# 2014 WHITE HORSE AWARD

- Rodolfo Arvizu -

## A TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE - JEFFREY COADY (1951-2013) -

RODOLFO ARVIZU

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu may still be establishing himself as a jockey, but at 21 years of age, he's already made a lasting impression on the horse industry.

Arvizu is originally from Magdalena de Kino, Mexico and currently resides in Phoenix, AZ, where his act of heroism took place.

Rodolfo Arvizu is the recipient of the 2014 White Horse Award for his selfless effort to rescue fellow jockey. Anne Von Rosen, at Turf Paradise this past March. The award is

given annually to a person in any facet of horse racing who is judged to have performed the most heroic act on behalf of human or horse.

On March 11, 2014 Jockey Anne Von Rosen was pulling up her horse. Panchita Bonita, into the backstretch following a 400 yd. quarter horse race. The horse suddenly collapsed, knocking Von Rosen unconscious and trapping her underneath the horse with her foot caught in the stirrup. Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was behind her when the accident occurred and immediately jumped off his mount to release her foot and prevent the horse from rolling onto her.

Jockey Anne Von Rosen's life may have likely been saved by Arvizu's quick

response, but she remains paralyzed from the waist down. The latest updates of Von Rosen share that she is in good spirits and has been making an encouraging recovery.

The Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association presented Arvizu with their Humanitarian Award at the Horsemen's Spring Fling in March. It was presented by Arizona HBPA President J. Lloyd Yother, Darrell Haire, Jockeys' Guild Representative, Hall of Fame Jockeys Mike Smith & Gary Stevens, along with Scott Stevens, who was the first recipient of this award.

When later asked about the incident, he said he

had no time to think, just react. His fellow jockey was in trouble and he knew what to do and did it. "She would have done the same for me" he said. It is because of his selfless action that Rodolfo Arvizu is our 2014 White Horse Award Recipient.

### WHITE HORSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2003 Leigh Gray, Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, CA
- 2004 John Woodley, Fairmont Park, Collinsville, IL
- 2005 Louis Pomes, Bernard Parish, LA
- 2006 Clinton Beck, Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD
- **2007 Johnny Arrendondo Ponce**, Oceanside, CA
- **2008 Todd Malley, Larry Higgs, Beau Smith, & Jason Inabinnett**, Vinton, LA

2009 - Steve Hiatt, San Pablo, CA

- **2010 Daniel Orantes**, Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY
- **2011 Jeremy Best**, Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK
- 2012 The Late Michael Collier Priddy, Remington Park,
- Oklahoma City, OK (February 4, 1988 March 04, 2012) 2013 - Dr. Michael Mason, DVM, Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA

2014 - Rodolfo Arvizu, Turf Paradise, Phoenix, AZ

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ANNE VON ROSEN

Jeffrey Coady spent most of his life as a photographer on racetracks around the country. It was and is a family business. Jeff started working for his father Jack Sr's company, Coady Photography, at the age of 14. Working with his older brother Jack Jr., they dedicated their lives to Coady Photography and the horse racing industry.

Jeff followed his passion of horse racing photography and traveled around North America working at various racetracks. He began with Turf Paradise in Arizona and racetracks throughout western Canada and continued onto some of the most prestigious tracks in the country, such as Oaklawn Park in Arkansas and Keeneland Race Course in Kentucky. Over the last ten years of his life, Jeff worked alongside his loving wife Nelda at various racetracks.



at photography. At Oaklawn Park, Jeff and Nelda supported the Oaklawn Chapel ministry tirelessly. It was truly Jeff's heart to help those in the horse racing industry any way he could. Professionally, as a photographer, he instinctively understood how important those win photos and other shots were to those working with the horses.

Jeff's dedication to the industry did not stop

Personally, he also understood the other needs around the race track and he always responded with generous involvement. He routinely donated a picture to each groom that won the Stakes Race Jacket Giveaway.

JEFFREY COADY

and also supplied a copy to the Chapel for their official display. This equated to more than 30 photos every race meet! Jeff was truly an example of excellence in his family, business, and industry. He never desired recognition; he just relished the opportunity to give back.

The photo business started by his father at Turf Paradise in Phoenix has expanded to more than 20 racetracks in the nation. Coady Photography is always present at functions during the race meet to help support people in the industry. Along with Jeffs brother, Jack Jr., three of his four boys - Shawn, Kevin and Kurtis - also work for the company and are continuing the tradition.

With Jeffs love and generosity he always made his family and friends a priority. He has made many lifelong friends in his travels and touched the lives of all that knew him. He was always the first to offer assistance and always lent a hand to those in need. Jeff Coady was known and will always be remembered for being a true gentleman and a consummate professional.

His passing has been a loss to the world of horse racing and he's greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Nelda, two brothers: Jack Coady Jr. (Mary Lou) of Iowa, Clay Coady (Nephew Ryan) of Arizona, his four boys, Shawn of Arizona, Kevin (Robin and his Grandson Ethan) of Arizona, Kurtis (Linda) of Texas and Christopher of Arizona.



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - REV. DR. NICHOLAS SALIOS -



& ROSE SALIOS

Nick Salios has served the racing industry since 1977, but his journey to ministry started with the military. After growing up in Greensboro. NC he eventually entered the Navy. While awaiting assignment to board the USS Little Rock in Norfolk, VA, he visited a local church and responded to a call to ministry. He soon learned that it couldn't be done without a college and seminary education.

Later he would graduate with a Bachelor's degree and then a Masters of Divinity degree from Eastern Seminary in Philadelphia. He accepted a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Army where part of his 20-year service was spent as a Chaplain at the Valley Forge Military Hospital during

the Vietnam War. He served as a pastor in churches in Delaware. New York, and New Jersey. In between parishes he was selected by his denomination as an executive staff member, sending him to the Berlitz School of Language, allowing him to work more effectively in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Haiti. Nick was assigned to plan and conduct a clergy peace symposium to tour and study the Middle East.

He believes these experiences, coupled with his additional graduate work at the University of Delaware and St. Bonaventure, was God's way of preparing him ultimately to serve in a unique multi-cultural setting with a large number of personnel in an industrial chaplaincy.

• 1977: First served as chaplain at Atlantic City Race Course for two years.

- 1979: Assisted at Monmouth Park, began working with the Tri-State Council to lay the ground work for two new chaplaincies in PA.
- 1980: Endorsed by his denomination and approved by RTCA, he was assigned to Keystone Race Track (Philadelphia Park); and Penn National Race Course, Grantville, both tracks open year round.

Nick's first call and commitment to RTCA has been as a chaplain, not only to experience the heart of the ministry first-hand, but to see within its national framework, opportunities to serve as a support to chaplains, and of the resources needed for a quality program for all tracks.

Nick was the first Chaplains' Representative elected by chaplains to serve on the Board of Directors. He served for three years as the Director of the Operation Advance Campaign, in which funds successfully placed a new Executive Director on the national level.

With RTCA's growth came the need to travel to discern, with chaplains and councils, the necessary groundwork and vision to restructure the chaplaincy. Nick accepted the role as the RTCA Field Representative, on a volunteer basis, for the years 95-96 alongside his duties as full-time chaplain at the two tracks. With increased chaplaincy services. Philadelphia Park asked him to become full-time as a certified addictions counselor and chaplain. Working with the PA Council a new chaplain was recruited and, in time, a supportive local council was founded for Penn National.

Over the next couple of years further expansion of race track ministry was taking place and Board members asked Nick to serve as RTCA's volunteer consultant, which he did until his retirement from Philadelphia Park in 2000. At this time Nick, again by request, accepted the interim position as National Field Rep/ Executive Director until 2002 when the national staff was finally complete.

Nick Salios brought to RTCA his years of ministerial experience, as a pastor, as a denominational executive, as an Army chaplain, but most of all, with the opportunity to serve those who needed him, his loving heart and God's hope in the future. RTCA would not be what it is today without his dedicated service.