how brave and smart we were to survive outdoors on our own.

I don't know how Buddy knew how to be the perfect uncle. He was a confirmed bachelor cat, but somehow he knew what to do to make us feel safe and loved. He told us that he understood what we'd been through because someone had abandoned him when he was a kitten.

Uncle Buddy could do anything. And he did everything. He greeted tours and kept visitors in line. He hunted – he once caught a weasel – and he prowled the top of the farm to make sure the barn cats weren't slacking off.

He played with us. He loved a good catnip toy. Sometimes, when the office was quiet, he'd stretch out on the floor and let me and Desi climb on top of him. We'd fall asleep in a big pile.

When people look at me they see an overweight cat of no particular distinction. When they laugh at me, or remark on my size – I am a very big girl – Buddy would tell me to ignore them, they didn't know what they were saying. Buddy saw the real me.



Lucy and Buddy

Uncle Buddy was so kind and patient. Everyone loved him. But I loved him more than anyone. I hope he knew.

Old Friends

ASHTON GROVE



In 2020 Old Friends opened a facility at Ashton Grove, Georgetown, KY, combining horse retirement with a full-care senior living community. I always thought that retired horses and retired people belong with each other because I was retired and I liked it. Retired horses. Retired people. - - Michael Blowen

An Ashton Grove Tale: Three Women

Three women, brought together by the retirees of Old Friends at Ashton Grove, are now lifelong friends: Bev, a widowed resident; Jennifer, Memory Care Director; Teresa, Business Manager. Ardent fans and forever supporters of Old Friends.

Bev, who, with husband John, was looking for senior housing. Driving into a construction site in Georgetown. "Looks like duplexes. . .look at that barn. . .might be a new place to live. . .look at that barn. . .we're stuck in the mud. . .look at that wonderful barn!" When Ashton Grove Senior Living opened, Bev and John were among the first residents. Next up, a meeting with friend Michael Blowen, a commitment to house Old Friends retirees, and the rest is history.

Jennifer was a staff member of the fledgling Ashton Grove community when she met Bev and John. "I heard about the equine resident plan and was amazed. I was there when the "original" five moved in, and I was in awe. Majestic, beautiful and intelligent animals! I fell in



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Daytona and Secret Getaway

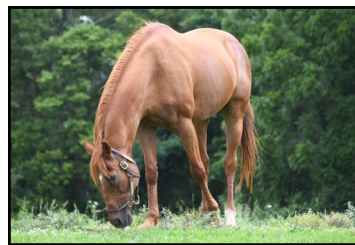
Grove for a short time, I missed them all. Now, I am so happy to be home. Not only for my residents but for my horses!"

Ashton Grove is not open to the general public for tours.

Teresa was hired when Ashton Grove opened. "The day the founding five, the first horses to arrive, came in I was ecstatic, and before long bonded with Daytona, a relationship that continues to this day. Jennifer fell in love with his pasture mate, Secret Getaway, and before long, we were spending lunch hours and breaks at the barn, first with carrots, then helping to feed and water our new companions. Where else in the world could one get a job like this? Ashton Grove and Old Friends have allowed me to share in the joy of being around such incredible animals...my childhood dreams are now a reality."

AG Featured Horse—Palmer's Approach

Palmer is a very laid back horse. When driving by his paddock, you will usually find him cribbing with his pal Talk Logistics. Palmer does have his quirks. He does not enjoy being taken anywhere. Hook him up to a lead and he freezes. He does things his own way on his own time. But that doesn't mean he isn't one



Palmer's Approach / Photo © Laura Battles

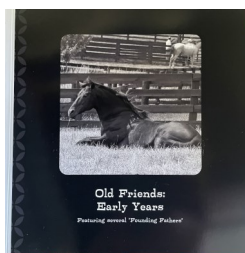
of the kindest and sweetest horses at Ashton Grove, because he is. I've heard stories from Lorita Lindemann, his owner, of how ornery and grouchy he could be at the racetrack,

and I just can't imagine. Today he is patient for the farrier and veterinarian. I couldn't ask for a more well behaved horse! He isn't the lovey-dovey kind but that doesn't make him any less special to me!

-- **Marisa Miller, Ashton Grove Manager**

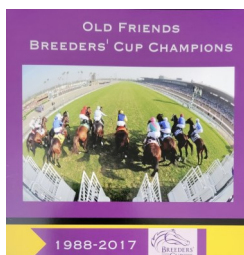
Editor's Note: A horse is cribbing when you see him bite his fence (or other fixed object) with his front teeth, and pull back while grunting and sucking in air. Cribbing is a bad habit, and is thought to be a by-product of stress.

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Raccoon House



The World according to *Little Silver Charm*

I know my many discerning fans depend on reading about my unique viewpoints on farm life in our newsletters. And I appreciate your loyalty. However, in this issue I have graciously gifted my commentary space to Lucy the Cat and her tribute to farm legend, Buddy. I knew him well. We were cut from the same cloth, both farm mainstays, and shared a common view of our farm leadership roles. I have no idea how we will manage without him. But, I trust we will. I appreciate the wait will be long, but my regular column will return in the Summer Newsletter. *LSC*

18th Annual Homecoming



Old Friends, Georgetown, KY
Sunday, May 7, 2023
12 noon—4pm

Silver Charm and Lava Man
Proud Mary's Barbecue
Auctions ♥ Mini-Tours
Artist Robert Clark

Tickets \$40
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GUIDING GURUS

If you have visited Old Friends and taken a tour, you have met one of our wonderful volunteer tour guides. They are unrivaled when it comes to greeting visitors, showing them around the farm, and sharing—with compassion and enthusiasm, not to mention great aplomb--the tales of victories, agonies of defeats, and human narratives behind the careers of our equine athletes. Come out for a tour and let them introduce you to our fabulous retirees!

From the first time high schools friends and I made the short drive from our home in Lockport, NY across the



Lloyd with Birdstone

border to Fort Erie Race-track in Ontario, Canada I was hooked on horse racing. During my career as a metalsmith, I worked on projects in Central Kentucky at legendary horse farms like Spendthrift, Gainesway and Overbrook. When we first visited Old Friends six

years ago my wife suggested it was a place where I would enjoy volunteering upon retirement. She was right. Being an Old Friends tour guide I get to talk about thoroughbred racing, breeding, even how they name the horses. To see our guests reaction the first time they offer a carrot to Special Ring or see Bellamy Road race across his paddock is priceless. I can't think of a better place to spend some free time. Who would I like to see at Old Friends?

General Quarters. - -

Lloyd Hughes, Tour Guide

A Horse and His Cookies

The legendary Lava Man is almost as famous for his love of Mrs. Pastures cookies as he is for his Hall-of-Fame racing career and years spent as "Coach" in the Doug O'Neill Racing Stable barn. When the great folks at Mrs. Pastures heard about Coach's fondness for their apples, oats, and molasses treats, they leapt into action and pledged to provide monthly shipments to keep Lava Man (actually the entire farm) in cookies!

Lava Man Says: "We Hall-of-Famers have to stick together, so I generously clued Silver Charm in on the Mrs. P cookie goodness. Charm is dentally challenged,

but didn't let that slow him down, as he soon had Michael wielding a hammer to turn cookies to crumbs for sprinkling on his food."

But wait, there's more! Joanna of Mrs. Pastures Cookies says, "We are so excited to be able to work with Old Friends to enrich the



Photo © Mary Greene

lives of the retirees in their care! And Michael, you can put your hammer down! We will also be sending a 50# box of cookie crumbs that are small enough for our friends without teeth to have on their feed. This is not an official product, but we want to make your lives a bit easier!"

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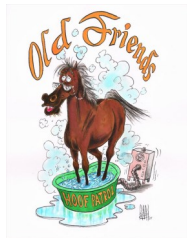
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