

What's New at the Stables?



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ◆ Our first Induction Ceremony was held in 2016 for inductees (Virgil Helm, Alice Neihardt Thompson, Sonny Sutton) into the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame. We inducted Art Simmons posthumously at the event.
- ◆ The barn floor was covered in stone pavers this spring. Not only does this cut down on dust, but it also allows us to welcome disabled and folks in wheelchairs that would otherwise be visiting us on very old, uneven dirt grounds. We are deeply proud of this latest barn improvement.
- ◆ We have had a May and September wedding held at the Stables. We are currently working on finishing the North end as an insurance requirement. When complete, the barn will have its original length of 242 feet.
- ◆ A flagpole project on the barn grounds is also in the works with printed pavers for sale that will surround the historic flagpole given to us by the City of Mexico Courthouse as they updated their grounds and facilities.
- ◆ We love seeing barn/riding/horse history photos, so please share your snapshots and vintage memories with us!

IN LOVING MEMORIAM



LU STURM
1931-2016

A very dear friend of the Stables Preservation passed on 9/12/16. Helen "Lu" Sturm was an 85yr old force of nature. Born & raised in Jefferson City, Lu moved to St. Louis after high school and became a Notre Dame nun for 30 years in the Catholic Church. After meeting the Pope and traveling Europe extensively, she left the order and went to work for Ralston Purina and later Energizer. That was appropriate for someone so like the Energizer bunny!

She received her undergraduate degree from Saint Louis University and later received two Master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Notre Dame. She was a school teacher and later became principal of Catholic schools in Missouri and Illinois. Lu was intelligent, articulate and loved to have fun. She worked until she was 84yrs old and only stopped then because of health issues. She loved the Simmons' Stables project and attended events every year. Her smile, fun nature, kindness, generosity and red hair will be sadly missed at our events. We thank her for her time and friendship. Lu will be dearly missed.

THANK YOU LU



PAUL DAY
1943-2016

Paul Day, a CPA and tax practitioner of Mexico, was a grass roots member of Simmons' Stables Preservation since its inception as an organization in 2002. He served as a board member and its first treasurer. When the organization was awarded \$350,000 in Neighborhood Assistance Program state tax credits, Paul was instrumental in the recordkeeping and selling of the credits generating \$500,000 for the organization. He visited many businesses/individuals while selling the tax credits. You may have been one of the individuals or businesses that Paul "needed" into donating.

Once while Paul and Bobette Balser Wilson were visiting possible donors, Paul was stopped for speeding. Not one to miss an opportunity, Paul shared information and brochures with the policeman about the stable. The policeman responded "I'm in favor of this project" and let Paul go with only a warning! Paul generously gave of his time attending meetings, preparing the annual tax filings, and tracked donations. Paul's work in the early years of the organization helped the dream of restoring the "Grand Ol' Barn on the Boulevard" a reality.

THANK YOU PAUL

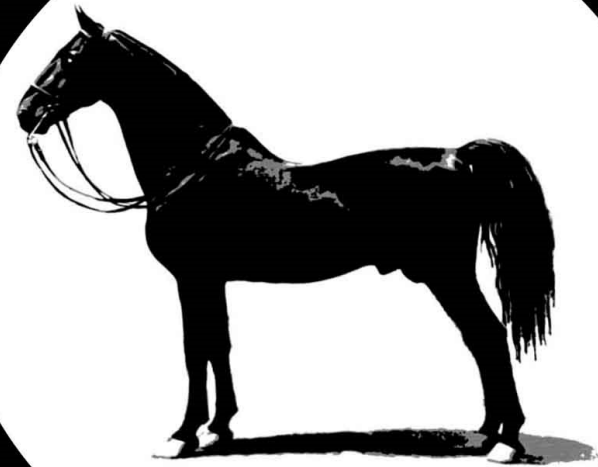
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Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.

We warmly welcome you to our **14th ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q**

MEXICO, MISSOURI



SIMMONS' STABLES PRESERVATION

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Barbeque Pork Steak, Sides and Homemade Pies

Lunch served at 12:30 with Auction to follow

**All proceeds today benefit the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame
to preserve & rebuild the Big Barn on the Boulevard.**



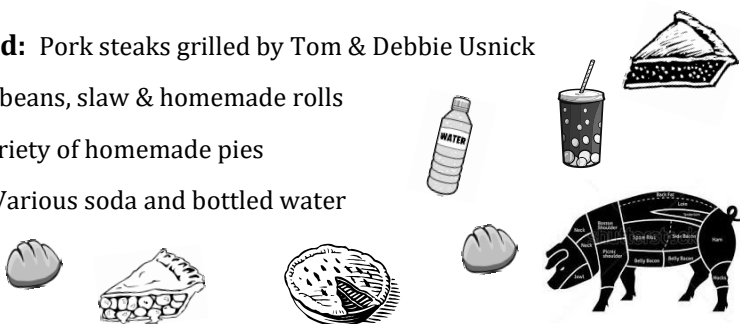
The Menu

BBQ Featured: Pork steaks grilled by Tom & Debbie Usnick

Sides: Baked beans, slaw & homemade rolls

Desserts: Variety of homemade pies

Beverages: Various soda and bottled water



Proposed Officers & Board Members

- ◆ **Co-Presidents**.....Bobette Balser Wilson & Mary White Littrell
- ◆ **Vice-President**.....Ann Stubblefield
- ◆ **Secretary**.....Valerie Schofield
- ◆ **Treasurer**.....Joan Volkmer
- ◆ **Proposed Board Members:** Gene Potter, Martin Jones & Morgan
- ◆ **Returning Board Members:** (1yr terms) Delores Groves, Joan Volkmer, and Mary White Littrell. (2yr terms)...Ann Stubblefield, Valerie Schofield, Bobette Balser Wilson.
- ◆ **Graphic Artists:**Martin Jones & Laura Mackey

A stable update and short business meeting will be held during the meal, special guests will be honored, then our live auction will begin.



2016 Community Support

TOURS

We have had a lot of them! William Woods Univ, Wellsville Young Farmers, Gamma Lambda Beta Sigma Phi, King's Daughters Home, Leadership Mexico, Monroe County Historical Society, Audrain Agribusiness Luncheon, & 1976 Class Reunion

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24-Barn Tours during Walk Back in Time - barn will be open for historical tours at 11am and 3:30pm on that Saturday. Oct. 1 – wedding, Oct. 8 – Delta Kappa Gamma and 1966 Class Reunion tours, and Oct. 15 – Youth Equestrian Day Camp

DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donated to our auction and who are bidding today!

2016 Honorees



SUSAN & JOHN CARROLL

Susan and John Carroll of Louisiana, Missouri have operated a number of successful businesses from Winfield to Louisiana over the years. We approached them during a time when our country's economy was suffering and they graciously gave their support to our project and our state by purchasing a major portion of the Neighborhood Assistance Program state tax credits our organization had for sale. Their support of our project significantly accelerated the progress of the renovation of the stable and, without their contribution, the renovation may not have even taken place. We sincerely appreciate John & Susan's generosity and will be forever indebted to them.



DOUGLAS BALSER

Since 2001, before the Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund was an actual entity, Douglas & Betty Balser began lending their support to the organization. Doug has generously donated to all of the Simmons' Stables projects and has always been a true believer in this project from its inception. He adopted a stall in honor of his wife, Betty, and his four children; he donated to the fanlight window restoration; he provided the kickoff donation for the paver floor; and he has donated annually to the organization. He has attended every event, frequently visits the stable to view its progress, and offers his continued encouragement of the project. Along the way, he has offered advice and suggestions to help make the project more visible to the community. We very much appreciate him always being a loyal advocate for the project and believing in us and our goals. Doug, you are truly one of our "champions"!



PAUL & JACKIE DAY

Paul was born in Mexico, just a few streets over from Simmons' Stable. Growing up he spent many a day hanging on the stable fence watching the horses being trained around Simmons' Stable. He loved the Stables and was the first to support the efforts to save the barn. Paul graduated from Mexico in 1961, then served in the US Army stationed near Chicago, where he met and married Jacqueline Muzzey in 1963. With a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University, he opened Day's Accounting & Tax Service of Mexico with his wife Jackie in the early 80's. He served as an accountant and tax preparer as well as in his volunteer activities. He used his skill with numbers to support dozens of local businesses, thousands of individuals, and MANY civic organizations. Paul was crazy about his family and grandchildren. He was an avid gardener and world traveler. We lost Paul on Aug 4, 2016 at 73yrs old. No one who knew Paul Day for any period of time could miss that he enjoyed living life with full gusto. We can never repay him for all that he did to help us save this magnificent structure.

Tom Usnick is our esteemed Auctioneer today!

