



## Managing Editor's Welcome

# Lest We Forget

Every year, we celebrate the highs of our industry but, at the same time, we have to face the corresponding lows, none more so than with those whom we lose.

This was especially evident in 2007, with the devastating loss of Barbaro at the beginning of the year, so—lest we forget—let's now take a moment to remember those who are no longer with us, particularly here in California:

Beth Austin, Margaret Beggs, R.L. Bellasis, John Beverly, Steve Buttgenbach, Kellie Cerin, Ed Friendly, Margaret Goldstein, Carl Grether, Merv Griffin, Farrell Jones, Rene Lambert Sr., Trudy McCaffery, James and Dorothy McCutcheon, Pete Moreno, Ed Nahem, Bob Sinne, Warren Stute, Ralph Theroux, Thomas Thompson and Peter Whiting; Al Mamoon, Became a Lark, Charming Hostess, Cutlass Reality, Dixie Dot Com, Fran's Valentine, Half Famous, John Henry, Love That Red, Rhythm, Suggest, Three Degrees (Ire), Valid Wager, Vernon Castle and Wise Mandate; as well as all those others who may not have made the pages of our magazine, but whose passing was as much a great loss.

On the flip side of the coin, this January 2008 issue of our *California Thoroughbred* magazine is a celebration of much current good news.

Our cover story features this year's five inductees to the California Hall of Fame—Decidedly, Flying Paster, John Harris, Mel Stute and Russell Baze—and Sunshine Millions VI, worth \$3.6 million to California-breds and Florida-breds only and scheduled for Santa Anita Park and Gulfstream Park on Saturday, Jan. 26, is also previewed in detail.

Furthermore, we feature those new stallions who are either retiring to stud in or relocating to California for the 2008 breeding season and CTBA member Kjell Qvale, a prominent breeder in the Golden State for more than 40 years. Plus, the recent graded stakes wins by Romance Is Diane and Unusual Suspect are covered in depth, along with the black-type wins by fellow California-breds Lady Gamer, Curiously Sweet and Greg's Gold at Hollywood Park in Southern California and Somethinaboutlaura, our latest local millionaire, at Northern California's Golden Gate Fields.

Closing out this publication are the biographies and mission statements of the six CTBA members on the ballot for the five seats available in the 2008 election for the association's Board of Directors, a Horse Care article

titled "Foalert—Monitoring Foaling Mares" and Jan Vandeboss' heart-warming Guest Forum piece about an equine triumph over tragedy, as well as all the magazine's other regular columns, features and departments.

Until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

—Rudi Groothedde  
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In the Company of . . . Keith Card (right), a Past President of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) who was the main driving force behind re-establishing the California Hall of Fame last year, during the CTBA's Annual Awards Dinner at The Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa in Pasadena on Feb. 5, 2007.



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