

Virginia Horse Center Hall of Fame 2009

The second annual Hall of Fame Dinner was held on June 20, 2009 in the Virginia Horse Center's Appomattox Mezzanine. This year merited the induction of six new members to the Horse Center's Hall of Fame Award.

This year's inductees were L. Clay Camp, Louise Dooley, Veronica Re, Roy R. Rotenberry, Fred K. Sarver, and Jay F. Wilks.



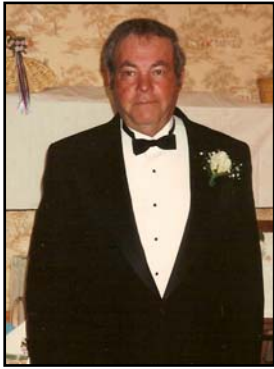
Mr. Camp is noted for his service to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation from 1988-1989 and as Vice President from 2003-2009. Camp was the founder and first president of the Virginia Horse Council. Camp also served on the Virginia Horse Equine Foundation from 1994-1997 and 2004-2007. Camp bred several stakes winners alone and in partnership at his Glenmore Farm. He moved from Virginia to Central Kentucky in 1987, and was also active in the Thoroughbred Industry.



Mrs. Dooley served tirelessly as the primary administrator and liaison to Lexington/Rockbridge area committees during the lengthy and tedious process of seeking legislative approval for building the Virginia Horse Center in Rockbridge County. Her meticulous attention-to-detail and administrative management are considered to have been instrumental in the committees' ultimate success. According to Otis Mead, who is credited with spearheading the efforts, ". . . we would not have pulled it off had it not been for Louise."



Mrs. Re is a veteran manager of Arabian Horse Shows whom had also worked with Virginia Horse Council director Bob Reel in Maryland prior to the Virginia Horse Center's opening in 1987. "She's an incredible lady that is extremely knowledgeable, very hard working and one of the top show managers that we have ever seen," commented Executive Director of the Virginia Horse Center, Katherine Truitt.



Mr. Rotenberry has served as the President of the Virginia Horse Council and board member of the Virginia Agribusiness Council. He was also appointed by Governor Robb as the Virginia Equestrian Center Foundation Governor from 1985-1993. Rotenberry further served as a chairman of the board's building committee, as well as traveling to other equine facilities to research how they were built, all at his own expense. Finally, Rotenberry provided furnishing materials and installation of lighting in Wiley Arena, saving the board in excess of \$25,000 in costs.



Mr. Sarver, a veteran and extremely successful trainer served as a member of the Virginia Equine Center Foundation and was the Vice-Chairman of the first Governor appointed board that designed and built the Virginia Horse Center. He is also a former Vice-President as well as Treasurer of the Virginia Horse Center Foundation. His knowledge and experience of the equine industry proved invaluable in his leadership role associated with the Center's establishment and growth.



Mr. Wilks served seven years as a member and treasurer of the Virginia Horse Center's public Board of Directors from 1986 until 1993, commuting from Virginia Beach and rarely missing a meeting. A partner in the Norfolk law firm of Wilks, Alper & Harwood, P.C. specializing in commercial Real Estate, commercial and corporate law, his interest in the equine industry was spawned through his relationship with Herbert Cashvan, owner of Cashvan Arabians. As a lawyer and trustee for Mr. Cashvan, Wilks is credited with brokering a major gift to the Center that resulted in a centrally-located command center for event management. A graduate of Washington & Lee School of Law, Mr. Wilks had a particular fondness for Lexington/Rockbridge County and worked hard behind the scenes to help the VHC meet its initial financial and legal obligations to the Commonwealth.