

November 15, 2007

Dear TWHBEA Board of Directors,

This election is a critical turning point in the history of this longstanding organization. It is important that three major areas be addressed in detail: (1) we must improve and enhance communication across all boundaries of the breed, (2) we must re-build relationships and create new ones to survive, and (3) we must ensure sustainability...both financial and programmatic. I pledge to do the following if elected:

- I will listen.
- I will take people seriously.
- I will treat people with respect.
- I will give people straight information.
- I will do what I say I will do.

I have been a Public Health employee for the State of Georgia for over 36 years. I retired in February 2005. I functioned as District Program Manager for the Georgia Department of Human Resources. In this capacity, I was responsible for managing over 63 comprehensive public health programs and over 300 public health services with over 500 employees. I also managed a 24 million dollar budget. Needless to say...I loved my profession. I could have retired 3 years earlier...but I enjoyed getting up every morning excited to get to my work place...serving the public is a an honor and a wonderful opportunity.

1. Birth date: May 8, 1947....60 years old

2. Education background:

- Central High School, Phenix City, Al...graduated 1965
- Bachelors in Nursing, Columbus State University, Col., Ga. (1968)
- Family Practitioner, University of Alabama in Birmingham, Medical School (1978)
- Masters in Community Health, Auburn University, Auburn, Al (1981)
- Doctorate in Community Health and Education, Auburn University, Auburn, Al. (1986)

3. Married to Bill Cantrell for 39 years.

4. Achievements/honors within the Tennessee Walking Horse Industry:

- Life long member of the Walking Horse Trainers Auxiliary (since its inception 1971) serving in every office capacity...served as President for 3 years. Received the first "Member of the Year" award. Currently serve as the Building Committee and Grand Prize Giveaway Chairs.
- Inducted into the Celebration Hall of Fame
- Serve as a volunteer for the Walking Horse Trainers Association. Responsible for the Trainers Show Program for the past 25 years..which includes securing funding in excess of \$200,000 annually for the National Trainers Show. Helps coordinate the annual December Trainers Banquet.

- Inducted into the Trainers “Friendship Club” in 1995.
- Recognized and profiled in the “Blue Ribbon” yearbook in 1990.
- Served on the workshop panel “Planning and Implementing a Horse Show” sponsored by the Celebration.
- Donated “7” Thanksgiving weekends to Easter Seals, Inc.
- Trainers Show Program dedication in 1990.
- Elected TWHBEA (Alabama) Director in 2003
- President of the Georgia Walking Horse Ladies Auxiliary
- Member of the Alabama Walking Horse Association
- Member of the Georgia Walking Horse Exhibitors Association
- Served on the Advisory Board for the William B. and Sandra Johnson Scholarship Foundation
- Sponsor and works with the Good Shepherd Handicap Riding Academy in Warm Springs, Ga.
- Member of Walking Horse Owner’s Association
- Served on the TWHBEA Youth Committee and served as a scholarship judge in 2005
- Served on the TWHBEA Horse Show Committee...helped coordinate the Triple Crown Classic Charity Horse Show...a joint venture with the GA. Auxiliary and TWHBEA.
- TWHBEA volunteer for the 2004 ST. Louis Horse Show
- Won the 15’2 and under Amateur World Grand Championship with Delight’s Copy C at the 1983 Celebration.
- Volunteers to assist the set-up and management of horse shows within a 5 state area.
- Chairperson for the newly formed NHSC Horse Management Advisory committee.

#### 5. Achievements in non-horse related areas:

- Established the 1st AIDS clinic in Georgia in 1981. Wrote a grant and received a \$4 million dollar grant funding from the Federal Government to provide primary care services to HIV/AIDS patients.
- Public Health Practitioner of the Year for the State of Georgia in 1998. \*This honor goes to a person who has exhibited not only excellent clinical skills, but more importantly...a person who shows dedication and true compassion for others. Note: The half-million dollar funding received for this honor was dedicated to an Alternative School for pregnant teens.
- Received the 1999 Woman of the Year award for the State of Georgia.
- In the process of writing a book...Coloring outside the Lines...which reflects and tells a story about my 1st five AIDS patients.
- Member of the Governor’s AIDS Task Force in Georgia.
- Past president of the Georgia Public Health Association
- Chairperson of the 1996 Columbus, Georgia Olympics Committee.
- Glaxco Wellcome Child Health Public Health Employee Recognition Award...1998. (I was the first recipient of this award for the State of Georgia.)
- Jules S. Terry Memorial Award...1999.
- Barfield Award...1993 and 1999.
- Dr. James Alley Rural Health Individual Service Award.
- Associate Professor for Emory University and Columbus State University systems.
- Co-Winner of Sellers-McCroan Away for Rabies Investigation.
- Past Bio-Terrorism Coordinator for the State of Georgia.

- Member of Exchange Club...serves as horse show coordinator.
- Physician's Foundation Chair of Health Screening from 1999 to current.
- Member of Crawford Baptist Church...sings in choir.
- Volunteer Award from Exchange Club.
- Planned and implemented Scoliosis Screening programs throughout State of Georgia.
- Serves on Board of Habitat for Humanity...helps coordinate annual fundraiser event.
- Volunteer for "101 Angels Project"...(provides Christmas gifts for children infected with the AIDS virus)
- Established and functions as a clinician for the Pediatric AIDS clinic in Columbus, Ga.
- Created and established the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition.

6. It is important that "fun" be included in our daily activities. I enjoy reading, walking, and all family events. I am in the process of taking art lessons.

7. My favorite quote is: "Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon must inevitable come to pass."

In closing, I want to share two things...(1) Bill and I are the proud godparents to 4 adorable children, and (2) I live everyday by something my father...my mentor...taught me at a very young age...he said..."Always remember...Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts".

I appreciate your consideration. I am eager to be a part of the TWHBEA team...please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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