

## THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF USPC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### 2004 USPC ACADEMY OF ACHIEVEMENT INDUCTEES

#### ELIZABETH CLARKE

Beth Clarke has been involved with horses all of her life, and has been a serious student of Dressage for many years. A graduate of Smith College with a B.A. in Economics, she worked as a commercial banker for several years before attending the University of Virginia Law School. After practicing law for a few years, Beth established an organizational and business management consulting service with a client base made up largely of horse related businesses.

She is a graduate A from Annapolis Pony Club, but also worked with the Amethyst Pony Club in Massachusetts and Woodside Pony Club in California. She was a clinician at the Pony Club National Festival in 1992, and served on the National Dressage Committee for a brief time.

#### BEN DUKE

Ben Duke received his B.A. in Geology from Williams College in Massachusetts. After graduation, Ben embarked on a career in education, beginning as a science teacher and eventually moving into school admini-



*Academy of Achievement Inductees (front, l to r: Anne Tuttle-Roller, Rhonda Rathgeber, Beth Clarke, Anthony Patt, Dorothy Eisenberg and Ben Duke) are seated in front of the National Youth Congress members for 2004.*

stration. In 1984, Ben returned to his home state of Colorado, to teach science and history and serve as Assistant Head of the Middle School at the Kent Denver Country Day School. He moved on to become the Development and Alumni Director of Graland Country Day School, where he also served as Assistant Headmaster.

He is a whipper-in for the Arapahoe Hunt. Ben is also an accomplished writer, freelancing for national equestrian sport magazines including *The Chronicle of the Horse*, and numerous agricultural journals. Ben and his family live on a ranch in east central Colorado. His wife Laurie is a native of Baltimore,

MD, and they have a son Benjy, age 16 and daughter Rettie, age 12.

A graduate A from the Cherry Creek Pony Club in Colorado, Ben has been involved with Pony Club for the past 38 years.

#### DOROTHY EISENBERG, M.D.

Dorothy Eisenberg graduated with a B.A. in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania, and went on to medical school at Duke University, where she concentrated on pediatrics. Her academic career is a particularly amazing one since she dropped out of high school (she found it boring) to go to Australia

<b>1963</b> 18 regions, 137 clubs, 6,000 youth members	<b>1966</b> 6770 members, 150 clubs, 19 regions	<b>1968</b> 62 "D Level" Certified Instructors registered	<b>1970</b> National Rally – 25% boys participating
<b>1964</b> Standards of Proficiency A-B-C-D published	12th National Rally – Leesburg, VA	14th National Rally – Fair Hill, MD	<b>1971</b> Visiting Instructors Program begins
<b>1965</b> 11th National Rally – Des Moines, IA	<b>1967</b> 13 "D Level" Certified Instructors registered	<b>1969</b> USPC National dues – \$2.00 15th National Rally - Nashville, TN Inter-Pacific Exchange is held	<b>1973</b> 239 Clubs, 9261 members (1433 boys), 21 regions

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on a Rotary Club exchange. When she returned, she decided she better finish her education and "talked" her way into junior college, but then set her sights on the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated with a G.P.A. of 4.0! Dorothy is now in a private practice in pediatrics in Virginia, seeing children from birth to age 19.

Dorothy is a graduate A and charter member of Jockey Hollow Pony Club. Dorothy says that she learned how to explain things and how to teach people in Pony Club, and she uses those skills daily in her medical practice.

She has a 15 yr old son named Sam who rides dirt bikes, not horses. They have 4 dogs, 2 cats, a donkey and a "whole mess" of horses. She loves outdoorsy stuff like canoeing, white water rafting, and anything else to do with the great outdoors.

### ANTHONY PATT, PH.D.

Tony attended Yale University, then law school at Duke University, where he concentrated on environmental law. He received his Ph.D. in 2000 from Harvard University, and began teaching as an Assistant Professor at Boston University. He is currently on a two-year sabbatical at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, near Berlin, Germany.

Tony joined the Groton Pony Club in

New England partly out of a love of horses and riding, and partly out of a desire to participate in Tetrathlon. During his eight years in Pony Club, he did his fair share of dressage, combined training, and games, but it was always Tetrathlon that captured his enthusiasm. He was a member of the U.S. Tetrathlon team, and competed in England and Canada. In his final year of Tetrathlon competition, he won the international championships held in upstate New York.

Tony and his partner, Dr. Dagmar Schröter, live in a house overlooking the Havel River in Germany. He rows most evenings in his single shell, is active in a local rowing club, and a local para-gliding club.

### RHONDA RHATHGEBER, PH.D., D.V.M.

Rhonda graduated from the University of Florida with a B. S. in Microbiology and a minor in Animal Science. She received her Ph. D. in Equine Locomotion and Anatomy from Washington State University, and then earned her D. V. M. at Virginia Tech University.

She is currently a partner at Hagyard, Davidson, and McGee Equine Veterinarians in Lexington, Kentucky, where she specializes in lameness

diagnostics using ultrasound and radiology. She is widely published, with articles ranging from the effect of nutritional supplements on cardiovascular and musculoskeletal fitness in the exercising horse published in *The Equine Athlete*, to biomechanics studies on the relationship between galloping horses and physical properties of racing tracks in *American Zoologist* and the *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*.

Rhonda is a graduate B from Dominion Valley Pony Club. She did every type of rally that was offered and was on the International USPC Games Exchange team in 1981, traveling to England and Wales. She has been a Horse Management judge and worked at the National USPC Festival.

Rhonda is married to Garrett O'Rourke, an Irish horseman who manages Juddmonte Farms in Lexington, Kentucky. They have 2 beautiful girls: Ella, who is almost 4 years old and Aine, who turned 1 year on Christmas day.

### ANNE ROLLER

Anne graduated with a B.S. in Communications from Ithaca College, and after a short stint in retail buying & management with Macy's and Federated Stores, she launched a freelance television career that spans the last 18

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<b>1974</b> George Helwig becomes executive director First Games Championships First Tetrathlon Championships	<b>1978</b> James K. Ligon, first graduate Pony Club member to become president of USPC	<b>1981</b> Combined Training holds Eastern AND Western championships Individual Pony Club reports appear in The Chronicle of the Horse	70% of local clubs hold camps 40 are awarded the A rating
<b>1977</b> First H-A ratings	<b>1979</b> <b>25th Birthday USPC</b>	<b>1982</b> First Eastern Inter-Regional Show Jumping Rally	<b>1983</b> First Dressage Championships First Know-Down Championships First USPC Festival at Kentucky Horse Park 400 clubs; 24 regions

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years. During that time she focused on graphics and her list of credits includes every major broadcast network in the United States and all of the major sports cable entities. She earned three Emmys during her career, two for ABC Sports coverage of the Indianapolis 500 and one for NBC Sports coverage of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Currently Anne is the graphics supervisor at ESPN Regional Television, a division of ESPN, part of the ABC/Disney family of media companies and located in Charlotte, North Carolina. She is responsible for the graphic look and content for over 400-college football and basketball games as well as other NCAA sports, PGA & LPGA Golf events, and NHRA Drag racing.

Anne's association with Pony Club started in Salisbury, CT. Holly Hill Stables was home to the Lakeville Pony Club, owned by Lucy Drummond. This large horse farm on the edge of the town of Salisbury had about 50 horses, all which participated in various Pony Club activities. Through Lucy's generosity, many young people were able to join Pony Club and learn a great deal about the care of horses. Anne lives in Denver, North Carolina with Jim, her husband of 20 years, and 3 rescued dogs. ■

### NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS MEMBERS

Elaina Anglin, 20, Murray Highlands, Tri-State	Lauren Hunter, 18, Fox Hollow, Sunshine
Allison Blood, 18, Nashoba Valley, Central New England	Travis Johnson, 20, Brazos, Rio Grande
Jessica Buchanan, 19, Running Fox, New York Upper CT	Ann Kemper, 20, Cornhusker, Midwest
Jason Callard, 20, Fox River Valley, North Central Prairie	Caitlin Kirkman, 18, Lead Hound, Northern Lakes
Sanna Claar, 19, Mount Peak, Northwest	Molly Kohler, 19, Powder House, Big Sky
Rebecca Cole, 18, Old North Bridge, Central New England	Lauren Krysa, 18, Columbia Hills, Tri-State
Katherine Drake, 18, Huron Valley, Great Lakes	Lucy Lagrew, 19, Keeneland, Midsouth
Cadie Enemark, 19, Santa Cruz, Middle California	Lindsay Lechner, 18, Santa Fe, Southwest
Lindsey Epstein, 18, Anawan, Southeastern New England	Amy Lee, 18, Plantation, South
Anna Fields, 19, Rose Lake, Great Lakes	Hailey Linnemann, 18, Clackamas River, Oregon
Nichole Fisher, 19, Santa Cruz, Middle California	Damara Moyer, 19, Boise, Intermountain
Kayleen Fooy, 18, Liberty Oaks, Sierra Pacific	Abby Mundt, 18, Bits and Blazes, Heartland
Melissa Fox, 19, Loudoun Hunt, Virginia	Laura Naas, 20, Santa Rosa Valley, Camino Real
Charlotte Freeman, 18, Small Wonder, Delmarva	Dalles Phillips, 20, Tennessee Valley, Midsouth
Jamie Gilbert, 21, Berks, Eastern Pennsylvania	Jennifer Ruelle-Boettge, 19, Rising Sun, Northern Lakes
Laura Gillikin, 18, Cape Henry, Old Dominion	Katie Ryan, 20, Blackhawk, Lakeshore
Kimberly Higginbotham, 18, Baywood, Northwest	Leigh Sheldon, 19, Churchville, Maryland
Brittany Hillner, 19, Deep Run Hunt, Virginia	Dana Stanton, 19, Beverwyck, Western New England
Alexandra Hoffman, 18, Cardinal II, Carolina	Sarah Varney, 19, Mollyockett, Northeast
	Sara Vowell, 19, Riverside, Southern California
	Allison Wendling, 19, Seneca Valley, Capital
	Chelsea Zimmerman, 19, Centennial, Rocky Mountain

<b>1984</b> Over 500 life members	<b>1986</b> Video on protective equestrian helmets is produced	36 new clubs added	Uniform Officiation Rules are established
<b>1985</b> Safety slide show developed by Safety Committee	Second Pony Club Festival	<b>1988</b> First national Horse Management Judges' Seminar is held	<b>1989</b> First RS Seminar at Annual Meeting
First National Examiners' Seminar	<b>1987</b> First Eastern AND Western Championships in all disciplines	First Founders Award	US Cavalry Association Trophy is awarded for first time
First Strategic Planning Committee	USPC Public Relations Handbook is published	First instructional videotape – B Rating	35th anniversary of USPC
		Great Alaskan Pony Club is established	